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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Eleventh of Founding of Fairhope--Twelfth of Founding of S. T. Corporation

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

The eleventh anniversary of the founding of Fairhope, the twelfth of the organization of the Fairhope Industrial Association—predecessor of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation—was celebrated at the Christian church on New Years evening.

The church was well filled, despite a dark and somewhat stormy evening.

So great was the press of other duties during the last days of the year, that preparation for the celebration was not made until late, and then some of those whose participation was invited and hoped for, found it impossible to attend. Among those thus invited and whose absence was particularly regretted, were Rev. C. E. Hill of Mobile; Frank S. Stone, Esq., of Bay Minette (formerly a Montrose neighbor), and Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink. The Van Bavel brothers also, who were expected to sing, failed to appear.

These disappointments, however, saved the extension of the program to a length tiresome to anyone, and allowed time after its completion for a very enjoyable social season.

President Frank L. Brown of the Corporation presided, and in an excellent little talk for the benefit of any not familiar therewith, explained the Single Tax philosophy and the F. S. T. Corporation's method of immediately applying it.

He then introduced Mr. Gaston, who read the following

Fairhope History of 1906.

Mr. Chairman, fellow-members of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, citizens of Fairhope and friends:—

Without sitting down to review with some care the history of a passing year, we are likely to feel that little of importance has occurred.

I think, however, none of us but realize that the year 1906 has been, in several ways, one of the most important in the history of the Colony.

It does not seem to me longer called for to closely inventory the personal comings and goings, weddings, births and deaths, business changes, etc. We are getting to be rather large for that, and the danger of offending by failure to mention some incidents deemed worthy of mention by the individuals most concerned also prompts the historian to refrain.

I shall, therefore, only mention events and give statistics which all will recognize as important.

It may surprise some, who have listened to talk that Fairhope was not going forward, to know that 21 buildings have been wholly erected or completed (not counted in preceding reports) during the year. These include some of the best improvements of the town and do not include the new fronts built by Mr. Rose or Mr. Jefferson, the new house built for Mrs. Coutant out of the wreckage of the old, nor the nice cottage built by Mr. Trenholme out of material brought in from Red Roof farm.

The pavilion building--a great addition to our means of entertainment of ourselves and visitors—was built in 1906. I might mention that I am able to count but four dwellings erected off of Colony land in the near vicinity during the same time.

It is true that there are a number of vacant houses, but the prospect is that all will soon be filled by winter visitors. It is, of course, inevitable that in a town like ours, which is a resort during a portion of the year only, that, if the extra population during such season is to be accommodated, there must be accommodations in excess "between seasons."

The number of transfers of property is usually considered as indicative of the activity of a community. It will therefore be of interest to note that there were 35 transfers of leaseholds during the year. Of these, only six represented a closing out of interests in Fairhope.

One significance of these transactions may be taken, we believe, to be as showing the effect of our Colony policy in causing people to dispose of holdings which they are not profitably using, to others who can make better use of them. Not one, of course, represents a speculative transaction, of which land transfers elsewhere largely consist. In addition to these transfers, eighteen original applications for land were granted during the year. The transfers approved and new applications granted make 53 movements of property during the year, an average of a fraction over one a week, —a pretty good showing for a small town free from land speculation, it seems to me.

There were 7 relinquishments of land during the year—equally significant of Fairhope policies. Nobody ever relinquishes valuable land elsewhere.

This is not the occasion for a detailed statement of Corporation finances, but a few statements of "round numbers" will be interesting.

The receipts from rents were, in round numbers, $2140; from wharfage $670. Of disbursements, taxes took nearly $940, schools (with receipts deducted) $560, highways $390, telephone $160, wharf repairs $315, salaries $350, advertising in COURIER $50.

The rent receipts are a little less than the previous year's receipts, but do not include items for which judgment has been secured by suit or collections made by attorney, not yet reported to treasurer, which would bring the reuts to a little more than last year.

Wharf receipts for the portion of year until the wharf was swept away show a decline from the preceding year, due to a combination of causes; among which may be mentioned the loss of our direct steamer service, the opening of the new railroad and the operation of the Fish river and lower bay-shore steamer Baldwin—both of which cut into the trade formerly enjoyed by Fairhope. Results to shippers by way of the railroad were not satisfactory, and with a new and better Fairhope in the direct service we should recover the lost ground in 1907.

Perhaps the first notable event of the year was the receipt of Mr. Fels' subscription of $1000 toward a library building—received just too late to be reported at our last anniversary. The library association, organized during the year, has secured additional subscriptions to the amount of several hundred dollars, but nothing tangible has yet been done toward erecting the building.

For another most notable and fortunate event of the year we are also indebted to Mr. Fels and his able lieutenant, Mr. Powell. We refer to the addition of more than 2200 acres of land to the Colony domain—just about trebling it. Mr. Fels had been hoping for some time to secure this land for the Colony, but only a most interesting chain of fortuitous circumstances and the persistent and timely efforts of Mr. Powell made possible the happy consummation. The Corporation also completed during the year payment on the beautiful White bay-front tract of forty acres.

The chief new public improvement has been the water-works, ground for which was broken February 19, and water turned into the mains April 21st. The system includes nearly 1½ miles of mains, with steam pumping plant at the beach, and tower and tank—the latter being those of the former primitive system. Fifteen fire hydrants, scattered through the town, afford opportunity to our voluntary fire company to draw water from the mains for fighting fire. The F. V. F. D. has added materially to its equipment, having now a good hose-cart, with ladders, axes etc., several chemical extinguishers and 400 feet of hose. Our water-

works and fire department played an important part in preventing the spread to adjoining buildings of the fire which totally destroyed the dwelling of Dr. Clara Atkinson—in which, by the way, the first anniversary of Fairhope was observed,

Regrettable were the differences of opinion which developed regarding the water works, —whether we should undertake the building of the system at the time, and, if so, by what method; but these disputed questions were decided in the Fairhope way—by vote of the majority through the referendum, and we got the water-works.

The year 1906 might be called "Referendum year," for this important feature of our Colony policy was made use of more frequently than in any previous year. There were 7 formal referendums and the members called together several times—sometimes with non-member lessees—without formal petition, to consider matters of importance.

I would observe in passing that while our plan and a common purpose cannot insure unanimity of purpose on questions arising, it does provide fully that the will of the majority shall prevail. I refer to the majority of the membership. Much discussion during the year has hinged upon the question of permitting lessees or residents, regardless of member ship, to participate in the direction of the affairs of the community.

A constitutional amendment providing for a right of referendum for lessees, in the disbursement of revenues, was voted upon adversely, but at the same meeting the members voted by a large majority in favor of an extension of privilege along this line, to lessees; and a committee upon revision of the Constitution to this end was appointed, whose report is now under consideration.

The year 1906 witnessed the first ushering of Fairhope into the courts. Some lessees, not only disagreeing with the Corporation as to the fairness of their rents, but asserting that they could not be made to pay, compelled the Corporation, with much regret, to sue. In two justice courts and the circuit court the Corporation was fully sustained and secured judgments as prayed for.

There have been many to prophesy that when the Colony got into court it would collapse like a house of cards. Many colonies have met their fate there, but Fairhope emerges from its first legal battle far stronger than before. It is another evidence that Fairhope is different from other colonies and vindicates the wisdom of its founders in basing a distinctly ethical undertaking upon a purely business foundation.

The past summer season has been the most successful in the history of our town, despite the lack of direct steamer service. In addition to an unusually large number of summer residents from Mobile, we had several families from Citronelle, and a half dozen or more families from Mississippi; all of whom, without exception so far as we recall, were much pleased, and promise to return with reinforcements another season. Four Mobile and two Citronelle parties leased lots during the year, upon which they plan to build before the opening of next season.

The great storm of September 27, 1906, is so fresh in our memories that I need not give much time to description of it. Twenty-five dwellings on Fairhope Corporation land alone were blown from their foundations and more or less severely wrecked; beside barns in number, fences leveled, and crops beaten into the ground. Our school-house was lifted from its foundation, our hall completely wrecked; and worst of all, the greater part of our wharf swept away, cutting off our means of communication with the outside world. But this cloud had a silver lining—as all have to those who look for them. It called forth an exhibition of neighborly sympathy and helpfulness of which the community may well be proud, and which manifested itself in such practical way that in about two weeks all the wrecked dwellings had been replaced upon their foundations and restored to habitability by crews of volunteers working under competent foremen chosen from among their number.

The community was promptly called together to devise ways and means of restoring communication over the wrecked wharf. Within a short time a plan was adopted by unanimous vote, under which traffic has been resumed and a new wharf is nearing completion; far better than the old one—higher, stronger wider, and equipped with steel rails—while the wharf hill has been brought down to a much easier grade. The fact that much the larger part of the funds for the rebuilding has been subscribed locally, is significant of the confidence in Fairhope where she is best known.

Our hearts have all been made glad within the closing week of the year by one of its most important and cheering events—the resumption of the direct service between Fairhope and Mobile, inaugurated by the steamer Fairhope in 1901 and interrupted by her burning in November, 1905.

A new steamer Fairhope of Fairhope was christened on Christmas day and went into commission on the day following. For the new steamer—larger, steadier, roomier, more beautiful and perhaps faster than the old—we are indebted to the Fairhope Improvement Co., and particularly to those energetic and enthusiastic Fairhopers, President R. F. Powell and Treasurer J. M. Pilcher.

With the recording of this happy event, which sheds a glow of hope into the year 1907, this history of 1906 may well close.

Before leaving the platform Mr. Gaston read the following "letters of regret:"

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31, 1906.

DEAR BRO. GASTON:

I am in receipt of your very kind invitation to attend your 11th anniversary. My answer to your note comes late for the reason I was out of the city nearly all last week. I would be delighted to be present and take part in the celebration—so would Mrs. Hill, but my affairs are so arranged just now that it will be impossible for me to leave the city. Please express to the members of the Colony my regrets, and say for me, that Fairhope as a summer resort is in the place of the first class and "still a comin'"

Sincerely Yours:

CLAUDE E. HILL.

Bay Minette, Ala., Dec. 1906.

E. B. GASTON Fairhope, Ala..

My Dear Friend:—Your kind invitation just received. I have been at the bedside of my little girl for the past three days, and she is still very sick.

I regret that the circumstances prevent me from publicly expressing my appreciation and admiration of the fruits of your industry.

I have always been a friend of Fairhope and hope to see her surpass herself in the future.

Nothing but internal strife has ever caused a ripple on the surface of her waters of prosperity.

With best wishes for the Colony and assuring you of my appreciation of the compliment, I am yours truly.

FRANK S. STONE.

Mr. A. G. Vredenberg then rendered a most charming violin solo, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Vredenberg.

Mrs. Marie Howland read a very interesting paper upon "Our School and Library,"—which we will present in our next issue.

Following Mrs. Howland, Mr. B. F. Bates, of Daphne, was introduced by the chairman to speak upon "A Friendly View from the Outside." Introducing Mr. Bates, the Chairman told of his qualifications to speak upon the subject; as he had beeen a resident of this section before Fairhope was founded, had met Prof. Bellange and Mr. Mann on their tour as a committee upon location, and had kept closely in touch with the Colony from the beginning.

Mr. Bates spoke very pleasantly, testifying to his appreciation of the growth of Fairhope from its small beginning of eleven years ago, and his conviction that there must of necessity be substantial merit in its policy and a great deal of push in its promoters for so much to have been accomplished. He thought the whole section owed a great debt to the Colony for service in developing its resources and making them known throughout the world.

Mr. Bates then took advantage of the opportunity to talk of the effort at Daphne to secure a state normal school, which will, in its torn, be of great benefit not to Daphne alone, but to the whole eastern shore and, indeed all of southern Alabama.

Mr. Bates closed by referring to the question of transportation, and handed Mr. Powell a petition signed by about 50 citizens of Daphne and vicinity, comprising merchants, manufacturers, farmers and citizens of all occupations, asking him to run the steamer Fairhope to one wharf at Daphne, and pledging the boat their entire patronage at a 25 cent fare and the freight rates formerly charged by the steamer Carney.

Mr. Albright then rendered in excellent manner a vocal-solo, entitled "Afterward."

Mrs. L. J. N. Comings read a characteristic and inspiring selection from Horace Traubel. "When I Go Around Holding My Head Up."

Mr. J.J. Mogg was then called upon for a talk on "Fairhope as a Winter Resort," which he responded to with humor, fact and advice. He told of his first coming here six years ago, with his son—a young married man, in very poor health and advised by his physician to go South. When the physician was asked. "Where?" he suggested Huntsville; but Mr. Mogg said, he looked that up on the map and found it was away in the northern part of the state, and said, "if South, why not further South?—why not clear to the Gulf coast?" The physician agreed that this might be better, and they came to Fairhope. His son improved almost immediately, and in five weeks went home with such a start that he kept right on improving and recovered hir health fully.

Mr. Mogg talked of our ideal location, with its remarkable elevation, beautiful bay, superb climate, accessibility, fine water, etc., etc. He quoted the famous Dr. Pearson; who said, after visiting Fairhope and Magnolia Springs, that this section was "the natural sanitarium of the world." After extolling our natural advantages, the speaker urged that we add the artificial attractions needed to bring people here and entertain them while here, such as golf and croquet grounds, tennis courts, launches, protection for small boats, a car to convey passengers over the wharf, etc., etc.

Mr. J. M. Pilcher followed Mr. Mogg with a most artistic and effective rendition of the poem, "How the Blind Men Saw the Elephant," with comparison of their contradictory and imperfect views with those obtained of the Single Tax elephant by the careless observer.

Mr. Powell closed the speaking numbers wit

a talk about the new steamer "Fairhope", which developed into a first-class single-tax speech, as might be expected. Mr. Powell told of the hope of those active in the getting of the new boat, to promote the development and interests of Fairhope; that their aim was not to "charge all the traffic would bear", but to "render a service for a service, and to keep rates down to as low a level as would pay operating expenses and leave a fair margin to the investors." He told of the satisfaction with which they could do this, because they knew that in Fairhope, as in no other place, the benefits thus accruing and attaching to the land values would be taken for the public benefit, thus in turn stimulating further development and increasing traffic, instead of being monopolized by land speculators. He said it was even his hope to reduce fares still further in the near future, and give more frequent service. Mr. Powell took occasion to pay tribute to the founders of the colony, and to congratulate them and those co-operating with them, on what had been accomplished, and waxed eloquent and enthusiastic over the prospect for the future.

The program closed with another of Mr. Vredenberg's exquisite violin solos, this time unaccompanied.

Mr. Bates was accompanied by Mrs. Bates and little Miss Texas Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page were over from Mobile, to meet with us, as they have for many years past.

Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink and their music, which have been a feature of so many anniversary programs, were greatly missed.

Mr. Vredenberg's playing was greatly enjoyed, and his kindness appreciated. He is a real artist.

The Club Corner

Edited by MRS. LYDIA J. NEWCOMB COMINGS

The Henry George Club

Has perhaps ranked first in the importance of its meetings during the past month. The

EVENING MEETING

At Mr. Coleman's, Dec. 4, was well attended and was very enjoyable as well as profitable. Mr. R. F. Powell was the speaker for the evening, and although he had no time to prepare a paper, gave a very interesting talk on taxation, direct and indirect, saying in part that tariffs, internal revenue taxes, license taxes, etc., were not generally paid by the parties first charged with them, but were shifted to the user or consumer. That a saloon keeper or merchant added his tax to the price of his goods sold and that most taxes on personal property were either evaded or shifted. However, the tax on the farmers' personal property, although always most fully assessed, did not seem to be so easily shifted to another, and he believed it was largely paid by the farmer himself. That taxes tend to hamper and discourage the production of the thing taxed. A tax on dogs was for that very purpose.

Taxes on land values could not be shifted or added to the rent of tenant: therefore they were most objected to by landlords, and small home owners under our present system were assessed greatly out of proportion to large owners of unimproved lands. In New York $200,000,000 was assessed against personal property, but by the time owners got through swearing off their assessments, the amount dwindled to less than half.

One great value escaped taxation altogether: that is, franchise values. These values represent the value of privileges. In Philadelphia the tramway company pays dividends on $130,000,000; while their equipment on which they are taxed, such as rails, cars etc., is worth scarcely $30,000,000, leaving a franchise value of $100,000,000, which escapes taxation. They are however burdened with a pernicious license tax on each car, of say $25, which has the effect to cause them to run fewer cars, and thereby give inferior service, with half the passengers hanging to straps. However, these people never complain of the tax system, but blame the railroad company for such conditions. In closing, Mr. Powell said that in Philadelphia over half the lots are vacant, unused, held for speculation, but that a just tax on these lots would soon bring them into use.

During the discussion that followed, Mr. Lyon claimed that taxes on farmers' capital had precisely the same effect and were of the same nature as on capital in other pursuits: that of restricting production and tending to raise prices of product. But Mr. Powell still advocated that the farmer sold in an unrestricted market, and that his tax was no doubt met by some curtailment of expense, possibly a less number of dresses for his wife.

At the regular meeting of the Club, the study of Shearman's Taxation was continued, the lesson for the month being the third and fourth chapters. Dr. Clara Atkinson was in charge; and although she had no written paper, gave the salient points in somewhat the following order:

As Nature makes it clear that indirect taxation (the subject of our last lesson) is not natural, as such taxes cannot be collected without gross inequality, it becomes necessary to find some form of direct taxation. The principal objection raised against direct taxation is the claim that an adequate revenue cannot be raised in this way in new countries; but the truth is it can be raised in no other way, as they would be much more willing to offer a bounty for all imports than to levy a tax upon them. "It clamors for production, trade and manufactures; and it lays no taxes on production." "Others claim that direct taxes are difficult of collection. Some forms are, but it is because they are not founded upon justice. If it can be shown that there is a tax that men everywhere are willing to pay, and if this tax can be collected with ease, equality and justice, all objections will fall to the ground."

"As the only forms of taxation now in use by which an adequate public revenue could be obtained are an income tax, a succession tax and a general property tax, attention may as well be confined to these." Of the income tax he says in closing: "The general income tax, upon earnings and profits as well as upon fixed property, stands condemned by universal experience, as an incentive to perjury, a premium upon unproductive land, a special burden upon the honest, the simple, the widow and the orphan. Nature shuts this door also in the face of honest men."

The succession tax may have some merits as a supplement to other forms of taxation. It is more easily collected than the income tax, as it is paid by administrators; and so far it has been a fair success, because it has not become so heavy as to make living men willing to lose their property by schemes of evasion for the benefit of their heirs. But as the sole method of taxation, it would offer strong temptations to evasion. There are other objections. If collected impartially, it is very severe upon widows, young orphans and aged parents, who are the principal beneficiaries of dying persons. If collected only from collateral relatives and strangers, such benefactions would become more and more rare, and would increase the tendency to concentration of wealth. It was found in New York that even a very moderate tax discouraged legacies to benevolent and philanthropic institutions, and the legislature has exempted them from much of this taxation. It would also lead to public waste, as a uniform rate must be maintained, and that sufficiently high to always produce a surplus revenue; otherwise it would often fall below the needs of government. While at first it reduces the burden of other taxation, this does not continue; and there has been a notable increase in the government expenses in states that have an efficient succession tax.

The first impulse of most men is to propose a general property tax: that is, to make a valuation of every kind of property, and tax every man in precise proportion to his share. As our law divides property into real and personal, or movable and immovable, he considers these two classes separately, and the chapters for this month's study deal only with personal property tax (considered theoretically) as divided into two classes, chattels and credits. Credits are always a claim against visible, tangible things, hence do not increase the wealth of the country; and when both chattels and credits are taxed, a double tax is paid. Hence, why tax credits at all? He concludes:

"By far the larger part of all credits would escape taxation: strictly honest holders would pay an outrageously disproportionate share of the taxes, the timidly dishonest or highly ingenious a moderate tax, and the utterly unscrupulous practically none at all."

(Concluded next week.)

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A Message from the North.

EDITOR COURIER:

It may not be of much interest to Fairhopers to read anything that I can write from this far-off and frozen North country; but Mrs. H. and myself are visiting some relatives here on account of sickness, and, as it may be a week or two before I can return to the Badger State (where I will find an accumulation of COURIERS awaiting me), and with snow, snow, snow everywhere—everlasting ice and snow! I cannot help but contrast the scenes and sensations we see and experience here with the budding and blossoming spring-time which you more fortunate people are now enjoying in the "Sunny South."

It would be misleading to say that the people here are not happy, in their way; but it is very plain that it requires much more "strenuous" effort to make a comfortable home here than in the South. Though I find the people here genial, and the most of those who are not tied down to abject slavery—victims of trust "prosperity"—educated and cultured. Yet, the man or woman who earns and succeeds in making an honest living, and expects to save something for the vicissitudes of old age, has very little time or money to spend for society. This strenuous effort of the large majority of Northern people to make for themselves comfortable homes, and protection from the elements, and provision for old age, may, to some extent, account for any apparent lack of hospitality. Well, I have about concluded, in my seventy-four years of experience in this world, that nearly every one is about as good as heredity and environment admit of.

With apology to yourself and the COURIER readers, I cannot close without a word for Fairhope and for Fairhopers. Though I never have claimed and cannot now claim to know enough to know what the final result of your Fairhope experiment may be; but I do know that of taxing all land values according to its availability, whether improved or not, would remove, at least, one of the greatest obstacles which now stand in the way of every industrious man and woman, which often make it absolutely impossible to obtain the land upon which to build a home. So far I am a Single Taxer. As to taxing franchises, and a graduated income tax, I may, by your indulgence, consider later on.

I appreciate the earnest and, as it seems to me, honest effort of yourself and those grand pioneers, who are trying so hard to "make good principles work." To become better acquainted with you and all our Fairhope friends has been my earnest desire since my daughter, Addie Harrington Cronin, sent me a copy of the COURIER soon after Fairhope was founded, and since when I have been a reader. I have all the time been interested in your hopes and joys and trials. It has been evident to me for a long time that, unless we can unite on some general fundamental principle, and restore our government to the interest of the people, and stay the hand of the franchise-grabber, the exploiter, the grafter,—at the rate that public policy is now going "from bad to worse," it cannot be long before we will be as bad off, or worse off than the Russian peasant or Jew.

Wishing you and all Fairhopers a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, I am

Yours for Equal Opportunity for All,

J. W. HARRINGTON.

Staples, Minn.

New Year's Eve at Belview.

The watching of the Old Year out and the New Year in was participated in by the following young friends of Miss Millie Beckner: Misses—Effie Mershon, Hazel Pilcher, Viola and Clara Scanlon, Pearl Lowell, Irene Bell, Goldie Tiffany; Messrs.—Ernest Baldwin, Elzevir Bell, Rolland Curtis, Charlie Lowell.

The evening was passed with various games and light refreshments, with appropriate souvenirs to each. At twelve o'clock, by Mr. Mershon's permission, they proceeded to ring the church bell, blow horns and whistles for about ten minutes. Then, Mrs. Beckner relocking the church, they disbanded, with many wishes for the New Year.

Another band of young folks proceeded to ring the school bells, and the air was lively till about one o'clock.

Congregational Church Service.

In C. K. Brown's unoccupied house on Fairhope avenue. Communion of the Lord's Supper at 11 a. m. The New Year's service of singing, readings and short address, postponed on account of storm, will be held at 7:30. A cordial welcome to all.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

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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Postmen as Debt Collectors.

A debt collecting agency which is run as a part of the regular public postal system is the newest "improvement" of the post office of Austria. Despite the novelty of the enterprise, the plan has worked admirably, so that many thousands are collected annually by the postmen throughout the Austrian empire.

Future of Poultry Keeping.

The future of poultry keeping will be chiefly in the hands of "the intelligent farmer's intelligent daughter," according to the author of a recent English book on "Poultry Farming;" he declares also that poultry farming suffers from the drawback of not yet having been proved to pay.

Combination Works Well.

Formerly milk producers in England were at the mercy of wholesale dealers or middlemen. By judicious combination in various places they have been able to secure uniform and equitable prices, securing to individual members extra profits up to $200 a year.

Imagination and Baldness.

Dr. Emil Reich's theory of baldness is that it is due to the stifling of the imagination. Use your imagination, and you will never use hair restorer. The London Globe remarks that it certainly is significant that one never sees a baldheaded policeman giving evidence in a speed limit case.

Mound Builders' Monument.

The greatest monument of the mound builders, not only in Ohio, but in the entire country, is the Serpent mound, in Adams county. This immense mass of earth, probably piled for purposes of worship, has had a curious history in respect to changes of ownership in recent times.

Spiritualist at Fault.

It was stated at a spiritual seance at Zurich that £4,000 recently stolen from the station lay in a guard's house, but when the money was not found the guard brought action against the spiritualist, who was ordered to make a public apology and to pay £12 damages.

Abyssinian Jews.

Modern ethnologists are inclined to hold that the "black Jews," such as are to be found in central Abyssinia and elsewhere, are not of Hebrew descent, but simple peoples that at some remote time adopted the Jewish religion.

Glasses for Sensitive Eyes.

Eyeglasses slightly tinged with an orange-yellow, are said by a French expert, Dr. Motais, to be peculiarly agreeable and soothing to feeble or oversensitive eyes. Patients who cannot use blue or smoked glasses see well with these.

Great Magician's Career.

Alexander Herrmann was of German parentage, but Paris was his birthplace. He made his professional debut as a musician at the age of eight years in St. Petersburg, Russia. He died in 1896.

Thought, Sight, Hearing, Touch.

Dr. Symes Thompson says the length of time taken in communicating by touch is one-seventh of a second before there is a consciousness of the touch. When a sound is heard the interval is one-sixth of a second; when an object is seen the interval is one-fifth of a second; in the case of a thought it is one-fortieth of a second.

About Horses.

Horses, under natural conditions, sleep much less than men and spend far more time every day in eating. There is little nourishment in grass, in proportion to its bulk, and the horse is forced to give so much time to eating that it would be ruinous to human industry if like conditions existed among men.

Chances Gone for Ever.

People who were killed in automobile accidents would turn over in their graves if they knew of the lovely press notices that are being lavished on those who are risking their lives by going up in a balloon.—Washington Post.

In World's Largest City.

In London a child is born every three minutes, and a death is recorded every five minutes. The city contains 700 railway stations, 5,000 omnibuses, 7,000 hansoms, 14,000 cabs and 7,000 tram cars. Daily 1,000,000 persons travel on underground railways.

Vatican Refuses Large Sums.

Italy, under the law of papal guarantees, would give $800,000 a year to the pope, but Vatican financiers hesitate to accept this, partly from political reasons, partly because they feel it would discourage contributions from abroad.

To Publish Renan's Works.

When Renan died he left nine volumes in manuscript, containing the notes of his young manhood on religion, philosophy, history and life. He never meant to publish them, but it appears that his daughter has decided to do so.

Small Wonder He Died.

A native doctor in India, in certifying to a death, wrote: "I am of a mind that he died (or lost his life) for want of foodings, or on account of starvation. Maybe also for other things of his comfortables."

Brought Good Prices.

For a small silver cup of the Commonwealth period, weighing three ounces, $150 an ounce was paid in London recently, while a Charles II. tumbler, with the York hall mark of 1682, brought $100 an ounce.

Point About Tuning Forks.

If two tuning forks of the same pitch are placed facing each other—the one sounding, the other silent—in a few seconds the silent one will be giving out a distinctly audible note.

Chinese Girls in a Japanese School.

Thirty Chinese young ladies have recently graduated from a Japanese girls' school, which was specially organized for the education of Chinese women in Japan.—Shanghai Mercury.

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The Misses Powell and Miss Frances Gaston returned to school on Monday morning and Mr. James Gaston left on Thursday.

Mr. Fred Sweet gave a delightful party to a large number of his friends on last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet.

When trading in Mobile always let it be known that you are from Fairhope. It will be to your advantage and to the advantage of your town, and will help the COURIER.

Dr. C. L. Mershon has concluded a purchase of the drug stock and fixtures of Dr. W. C. Scott, in the Hail building, and will add the same to his stocks here and at Daphne.

Mr. Geo. W. Christian writes: "Cold weather and storms are making us think of a trip south, and three or four of our friends here are planning to spend the winter in Fairhope."

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Mr. Vredenburg left on the morning of the second for Bristol, Va., where he is instructor in music in Sullius college. Before leaving he and Miss N. Clements jointly purchased of Father Knowles his cottage on Bay View avenue facing the park, including a transfer of lease of 88 feet in width north and south, by the depth of his tract east and west, about 313 feet.

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The week of prayer will be observed in union by the Christian and Congregational churches. The meeting Monday night will be held in the church, Tuesday night in C. K. Brown's unoccupied house on Fairhope avenue, at 7:30, and so on, alternating to the end of the week. Let us plan to observe this week of prayer in common with the whole Christian world.

Mr. W. T. Bishop, lately living between Barnwell and Fish river, about eight miles below Fairhope, has purchased the Dr. Hail drug store building and taken posession. He intends to deal in fish and oysters—not only selling at the place, but running wagons about the country—and has bought out the interests here of Mr. Thomas Wilson. His family will, we understand, also reside in the building.

The Messrs. Wheeler have rented the Improvement Company building on the corner—formerly known as "The Conundrum"—for six months. They will move into the building at once and Mr. L. Wheeler, who is an expert watchmaker and jeweler, will open a shop in the corner room. The other Mr. Wheeler has not just decided what he will do, but may put in a stock of merchandise. They are gentlemen of character and reliability, who will, we are sure, prove a valuable addition to our community.

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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School News.

The school meeting held on last Friday evening was well attended. It was unanimously decided to raise the incidental fee from 25 cents to 50 cents a month, and Mr. Oswalt, trustee, was authorized to make the best arrangements which in his judgment could be made for additional room and the services of another teacher.

In consultation with Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet, it was decided to make a recitation room of the west part of the large hall in the school-house, and employ Miss Hazel Pilcher as an assistant, under the supervision of the other teachers. Miss Pilcher took up the work on Wednesday, and the arrangement seems so far likely to be quite satisfactory. A number of new pupils have been admitted to the school. Miss Pilcher has not yet secured a certificate to teach, but will go to Bay Minette and take the examination next week.

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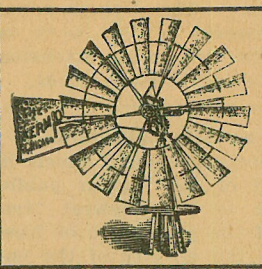

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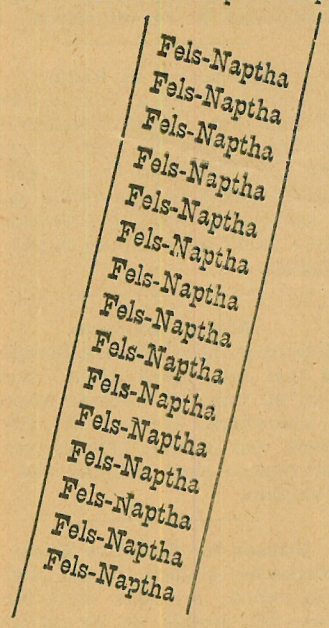

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Report of the Committee on Constitution.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION:

We, your committee appointed to revise the Constitution, beg leave to suggest the following alterations and amendments thereto.

G. M. BANCROFT,
F. W. ROSE,
T. P. LYON.

CONSTITUTION
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
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PREAMBLE.

Believing that the economic conditions under which we now live and labor are unnatural and unjust, in violation of natural rights, at war with the nobler impulses of humanity, and opposed to its highest development; and believing that it is possible by intelligent association, under existing laws, to free ourselves from the greater part of the evils of which we complain, we, the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, have associated ourselves together and have mutually pledged ourselves to the principles set forth in the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE.

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 reward of individual efforts, and the benefits of co-operation in matters of general concern.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1.—Any person over the age of 21 years who shall contribute at least fifty dollars to the Corporation, and whose application shall be approved by the Executive Council, may become a member of the Corporation; provided that on petition of ten per cent. of the qualified members filed with the Secretary within thirty days after action on any application by the Executive Council, such application shall be submitted to a vote of the members.

SEC. 2.—Each member not in arrears for rent to the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote, and one only, at all elections involving changes in this Constitution; but on elections of officers and questions concerning local administration of affairs, only those shall be entitled to vote who are present in person at such elections.

SEC. 3.—The wife or husband who has heretofore been a member of the Corporation, by virtue of their marital relations, shall be entitled to a vote so long as such marital relations exist.

SEC. 4.—Any unmarried member, who has heretofore paid one hundred dollars for a membership, shall be entitled to propose the name of one candidate for membership without fee.

SEC. 5.—No person shall be eligible to election as a member of this Corporation unless he is known to be a believer in the principles of the Single Tax, as expounded by Henry George.

SEC. 6.—Certificates of membership shall be transferable only to persons acceptable as members.

SEC. 7.—Any member against whom complaint of violation of the spirit and purpose of the Corporation, or invasion of the rights of its members, is preferred in writing by ten per cent. of the members, may be expelled by the Executive Council, after full investigation of the charges preferred. Such investigation shall be public, and the accused shall be entitled to be represented by counsel.

SEC. 8.—In case of expulsion of a member the Corporation shall return to him in lawful money of the United States, the amount contributed by him.

SEC. 9.—Supreme authority shall be vested equally in the membership, to be exercised through the initiative and referendum.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1.—The officers of the Corporation shall be: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Rent-collector, who, in conjunction with three members, shall constitute the Executive Council.

SEC. 2.—The duty of the Executive Council shall be to have charge of the land now owned, or that may hereafter be owned, by the Corporation; to annually assess and collect ground rents, to lease said land, pay state and county taxes, and perform such other acts as are associated with the ownership of land under the laws of the State of Alabama and the United States. They shall fix the compensation of the officers and employees of the Corporation, which compensation shall not, however, exceed the earnings of like ability and energy in productive industry within its limits.

SEC. 3.—The officers shall serve for terms of one year. The Councilmen shall serve for terms of three years—one to be elected for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and hereafter one each year.

SEC. 4.—The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation; shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Council and have the deciding vote in case of a tie. He shall countersign all warrants drawn upon the funds of the Corporation under authority of the Executive Council, and perform such other duties as may herein or hereafter be provided.

SEC. 5.—The Vice-President shall, in case of the death, absence or inability of the President, perform his duties.

SEC 6.—The Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Corporation, act as clerk of the Executive Council, draw and attest all warrants upon the Rent-collector authorized by the Executive Council, have charge of the correspondence, and prepare annually full statements of the proceedings and condition of the Corporation.

SEC. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Rent-collector to collect all money due the Corporation, and, as soon as practicable, upon direction of the Executive Council, pay the state and county taxes, and pay the remainder over to the proper officer of the Colony, who, as well as the Rent-collector, shall furnish bond for the proper performance of their duties.

SEC. 8.—The Executive Council may retain a sum not exceeding ten per cent. of the gross rents, for the purpose of paying necessary expenses, and also retain the membership fees, which shall be devoted to the land fund.

ARTICLE V—INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

SECTION 1.—Upon petition of ten per cent. of the qualified membership any act of the Executive Council, legislative or administrative, or any measure proposed by the petitioners, shall be submitted to a vote of that membership at the time set in said petition; provided, that where amendments to this Constitution are proposed thirty days notice must be given, and on other matters at least twenty-four hours notice.

SEC. 2.—Upon petition of twenty per cent. of the membership entitled to vote on elections of officers, the question of the dismissal of any officer, however elected or appointed, must be submitted to a vote of the members.

ARTICLE VI—ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1.—The regular annual meeting for hearing reports and nomination and election of officers shall be held on the first Thursday of February of each year. At this meeting a committee shall be appointed to audit the accounts of the Corporation and report upon the same as soon as practicable to the Executive Council.

SEC. 2.—Special meetings and elections may be held at any time, at the discretion of the Executive Council, or on petition of ten per cent. of the membership; provided, that the notice provided in Article V be given.

SEC. 3.—At all elections involving a change in the Constitution printed official ballots shall be prepared, on which shall appear in full the measure to be voted upon.

SEC. 4.—All voting shall be by secret ballot.

SEC. 5. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members shall be necessary to amend or repeal any part of this Constitution.

SEC. 6. In the election of officers, or on the passage of any measure not conflicting with this Constitution, the decision of a majority of those voting shall be final.

ARTICLE VII—COLONY GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 1. The intention of the founders of the Fairhope Colony was that all its revenues should be devoted to the benefit of its inhabitants, therefore, the disbursements of Corporation revenues, less county and state taxes, membership fees, and a sum not exceeding ten per cent. of the gross income for ground rents. shall be turned over to the inhabitants of the Colony, when they shall have organized a governing body.

SEC. 2. The government of the Colony shall have exclusive charge and control of all public improvements and utilities, now in existence or that may hereafter be established. They shall have the power to open new streets, highways, parks, etc., when and where deemed necessary.

SEC. 3. Every person over 21 years of age, who has resided on Colony land for one year next preceeding an election, shall be entitled to vote on Colony matters and to hold office.

SEC. 4. All actions of the Colony government shall be subject to the initiative, referendum and recall.

SEC. 5. In case of dispute between the Corporation and the Colony government, the final decision shall be left to the membership of the Corporation.

SEC. 6. To provide its members with a safe, adequate and independent medium for effecting exchanges of property and services, the Colony government may issue non-interest bearing obligations, which shall be receivable by it at their face value, in full payment of all its demands.

SEC. 7.—These obligations may be issued for all expenses of the public service; but no more shall be issued for such public services during any year than the estimated revenue available during said year for such purpose.

ARTICLE VIII—LAND.

SECTION 1. There shall be no individual ownership of land within the jurisdiction of the Corporation, but the Corporation shall hold in trust for the entire membership the title to all lands upon which its community shall be maintained.

SEC. 2. Its lands shall be leased at an annually appraised rental, which shall equalize the varying advantages of location and natural qualities of different tracts, and convert into the treasury of the Corporation for the common benefit all values attaching to such lands not arising from the efforts and expenditures of the individual lessees.

SEC. 3. Land leases shall convey full and absolute right to the use and control of lands so leased, and to the ownership and disposition of all improvements made or products produced thereon so long as the lessee shall pay the annually appraised rentals provided in the foregoing section, and may be terminated by the lessee after six months notice in writing to the Corporation and the payment of all rent due thereon.

SEC. 4. Leaseholds shall be assignable, on approval of the Executive Council. Such assignments must be filed for record in the office of the Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Corporation shall have a prior lien on all property held by any lessee upon lands of the Corporation for all arrearages of rent.

SEC. 6. Nothing shall be construed to invalidate the Corporation's rights as a landlord. In all leases of land the Corporation shall reserve the right to resume the possession of the same for public purposes, on payment of all damages sustained by the lessee thereby, to be determined by three appraisers, one to be chosen by the Executive Council, one by the lessee, and the third by those two.

ARTICLE IX—PUBLIC UTILITIES.

No private franchise for supplying such public necessities as water, light, heat, power, transportation facilities, irrigating systems, etc., shall ever be granted, but as soon as practicable the necessary plants shall be erected and maintained, and such services performed; all revenues therefrom shall be converted into the general treasury.

ARTICLE X—PARKS, LIBRARIES, ETC.

Ample provisions shall be made in platting the lands of the Corporation for parks and all public improvements, and as rapidly as may be, lands thus intended shall be improved and beautified, and schools, libraries, public halls, natatoriums, etc., established and maintained at public expense for the free use and enjoyment of all the inhabitants.

ARTICLE XI—NO TAXATION.

No taxes or charges of any kind, other than hereinbefore provided for, shall be levied upon the property or persons of the inhabitants of the Colony.

ARTICLE XII—PAYMENT OF TAXES.

All taxes levied by the state, county or township, on the property of the Corporation, or any of its lessees, held within its jurisdiction, money and credits excepted, shall be paid out of the general fund of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII—INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM.

The natural rights of the people to absolute freedom in production, exchange, associations, beliefs and worship shall never be abrogated or impaired, and the only limit to the exercise of the will of individuals shall be the equal rights of all others.

ARTICLE XIV—NO INDEBTEDNESS.

No bonds or mortgages on the land of the Corporation, or interest-bearing indebtedness of any kind shall ever be given or assumed; but the property used in the operation of public utilities, franchises excepted, may be pledged as security for money borrowed and interest thereon, for the purpose of construction, improvement or repairs of such utilities.

ARTICLE XV—RULES OF ORDER.

Cushings Manual shall govern all rules of order at the meetings of the Corporation.

If for any reason it is thought best not to make all or any of the foregoing changes in the Constitution, then your committee recommend the following:-

ARTICLE IV—SUPREME AUTHORITY.

SEC. 2. Whenever seventy-five per cent., or more, of the permanent residents on Fairhope lands shall organize themselves into a responsible corporation for the purpose, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation may enter into contract with the said corporation, assigning to it all rentals derived from its lands in excess of what is required to pay the taxes which it assumes to pay, to be administered by said corporation in the interesl of all people residing on its lands. Provided, that all adult permanent residents shall be embraced in the membership of such corporation, with equal privileges regardless of sex; and all of its transactions shall be under their control through direct legislation and imperative mandate; and provided further, that no rentals shall be returned to the residents except on a basis per capita of all persons permanently resident.

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.

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.

Philosophic Anarchism and the Single Tax

Extract from article by James F. Morton, Jr., in the Single Tax Review.

* * * If the foregoing reasoning is at all sound, it will be obvious why a large number of philosophical anarchists, without ceasing to cherish their own large ideal, have felt it incumbent on them to join the Single Tax movement and to work faithfully for its success; and among these I am at last prepared to rank myself. They are not traitors in the camp who ally themselves with the Single Tax movement with the secret intent of diverting it from its legitimate course. They accept the logic of the situation as requiring the freedom of the land as an essential prelude to other forms of freedom. The Single Tax is practical at the present day. It takes off burdens from the backs least able to bear them. It is a form of transformation wholly in the direction of a wider liberty. To the sincere governmentalist it affords the only certain and efficacious means of purifying government from its present hideous excrescences. To the sincere anarchist it offers a long step toward the removal of the worst restraints on liberty and the vantage ground from which to point out, as a then demonstrated fact, that increased freedom brings ever increased happiness and makes men better rather than worse.

Even if many of the predictions of enthusiastic Single Taxers prove exaggerated, it will at least be found that the Single Tax opens the door to the largest forward movement that the race is ready to take. It does not like socialism entwine us in an elaborate system from which escape is well nigh impossible. Its extreme flexibility renders further social changes attainable with the very minimum of difficulty. This one fact, even if the Single Tax were itself of little real value, would render it a strategic point well worth striving for, since modern industrialism, while differing in all else from socialism, bears especially hard upon its victims through the fearful complexity of relationships, which renders unequivocal improvement difficult almost to the verge of impossibility. The Single Tax, alone of proposed changes, removes this terrible obstacle without substituting a like unwieldiness in its room. It is thoroughly simple in its workings, and of itself eliminates an enormous percentage of the intricacies of the present social structure.

The influence of the Single Tax movement for liberty is already visible in the course of its foremost advocates. Every fight for free speech in recent years has found the Single Taxers in the front ranks. The outrages of imperialism, the abuses of the Post-office Department, the crimes of race prejudice, the petty tyrannies of the immigration Bureau, the persecutions of anarchists and sex reformers, and all similar issues of vital concern to American liberty, have been fearlessly met by Single Taxers whenever they arose. On these subjects Louis F. Post alone, in his magnificent *Public*, has said more, and said it better, than all the Socialist editors in the country combined: and he is only one.

A bitter fight is on between two opposing tendencies. While there is little ground for expecting the triumph of the exact form of socialism now being widely preached, the future holds the distinct threat of a paternalism combining socialistic bureaucracy with monopolistic robbery and defying all attempts to shake off its yoke by peaceful means. The only strong counter movement, based on a clear-cut economic analysis and recognizing the fundamental rights of the individual in society, is that of the Single Tax. A union of libertarian forces seems imperatively demanded. Whatever our ultimate ideal, the present need must be met. Wherefore, while remaining a philosophic anarchist, still looking forward to a human brotherhood of free men and women, I freely and cheerfully accept the logic of the situation and offer a comrade's hand to those who have preceded me in Single Tax work, and to those to come also. Henceforth their fight is mine.

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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, is now here, and we know you want to start the New Year with a new sheet in our ledger.

The way to do this is to come in and see us, and J. H. Williams, our bookkeeper, will explain how it is done. Come early and avoid the rush.
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Boston Weather Changes.

Mr. James R. Carret, of Boston, writes thus in regard to Boston winter weather as compared with Fairhope:

"The residents of Fairhope are to be congratulated on being out of the cold climate of the North at this season. I will mention some specimens of temperature of what we have had within a week. On Saturday evening, December first, the thermometer stood at 36 degrees, on Sunday morning, 7 a.m., 11 degrees, a drop of 25 degrees in ten hours. On Monday, the third, at 4 p. m., 34 degrees, on Tuesday, the 4th, at 6 a. m., 3 degrees, a drop of 31 degrees in fourteen hours. On Friday the 7th, at 4 p. m., 34 degrees, this morning at 6 a. m., 2 degrees below zero, a drop of 36 degrees in fourteen hours. The Fairhope booklet contained an item on the temperature in your vicinity, but giving the temperature at Mobile. It would be interesting if some one in Fairhope should keep a record of the temperature and of the weather showing what it is there instead of in Mobile."

The COURIER would like very much to have some one, who is not too busy, to assume the task of voluntary weather observer, and would be glad to publish same regularly in the COURIER.

Pleased With Colony and Courier.

EDITOR COURIER:

I am much pleased with the improved appearance and enlarged size of the COURIER. You are doing an excellent work in reducing to practice a theory which is nothing if not practical.

Nearly all of the Socialistic colonies established so far have gone to pieces from causes which seem to be inseparable from the very nature of political Socialism and the make-up of Socialists that I have known.

If Socialism cannot succeed in a colony where all of its members are picked men and women, who subscribe to the same political and social doctrines, how can it succeed on a scale as large as the nation, when it must include the vast number of diverse elements, and all of that great and growing class who are too individualistic to subscribe to the doctrine and too far-sighted to see either its practicability or necessity?

This, coupled with the further fact that it can be demonstrated that all of the advantages of invention, discovery and improved machinery are reflected, to the last dollar, in the value of land,—why will not these things be socialized to whatever extent they need to be socialized, if the value of land is socialized by taxation?

Yours, with best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year,

HENRY H. HARDINGE.

The Club Corner

Edited by MRS. LYDIA J. NEWCOMB COMINGS

(Continued from Last Week.)

"As to money, there is much reason for saying it is a mere tool and that it should not be taxed at all. Money is in almost all of its forms a mere credit": so again we have the double tax. Those who most clamorously demand the issue of money in such quantities as to reduce the rate of interest to two per cent, also insist that men to whom they give their promissory notes for money lent, shall be taxed 2½ per cent on the notes. In short, they want the price of money reduced to 2 per cent; and yet to bear a tax of 5 per cent.

"Banks are more effectively taxed than any other form of personal property, but the result is singularly disastrous. The wide-spread demand for more currency is at its foundation perfectly reasonable and natural, although no effectual remedy has ever been proposed." "The uneducated masses are not to be condemned for seeking relief in wrong directions, so long as the educated classes do not offer relief in any direction." "It is also true that there can never be money enough to do the business of the country. It must be done by a species of banking, and the banks of some parts of the country are mainly cross-road grocery stores." "But this is enormously expensive, clumsy, risky and unsatisfactory. In the United States, where all banks are heavily taxed, there are not one fifth of the number to supply the demand; and as no branches are allowed, most of the country banks are not thoroughly safe. In Canada and Scotland there is no currency question. Nobody wants greenbacks or sub-treasuries, or cares anything about bimetalism. In the United States we hardly think about anything else. The moral is plain. Abolish taxation on personal property, including all taxes on banks, allow branch banks to be set up everywhere, and the currency question will settle itself."

In the taxing of chattels, he shows how impossible it is to get at the real value, and how unsatisfactory it is to depend upon the statement of the owners. "The whole system of indirect taxation is enforced by the violation of all privacy, decency and natural rights. Everybody is presumed by our tariff and excise laws to be a thief and a liar; and everybody who comes under the operation of these laws is actually treated as such."

The discussion which followed was quite spirited, some of the honorary members who were present participating.

The principal business of the afternoon was planning the program for the colony anniversary, January 1.

At the regular meeting of the

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

a report was read of the recent state convention at Gadsden; and a paper by Mrs DeCoudres on

THE MORAL INFLUENCE OF THE CHILD.

Previous to the advent of the child into my home, the atmosphere of that home must be wholesome. I must dress simply, live simply, be morally clean and pure; free from stains that will blot the life of that child. The parents in that home, as well as everything in the home, are going to morally affect that child: so I must beware. Every child deserves to be well born.

As a mother I have called my child into existence; and as a mother I stand between my child and the world. In a measure I have created his capabilities, his tendencies. If he be a normal child, he needs my love: if abnormal, he needs more love; for by that love I am to open all avenues to the little shut-in soul. True joy should be the inheritance of every child: the learning of the art of this joy is the most important moral result.

Our first two thoughts relative to the moral influence of the child are love and joy, on my part; but my child's moral point of view is first influenced by his physical condition; plenty of light, air and cleanliness: through these mediums I am to teach him self respect and uprightness. His first education then must be physical education: this is indispensible to good moral influence.

Then again, I may teach my child to be good, but by his feeding, even while in infancy, I may make it impossible for him to live up to my teaching: so we conclude good, judicious feeding is important. The results of proper feeding will be contentment, unselfishness and economy.

Thirdly, he must be properly and simply clothed, and comfortably. I here refer to my Bible for the results attending the moral influence of the child regarding his clothing. I find they are purity, strength, virtue, freedom, comeliness and self-control. I conclude then, as a mother, I must be filled with love and able to impart joy, so that my child will be a joyous, happy child, loving everything and everybody. With these conditions I at once begin his physical education, namely: providing plenty of light and air, seeing that cleanliness everywhere pervades: good, simple food and clothing. For a time my child will be in a condition to imbibe the moral influences that surround him.

In his future, the next point to consider is his need of what nature affords, nature education. From the flowers, the birds, the trees

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Courier Does Not Agree with Mr. Albright.

The COURIER cannot agree with Mr. Albright in his assertion in this issue that "land speculation exists in Fairhope on colony land, in as bad, if not worse form than where land is privately owned." To admit as much would, of course, be to admit that the colony was a failure; for its first purpose is to prevent land speculation. We agree with Mr. Albright, that, compared with land enjoying equal advantages elsewhere, most, if not all, of the land at Fairhope is *in our opinion* undervalued in rent appraisements, but it must be borne in mind, that opinions differ in this respect—as readers of the COURIER hardly need to be reminded—and that the appraisements made having been sustained by vote of a majority of the resident members, may be taken to represent the average judgment.

Even if the cases cited by Mr. Albright are in all respects as stated, they would hardly alone justify his statement; for in both cases improvement values and land values were so interwoven, and the room for difference of opinion on their respective proportions so large, that the actual truth is hard to arrive at. To clearly justify such a statement as Mr. Albright makes, it should be shown that people can lease unimproved land in Fairhope and release it for more than they pay the colony, or sell their lease-right for a "bonus". The former has never been done, and the latter in only a very few instances in the history of the colony, and *never* within our recollection at a net profit to the transferrer. That is, in every such case the rents paid by the party transferring during his possession, have exceeded any sum realized as a bonus for transferring.

Technically speaking, the holding of land with the *hope* of realizing a profit is a "speculation", whether the holder realizes his hope or loses in the transaction, but "land speculation" as currently understood, is the actual reaping unearned profits by the mere holding of land. If everybody lost rather than gained by holding land idle, the evils of land speculation would speedily disappear; and that is the condition of Fairhope.

The mere fact of instances where the owner of improvements upon colony land realizes a greater return than the owners of property elsewhere, is not at all conclusive that there is land value mixed in with his profit. To prove that there is, he must be able to lease a similar lot unimproved and be able to re-lease for more than he pays, or sell his lease-right. Mr. Albright cannot do this with the lot next to his.

The fact is that our demand here is largely for houses for temporary use of people who would not build for themselves—as people would, locating permanently in a place—if a like lot were given to them. Of course, if this demand proves constant and improved properties are steadily in demand at rents which will yield an excessive return, the demand for lots on which to build more houses for rental purposes will drive up the value of lots, until the return to capital thus invested is equalized with that of similarly invested capital elsewhere; but our point is that a few instances of large profits from improvements do not prove that a part of the profit is ground rent, unless there is the actual demand for similar ground at the difference; and there is no such demand.

Fertilizer Tax for Public Schools.

An excellent new exchange on our table is "The Farmers' Union Guide" of Pell City, Ala., published by and in the interest of the Farmers' Union, which is enjoying a rapid growth among the farmers of this state, and has a strong local union at Fairhope and in other parts of Baldwin county. The Guide is strongly advocating that the amount of the fertilizer tag tax over and above the cost of the department of agriculture (which makes the analyses of fertilizer for the state) be turned into the public school fund. The Guide's argument is that the farmers pay the tag tax and that in this way it will, largely at least, come back to them for the education of their children.

We understand that this tax now goes, in part at least, to the Auburn Polytechnic Institute, and would oppose any move which would tend to curtail the support of this excellent institution, but would heartily approve the application of any surplus to the general public school fund. We question the wisdom of any fertilizer tag tax, though it may protect the farmers from fraud, which is its ostensible purpose; but it undoubtedly increases the cost of fertilizers to the farmers, and is thus paid by them, and should therefore be expended for their benefit.

SINGLE TAX FOR SASKATCHEWAN.

Indian Head, Sask., Dec. 1.—The rural municipal commission held its session here to-day. Reeve Halford and all the members of the council of the rural municipality, and those of the local improvement district from the south were present. Many others as well, among them several ex-councillors, attended the session. Several very interesting discussions arose out of the many questions presented by the commission. On one question, however, there was absolute unanimity, and that was that all taxation should be based entirely upon land values, regardless of improvements—the Single Tax pure and simple.—Manitoba Free Press, Winnipeg.

Interesting Letter from Texas.

MY DEAR MR. GASTON:

I enclose a dollar for renewal of my subscription to the COURIER. Will you kindly change the address to the one given above? I left Buffalo on account of rheumatism, and was sorry I could not see my way clear to come to Fairhope. But I was in search of a dry climate, and was afraid Fairhope was too moist. My interest in your colony is just as great now as it was several years ago, when Mr. Bellangee first told us of it up in Buffalo and I commenced taking your paper.

When you have factories—as you will in time—your town will develop rapidly into a city, and the success of the single tax which you have demonstrated on a small scale, will be shown on a scale which will attract vastly more attention. The American people like big things, and it will be the single-tax city of Fairhope which will catch their eye. Don't be afraid to increase your assessments with your growth. Remember, land values are more per capita in a large place than in a small one. A real-estate man told me today that a lot in El Paso he paid $3250 for three years ago, he could sell now for $15,000. Of course the population has not increased in any such ratio.

Yours very truly,

El Paso, Texas. ALBERT H. JACKSON.

The editor, like the old-fashioned fish trap, "catches it comin' and gwine." At the time of our big storm, the editor wrote it up at length, with a big black head clear across the page, "Fairhope Storm-swept." A good friend thought we gave it too much prominence, that our report would alarm people and keep them away. In his anniversary history he devoted considerable space to it; but another friend, we are told, criticised the history for not saying enough about the storm, and accused us of "misleading" by exaggerating the good things and obscuring the bad ones. We wonder if it is not possible that this critic does the opposite.

Feels Well Acquainted with Editor.

Forwarding renewal of his subscription, A. E. Haslam, Philadelphia, adds:

"MY DEAR MR. GASTON:

Although I have never met you, I feel that I know you, so well have you made me understand you by your letters in the COURIER. Keep up the fight, and never lose sight of the end in view, no matter how many 'sore heads' press around you, demanding what is not for the common good."

"Fraternitas," our correspondent from New Holland, has written us another very interesting letter, received too late for this issue, but which will appear in our next.

From Magnolia Springs, Point Clear and various other places comes the same complaint that is heard at Fairhope of "few winter visitors." The reason is easy—the extraordinarily warm weather throughout the North, making it useless to go South. However, a certain contingent at Fairhope are sure it is the fault of the Colony and its "management."

Land Speculation in Fairhope.

EDITOR COURIER:

I have no hesitation in saying that land speculation exists here in Fairhope on Colony land in as bad, if not worse, form as in other places, where land is privately owned; for the purchase price, which is required elsewhere, is not necessary here. At a meeting of the Council held Monday night a gentleman stated that he recently sold two lots for $90, admitting that the improvements on the same were worh little or nothing—about $30 for fence.

It is customary to say in the transfer of property here that "the improvements are sold," giving the impression that the land value does not figure in the deal. As a matter of fact, in every such transfer there is more or less land value charged for. This is due to the policy of the Corporation in holding the land at a low rental, the rent being at merely a fraction of its real worth.

At the meeting referred to I made the statement that the rent on Colony land should be advanced 50 per cent., and gave as my reason for believing so that money invested in improvements here paid very good returns on the investment. As an illustration of this, I mentioned the property I recently bought, which cost me $800, including the furniture. The man I bought it from had a tenant occupying part of the house, from whom, with his own rent, he derived an income of $16 a month or $180 a year. The Colony rent is $6 a year, leaving a net income of $174 a year, or 22 per cent. on the investment. This is pretty good interest on real estate investment, considering that 6 per cent. is regarded good elsewhere.

Another illustration is the Blank property, recently vacated by Mr. Tiffany. This property could have been purchased a short while ago for $550. It rents for $10 a month or $120 a year, and is seldom vacant. The Colony rent is $10 a year, leaving a net income of $110 a year, or 20 per cent. on the investment.

Still another illustration is the Thompson property, which is offered for $750, and which rents for $12 a month or $144 a year. Allowing $20 for Colony rent, we have a net income of $124, which is about 17 per cent.

All this simply means that real estate investment in Colony land pays well, because of the low rent of the land, and that the Colony may safely increase its rents while these conditions exist. The high rate of interest which now goes to the property owner, rightly belongs to the Colony as rent, and the fact that it does not get it is due to the failure of the Colony to take the full rental value of the land.

It is argued that conditions would not stand an increase in rent in Fairhope, and as an evidence of this we are pointed to the numerous "For Sale" signs. The fact that property is offered for sale is not indicative of depression, however, unless the property is sold at a loss. The constant buying and selling of real estate is rather an indication of prosperity, as it usually means that some one has made money by the deal. The man I bought from made easily $100 on the deal. This $100 was nothing more nor less than the unearned increment of land value which the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is supposed to take in rent.

The thing that makes real estate investment and speculation attractive in Fairhope is the fact that the land costs little or nothing, and the rents are merely nominal.

And yet, the gentleman who made $90 on two lots appeared before the Council to object to an increase in his rent. I have often heard it said that the land speculator was a shrewd, sharp, cunning proposition; but the Fairhope article is surely "the limit!"

P. Y. ALBRIGHT.

OUR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY.

Read by MRS. HOWLAND at the Anniversary, Jan. 1, 1907.

I am impressed with the fact that the program is long and that we propose to reserve a short time for social intercourse after the general exercises.

I have talked with one of our teachers and have gathered sufficient matter for a long paper, but will use but a fraction of it.

In the two departments there are 102 pupils of various ages and of five grades. Our schools compare most favorably with any found in this region and with many in larger communities. This is because of our persistent efforts to have the best teachers and the best conditions that our means will permit. We need not say that those means include much labor and sacrifice. Already our building accommodations and teaching force are inadequate, and means are being taken to supply the deficiencies. An assistant is to be brought to the aid of our overworked teachers who are doing careful and conscientious work. The parents, I hear, are generally pleased and the children are really attached to their teachers and do good work.

The School Garden, now two years old, has been a culture and an inspiration to both teachers aud pupils, and this year the planting and beautifying of the large school grounds will be, it is hoped, a prominent feature in the plan of the professor, Mr. Freeman.

THE LIBRARY.

As to the Library, you all feel a pride in maintaining it, and feel regret that the erection of the new fire-proof building is unavoidably delayed. It is, however, delayed for a comparatively short time, for the money already subscribed for it is safe, and more will be subscribed. The Library in Fairhope has its regulations, many of them being our summer and winter visitors who often complain that we do not keep current literature and charge visitors a fee for the loan of books and magazines. This is for the Libroay committee to consider.

The Fairhope Library was formally opened with a modest reception at the Pines in the spring of 1900. The Corporation, then the Fairhope Industrial Association, furnished lumber and labor for more shelf room. Before this there were only my four shelves, eight feet long, the upper projecting, making a nice shelf for books, flowers, &c. Above this, Mr. Stokes, a Ruskin carpenter, erected six shelves, the upper three extending to the ceiling or plafond. This case holds over 1000 books. Later, Mr. Cope was engaged to build a large double case on the west veranda. These are nearly ten feet high and are protected from the weather by leatherette or oil-cloth. So far they have not been much damaged by dampness. These are cases C and D. Cases B, E and F were added at different times as needed. Case E is built all around the little entrance hall apove the doors: three complete shelves all around it. These are E1, E2 and E3.

We have today, by actual count, over 3000 books bound and unbound that are catalogued, with the exception of about 50 volumes of more recent contributions. In the chamber are many files of magazines sent by Mr. Chidester, waiting for funds to have them' with other valuable Governmut and other pamphlets, bound. Many of these it would be a great mistake to not preserve-

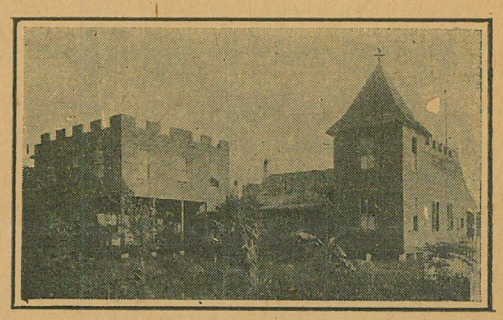
Any public library to be kept in even passable order, implies much and varied work. During the life of our lamented Mrs, Sykes I had much voluntary and most kind assistance frem her. Two young ladies who came for lessons during one year gave me some assistance, one studying library work systematically. Both subsequently married, I had hoped that one of these, Miss Celeste Shepherd. would become our future librarian for she had the necessary character and talent for the work.

The following is the record of books and magazines loaned up to this year: 1900, 255; 1901, 307; 1902, 682; 1903, 642; 1904, 855; 1905, 1212; 1906, 1063. This shows 149 less for last year than for 1905; due, I think, to our various disturbances and misfortunes, and my two months absence during the summer in the North, when the library was opened but one afternoon of the week * instead of two, and the evenings of those days.

It is an anomaly that a town old enough, enterprising enough and cultivated enough to have a public library should not support at least one literary society. † The old Library Club, organized in 1903 or 4, did good work for a time. Its object was to become acquainted with the books of our library, and to review them briefly bsfore the club which met at the library and at the homes of the members in turn, Brothers Wood, Bellangee. Coleman, Cope and Clayton Woods were prominent members, and of course the women worked faithfully. Many excellent papers were read. The object was not to compare our collection with any other, but to find out what we already had. If we had provided in our by-laws the plan of reviewing some new and popular book at every other meeting we would have been saved; but unfortunately we ran counter to our fatal craze for liberty! Certain members clamored for the freedom to review any book they chose whether in or out of the library. Dissension, poorly attended meetings, dissolution was the result. I hope we may reopen that club or organize a new one, and, profiting by our former experience, build more enduringly. At all events, if we want the co-operation of our valuable old members and of the cultured new members of this place, we must have an active, well-organized Library club, broad enough to nurse and foster all the literary talent that comes to our shores.

*Comrade Paton kindly took charge of the Library during my absence, and kept faithful record of all books lent.

†Since reading this paper I have been reminded by Sister Comings, that the Fifth Thursday Club is purely literary. I beg pardon for the omission. I believe I am a member, but have not attended regularly as I hope to do hereafter. M. H.



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Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session—the first meeting of the month and year—on Monday evening. The members of the Council were all present except Mr. Patterson.

Minutes of Council meeting of December 18, rent referendum of Dec. 22, and members' and lessees' meeting of Dec. 26 to consider amendment of Constitution and telephone matter, were read and approved.

Treasurer's reports for November and December were presented, as follows:

Nov., 1906.

Wharfage	$16.71
Land Fund	50.00
Rent, 1806	49.98
Rent Penalty	1.30
Water Fund	21.80
Total receipts	139.79
Balance on hand, Nov. 1	256.61
Total Credits, Nov. 30.	396.40

Disbursements.

Lands	$ 1.40	
Highways	26.15	
Wharf	14.75	
Taxes	26.13	
Salaries	25.00	
Water Fund	122.85	
Printing & Stationery,	5.00	
Well and Windmill	13.60	
Total Disbursements		234.88
Balance, Nov. 30		161.52

Dec. 29, 1906.

Rent, 1905	$ 6.34	
" 1906	123.01	
" Penalty	5.44	
Water Fund	17.75	
Total Receipts to Dec. 29		152.54
Bal. on hand, Dec. 29		161.52
Total Credits to Dec. 29		314.06

Disbursements.

Highways	$31.19	
Taxes	55.57	
Schools	15.37	
Salaries	25.00	
Water Fund	7.20	
Telephone	.75	
Postage and Printing	9.32	
Total Disbursements		144.40
Bal. Dec. 29, 1906.		169.66

Following bills allowed:

G. M. Bancroft, road work,		$3.75
J. Bellangee, work on wh'f hill,		2.80
C. Kraak, work on Fels Ave. with team,		7.00
E. B. Gaston, Printing supplemental rent lists, notices and ballots for special election,	$6.25	
Postage in Dec.	2.06	
Advertising in COURIER ½yr. as per contract,	25.00	
Total,		33.31
Carlson Planing Mill, Lumber for doors etc., pump-house,		2.50
American Supply Co., Fire-clay (waterworks)		.90
H. C. Oswalt, school trustee, Incidental fee for 73 pupils for Dec.		18.25
L. S. Massey, Hauling (waterworks)		3.25
J. Bellangee, Labor (waterworks)		11.87

Mr. Bancroft reported as due from van Bavel & Koopman for stumpage, $5.

A number of surrenders of leases were agreed to.

Following transfers of leases approved:

P. Y. Albright to L. E. Camp, lot 1, block 3, division 4, and street between same and Mrs. Freeman.

Selanah R. Patterson to Wm. Stimpson, lot corner Fairhope av. and School st.; and Wm. Stimpson to Mrs. Patterson, the west half of the five acres opposite Dr. Borst.

Application of Trustees of Fraternal Homemakers' Society for e. ½ of n. e. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of Sec. 16 (adjoining Bancroft on east, surrendered by John Smit) was received and passed over, under usual rule, for notice which should state that the ground was improved and would be let to the one who would bid the highest for the improvements in addition to paying the rent.

Following persons' leases declared forfeited for non-payment of rent: Mrs. C. B. Gill, Mrs. M. C. Hall, J. Folmer and A. Hackert.

Moved and carried that action be taken to recover possession of Mrs. Williams' leasehold, and at same time see what would be cost of recovering legal possession of Wm. Partridge and H. W. Leonard land.

Plan proposed by G. M. Bancroft for replatting lots 1, 2 and 3, block 3, division 1, and dividing rent on same, was approved.

Bill of James H. Webb, Esq., for fees on rent collection, including Dealy, Dunnell, Williams and Fredericks suits, amounting to $54.12, allowed and a voucher ordered drawn for same.

A proposition was received from Mr. W. T. Bishop to furnish oyster shells, delivered on street within a half mile of his place, for 25 cents a barrel. It was moved and carried that Corporation would remove shells at its own expense but could not buy same.

It was moved and carried that the Corporation accept payment for stumpage of lumber and piling used in wharf, in Corporation certificates as received by Wharf Company for wharfage.

Moved and carried, that Fairhope Improvement Co. be allowed to connect with water-works and lay a line of pipe to pier-head and take water for boat at rate of $6 a month, to be credited on cost of laying pipe.

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Spiders Live in Families.

Spiders are not always solitary creatures. A scientist has lately found in southern India a species of spider that builds spongy nests with outlying webs, each nest being occupied by 40 to 100 spiders, with a large excess of females; sometimes five or six nests are clustered together. The spiders not only live and work together, but they share with one another any prey that may be captured and some even show maternal affection approaching self-sacrifice.

Coal for Fast Liner.

Tremendous quantities of coal will be required to run the turbine liner Lusitania's engines. The ship's indicated horsepower is 65,000, which will mean a consumption of not less than 435 tons of steam each hour and a corresponding consumption of 50 tons of coal in the same time. This would work out a total of 1,200 tons of coal a day.

World's Wealth of Coal.

According to the American Manufacturer, the coal deposits of North America are estimated to contain nearly as much as those of Europe, or 681,000,000,000 tons, but even this gigantic figure is completely dwarfed by Asia's wealth of coal, as to which it is at present impossible to make an even approximate estimate.

Watchmakers Out of Date.

In New York city are about 700 signs that read "Watchmaker," and not a single one of them belongs to a watchmaker, and few that have them could make a watch, and if they could and did the watch would cost about $100, while any of them can sell a better watch for $20 that came from a great factory.

Barbers and Surgeons.

In the fourteenth century the barber's craft was recognized as a profession, being allied to surgery. The barbers were confined, as to surgery, to the letting of blood and leeching, and the extraction of teeth, but the surgeons were prohibited from shaving the face.

Good Work Done by Women.

The city council of Birmingham, England, has increased the number of women health inspectors from four to 20, because of the excellent results achieved in the homes of the poor and in the factories. In the same city the policemen have been taught the principles of "first aid."

Alcohol and Gasoline.

Tests of alcohol and gasoline in the internal combustion engines used in motor vehicles and motor boats indicate that although alcohol has only about 70 per cent. as much heating power as gasoline, it can be used with 20 per cent. less operating waste.

Parched Land of Little Value.

In parts of Australia where the average yearly rainfall is not more than ten inches a square mile of land will support only eight or nine sheep. In the Argentine republic, South America, the same area, with 34 inches of rain, supports 2,560 sheep.

Oppose England in Egypt.

Among the principal opponents of England in Egypt are those educated Arabs, who, having learned the French language, but not the English, are now unable to obtain government positions.

Barber's Sign Long in Use.

The barber's sign was a striped pole as far back as 1650, the stripes around the pole being symbols of the bandages used in wrapping the arm or part from which the blood was to be let.

Immense Saving of Gold.

A process recovery known as "the cyanide" has within the last 14 years saved over $300,000,000 worth of gold which would otherwise have been lost.

Many Fish In Lake Erie.

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Pure English in Kentucky.

Sir Jonathan Williams, a retired physician of Great Britain, declares that the purest English spoken in the United States is in Kentucky.

Rebuke for Plagiarists.

It is a greater offense to steal dead men's labors than their clothes.—Synesius.

Militiamen in New York.

New York city has, ready for duty in the state militia, 10,367 men.

Bank Has Prospered.

The People's bank, of Milan, was started in 1866 with a capital of $140. It now possesses a paid up capital of half a million!

Put Blame on Government.

It is the custom of the Khonds in the Madras presidency of India to offer a buffalo in sacrifice in substitution for the human victim. But in doing so they make long apologies to the deity, explaining that they themselves would willingly make the customary sacrifices, but are prevented by the British government, on whose head they pray that any anger at their neglect of duty may be visited.

Art Works Bring Good Prices.

At the recent sale of the Paul Meurice collection in Paris a terra cotta group by Clodion, 30 centimeters high, representing a nymph with child offering flowers, was sold for $11,800. A terra cotta bas-relief by Clodion went for $2,500. A Gobelin tapestry of the time of Louis XVI., representing the month of May and belonging to a famous series designed by Lucas, brought $12,800.

Derivation of "Finance."

Many words of most august sound prove to be of quite commonplace ancestry when traced to their origins. "Finance" is really only "settling up." Literally, it is just "ending," and was formerly used in that very simple sense in the English language. Then it came to signify settling up with a creditor, and acquired the special sense of ransom.

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Mr. Oswalt is breaking a fine young horse of his own breeding. If our farmers would depend more on selling a good colt, mule or milk cow occasionally, instead of pinning their faith to Irish potatoes and beans they would be much better off.

Mr. W. T. Bishop has fitted up a very neat meat and oyster market in the Hail building. His man in front opening oysters all day long attracts considerable attention from visitors not used to that sort of thing. He expects to handle about 100 barrels a month.

The Henry George Club meets with Mrs. Gaston on next Thursday and Mrs. Powell will review chapters 5 and 6 of Shearman's "Natural Taxation." All ladies interested in economics, whether members of the club or not, are welcome to these meetings.

There are rumors afloat of immediate action in the building of the "Mobile, Volanta and Pensacola R. R.," but no definite information has reached the COURIER. Such a railroad would be a great help to this section and the COURIER would be glad to see it built.

Our former resident, Jno. Smit, now in Saint Louis, retains his interest in Fairhope and says he is still a Single Taxer and wishes the colony a success, though he does not like our location here for him personally. He and his sons are in business, handling ice, coal, grain, hay and feed.

Mr. L. E. Camp is a new comer, a young man, who secured some lots by transfer from P. Y. Albright, upon which he expects to garden. He is an Alabamian, and one whom Friend Freeman first told of Fairhope and encouraged to come here. He is a pleasant young gentleman and we are glad to have him with us. For the present he is being employed at the Volanta saw-mill.

An Appeal to People of Fairhope and Vicinity.

It is up to you to say whether there shall be competition or not. If you believe in competition you should support competition. If you don't believe in competition, then you should go right back to All High Prices, and freeze competition out. If you feel that 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. reduction in prices is sufficient to justify you to support competition, then it is your duty. If you don't want the reduction in prices, your duty is to go right back to Ole High Prices, and tell him he is entitled to all he can get out of the public, and you want to be one of the bunch again and go along the same old rut, or, "if you don't want it, you can let it alone," and "you ought to trade with me, because we are the Old Reliable." You all have a right to the freedom that the Constitution of the United States guarantees to every American citizen. We appreciate every cent that is spent with us, whether in large or small quantity; and we don't think any the less of you if you don't trade with us, and we won't jump on you with both feet if we see you across the street: that is your privilege—to trade where you please,—and you should enjoy that freedom, especially if you can save money by doing so.

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It seems like old times to see the wagons and buggies and people afoot going down Fairhope avenue in the early morning to take the "Fairhope," and streaming back again in the evening, after the boat's arrival. Both passenger and freight business has been good, showing the great appreciation by the public generally of the direct service and cheaper rates.

Mr. Powell has a patch of oats on his place back of the COURIER office, which affords a shining example of how land can and should be utilized here in the winter. The land has raised for two successive seasons Irish potatoes with a hay crop following. Last season the potatoes were followed by cowpeas, which yielded from a ton to a ton and a half of most excellent feed to the acre. The oats were sown in October without a pound of additional fertilizer, and are now about a foot high. They will yield fine pasturage until grass comes again, and then make a full crop. A few acres of oats will afford winter pasture and dry feed for a nice bunch of stock, and the same ground between reaping time and sowing time again will grow a crop of cowpeas worth $20 to the acre, which will leave the land better than before.

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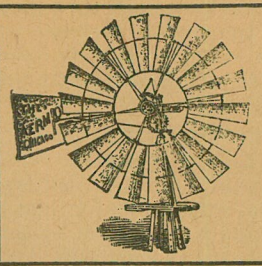

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Several of "Charlie" Stromberg's friends—the editor included--have received calendars from his large printing house, "Stromberg-Allen Co."

Mr. Oswalt has been appointed a deputy tax assessor at Fairhope and is prepared to take returns of property for assessment, at the post office.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Wilson next Wednesday afternoon, a special feature being a 15c lunch served from 3 to 5 p. m., to which the gentlemen are invited.

The Ames' visitors, the Curriers, left on Wednesday morning for their home in Nebraska. We understand they were much pleased with Fairhope, both its climate and its people.

G. A. Williams was in Fairhope Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, visiting Mrs. Williams' people, the Weavers. Miss Edith Weaver accompanied him to Mobile on Wednesday morning.

Dr. Chambers Wilson, president of the Fraternal Homemakers Society, left for Chicago this morning, on a business trip. He expects to be back within a week or ten days and to bring some more settlers with him.

Mrs. Whipple and E. P. Kinne of Magnolia Springs were Fairhope visitors on Wednesday of this week and Mrs. Whipple left another $100 with the treasurer of the Wharf company for the rebuilding of the wharf.

The Mershon Merchandising Co. is distributing among its customers some neat calendars for 1907, which are the work of the COURIER press. They believe in "patronizing home industries" you see, a very good way to help build up a town.

Miss Hazel Pilcher went to Bay Minette to take the teachers' examination, and Mrs. Pilcher accompanied her. They returned on Tuesday evening. During Miss Pilcher's absence some of the older pupils in the school were called on as assistants by Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet.

We have been having regular spring weather—in fact during the middle of the day almost summer weather — since Christmas. The only unpleasant feature has been fog on many mornings—often almost like rain. This passed off usually by nine o'clock, leaving the remainder of the days clear and bright.

Dr. Atkinson received a letter this week from our last winter visitors, the Stowells. They are at Seattle, Wash., where a married daughter resides, but have very kindly remembrances of Fairhope, and said their daughter had continued the improvement in health for the beginning of which she was indebted to Fairhope.

A subscriber, enjoying personal acquaintance with James F. Morton, Jr., the Philosophical Anarchist—quoted from in our last issue, says of him: "A fine lecturer, most just and inoffensive gentleman. If he has never visited Fairhope, wish he would. If all anarchists were of his type, no harm could be done to the least living thing—black, white, or any other color, human or non-human."

Mr. L. Barnhart and family are enjoying a visit from Mr. Barnhart's uncle, Mr. R. W. Lawrence, of Findlay, O., who arrived just before Christmas. He is a mechanic and has been helping Mr. Barnhart in making some improvements on his place. He is much pleased with Fairhope and would like to locate here and may do so. He is one of the old soldiers who marched, camped and fought through this country during the civil war.

Dr. Atkinson purchased the little DeWolf cottage and has had it moved to her ground near the site of her home which burned. Fred Sweet engineered the removal job, applying a method with which he was familiar in the west. Long timbers were put under the house and the ends of these chained to the axles of two broad-tired wagons, one axle of each wagon being in front and the other to the rear of the house. Supported thus on the eight broad-tired wheels, it was drawn the distance of nearly a mile, the whole job being done in a day. Four double teams were required for the heaviest pulling, though two good double teams pulled it readily on hard ground. The Doctor will add to the building some and make a very comfortable little home out of it. Appreciating her many acts of kindness towards others, and sympathizing with her misfortune in the burning of her home, a number volunteered their services in helping to get the building around and in making the proposed additions to it, an exhibition of neighborly kindness creditable to the community and very much appreciated by the Doctor.

New Steamer Fairhope.

The new steamer Fairhope is running very satisfactorily and being well patronized. She showed her heels to the Pleasure Bay in good shape a few days since, and Engineer DeKalb is confident she can do it any day. She is probably the fastest boat in these waters.

People are coming in almost daily from a long distance back in the country to take advantage of the cheap and direct trip to the city.

The new plan of burning wood instead of coal will leave a lot of money regularly at home.

Attention, Farmers!

Mr. L. H. Lister, special agricultural agent of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, will address the farmers of Fairhope and vicinity at Fairhope on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p. m., on the subject of "Fruit and Vegetable Growing." All interested are cordially invited to come. 21

JAPAN TO OWN RAILROADS.

Nation to Pay Double the Cost of the Private Lines.

Now that the Japanese government has undertaken to nationalize 17 private railways, having a total of 2,887 miles of line, at a cost of 421,500,000 yen ($210,000,000), or about $73,000 a mile, the latest annual report of Ichiji Yamanouchi, director of the imperial bureau of railways of Japan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1905, becomes of the highest historical and comparative value.

The total mileage open for traffic in 1905 was 4,693, divided as follows: Government railways, 1,461 miles; private railways, 3,232 miles. This showed an increase of nearly 198 miles over 1904.

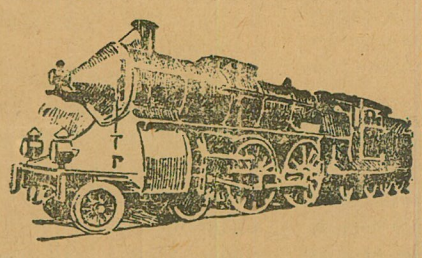
Calculating the Japanese yen at 50 cents (commercially 49.8 cents), the cost of construction of the mileage was:

	Cost.	Per mile.
Government railways	$ 76,051,649	$52,65[illegible]
Private railways.....	120,502,452	37,28[illegible]
Totals	$196,554,101	$41,88[illegible]

It will be perceived that the Japanese government now pays almost double the original cost of constructing the private railways and there is no suggestion of graft or excessive valuation in the transaction. The price paid was 20 times the average of the net earnings from operation for 1902, 1903 and 1904, divided by the cost of construction and multiplied by the paid-up capital.—Railway Age.

Locomotive of the Future.

This engine was shown at the Nuremberg Lands and Industries exhibition. It has a curious pointed boiler, to offer less resistance to the air. The driving wheels are nearly seven feet in diameter. It is expected to go 90 miles an hour.



Old English Railway Station.

The only railway station in England that can boast of being really old is that at Bourne, Lincolnshire, which is an ancient Elizabethan mansion, formerly in the possession of the Digby family. When the Great Northern & Midland railways came through this district a memorial was sent from the inhabitants of Bourne asking that, instead of pulling the old landmark down, it might be converted into a railway station, for which purpose it now serves. Part of the house is used as a residence by the station master.

Purifies Water for Boiler.

Two locomotives on the North London railway have been fitted with reservoirs containing oak liquor (oak chips and caustic soda), through which the boiler feed water is passed for purifying and softening purposes.

Prefer Night Police Duty.

Sixty per cent. of the London police are on the night service, which they prefer to day service because there is less to do. One of their main duties at night is to see that doors and windows are barred and to notify the occupants of houses when they are not. Nearly 26,000 doors and windows have been found open by them in one year.

Are you trying to interest your Friends in the COURIER?

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Rev. W. C. Gibbons will conduct services at The Gables on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one will be welcome.

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.

Congregational Church Services will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

Wharf Work Notes.

Work on the reconstruction of the pierhead is going on, under the general direction of Mr. Powell, and it will soon be ready for the new warehouse, 28x30, which the Wharf Company has decided upon. The lumber for this has been ordered, and the work will be let within a day or two, to some one who will push it through. The job done on the hill is greatly appreciated by those hauling to and from the wharf, and the new steel rails are a very great improvement.

The Company needs several hundred dollars yet, to complete the work as planned—which they believe they are going to keep within the original estimate, and will be glad to receive some additional subscriptions at once.

FOR SALE—86 shares of stock in the Mershon Merchandising Co., of Fairhope, Ala. Reason for selling—need the money for other purpose. Adress M. V. MATHEWS, agent, Fairhope, Ala.

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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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

The Club Corner.

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&c. he is to obtain the moral influences of beauty. Here we are able to give him his greatest soul training. Unconsciously these beauties in nature will morally and religiously influence his soul. Note the results: truth, sincerity and conformity to law.

Now we come to one of the most subtle influences, society and social environment. He *will* and *must* have the touch of his fellows at different levels, all classes. Social education here begins. I as his mother must step to the front and stand between my child and the human world, he being the imitative, I the comrade. Just at this time he is going to be greatly affected and influenced by the actions and lives of his elders.

This I believe to be the hardest problem of all to solve—hard to regulate, there are so many human beings to consider, but by careful watchfulness and much prayer, we shall come out victorious. My child will search for the good, rise above the evil influences, and soon the close confidence between mother and child that has been carried all through his life will be confirmed. The results: independence, trustfulness and confidence will be achieved.

Notwithstanding all our training at these different stages in life—of the physical nature and social study—family culture; still, there seems to be something lacking in the moral influences brought to bear upon the lives of children. Prof. Henderson and some friends have been carefully studying these conditions; and they think that they have something to offer that will in a measure solve some of these problems.

He calls the study "Human Culture." He and his committee are spreading information regarding the ill effects of the marriage of defective persons. The girl, as well as the boy, should be taught the great responsibility of ushering souls into mortal state,—exalted ideas which will make a lasting impression upon the plastic child mind. All reference to marriage should include fitness for parenthood. This committee advocate that every high grade school and institution of learning should have a department of Human Culture, with men and women instructors. The girl should early be taught, in the home and in the school, that to make it possible for a drinking man to become the father of her child is a crime against her child. The boy should also be taught that which will prevent degeneracy—criminal production of physical, mental and moral defects. We agree with this committee that the study of Human Culture should begin in the nursery, then be made a part of the child's school training. Is not the greatest and most important of human rights the right to be well born? Until these better thoughts of our friends materialize, let us study, read books on this subject, confer together, praying and hoping for better moral influences for our children.

The Arts and Crafts Society.

held its annual sale and exhibit in the Studio, December 14th. The room was tastefully decorated and there was a goodly display of articles both useful and ornamental. The sale was very well patronized and netted a nice little sum for the Society and the individual members. The articles made by the Arts and Crafts Society are always kept on exhibition and sale and make beautiful souvenirs of Fairhope.

The Village Improvement Club.

held its regular meeting with the president; but so many were absent on account of the holiday season, no business was transacted.

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Devoted to the LAW of EQUAL FREEDOM—"Every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man"—and to the immediate application of that law to the fullest extent possible under existing conditions, by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, at Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama.

ERNEST B. GASTON - - EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
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Advertising rates on application.

Reinforced concrete is being very largely used in the rebuilding of San Francisco and very few of the new structures will be over four stories in height.

W. I. Boreman, of Parkersburg, W. Va., writes Mr. Rose that he expects to visit Fairhope, soon. Mr. Boreman is one of the "old original" Single Taxers, having been an active and prominent worker in the cause for many years.

A common custom in San Francisco is for land owners to rent lots at from $2 to $15 per front foot per month, in the business section of the city. The renter erects his own structure; and the latter reverts to the ground owner at the end of the lease.

President Roosevelt, in his message, recommends the withdrawal from sale of all coal lands still in the hands of the government, and that they shall be permitted to be worked by individuals under a royalty system. That's good "Fairhope" doctrine.

Mrs. Emily A. Deverall, of Brooklyn, N. Y., missed a few issues of the COURIER on account of our failure to get the address changed, and notifying us, said:

"Hope the paper is flourishing. It was much improved. and we miss it very much. Shall look anxiously for it to reach us again."

The weather throughout the U. S. seems to have been unusually warm so far, and the effect is very noticeable in the travel south. Our winter visitors are slow in arriving, but cold weather will probably swoop down on the northern states soon, seeming all the worse for the nice weather preceding, and they will then come southward with a rush.

Fairhope has its new steamer in commission now, christening it Christmas day. This gives Fairhope direct and cheaper service with Mobile, a strong point in favor of the growth of that town and community. Citronelle people have always had a liking for the pretty and plucky town of Fairhope, and have patronized it more than any other town on the eastern coast of Mobile bay.—*Call*, Citronelle.

More Money vs. Land Speculation.

The Nebraska Independent, referring to the warnings of Fish, Rockefeller and others that an industrial crisis is approaching, contends that there need be no fear of such while the volume of currency is being so increased by the enormous output of gold. The director of the mint is quoted as saying that the output of gold, which was only $200,000,000 in 1896, was $400,000,000 in 1906, and will be $430,000,000 in 1907.

The Independent admits a "weak point" in the cities where "vast quantities of real estate has been changing hands at boom prices on margins," but thinks the influence of our increasing gold supply will counteract even this weakness.

Unuqestionably the increase in basic money will have a powerful influence to keep up prices and stave off the day of inevitable collapse of a business based so largely on speculation, but we think the Independent underestimates the effect of land speculation. And we note that it says nothing about the speculation in western farm lands, though one of our western exchanges, recently quoted by the COURIER, claimed an average increase during the last year in Nebraska lands of $10 an acre.

The $200,000,000 in the gold output is a mere bagatelle beside the burden put upon producers by increased land values due to speculation.

The time must inevitably come when land cannot be used to yield a profit above the price demanded for it. When that point is reached demand for use will slacken, speculative demand, based on hope of sale at a profit, will wholly cease, and a collapse be inevitable.

Governor Comer's Message.

Governor Comer, in his message to the legis lature, deals exhaustively with the issues in Alabama politics. Among his progressive recommendations are those for stringent rules for lobbyists at the legislature; taxation of railroads upon the actual value of their properties, to be determined by experts, the same to be made the basis for their rates, and not the inflated statements of the railroads themselves; against the encouraging of immigration of a low class of labor to compete with present residents of the state, white or black; that the legislature declare in favor of election of U. S. senators by direct vote and ask the state's representatives and senators to vote for same; opposing the hiring out of county convicts for private gain, and urging that they be worked and cared for by the local authorities.

Mr. Comer also took strong ground for the support of the educational institutions of the state, from the common schools up to the higher institutions of learning.

All in all, the message reads as the statement of an earnest and progressive man having the interest of his state sincerely at heart.

A Practical Legislator.

Col. S. W. John of Jefferson county has introduced in the Alabama legislature a bill providing for the working by the state, with its convicts, of the coal lands belonging to the state university and the girls' industrial school. The university has 25,000 acres of coal lands, from which it realizes a revenue of only $12,000 to $15,000 a year. Colonel John proposes to have the state work these mines, paying the university a first royalty of ten cents per ton for coal mined, then paying the state ten cents per ton until it is reimbursed for expenses of convicts, and dividing the remainder one-third to the university and two-thirds to the public schools of the state. The girls' industrial school is placed upon the same basis as the university.

"I believe that under my plan the university will get five times, yes, even ten times as much revenue per annum from the lands as it is at present receiving," Colonel John is reported as saying.

We congratulate the Colonel on his very practical proposition. While there might be room for doubt as to the wisdom of the state actually working the mines by hired labor, there will be none, we are sure, against thus utilizing the labor of its convicts.

Amendment to Incorporation Law.

The question of incorporating as a municipality is one which is likely to become of lively interest to the people of Fairhope as well as of other communities of the county. The present law makes it very difficult to incorporate any small town, requiring the signatures to a petition for incorporation of "fifty qualified electors, who are also householders and freeholders," and would make it practically impossible in Fairhope.

A bill has been introduced reducing the number of signers to twenty-five; but a more to be desired amendment, it seems to us, would be to require only that the petitioners be "qualified electors."

Governor Jelks on Our Assessment Law.

Retiring governor Jelks in his message to the legislature made many interesting observations. Of our assessment laws he said in part:

Real and personal property, when aggregated, does not bear taxes on thirty per cent of its real value. Personal property escapes almost entirely, unless it is in shares in a corporation. It is almost unrepresented in the tax returns. Real property in many counties is not itself given in for an amount above one third of its value, and there are counties where twenty per cent on real estate is considerd a most liberal estimate. Every effort has been put forth by the auditor to get personal property on the list and to have real property assessed at a reasonable per cent of its value. The Back Tax Commissioner's office has been constantly in touch with the auditor in this fight for a proper showing. with what I consider a pitiful result.

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The tax commission law is effective in increasing the assessment against a few people in an average of one half of the counties. It

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Mr. Albright Discusses Rents and Defines Unearned Increment.

EDITOR COURIER:

That the rental value of the land in Fairhope is far more than the lessees are paying for it can be proven in several ways. Last week I cited several cases showing that investment in property here was a good proposition, paying as high as 25 per cent., and that this high rate of interest was due to the low rental which the Colony realized for the land.

I wish now to quote some figures from Mr. Gaston's report at the annual meeting of the Corporation which surely ought to satisfy any unprejudiced mind that the rents are ridiculously low. The total receipts for the year just ended were $2,800, of which $670 was for wharfage, or $2,140, as rent from the lessees. This however includes $1,200 paid for schools and taxes on improvements, leaving a net income of $940 which the Colony received for the use of its lands. $940 is 6 per cent. of $16,000, which is evidently the valuation the Colony places on its lands. This is manifestly too low an estimate, as the land is undoubtedly worth more, the lowest estimate I have heard being $50,000. 6 per cent. of $50,000 is $3,000, and is a conservative estimate of the rental value of the land of Fairhope. This simply means that the Colony is collecting but one-third of the ground rental from its lessees. The meat shop referred to is an illustration of low rental. The Colony receives from the lessee $11.62 as the annual rent on his land. He turns around and rents a small space of 8x10 feet for $60 a year. This too is an instance of land speculation of which I spoke in the last issue of the COURIER. It is not speculation in the sense of buying and selling land, but is just as profitable nevertheless. It consists of leasing land from the Colony at a low rental and profiting by the transaction.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation holds itself out as a practical demonstration of the idea, that the value of land can be taken for public purposes; as a matter of fact it doesn't do anything of the kind. The land is held by the lessees as a gratuity, the amount of rent paid being barely sufficient to pay taxes, schools and other expenses.

I would suggest as a practical method of relieving itself from its present indebtedness that the rents be doubled.

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Mr. Lancaster's questions are as follows: What is the full rental value of the land in Fairhope? What is the unearned increment?

The unearned increment is an expression used by John Stuart Mill in his book on Political Economy, and means the same as land values. It is the value attached to land due to the presence of the population as distinguished from the value of improvements, or the value of anything which is the product of labor.

The rental value is determined by the law of rent, which, as first stated by Ricardo nearly a century ago, is as follows: "The rent of any land is the market value of the privilege of using it; and this value in the long run is determined by the superiority of such land over other land in the opportunities which it affords of gaining wealth."

Ricardo illustrated the idea with the case of an acre of land that produced ten bushels of corn, while another acre yielded fifteen bushels. The difference of five bushels is the measure of value of the privilege enjoyed, or the rental value of the land. A familiar illustration is that of a merchant whose store on the main business street of the town affords him an opportunity of doing business which he would not have on a less traveled thoroughfare. In the language quoted the rental value is the value of the privilege enjoyed, and this value is determined by its superiority over other land less favorably situated. The full rental value is of course the full value of this privilege.

The rental value of the land in Fairhope can be determined only in this way. What for instance is the privilege of doing business on Fairhope avenue, near the post office, worth to a merchant? Evidently it is worth more than on the same street a block further up. A meat store, for instance, is willing to pay $5.00 a month rent for a small room 8x10 feet, which situated on any other street would not be worth $5.00 a year. So the privilege of living on the bay front is worth more than on the streets to the rear, and these in turn are worth more than those further out.

P. Y. ALBRIGHT.

New Telephone Arrangements.

Residents on Colony land can now have telephones installed in their homes for $13, the 'phones to be the property of the buyer.

By special contract of the Corporation with the Home Telephone Co. the Colony lines have been connected with its new 100 line switchboard and service through it and over the Home Company's Baldwin county lines, secured, at a very low rate, of which the Colony phone users pay but a part, or only $3 a year.

Thus Fairhopers can secure good telephone service at minimum cost. Why don't you put in a 'phone? Mr. Gaston has some on hand now for immediate installation.

The Annual Election.

The annual meeting and election of officers by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation occurs on the first Thursday of February, which falls this year on the seventh. The officers to be regularly elected are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, superintendent of lands and highways, superintendent of public services and one trustee; in addition to which there will be this year a superintendent of industries to elect, to take the place of F. Mathison, resigned. The selection of officers is a matter of much importance and deserves the careful consideration of members before the day of election.

A New Business Enterprise.

The Turner Lumber Company is the title of a new business firm which makes its headquarters at Fairhope, and is putting in an extensive saw-mill plant on section one of this township, adjoining Corporation land though about six miles from the post-office. The Company controls about 3500 acres of timber land, from which it expects to cut and saw the timber as rapidly as possible.

The gentlemen are very friendly to Fairhope, and we hope to secure the shipment thru here of their export product; but whether this is realized, or not, their operations cannot but be of material benefit to our town.

Harrison Parkman, the man who first brought alfalfa from South America to the United States, is dead, at the age of 73. Alfalfa proved to be the salvation of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona—in brief of all that vast section formerly designated in the geographies as the "great American desert." Who knows what new discoveries of valuable plants may yet be made which will revolutionize agricultural conditions in this section?

"Fraternitas" writes interestingly and encouragingly in this issue, from "New Holland"—the settlement of Hollanders on Corporation land. What "Fraternitas" says of the importance of farmers supplying their own wants just as nearly as possible, is the quintessence of good sense. We hear a great deal about the "greatly increased cost of living." but it costs the farmer and his family no more labor to raise a pound of pork, mutton or poultry, a dozen of eggs or a pound of butter, a bushel of rice or potatoes. Ideal systems of finance and transportation might make it most profitable to the farmer to raise some one or very few crops for which he was most favorably located or about which he knew most, and buy the surplus products of other specialists; but with our notoriously inadequate and unjust distributive processes the farmer should follow the advice of "Fraternitas" and study to supply directly every want which he can possibly supply. The farmer who does this will attain the maximum of independence; and, taking all things into consideration, we know of no place on earth where conditions are more favorable for doing so than on Fairhope land.

Senator Hansbrough reported to the interstate commerce commission as to the seriousness of the fuel famine in North Dakota. According to the Senator, fuel, either coal or wood, is not to be had even in towns of 2,500 inhabitants. People living several miles from the railroads are sure to suffer incalculably, as they are unable, on account of the deep snows, to get fuel to their houses, even if it were available in the towns. He apprehends ghastly disclosures when spring opens in the remote parts of the state. Meanwhile, we are having regular spring weather: The grass is green, flowers blooming in the dooryards and gardens flourishing. We have only had frost on a very few mornings—and no suggestion of it since about Christmas. And while we expect some cold weather yet, there cannot be much now, for we are past the middle of January and winter is usually over with us by February 15th.

Chubb's Cheering Comment.

EDITOR COURIER:

I enclose one dollar for renewal of my subscription. The paper becomes increasingly interesting as Fairhope develops. In the report of the Anniversary celebration in the last number I think we may all find matter for congratulation. There is reason to hope that Fairhope will some day become an important center of educational influence. I am much interested in the articles relating to children's education occasionally appearing in the COURIER. Fairhope evidently stands for reforms in more than the matter of taxation.

Wishing Fairhope a happy and prosperous New Year, I am

S. J. CHUBB.

Toronto Junction, Ontario.

Anne E. Hardon, Contoocook, N. H., renews her subscription and says: "I wish I were able to send something more to help along the good cause, but I'm afraid that if I had more than my home needs called for, I should choose to spend it in a trip to Fairhope, in which I have ever been deeply interested. I trust the new year will continue to bring prosperity to the place and to you."

Joseph Fels is in Philadelphia and expects to be down to Fairhope within a few weeks. He hopes to get Mrs. Fels to accompany him and we are hoping to have a number of other prominent friends of Fairhope here at the same time.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

January 13:—To * * * You, dear friend, who took so important a part in the Liberal League when you were with us, will welcome anything we may write about it I am certain.

* * * Today we elected officers for the coming term of six months. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Albright succeeding Mr. Trenholme and M. H. Mrs. Graham the secretary was re-elected. The new president will be regular and effective, I am confident. as well as an able and faithful officer.

The only thing to be feared by the devoted friends of the League is that the discussions will drift back into the old materialistic dogmatic channel. Twice have we nearly gone to pieces on the rocks always found there, and we should profit by experience. We know well the signs of danger: one is supreme and sufficient: decrease in the general attendance. The people begin to stay away and a recrudescent state ensues.

It is no sinecure to preside satisfactorily over a league of professed liberals who, as a rule, are on the watch for every indication of narrow-mindedness and ready to challenge it. Our late president had the grace to please all, and he did the audience the compliment to preside with as much dignity and pose as if it were a world's convention. A lax president can please only the lax mind. He is a servant of the people and knows that it is his duty to execute the rules that they have made. He appeals to the sense of justice latent if not always active in the heart, and will not allow the time rule or any other rule in the discussion to be disobeyed, nor the general parliamentary rules of debate. With a lax presiding officer time will be lost in calling meetings to order, and by lack of decision in interrupting a disputant whose eloquence makes him oblivious to the flight of time. Ours is a free platform, and the ideas of extremists must have their chance to be heard. We are safeguarded against the "running" of the league by unprogressive members, as some would fear, by the wise provision long ago adopted unanimously: that all shall have the right to give the leading address of twenty minutes (and ten in closing), thus entertaining the League in turn, alphabetically, in the order of their names. The wisdom of this rule has never been questioned.

Jan. 15:—* * * Today we had a most enjoyable time at the church, a "shower" for the benefit of Dr. Clara Atkinson whose house burnt recently, as everybody knows. If the occasion had afforded no other pleasure than that of the expression of Dr. Clara's face when she confronted the "shower" of good and useful things covering most of the stage front, that alone would have been sufficient to pay us for our effort. I feel ashamed to say "our", because I did so little. To be sure, I was not notified of the proposed occasion until last night, and I had gotten the inpression that the collation was to be a cup of coffee or tea and (I inferred) cake of some sort. "What was my surprise" to find two long tables being spread with snowy cloths and laden with such dainties as baked beans; scalloped oysters; cold sliced meat; pies; cream potatoes: cream lettuce salad; young onions; cheese; pickles; white, and brown bread; coffee, cream and sugar. This was the *menu* at our table, and I am not certain that I have completed the list. I had to leave before two o'clock to open the Library, but the account I had of the rest of the time proved that I missed much enjoyment. Dr. Clara's delight was infectious. Her kind eyes beamed and her speech was full of merriment. To have so many friends, she said, almost compensated for the destruction of her home. "Now," she declared, she was "so rich that" she would "neither borrow nor lend;" but finally concluded that she might lend a few of her clothes pins to her bachelor neighbor, Mr. L., who hangs his wash on the barbed wire fence of Miss Herring's cottage. (He is her tenant and caretaker for the present.) By the way, she would be overjoyed could she know what he had done to improve—but maybe he would like to surprise her, so I'll not say a word about it!

I am no longer alone in The Pines! Mrs. Clara White of Iowa and her sweet daughter, Dorothy, are with me, though the latter goes to Ingleside tomorrow. Mrs. White, who spent a winter here long before my arrival, is a pleasant, cultured lady, a lover of books, and may help me in the Library when she gets rested. She is the wife of the well-known miller of Marion, Iowa. Our merchant, Arthur Mershon, knows him and, I think, has sold the famous "peeled wheat" flour that he manufactures. It makes an ideal bread, and I wish our people could have a chance to try it. It has remarkable "staying qualities." With this bread, milk products and fruit, one could not have, I am convinced, those indefinable longings for something to eat—they know not what, that is so often experienced.

By the way, you used to bemoan the scarcity of milk in this neighborhood. Come back and luxuriate in the delicious milk of Mrs. Gaston's Jersey cow—not the only one, by any means, but I know of only this by personal testimony. You also complained of the short supply of lettuce (needing about a peck a day!). I wish you could see the lettuce picture-garden of Bro. Bellangee at this time. The tender green of the long rows that stretch from the house out to this Magnolia avenue is a rest to the eyes. I fear it would make you break the tenth Commandment.

* * * Only a few hours ago I heard of the sad loss of Dr. and Mrs. Borst. There is no real comfort for such affliction, but I hope they know that the hearts of all their neighbors feel profound sympathy for them in the loss of their beautiful child.

The Baldwin Times is one of the best printed and newsiest weeklies in Alabama, and has an excellent advertising patronage as its columns show.

The London (Eng.) Daily Tribune quoted from the COURIER the news (which we in turn quoted from the Canadian Single Taxer) of the Montreal Council requesting Montreal Single Taxers to suggest means for increasing the municipal revenue, and the suggestons made in response thereto. We mention it not to show how widely the COURIER is read and quoted, but what the great English papers recognize as important "news."

How fortunate are we, in this land of warm soft breezes and abundant fuel—literally to be had this year for the cutting—compared with the poor people of the blizzard-swept northwest, where fuel, so much needed, can scarcely be had "for love or money." From Seattle, a press dispatch comes telling that people are actually reduced to the necessity of burning their furniture to keep warm.

"The Nineteen Hundred and Four Georgia Colony Company," operated by P. H. Fitzgerald, founder of the famous "old soldier" town of Fitzgerald, Georgia, which ran up to 10,000 population in a few years, but has since dwindled, went into the hands of a receiver and Fitzgerald has been indicted by a Georgia grand jury for using the mails to defraud.

The yellow jasmine is in bloom, the banana plants putting out new leaves, and coming in on the wharf to-day we met a party of a half dozen with their bathing suits going out to the pierhead for a swim. Think of that you denizens of the frozen north!

Newton, Miss., voted overwhelmingly in favor of municipally owned and conducted water works on the fifteenth. One hundred and eight ballots were cast, of which 91 were for water works and only 17 against.

The host of friends of the genial and faithful Probate Judge J. H. H. Smith will hear with great regret that he is suffering severely with his eyes, and will be obliged to submit to an operation for cataract upon one of them.

It is most encouraging to note the number of our people who are now coming into the stores with eggs and butter to exchange for things they cannot produce, or shipping them to Mobile. The average run of prices for these and similar products is much above what it is in the north, and those who raise their own feed ought to find them quite profitable.

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Fraternitas Writes again from New Holland.

New Holland, Fairhope.

FRIEND EDITOR:

I promised your readers to tell them how our Hollanders think it possible to succeed in their struggle for prosperity. Before I do so, be so kind, dear reader, as to forgive me when I first say a few words not directly in accordance with my promise. I regret it very much that most of you cannot see us work. Last November it is three years that the first steps were taken on this 160 acres and the first tree was cut down. And now? You can go around for miles and miles and you will not find a place where you would see more ground in cultivation and better houses built without the help of money brought in by the settlers.

And that there is still the necessary courage can be proved by the work that is still going on. Three of our Hollanders have the lumber at their places to build themselves new, big barns, and not barns that will be blown down by the first storm. The damage done by the last hurricane is repaired in full, and all the cultivated land is lying ready for the spring crops. Every evening, our friends in town (we pity the poor fellows that live so close together—just like chickens in a hen house) can see the air red from the light of our burning stumps, a proof that we have not enough land cleared for our purpose. And it is sure, we will need our 20 acres to come where we want to be--that is, to make a living from the farm without working out for other people; and not a mere existence but a good prosperous living. And now I come to my promise to tell you, dear reader, how our Hollanders think this is possible.

We are of the opinion that a farmer ought to raise, in the first place, the things that his family needs, that is to say, milk, butter, eggs, potatoes, meat, vegetables, etc. etc. Suppose he does not raise anything but what he brings to the market—cotton, potatoes, corn, tobacco or something like that, and buys back from the store all he needs for his family; then he has to pay the storekeeper, the shipper, the merchant, and who knows all, for their services. By raising as much as possible of his own necessaries at the farm, he is saving all this expense. He has, sure enough, to raise something for the market, because he needs something from the outside; but as to what is the best to raise, there are two things to be taken in consideration, i. e. the articles to be shipped must be such as can be sent away at the least cost, and the land must not be made poorer by it. And now we think we can do the best by trying to make our farms stock-farms. Butter is an article that can be shipped at a little cost, and by keeping cows our soil will grow better instead of worse. By raising hogs we may have the same result. The dairy will be our future. We need a creamery, we need better stock, we need our pastures, —we need more; but all will come.

A Hollander—born and raised in that little land that you hardly can find on the world's map, as big as the State of New Jersey, and that can feed more than five million people—for the greater part by agriculture; that has shipped, for centuries on centuries, to different parts of the world its butter and cheese, and has been always able to improve its land —knows that there are a few things that can be raised without what we call "roofbouw", that is "prey-culture."

And the commercial fertilizer may be used as a help to the farmer if he gets his land in a good condition; but if not, it will be his doom. Commercial fertilizer is looked upon in Holland, by a great many, as a horse-whip. If you whip a horse that is in good condition, it makes him run faster, and you travel your road in shorter time and do not do him much harm. But if you get a poor animal that hardly can walk and you use your whip freely, it makes him run; but he will break down to your disadvantage: the same with commercial fertilizer.

We all think, if we will succeed, we need to improve the soil, and that is only possible by raising stock on the farm. Therefore is it, that all of us have or make our big barns and try to improve the soil.

While I write this, our strawberries are in full bloom, the lettuce and green peas are growing finely in the gardens,—also, radishes, red top turnips, cow-horn turnips and rutabagas. The oat fields are fine and give us a good winter pasture. Everybody is busy with the spring potato crop and making land ready for green beans.

Friend Editor, I stop here now, and, if you and your readers do not object, then I will after a little while send you another letter.

Yours Truly,
FRATERNITAS.

Come again, "Fraternitas."--Ed.

Inquiry from Mr. Lancaster.

EDITOR COURIER:

Both the editorial comments ou "Land Speculation in Fairhope" and the article itself, in your last issue, are interesting.

It must be true, however, that I miss the point in both, as they equally ignore the method of determining land values belonging to the Corporation.

There are three positive exemptions obligatory upon the Corporation which are not employed elsewhere, as follows:

1—Improvements cannot be taken.

2—Efforts of the lessees cannot be taken.

3—Expenditures of the lessees cannot be taken.

These three items are plainly given in the first clause of the lease, and have full control of the land values of the Corporation.

Bearing in mind the above exemptions, I would ask Mr. Albright: What is full rental value? Also, what is the unearned increment?

I. LANCASTER.

We having before discussed the points raised by Mr. Lancaster, the editor referred this communication to Mr. Albright, that he might reply in this issue.

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Council Proceedings.

The Concil held a special session on Monday evening. Owing to resignation of Mr. Mathison and absence of Mr. Call from the city, only councilmen Bancroft, Rose and Patterson were present. The Minutes of December 7th were read and approved.

Relinquishment of leases of Mrs. Ellyson and Mrs. McCall were granted.

Transfer from C. L. Coleman, agent, to Trustees of Fraternal Homemakers' Society, of A. L. Thrall's 20 acres was approved; and application of same society for 20 acres surrendered by John Smit, granted.

Permission given T. J. Lowell & Son to open oysters on street in front of their shop, Corporation to have the shells for use on streets.

A suggestion was received from the Wharf Company, to the effect that in view of the desirability of getting the wharf paid for as early as possible and the lessened income of the Corporation, the free foot wharfage to residents upon Corporation land be discontinued for the present. It was moved and carried that the suggestion be concurred in, to take effect Monday, January 21.

Motion prevailed that a meeting of the members be called for Friday evening, the 18th, to further consider proposed revision of Constitution.

Petition received from J. J. Mogg and others, asking:

That there shall be no charge for the use of water to those lessees who comply with the following conditions:

First, that there must be no waste of water.

Second, that every house taking water must connect directly with the mains.

Third, that all houses containing more than six rooms, or containing such fixtures as water closets, bath tubs or hose connections shall be subject to the extra charges already provided for.

Fourth, that those who connect with the mains (on the basis of fifty dollars for the connection) who are unable to pay the full amount down, may pay in monthly instalments, the amount of which may be low as $2.50 per month.

The matter was discussed at considerable length, but no agreement arrived at.

Capt. Nichols' New Bath-houses.

Neighbor Capt. Nichols is making a fine improvement on his bay front. He has just completed a bath-house, 24x24 feet, with 12 bath-rooms below, and an open pavilion, the full size of the building, on the second floor; and is building another, also 24x24, which will have 20 bath-rooms below—each 3½x4 ft., and an upper floor, which will be divided into four nice rooms to be fitted up as sleeping rooms for extra visitors to his regular tenants or others who want to spend a night or so here and want to be as close as possible to the water.

Captain Joseph W. Lawrence has the work in charge. It is being done in a most substantial manner, the joists being bolted to the piling, the studding bolted to joists below and the plate to the studding above. In addition to which, it will be thoroughly braced with tightly twisted wires, crossing each other and tying the structure together and to the piling.

The Captain is profiting by his experience in the September storm, and is determined to build to stand the stress of the elements.

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FOR SALE—86 shares of stock in the Mershon Merchandising Co., of Fairhope, Ala. Reason for selling—need the money for other purpose. Adress M. V. MATHEWS, agent, Fairhope, Ala.

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FOR SALE—2,000 stalks of seed sugar cane. C. O. WHITE, Fairhope.

FOR SALE—3,000 cuttings of seed Cassava. C. O. WHITE, Fairhope. (22)

Convenience in Berlin.

Umbrellas can be hired in Berlin at some of the shops for two cents and a deposit of 50 cents.

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Currents of the Ocean.

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Brain-workers are proved to be long-lived. Five hundred and thirty eminent men and women were taken as a basis, and their duration of life gives an average of about 68½ years.

Poppy Flourishes in Vermont.

Thus far the opium poppy is found to thrive better in Vermont than in either Texas or California—the other states in which the department of agriculture is experimenting with it.

Earliest of Encyclopedias.

Pliny's history may be regarded as the first encyclopedia, since it contained 30,000 facts compiled from 2,000 books by 100 authors.

Drove Golf Ball Far.

Edward Blackwell, of St. Andrews' Golf club, of Great Britain, is said to have driven a ball 366 yards, a few years ago.

Effect of Hard Thinking.

Four hours' hard thinking exhausts the tissues as much as ten hours of manual labor.

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The number of cigarettes manufactured in the United States during the last fiscal year was 10,811,000,000.

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Personal and Local

Rienzi Bell was home from Mobile from Sunday morning to Tuesday.

Oysters delivered regularly now until the end of the season. T. J. Lowell & Son.

William Stimpson brought over a fine horse on the steamer Fairhope, last Friday evening.

The finest home made bread, cake and pies at Mrs. Toft's, now in the restaurant building.

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Several remarked that last Saturday evening was the busiest in Fairhope for a long time.

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We have two top buggies left that we are offering at a low price. Mershon Merchandising Company.

A sister of Mr. Stersic, and a lady friend, arrived from the North, yesterday. We have not learned their names.

Farmers' teams are going by every little while with loads of fertilizer and seed potatoes, and planting is already in progress.

Mrs. Walton and daughters, of Arkansas, who were here last winter, are here again. They have rooms at the Powell residence.

Chairs! Chairs! Plenty of them; kitchen, dining room, and rockers; children's high chairs, rockers, and nursery chairs. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Remember we are headquarters for Heinz pickles, olives, relishes, tomato soup, etc. Heinz apple butter in 15c tins is the latest. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church held a very enjoyable supper and social at the Wilson House, on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance.

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The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. Powell, president, on next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Important business will be considered and a full attendance of the members is desired.

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Archibald Crosbie was in renewing his own subscription and that of a friend on Saturday last, and said that they had strawberries for dinner on Christmas day, and that they were having them about every other day.

The contract for the new warehouse at pier-head has been let to Mr. Barnhart and his uncle Mr. Lawrence, and they will begin work on it at once. The pile-setting at pier-head is completed and planking practically so.

G. W. Wood has resigned his position as justice of the peace, to which he was appointed by the governor, but has secured an appointment as notary public instead. Being now duly equipped with appointment and seal, he is prepared to take acknowledgements of all legal documents.

The Fairhope sustained a slight accident while running down the channel on Saturday evening, blowing out a cylinder valve. As a new one had to be cast and shaped, she did not get back on her run until Thursday morning. The passengers were sent over on the tug Hustler Saturday evening.

Mr. Brown and two assistants are here, and with the help of Will Davis and Mr. Braam, putting in the new Home Telephone Company switchboard, and connecting the Corporation lines with it. We hope for greatly improved service, especially when the Company's county lines are rehabilitated and the Mobile service resumed.

Lyndon Wheeler is now ready for business in his room in the Improvement Company building, and thoroughly equipped for repairing all kinds of clocks, watches and jewelry, as well as miscellaneous fine repairing. He is properly represented by an ad. in the COURIER, as every Fairhope business shonld be, and we bespeak for him the patronage of the local public.

Among the new advertisements appearing in the COURIER is that of the Beach Hotel at Battles. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hutchings, the proprietors and managers, are most genial and capable people who have secured an enviable reputation for their table and the attention given their guests. They have a delightful location right on the bay front. A very pleasant little trip is to go down from Fairhope to Battles and take dinner or supper at the Beach Hotel.

The Henry George Club will hold an evening meeting at "The Gables" Friday, January 25, at which Mr. Paton will review the 6th chapter of Shearman's "Taxation." As this will be the anniversary of Burns's birthday, there will also be a "Scotch" program, and any one willing to contribute to this songs, recitations, etc., will please report to Mrs. Comings. The meeting will open promptly at 7:30. Everybody will be welcome. Strangers are especially invited.

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Mrs. Rush Taylor is at the Home restaurant. Mr. Taylor is interested in the Turner Lumber Co. sawmill being put in east of Fairhope, and is with her here a part of the time. Their home is at Opelika.

Remember the address by Mr. Lister, special agricultural agent of the L. & N., next Tuesday evening, the 22nd, at the school-house. The railroad company which Mr. Lister represents has nothing to sell and does not propose to try to tie the farmers up in any way, but, knowing that the success of the farmers in this section must necessarily mean increased business, of which it will get its share, it sends Mr. Lister out to counsel with the farmers as to crops and methods of handling, marketing, etc., which will help them to success. Come out and hear him.

Card of Thanks.

To all the dear friends who so kindly assisted us in word and deed to ease our recent great sorrow we offer our heartfelt thanks. We loved our precious baby, but God loved him better.

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Such has been our record—our big trade could have been secured and held in no other way.

Such is now our policy and will continue to be.

Along with these rules it has been our pleasure—as we believe it to be a matter of best business policy—to support our town, its policies, its wharf, its boat, its mechanics and tradesmen, that we might prosper together.

We appreciate the generous and continued patronage of our customers and intend to merit its further continuance.

We cannot and will not be undersold—quality always considered.

MERSHON MERCHANDISING CO.

Dr. and Mrs. Borst Lose Baby.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Borst suffered a great grief in the loss of their youngest, Paul Henry Borst, who died Monday night, the 14th, aged only fifteen months. The baby was the pride of the family and was indeed an exceptionally fine child.

He was adjudged first at the baby show held in the hall last winter, since which time he had developed mentally and physically with great rapidity.

Dysentery was the fatal ailment which resisted even the loving skill of the father. The funeral service was held at the house on Wednssday at 10 o'clock, Rev. Breckenridge officiating, following which the little body was laid away in Fairhope cemetery.

Dr. and Mrs. Borst have the assurance of the sympathy of the entire community.

Sacrifice Sale.

Property in live little town near Mobile, consisting of 3-acre lot, 2-story 16-room hotel with furnishings complete, and stock of general merchandise. Also, 50-acre farm, under cultivation, with two good buildings, 50 fruit trees bearing. All within corporation limits. Settling up an estate and must sell:

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Usual service at 11 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. a hymn service--"Hymns of the Sea"—the story given and the hymns sung. All coming are made welcome.

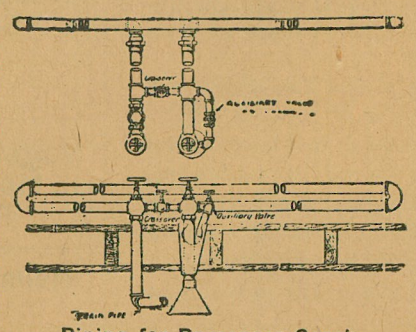
NEW SYSTEM OF CAR HEATING.

Claimed to Have Great Advantages Over Any Other in Use.

The following description of the Parker system of car heating is taken from the Railroad Gazette:

"The chief advantages claimed are the absence of escaping steam at the drips, and the low pressure with which effective and uniform heating of the train is accomplished. A drawing illustrating the application of the system to a passenger coach is shown herewith.

"The peculiar features of this system are the admission simultaneously of live steam to both ends of the radiating pipes, and the closing dur



Piping for Passenger Coach.

ing service of all drips or outlets except the one at the rear end of the train pipe. There is also provision for thawing out with live steam the discharge pipe should it freeze up. The only change required from the usual piping for the direct system is the insertion of the crossover, controlling valve, between the supply and discharge pipes, and the piping and auxiliary valve for thrawing out the discharge pipe.

"The system requires a relatively low steam pressure for the desired train temperature. It is claimed that tests have shown a ten-pounds train-pipe pressure to maintain a uniform train temperature of 70 degrees F. and higher, with an outside temperature of five degrees below zero. We understand that even under extreme temperature conditions there is an entire absence of escaping steam around the train. The low pressure is not only economical as regards the demands on the locomotive boiler, but greatly reduces trouble from burst hose, defective pipes and connections, etc.

"The cost of application of the system is, of course, very low—simply the small amount of material and labor necessary to make the two connections required, costing in all about four dollars."

SPOILED HIS GREAT PLAN.

Worm Wrecked Michigan Man's Crop of Railroad Ties.

The best laid plans of mice and men go often wrong. Dr. A. H. Sauerman, who lives a few miles east of Union City, Mich., conceived a plan a few years ago whereby he expected to make a fortune. He planted quite a track of land of yellow locust trees, setting them close together in rows, the tract containing something like 50,000 thrifty young trees. Their growth was hastened by frequent cultivation, good fertilizing and irrigation and they attained a most thrifty growth until this autumn.

Dr. Sauerman's idea was to care for these trees for a few years until they had reached a sufficient growth to be used for railroad ties, when they were to be marketed and the tract of ground replanted again to trees. An investigation showed that a small worm was creating havoc with the trees, boring into the trunks and in some cases weakening the trees so that they fell over in a strong wind. And thus the genial doctor's visions of a fortune have gone a-glimmering. —Manistee Times.

Cars That Will Not Telescope.

All-steel passenger equipment for universal use has been the dream of master car-builders for years, and this dream is about to be realized on all the lines included in the vast Harriman system, says J. Mayne Baltimore, in Technical World Magazine. In his article entitled, "All-Steel Railway Coaches," he tells about the gradual perfection of the all-steel car, and prophesies that Harriman's lead in the direction of better passenger equipment will be followed by many other up-to-date roads. The Pullman company will be the first to fall in line and adopt the all-steel construction. The principal objection to the plan has been the excessive weight of a car made entirely of metal. But experiments made by the Southern Pacific have recently developed the possibility of producing a steel car weighing not more than ten per cent. over the wooden coaches. This is done by using lighter plates of greater strength, which are made especially for this class of construction. In view of the demand likely to arise in the near future, many car-building firms are extending their plants to include facilities for the new kind of construction.

Employes to Be Looked Aftter.

The directors of the L. & N. railway of England have sanctioned a scheme which provides for their engine drivers and firemen old-age pensions, sick pay in case of illness other than through accident, and retiring gratuities after a certain length of service.

TO STOP TRAIN ACCIDENTS.

Railroad Workmen of Experience Talk It Over.

In the switchmen's shanty in the railroad yards the other night they were talking of railroad accidents and what caused them, says the Kansas City Star.

"I saw in the paper the other day that the railroads were blaming the accidents upon incompetent employes," said an old switchman who had worked, in his time, at all kinds of railroad work. "Let me tell you the reason of so many accidents. The law used to require the railroads to have six men to take care of every six miles of track. Now three section men care for nine miles. That gives the men too much to do and they can't keep the road in repair and watch it as they ought to. The law ought to force every railroad to have a watchman on every bridge, night and day, and when it was rainy and bad the section men ought to go over the track three times a day."

"That's all right," said the foreman of the crew. "It's a good thing and would prevent most of the accidents, because the great majority of them come from a defect in the track or in a bridge. But I would make the railroads, in addition to that, have a track walker who would go over the bad places in the track after a train passed. Many accidents are caused by a train loosening a bolt or cracking a rail or weakening the track some way, and the next train that comes along goes in the ditch."

"Boys, let me tell you," said the engineer, who was sitting upon a bench filling his pipe. "The railroad companies can never prevent accidents until they give their employes time to sleep and rest. You've all seen an engineer who's been on his engine from 24 to 48 hours be sent out on a run again with only four or five hours' sleep. A man in that condition can't keep awake. Then, again, an engine ought always to be inspected after it comes in off a run. Yet it isn't done. And they make one car inspector do four men's work. Lots of cars are on the road that ought to be in the shops."

A switchman, who was formerly a conductor of a freight train, said: "To save money the roads send out 60 to 70 loaded cars with a big mogul engine instead of 40 cars. The consequence is the track spreads and the next train weakens it a little more and the third goes into the ditch."

FOR SALE—Two 4-room houses, finished inside and out, one recently painted, on Church street. Bargain if taken at once. E. B. Gaston, agent.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good mare. M. V. Mathews.

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Attention, Farmers!

Mr. L. H. Lister, special agricultural agent of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, will address the farmers of Fairhope and vicinity at Fairhope on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p. m., on the subject of "Fruit and Vegetable Growing." All interested are cordially invited to come. 21

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.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

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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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.

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.

Governor Jelks on Our Assessment Law.

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does not reach one person in one hundred whose property deserves to be raised. In one half of the counties it is entirely ineffective with any execution this administration could give it; and with any execution indeed, it ever had at any time since the passage of the act. The whole tax system should be radically changed. Personal property, except such as that represented by corporation shares, or such as pays a record tax, as I have said, practically bears no part of the tax burden.

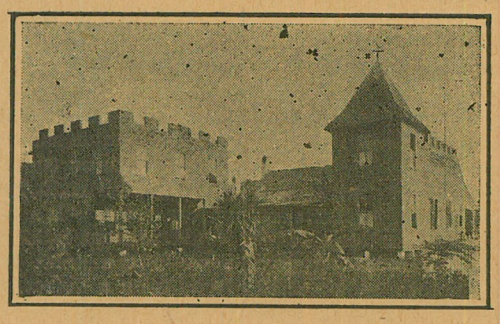
* * *

I am of the opinion that ultimately the law must be so changed as to exclude altogether from consideration all such personal property as may be entirely hidden from the assessor, except such as the law requires court or state records to disclose.

Some people think the Single Tax might be a good thing if it could "be made to work." Evidently the governor considers the personal property tax does not "work" and a failure, and is ready to abandon it where it has been shown impossible of collection, though not appreciating its further evil in being discouraging to industry, where and just to the extent it is enforced.

The real-estate tax seems also to be very unsatisfactory, not because real estate "can be hidden from the assessor", but because it is not returned by the owners at anything like its value. A vast improvement ought to be made in this regard, by having for local assessors men well qualified to value property, and have them make the valuations, rather than depend upon the return of the interested parties. Of course a much nearer approach to just assessments could be made, if assessors had to deal only with land values, excluding improvements; aside from the principle involved, that land values rightly belong to the public, while the improvement values as rightly belong to the individuals. The assessment of railroads, made by a state board, the governor asserts is in his opinion a greater percentage of their real value than is placed on personal and real property in any county in the state.

This is an "interesting if true" statement, as the contrary is generally believed to be true in other states. If true, it is greatly to the credit of the board, and a vindication of the policy of having assessments made by other than the interested parties. Let it be tried on other property assessments.



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AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION IS CONSIDERED

Revision Tabled and Alternative Proposition Referred to a Joint Committee of the Members and Lessees.

At the members' meeting on last Friday evening for further consideration of the proposed revision or amendment of the constitution, the revision was laid upon the table by the small vote of seven to three. This action was taken before the arrival of a number of the members, including the writer, who was detained a little while by other corporation business, and F. W. Rose, who had been the active member of the revision committee.

After the tabling of the revision, the alternative proposition of the committee was taken up for consideration.

This is as follows:

> If for any reason it is thought best not to make all or any of the foregoing changes in the Constitution, then your committee recommend the following:
>
> ARTICLE IV—SUPREME AUTHORITY.
>
> SEC. 3. Whenever seventy-five per cent., or more, of the permanent residents on Fairhope lands shall organize themselves into a responsible corporation for the purpose, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation may enter into contract with the said corporation, assigning to it all rentals derived from its lands in excess of what is required to pay the taxes which it assumes to pay, to be administered by said corporation in the interest of all people residing on its lands. Provided, that all adult permanent residents shall be embraced in the membership of such corporation, with equal privileges regardless of sex; and all of its transactions shall be under their control through direct legislation and imperative mandate; and provided further, that no rentals shall be returned to the residents except on a basis per capita of all persons permanently resident.

Mr. Gaston offered the following as a substitute for the committee's amendment:

> Whenever a majority of the resident members of the Corporation shall so vote, the administration of public services and expenditure of common funds remaining after providing for taxes and other necessary expenses of the Corporation, may be turned over to a body elected by and from the adult residents on Corporation land.
>
> Such authorization to such body shall be by resolution in writing, providing for administration in harmony with the provisions of this Constitution and fully protecting the rights of the Corporation and its lessees.

After considerable discussion, a motion prevailed to refer the alternative proposition back to the committee, and invite the lessees to name three of their number to act with the committee in an effort to reach a satisfactory wording of the proposition. Mr. Rose, however, refused to act further in the matter and, Mr. Bancroft begging to be excused, a new committee was named by the members, including Mr. Gaston, Mr. Bellangee and Mr. Lyon.

The Constitutional Matter.

The editor regrets the action of the meeting of Friday evening in tabling the proposed revision of the constitution without more consideration, though personally preferring, for tactical and other reasons, an amendment along the lines of the alternative proposition.

The time and thought given to the revision by the wholly well-intentioned committee entitled their work to more considerate treatment at least. However, having presented a revision, which they must have thought was worth consideration and adoption, they should have been there and supported it with what arguments they could command, which they failed to do.

Without consciousness of any disposition to regard the constitution as in any sense a thing sacred and unalterable, we are convinced, from a practical experience of twelve years, which should be of some value, that a wholesale revision is neither necessary nor practicable; but that it will be much better to take up matters of really pressing importance and pass upon each on its individual merits.

One reason for this is that a large portion of the membership feels—as it has a right to feel --that the constitution, having withstood the assaults of enemies and the mistakes of friends within and without, and brought the Colony in safety thus far, is, on the whole, a pretty good piece of work. They would be disposed to give it the benefit of every doubt which might come into their minds with regard to proposed changes. And the more numerous the changes proposed, the more doubts they would have and the greater their disposition to "let well enough alone."

The revision embraced a number of changes. It reduced the membership fee from $100 to $50; did away with the right of both husband and wife to vote on one payment, though letting those now members continue to enjoy this privilege; made the constitution amendable by a majority instead of requiring three-fourths, and authorized the pledging of property used in the operation of public utilities for debts incurred in construction, improvement or repair of such utilities; in addition to providing that the net income should be turned over for expenditure to the whole body of residents—when they should have "organized a governing body."

There were thus embraced in the revision five important changes, and others of minor importance which we have not mentioned, an agreement upon all of which of three-fourths of the membership would be necessary for its passage, to say nothing of agreement as to best phraseology for stating these different propositions.

The alternative proposition, which is now being given further consideration, deals with the single and most important proposition of conferring additional privileges and duties upon lessees, with regard to the administration of public affairs.

With its spirit and, in general, method—that of extending these additional powers to lessees through contract, authorized by the constitution—we are in hearty accord. We, however, consider its phraseology faulty in several respects, but as it is now under consideration by a committee, our criticisms may most properly come before the committee.

LESSEES' MEETING

Organizes Fairhope Citizens' Association. Another Meeting to be Held on Saturday Evening.

Following the meeting of the members of the Corporation on last Friday evening, when the lessees were invited to name a committee of three to meet with the committee of like number chosen by the members, a meeting of lessees was called for Monday evening.

Owing to its being the evening of the regular Council meeting, the editor was unable to attend but learns of the proceedings from others who did so.

W. S. Baldwin was elected chairman of the meeting, and L. E. Camp secretary.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Chambers Wilson and seconded by Dr. W. H. G. Rowe, was unanimously adopted:

"In view of the fact that those citizens of Fairhope who are not members of the F. S. T. C. have no permanent organization and are not in position to take concerted action or to give an authoritative expression of their wishes on any subject, therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting do and hereby does organize as a permanent body, to be known as the Fairhope Citizens' Association, and that the chairman of this meeting be and hereby is authorized to appoint a committee of three to draft rules of procedure therefor."

The chair appointed as the committee provided for in the resolution, Doctors Rowe and Wilson and Mr. Freeman.

On motion of Mr. Wolf a committee was appointed to interview the officers of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation in order to learn what propositions they have to make to the lessees, such committee consisting of Dr. Wilson, T. N. Freeman, W. S. Baldwin and C. K. Brown. The meeting adjourned to meet Saturday evening at the same place, to hear the report of the committee on rules of procedure for the organization which was effected.

Marie Howland

THE COURIER'S POSITION.

The COURIER stands for the fullest democracy compatible with the preservation of Fairhope's fundamental policies, and sees no danger, but rather great probable good in not only having the whole citizenship given a voice in the administration of the public funds, but in selecting by and from the same body those who shall execute the people's will. More than three years ago the editor urged an agreement by the resident members to admit all lessees to participation in the disposition of net rentals and that an announcement to that effect should be made at the approaching anniversary.

He is now ready to vote, not only that they shall decide what shall be done with the net rent, but with the revenues of public utilities, and not only that they shall say what shall be done with the funds, but that they shall elect the officers to execute their will in these respects—subject only to such conditions as shall guarantee that the principles upon which Fairhope is founded shall be protected.

THE PRACTICAL PROPOSITION.

So long as the great majority of people approve a land policy which makes newcomers by birth or immigration the legitimate prey of those who precede them, Fairhope must either close its doors to all save those who fully understand and approve of its policy, limit its application of the principle of democratic rule, or cease its existence as a Single Tax Colony.

To do the first would be to so limit the usefulness of the Colony, both as a tangible aid to the landless and an example to mankind as to make the effort not worth while. The last is, of course, not to be considered.

The practical problem is, therefore, to provide the fullest democracy possible without endangering the Colony's fundamental policies. If the members will address themselves seriously to this problem and the professed friends outside the membership will show that consideration which a proper appreciation of the difficulties of the situation should dictate, we are sure the right thing will be done. Indeed the latter is not a necessary condition—though much to be desired.

A Garden City in New York.

A Garden City enterprise, modeled on the lines of England's famous Garden City movement, has been undertaken in New York. W. D. P. Bliss, the well known social reformer, is secretary of the organization. John Lewis Childs is president and Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad, is first vice president. The board of managers includes Bishop Henry C. Potter, Edward M. Shepard, Dr. Felix Adler, Clarence Lexow, Dr. Josiah Strong and Bishop Frederick Burgess, with others. It is proposed to finance the city, which will be located on Long Island, by organizing a stock company Subscribers to the stock will receive profits limited to five per cent, all above that to be used for the good of the community.

Instead of letting houses go up haphazard, those who have the town building in charge will make the plans all in advance. There will be a section for residences, another for factories, another for stores. Health and beauty will be the objects in view. School buildings, library, gymnasium, club, assembly hall--all these will be provided for. Every citizen, however poor, will have a garden. The territory for a whole city having been secured at the beginning, the value of land will rise as it is improved with dwellings, stores and factories.

We have no particulars as to the form of land tenure; but as we do not note the names of any Single Taxers among the promoters, we presume that the land will be sold, in which event, while the Association may refrain from taking more than five per cent. profit and allow the remainder of the increasing value of its lands to go for common benefit, the early purchasers of lots will have a greater advantage over later comers than elsewhere; for they will have the benefit of the expenditure of the Association's land values.

The Goddard Poultry Farm.

The editor enjoyed a call one day last week upon Otis Goddard, who is conducting a chicken ranch on the D. S. Brown place.

Mr. Goddard came to Fairhope last fall, a young man, but feeling the effects of the strain of city life and warned to let up before it was too late.

He could not afford to be idle, and having greatly enjoyed an experience with chickens when about sixteen, took up chicken raising. The results of his experience so far have been quite encouraging.

He operates two 240-egg incubators, having them hatch alternately. His greatest trouble has been to get fertile eggs: has not hatched below 80 per cent. of fertile eggs, and averages nearer 90 per cent.

He saves the choicest of his pullets for layers and sells the cockerels and inferior pullets on the Mobile market, where he has found the demand good and prices satisfactory.

He is getting for broilers, a pound to a pound and a half in weight (which they should reach in eight to ten weeks) 22½ to 25 cents a pound and the market stiffening. For "roasters," two to three and a half pounds in weight he gets 17½ cents a pound. These are wholesale prices to commission men, less their commission of eight to ten per cent.

Mr. Goddard thinks there is a great advantage in a location at Fairhope over an equal distance away from Mobile on a railroad. He ships in crates holding two to four dozen, preferably the latter, on which the gross charges, including cartage at Fairhope and Mobile, wharfage and boat freight on crates going full and returned empty, are 75 cents.

His chickens are not put in the crate until 6:30 a. m. and are on sale in his commission house by 9:30 or 10, the clerk of the steamer notifying the house by telephone on arrival of the steamer and they sending down at once for the shipment. They thus arrive in prime condition, fresh and clean, attracting the most particular buyers and bringing best prices.

As he has had to get eggs from all directions Mr. Goddard's chickens are, of course, of all varieties. He is, however, working into the Rhode Island Red and Buff Rock varieties as fast as he can, thinking them the best adapted to the country and demand.

Mr. Goddard buys all of his feed except oats and rape, which he is raising on the place for green feed. He buys mixed feeds especially prepared for poultry, costing him about $2 a hundred pounds, laid down at Fairhope.

He is a very pleasant gentleman and we hope will meet with such continued success as will make him a permanent resident and be a stimulus to others.

The grand jury of Hancock County, Ohio, has returned 939 indictments against Standard Oil managers. Were convictions obtained on each and every count and the maximum penalty imposed, the fines would amount to at least $50,000,000, and there are imprisonment possibilities in addition.

BUSINESS AND PHILOSOPHY.

The Globe Machine and Stamping Company, Cleveland, issues a monthly publication, entitled "The Silent Partner, which combines business and philosophy in a most unique and effective manner. A friend sends the COURIER the January number, from which we learn that the editor has ideas on the tax question. He says:

"A man goes into a community when it is young, buys vacant lands when values are small and prices less. His neighbors build up that community around his waste tract, which increases its value many-fold. The vacant-land owner is doing nothing to develop that community--his neighbors are doing it for him; he is reaping benefits for which he has sowed not; he is getting something for nothing. He is rich yet has produced nothing.

"He is a parasite in a community of producers.

"The taxes in that community are increased with the improvements. In other words, the producers are fined by the State for production.

"A man here in the Globe's tool-shop bought a vacant lot two years ago out of his savings. Last spring he purchased lumber and at odd times has about completed a comfortable home.

"We have a number of men here at the same wages—they are industrious good fellows and all that; but they rest after the whistle blows and spend as they go.

"Now, the tax-man passes these limit-livers and seeks out the diligent man who has saved his money and employed his loafing time in producing something permanent for himself and his family—

"In other words, he is fined by the State for frugality and industry. He must pay a personal penalty for building up the community.

"During the existence of the Globe plant, not a month has gone by that a part of the earnings have not been spent in machinery and additional mechanical equipment. Once or twice each year we have added to the floor space.

"These must be placed on the tax duplicate.

"In other words, we are fined by the State for our prosperity.

"We must pay a penalty for employing more men and adding to the productive wealth of the community."

Likes Revised Constitution.

MY DEAR MR. GASTON:—I have just read the proposed new Constitution and, while I have not had time to think much over it, it seems to embody good democratic principle. The line seems to be properly drawn to give non-member residents their rights. I suppose you will give your opinion in the COURIER. If I do not hear good arguments against it I shall vote for it if submitted to me.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Ross.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Hon. S. C. Jenkins, representative from Baldwin county, assures the editor in a personal letter, that he will assist all he can, a bill now introduced reducing the number of petitioners for municipal incorporation from fifty to twenty-five, and thinks the law might be amended to substitute the word "or" for "and", making it read "householders *or* freeholders" instead of "*and* freeholders". This would qualify Fairhopers as petitioners.

Have you friends who want the COURIER?

MR. LANCASTER COMES AGAIN.

EDITOR COURIER:

Mr. Albright's answer to my questions in your last issue is not pertinent. Neither Mill nor Ricardo had reference to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, which deals with land leased for 99 years, taking "all land values not due to the efforts or expenditures of the lessees."

By the exemption of improvements the land would have the same value as if no improvements had ever been made.

Making efforts exempt, the land would have the same value as if no merchant, carpenter, blacksmith, shoemaker, and nobody whatever had made an effort on it.

Exempting expenditures of the lessees, the land would now be of the same value as if no yearly rent had ever been paid, for that rental is clearly an expenditure of the lessees.

I wish to know what full rental value and unearned increment consist of under the terms of the Fairhope leases. I understand what they are in the rest of the world.

It seems that when the Corporation exempted all value coming from "efforts of the lessees," they made a fatal mistake. The only value arising from population is due to the efforts of that population expended in profitable work, If they were tramps and did no work, or if they were all losing money, they would make no value. The rental value on Fairhope avenue is due to the efforts of the merchants there located: knock out those efforts, and what is the rental value?

When it is remembered that the only way to adopt the methods of the Corporation is to sign a lease, it becomes evident that neither Mill nor Ricardo used those mothods.

I. LANCASTER.

E. Q. Norton Addresses Progressive League.

The school-house was filled last Sunday afternoon, at the regular meeting of the Progressive League.

The speaker was Ir. E. Q. Norton, of Daphne, who addressed the League by invitation on the subject of "Encroachments on the Freedom of the Press."

After strongly presenting the importance of the preservation of the fullest right of expression of opinion, Mr. Norton passed to the chief object of his address—to disclose and rebuke the exercise of arhitrary power by the Postmaster General in denying the right of second class mailing to newspapers and the issuance of fraud orders against individuals, without a hearing and without redress in the courts.

Mr. Norton made a very strong presentation of the case, and the discussion which followed was unusually spirited, continuing considerably beyond the allotted time.

The following motion was passed—with one dissenting vote—as expressing the sentiment of the meeting:

"That a law should be enacted by Congress providing that 'When a publisher or publishers, of any newspaper or periodical now entered or after the passage of this act may be entered to the privilege of publications of the second class, in accordance with the laws of the United States, and the rules and regulalations of the Post Office Department, he, or they, shall have acquired a right which cannot be denied nor taken away except by due process of law in the courts of the United States, where the publisher, or publishers, reside."

A Tribute to Labor.

Labor is one of life's richest blessings, notwithstanding that ecclesiasticism has claimed for ages that it is forced as a punishment for the "original sin". Indeed, if the Most High really did intend that man should labor as a punishment for having eaten an inviting apple on a certain memorable occasion, he must have "slipped a cog", for labor under natural conditions, under the conditions that the Most High has named, is a most enjoyable part of life. It is those who toil, either by brain or brawn, who deserve to, and most often do, lead the happiest and best of lives. Idleness is the only endless punishment of life; for it is the idle, whether of mind or body, that lead the most miserable lives, and soon atrophy and pass into oblivion. Labor not alone produces all the beautiful and necessary things of life—it affords to him who toils, a satisfaction superior to any transitory pleasure that idleness ever knew.—The Square Deal, Omaha.

The new Home Telephone Company switchboard is now in use. One ring now calls central, and, at least until subscribers are much more numerous, it will only be necessary to call the person wanted by name, leaving central to look out for the number and rings. Central requests that we ask persons, when called, to answer as promptly as possible, which will conduce greatly to the satisfactoriness of the service, to callers as well as operator. Also to "ring off" with a short ring when through talking.

The following are the parties now connected through the board: F. L. Brown, G. M. Bancroft, J. W. Braam, Dr. H. C. Borst, J. Bellangee, Call store and residence, COURIER office, E. B. Gaston residence, S. E. Gooding, Fairhope Hotel, Geo. Hoyle, C. E. Littlefield, Mershon Merchandising Co., Dr. C. L. Mershon store and residence, wharf.

Remember that your poll tax must be paid before February 1st. to preserve your standing as a voter. No one can tell what occasion may arise when he will want to vote very badly, and if you have not paid your poll tax you will be out. Even if you do not find it convenient to pay all your taxes, pay the poll tax.

While the matter of extending to lessees a voice in the expenditure of Corporation funds is under consideration, let it not be forgotten that the Corporation is now pledged to the expenditure of its funds for the benefit of lessees, without regard to membership. The only material benefit to non-members will be the possible greater wisdom with regard to expenditures, of a larger body.

The COURIER heartily endorses the idea of organizing a "Fairhope Citizens' Association." With all residents of Fairhope eligible for membership—which we doubt not will be provided—it will afford means for getting together the whole body of the people,—members and non-members of the F. S. T. C., Single Taxers and Socialists, Republicans and Democrats, religious and irreligious, for consideration on an equal footing of any and all matters affecting the community as a whole. There is need for such an organization, and it can and should be made a most valuable means for uniting our people and carrying to a successful issue "enterprises of great pith and moment," which cannot succeed except as they are supported by the sentiment and pushed by the shoulders of the whole people. We hope there will be a general turn-out on Saturday evening to see that this organization is launched in most auspicious manner.

The eminent gentlemen who have taken it upon themselves to find a way of wiping out the postal deficit seem sadly in need of new spectacles. They are quite sure that the only way to wipe out the deficit is to raise the rates on second class matter 400 per cent, being utterly unable to see the very plain fact that the postal deficit could not only be wiped out but a neat surplus secured by simply compelling the railroads to transport the mails for a reasonable compensation. The railroads furnish cars for the express companies and then haul the express for about one-eighth of what they charge for hauling mail in cars rented to the government at an annual rental that pays for the cars every year. Instead of increasing second class rates 400 per cent the commission ought to devote some time to getting a fair rate from the railroads.—Commoner.

The indications are that the only common ground the critics of the Corporation have is their dissatisfaction. It appears extremely doubtful if they could agree upon any line of constructive action.

Those who object most strongly to the wives of members voting on the husbands' payment are those who insist most strenuously that lessees should be given the right of voting the same as members, without any payment.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. I. Chapman, late of Cleveland, O., now in Mobile for a time, were over last Sunday to visit Fairhope, of which they had heard much and seemed greatly pleased. They promised to come over again, before going north, and stay several weeks.

L. E. Wilmarth, the well-known Brooklyn Single Taxer, formerly connected with "The New Earth," extends "hearty wishes for success to the COURIER and the Fairhope Colony."

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Address of President of Nucla Town Improvement Co.

Readers of the COURIER will be interested in the following address of President Williams, furnished us by Mr. F. B. Logan, secretary of both the Colorado Cooperative Co. and the Nucla Town Improvement Co. Mr. Logan adds: "Our new town manager has already supplied most of the deficiencies noted in President Williams' address."

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—: My remarks upon this occasion will be very brief: the fact is I am afraid that brevity will be their chief recommendation. But it seems that custom demands that I say something: so I am here in compliance with custom.

The experiment of the Nucla Town Improvement Company is now three years old, and upon this third anniversary of our organization, perhaps a few words in a general way, in regard to the progress, improvements of the past year etc., and perhaps a suggestion or two for the future, will not be amiss.

To the casual observer, the progress we have made during the past year may appear insignificant. The disinterested onlooker would probably say, "They have accomplished nothing: the town is at a standstill, practically at the same point it occupied one year ago." And it is a fact that there have not been as many buildings erected during the past year as during the preceding year. It is also true that some leases have been allowed to lapse, so that one or two contracts have been canceled for non-payment of rents. But although there has been this seeming slump in our "building boom", and notwithstanding the few delinquencies we have been obliged to record, we *have made material advancement.* Bear in mind that *real progress* is not always visible to the naked eye. Nor does it always form the basis of apparent prosperity.

Success, or progress along a certain line of effort, requires a knowledge of that line of work; and is in direct proportion to the knowledge of the subject in possession of the worker. Knowledge can be acquired *only* by experience and observation. We have now completed a three-years' course in this school of experience and observation, and it seems to me that the only logical deduction that we can arrive at, is that we are now in possession of knowledge concerning the work in hand, which was not ours three years ago, and which we could not have acquired except by just such a course of schooling. Thus I claim that we have made very satisfactory progress.

We have clearer ideas of what we want to accomplish: we have a better knowledge of methods by which to accomplish what we want, than we had a year ago. We have found that some discrepancies in our by-laws need to be corrected, in order to provide more perfectly for contingencies which may arise. We have found that we needed some new regulations to cover things we didn't know of or think of, a year ago. Thus you see the experience of the past year prepares us for more rapid progress the next.

In the meantime an occasional block of stock has been sold, the purchasers in some instances adding valuable improvements to their leased property. Some of our older stockholders have enhanced the value of their holdings by the erection of more and better buildings, by the application of paint, the placing of fences, etc. etc.

The Town Company itself, though seriously handicapped by lack of means, has not been altogether idle, even in this line of improvement. We have succeeded in erecting a school-house which we need not be ashamed of. The building at present contains two commodious school-rooms, and is planned with a view of adding two more rooms with the least possible cost of labor and material, when the needs of our community demand it. I wish I could say that our town hall is completed and comfortable, but I am so much like George Washington that I can't. However, we have succeeded in getting a roof on it—with the exception of a very small portion of it, we have it nearly sided up, with material enough on the ground to probably complete the job. Ceiling the room overhead will yet remain to be done, and also the floor renewed. I might mention in passing, that the hall is insured for $500, and the school-house for $1000.

A site for the storage of a water supply for domestic and general purposes, as well as for fire protection, has been located and reserved for public use; but owing to a lack of funds, we were unable to build the reservoir for use this winter. We were forced to decide between a public water supply and a public school building; and the decision was in favor of the school building, as supplying the greatest good to the greatest number.

And now I want to say just a word in regard to the economy of the co-operative ownership of household utilities, such as water, light and heat, as compared to the individual ownership of the same. Under our present individualistic method of supplying these necessities, we reach the maximum of expense, and receive in return the minimum of comfort and convenience.

If the citizens of Nucla would appropriate an amount of money and labor equal to that which they will expend in one year for coal oil and wood or coal, for the purchase and installation of a co-operative lighting and heating plant, I believe they would find that they had executed a master stroke of economy, beside enhancing the value of life by added comforts. And I will venture the assertion that by April first, 1907, there will have been money and labor enough spent in constructing

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cisterns and reservoirs and in hauling water, in the town of Nucla, to build a municipal reservoir ample for the needs of all the people, and place water—if not *in*, at least within *easy access* of every house in town.

I wish I could command the language fully to express my convictions on this subject. I believe it is one which concerns us deeply, and should have some attention at this meeting.

And when the matter of appropriations for improvements for the ensuing year comes up at this meeting, let us not allow our old preconceived ideas of individual home economy—which means drudgery and deprivation—blind us to the newer, broader, more far-reaching co-operative method of economizing, which means comforts, conveniences and luxuries for all, and more leisure for the development of the higher part of us.

And now, friends, by way of conclusion I want to impress upon your minds the absolute necessity of co-operation in this work. Co-operation knows not failure. The more complete the co-operation, the greater will be the measure of success. Co-operation means brotherhood. Brotherhood means love—love for self, love for your neighbor, love for mankind. Shall we not all strive to cultivate and foster this spirit of universal brotherhood, the consummation of which will mean the end of discord and strife and the ushering of the millennium, the real co-operative commonwealth?

WHY DO WE TAX HOUSES?

Have you ever considered the paradoxical—not to say suicidal—character of our local taxation?

When a man gets drunk and assaults a constable or beats his wife, we tax or fine him a lump sum in order to deter him from doing the like again.

When a man in his sober senses builds a house, a shop, a warehouse, or a factory, or erects machinery, we proceed to tax or fine him so much every year so long as the house, shop, warehouse, factory, or machinery remains in existence.

This tax, or fine, on houses, shops, warehouses, factories, machinery, etc., amounts to some £50,000,000 a year.

Why do we tax houses, shops, factories, warehouses, and machinery in this way?

Do we tax buildings because we want to discourage the employment of architects, bricklayers, hod-carriers, stonemasons, carpenters, plumbers, gas-fitters, painters, paper-hangers, glaziers, locksmiths, etc., etc., and the numerous trades which supply all these workers with raw material?

Assuredly not.

Do we tax machinery because we wish to discourage engineers of every grade, and the coal and iron and other trades which supply them their raw material?

Assuredly not.

Do we tax buildings and machinery because we wish to strike a heavy blow at the industrial and commercial supremacy of Great Britain?

Assuredly not.

Yet, whether we desire it or not, that is most certainly the effect of our levying year in and year out upon houses, shops, factories, warehouses, and machinery, the large fine of £50,000,000 of local rates.

It acts as an enormous deadweight upon trade and industry, forcing down wages and profit in the building trades, in the engineering trades, and in the coal and iron trades; and through them it tends to depress and discourage all other trades. Trade reacts on trade. If wages are forced down in the building trade or the iron trade, for example, the men have so much less to spend on food, clothes, boots and shoes, etc., and this means that the employment of labor in these directions will be discouraged. Farmers, tailors and bootmakers will find their incomes diminished. They, in turn, can spend less on buildings, machinery, and whatnot, and so the circle of depression goes on deepening and widening, till—if the process be continued long enough—all are finally sucked down into the vortex of a universal bankruptcy.—Leaflet by English Land Restoration League.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

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WANTED—Stenographer. Homemakers, Fairhope, Ala.

FOR SALE—Two 4-room houses, finished inside and out, one recently painted, on Church street. Bargain if taken at once. E. B. Gaston, agent.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good mare. M. V. Mathews.

FOR SALE—New 2-room and gallery house, nice garden spot, on Section street. E. B. Gaston, agent.

FOR SALE—86 shares of stock in the Mershon Merchandising Co., of Fairhope, Ala. Reason for selling—need the money for other purpose. Adress M. V. MATHEWS, agent, Fairhope, Ala.

FOR SALE—1 full blood Duroc-Jersey boar about 8 months old. C. O. WHITE, Fairhope.

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Personal and Local

The Mobile Daily Herald now has a Fairhope correspondent.

Tom Wilson, Jr. is assisting Mr. Bishop in his meat and oyster business.

The steamer Fairhope brought over three horses on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Massey is building a fine picket fence around his suburban property.

Oysters delivered regularly now until the end of the season. T. J. Lowell & Son.

Mr. Gibson, who is "tenting on the beach," has a new net and is catching many fish.

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A gentleman reported at the Courier office a recent conversation with John Walker of Woodbound, the principal hotel at Magnolia Springs, in which he said that there were almost no visitors at the Springs.

When trading in Mobile always let it be known that you are from Fairhope. It will be to your advantage and to the advantage of your town, and will help the Courier.

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Leave your orders for doors, windows, glass, etc., with us. We won't quote you one price and charge you higher when material is delivered. Mershon Merch. Co.

The Fifth Thursday Club will meet with Mrs. Powell on next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. "The Taming of the Shrew" will be read. All ladies are invited.

Mr. Rose's resignation as superintendent of public health has been handed the secretary; so his place also will be to be filled at the approaching election. making a whole Council to elect.

A very appreciated feature of the steamer Fairhope is the passenger gang-ways to the second deck, by which passengers have access to and from the second deck without going upon the lower deck, at all.

John Bowen, of Hurricane, Ala., visited us from Saturday evening to Monday morning. He is an ardent friend and well-wisher of Fairhope, and looking forward to making his home here at a not distant date.

Mrs. Angie Beebe, D. O., of St. Paul, and Miss Edith M. Occobock, of Chicago,—both of whom have been visiting at Citronelle, were callers at the Courier office this morning and inquirers about the Colony policy.

The V. I. C. met with Mrs. Powell on Thursday afternoon and voted to give a social on the first Friday of each mouth. The first will be at the Powell home and will be on next Friday evening, the first. Light refreshments will be served, for which a small charge will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Norton were Fairhope visitors on Sunday, when Mr. Norton addressed the Progressive League, as reported elsewhere. They were guests of Mrs. Howland for dinner, and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Coleman.

Dewey Wheeler has opened up a store in the Improvement Company building, corner of Fairhope avenue and Section street, and formerly known as "the conundrum." He will deal mainly in staple and fancy groceries—at least for the present, and has a new, fresh stock and a very attractive little store.

Rev. H. G. Sedinger, the new pastor of the Christian church, arrived with his family on Sunday morning, and occupied the pulpit on Sunday evening. They are living at present in the Swift cottage on Bay View avenue. Mr. Sedinger has become much interested in our town and section and hopes to be able to settle a number of his friends here. Mrs. Sedinger is also well-pleased with Fairhope. They are from Ohio, originally, but have been living for several years near Athens, Ala., where they left a farm home.

Adolph Berglin's father, Mr. Fred Berglin, of Green Bay, Wis., arrived last Friday evening, to spend the remainder of the winter here. He reports snow and cold weather above the Ohio river and heavy rains as they passed through the Ohio River region, which residents said had continued for weeks.

Last Saturday a number of volunteers spent the afternoon in raking, piling brush, and cleaning the cemetery. The instigators of the good work were Mr. and Mrs. Beckner, assisted by the following willing workers: Mrs. Musselman, Mr. Creswell, Mr. Elzevir Bell, Misses Millie Beckner, Effie Mershon, Irene Bell,—little Leo Fredericks, Milton Ewald and Orrie Keller doing fine work, also.

It was something that was needed and a great improvement was made. Others ought to take as much interest in this silent city, especially those who have loved ones here, and make it beautiful spot.

The prospect is, we understand, that there will be much litigation over the title to the land east of Fairhope from which the Turner Lumber Company plans to cut the timber. The land includes a large portion of that sold and claimed by the River Park Fruit Company. There are a number of settlers on the land and many non-resident claimants of forties and eighties, holding under title from the R. P. F. Co.

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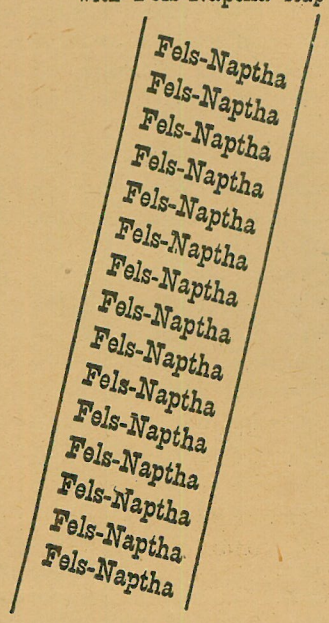

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A large number of the friends of the Bancrofts gathered at their beautiful suburban home Wednesday evening, the occasion being Mr. Bancroft's fifty-sixth birthday. They were not all there, for it would have taken pretty nearly the ten acre lot to hold them. The evening was delightfully spent, with "pit," "flinch," "the landlord's game" and other games, and social converse for those who preferred. About ten o,clock, sandwiches, cake, coffee and grape juice were served; after which Mr. Gaston extended the congratulations of the company to Mr. Bancroft and presented him with a handsome rocker and he and his good wife with a tray and handsomely decorated sugar and cream set.

Mr. Bancroft was not too much overcome to express his thanks in pleasing manner, and the company joined in the cry: "What's the matter with Bancroft? He's all right!" and wished him many returns of the day.

Mrs. Grace Page was then called on, and responded with a couple of well delivered recitations. Mr. Sweet's excellent phonograph also added to the pleasure of the evening with a number of choice selections.

Sacrifice Sale.

Property in live little town near Mobile, consisting of 3-acre lot, 2-story 16-room hotel with furnishings complete, and stock of general merchandise. Also, 50-acre farm, under cultivation, with two good buildings, 50 fruit trees bearing. All within corporation limits. Settling up an estate and must sell:

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care Phoenix Bottling Works, Mobile, Alabama.

SILVER MEDAL CONTEST

A silver medal oratorical contest will be held Friday, February first, at the Christian Church at 7:30 p. m. The music will be in charge of Mrs. Charles Wilson. Admission will be free, but a collection will be taken.

The grand gold-medal contest will be held at Citronelle Chautauqua, Friday, April 12, in charge of the State Superintendent of contest work Mrs. Cordie B. Read, of Fruitdale, Annie Mae Oswalt, Alfred Shepherd and Uhlma Hail have entered this contest from Fairhope.

L. H. Read, of Fruitdale, of the Southern Floral Nursery Co., which has a branch at Fairhope under charge of J. D. Strattan, was in town from Friday evening to Saturday evening, looking after his interests here. Mr. Read's wife, it will be remembered, spent a summer season here with the children, a couple of years ago. They are very much interested in Fairhope. The Southern Floral Nursery Co. claims to be the largest growers of cannas in the country. Among their recent introductions are the "Fairhope" and the "Henry George", both of which are said to be very fine.

ADDRESS BY MR. LISTER.

Interesting and Valuable Information on Agricultural Lines.

There was a good attendance of farmers at the school-house on Tuesday evening to hear L. H. Lister, special agricultural agent of the L. & N. R. R.

Mr. Lister proved to be a very interesting talker, with a world of information at his tongue's end, about the fruit and vegetable industry throughout the United States.

His statements about the introduction in different sections of the country of such industries as berry, radish, melon, cucumber, potato and bean growing for Northern markets, with the enormous expansion of acreage in a few years and the great profits made, sounded like fairy tales.

Mr. Lister declared that our advantages of climate and location, coupled with our easily worked surface soil and clay sub-soil, should make this one of the finest truck-growing sections in the United States.

Among the crops he thought particularly adapted to growing here for Northern markets, were beans, Irish potatoes, Rocky Ford cantaloupes, radishes, cucumbers, lettuce and asparagus. He thought our natural conditions fine for strawberry growing, but that it would not be practicable to grow for Northern shipment without a railroad.

He gave a great many practical suggetions about growing, grading, packing and shipping, and a particularly interesting part of his talk was that relating to the peculiarities of markets with regard to the varieties of vegetables demanded, size and shape of packages, etc. He defended the commission men and declared they would average well for honesty with the farmers, too many of whom would put little potatoes in the middle of their barrels and indulge in other dishonest practices.

He was quite witty in his talk and especially in his answers to questions, which were numerous. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker at the close of the address. P. K. Dealy, president of the local F. E. and I. U., presided.

Services at Christian Church.

Sunday-school at 9:45. Regular preaching service by pastor, H. G. Sedinger, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Seats free and a cordial invitation extended to all.

Thursday the 17th was Miss Goldie Tiffany's nineteenth birthday. Some of her young lady friends surprised her by a "handkerchief shower" in the afternoon, Mrs. Toft serving light refreshments; and in the evening others gave an invitation birthday dance at the pavilion, in which a very large number participated, all wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Rev. W. C. Gibbons will conduct services at The Gables on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one will be welcome.

The colored Masons are building a large two-story hall, just east of Mr. Mann's ten-acre pecan orchard on colony land.

WORKERS WANTED—for co-operative fruitgrowing and truckgardening, flower culture, chicken and squab raising in Single Tax Colony at Fairhope. Light, pleasant, profitable employment, especially suited to ladies, children, and aged people. Delightful and healthful climate. Write for particulars of our new plan of LIVING INSURANCE and Fraternal Co-operation, whereby ordinary living expenses are reduced by one-half, no matter where you live, and a home and income assured to each member. FRATERNAL HOMEMAKERS SOCIETY, Fairhope, Alabama.

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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, 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.

Letter from Mr. Trenholme.

FRIEND GASTON:

With the thermometer 23 degrees below zero Fahrenheit this morning, and an easterly wind blowing, one's thoughts naturally revert to Fairhope, by very antithesis.

I have just been reading aloud the last number of the COURIER, and both my wife and Mrs. Curtis are interested as I am in hearing how our good friends and acquaintances are getting on. By the way, I enclose a dollar which I believe is due on my subscription for this year, and be sure to keep my name on the list in perpetuity, for I do not think I shall ever be so poor as not to be able to subscribe for the COURIER.

We were all very much gratified to see such good accounts of Fairhope II, and believe the direct service will again show its great value in the upbuilding of Fairhope.

With the new wharf, the new boat and the new Constitution. I look forward to a new and greater era of prosperity than any yet known to the Single Tax community.

I wish to compliment the committee on their excellent work in framing the constitutional revisions, and I assure you that there are here three votes heartily in favor of "more Democracy" for Fairhope, as given by the revised Constitution.

If these amendments be rejected, and government by the people be repudiated, I should entertain very great fears for the future of Fairhope; it presenting to me, in such a contingency, the appearance of a pyramid balanced on its apex, ready to topple to its destruction. Let the Corporation see to the safety of the community, and be ready to delegate its powers for the benefit of the principles for which it was founded.

Endorsed by such leaders as yourself and Mr. Powell, Mr. Watros, Bolton Hall and others, who can doubt but that it is a step in the right direction. Fear not, but go forward!

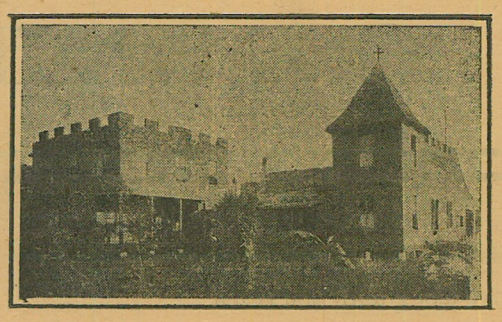
With remembrance to all our friends, I am

Yours truly,

ARTHUR TRENHOLME.

Westmount, P. Q., Can.
Jan. 16th, 1907.

The Council failed of a quorum to transact business on Monday, because Councilman Rose was attending the lessees' meeting.



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Real-estate men and "investors" know that population is what adds value to land, if some other people do not; and their aim is always to anticipate increase of population; to secure possession of land which will be needed by the new comers, and thus reap ihe increasing values.

A bill is pending in the legislature to extend the corporate limits of Mobile to include the outlying villages, which are really a part of the city, but whose population is not included in the official census. The passage of the bill will not add a soul within the defined territory, but will nearly double the official figures; and real-estate men expect even that fact to materially strengthen land values.

"Do you know," said a real-estate man quoted by the Herald, "that the first thing an investor looks at, is the population of the town? Think what the moneyed men will say when the next census is made and Mobile's population is seen to jump from 38,000 to 100,000 people."

The same real-estate man told the Herald some instances within his experience, of rapid increase in values. He said:

"Eighteen years ago the late Marshall Field bought a certain piece of property in Chicago for $3,333.33 a front foot. People had known him to be one of the best business men ever heard of, but at this time they said he was crazy. A year or so ago, that piece of property was sold for $29,000 a front foot. Another instance: when I was in Chicago, connected with a company, a man came to our office and wanted to borrow $1000 on his property. A committee of three of us went out to see it, and we felt afraid, and would not make the loan. Now that piece of property is one of the best in the city of Chicago, and worth over $100,000."

See how, under our beautiful land system, not only do we reward those who get in the way of progress and hold up new population and new industries for unearned profits, but actually thrust wealth on to some who, exercising neither enterprise nor forethought, happen to *own* land which is necessary for the growth of cities. Is it not an idiotic policy?

It would not be so bad, if this thrusting of unearned wealth on to the absolutely undeserving did not require the cities to rob every industrious and enterprising man, in order to get funds for needed public purposes; but this is what is done when taxes are levied on improvements, personal property and even useful occupations, as is done in most southern cities.

When both of these evil results attend the policy, the marvel is that any one can be found to defend it, and particulsrly that its victims—and four fifths of the people, at least, are such—will do so.

Figure from Present Values.

A trouble with many who criticise the Fairhope policy is that they want to figure wholly from the standpoint of the man who years ago took a lot, which was then practically valueless and has since increased in value; or who now holds a lot the present rent upon which is admittedly low, but who may have to pay more in the future.

The basis from which rents should always be figured is *present* value. What the rent may have been in the past, or may be in the future, is interesting for comparison, but has nothing to do with present values.

They ignore entirely the rights of the man who comes to-day looking for a site, or who will come next year or any time in the future, whereas Fairhope exists to secure the equul right of all men, at all times—so far as is within its power. Had its founders been imbued with the spirit of some of its lessees—not all outside of the membership—it would have been dollars in the pockets of the said founders; but many of the lessees would, in all probability, have yet been homeless.

Wants a Square Deal.

From a letter by the editor of the Saturday Evening Post, purporting to have been written by a Western man to his brother, a Wall Street magnate.

"I don't overlook the necessity of testing a new idea before accepting it, but you have only one answer for everything: 'Let well enough alone.' That attitude simply means that you are doing 'well enough,' not necessarily that others are: but we believe that one man may do too well for the good of a million men. We have no objections to anyone making as much money as he honestly can, but we'd like to have a few of these hundred-million-dollar fortunes prove their pedigree.

"The fact of the matter is that the time has come when a lot of you big fellows who profess to hold your commissions as captains direct fron the Almighty have got to show us. For we little fellows are beginning to believe that your claims to divine inspiration in the coal business and the steel business and the railroad business are humbug. Of course all of this is what you call socialistic talk, calculated to stir up 'class hatred.' And you are quite sincere in this attitude, for once a man has lost the ability to deal honestly with others, he quickly loses the power to think honestly for himself.

"I am simply an average American, and, like him, am trying to raise my own average. Now, we want a little less scripture, and a little more coal for our money. We want not only the hope of a good time on earth. We want the opportunity to succeed in any honest way we can, or to fail in any honest way that we please. We don't envy a man his legitimate winnings, bnt we don't want any holding on to ours. We want our chance, according to our abilities, as they are great or small, without arbitrary restrictions imposed by any little group of 'captains;' we want our dues, much or little, without paying these tithes to any self-appointed stewards of the country's resources. We don't want any Isms, but we want some Y's-honesty decency and opportunity.

"Yet so long as you fellows go through the country like the gypsy moth, stripping everything as you fly, people will continue to look for the bug that will fight you, and naturally there are many who will advocate remedies that are worse than the pest. The average American still believes in wealth and in property rights, and wants to conserve them. He has, or hopes to have, a bank account; he wants to have a larger one. But we are against stealing and homicide, whether by the methods of the sneak-thief, the second story man or the footpad; or by those of the railroad that gives rebates, the trust that puts out poisonous products, or the individual that robs little children of their health in the mills. This is the gospel of our discontent as I see it, and I believe that it is a healthy discontent. It does not demand confiscation of the millions of the rich, but a guarantee against further confiscation of the pennies of the poor; not discrimination against wealth, but a stoppage of discrimination against poverty; not a curtailment of the legitimate opportunities of capital, but an enlargement of the opportunities of labor; not great charities for the next generation, but a little more justice for this. It demands that the captains purify themselves from within on pain of being purified from without.

"Nor will the country accept as a satisfactory answer to its demands a grandiloquent affirmation of the persistence of hot air, as 'I am a democrat,' or a passionate appeal to all that is best and flubdubiest in our nature, as 'Be true to the grand old party of Lincoln!' Our protest is wholly against the man with the cold deck, and all we want to know is, do we get a square deal? I don't believe that any system can give us more than this; but we won't be satisfied with a system that gives us less."

If you appreciate the COURIER, please help it by renewing your own subscription promptly and sending in a new one at every opportunity.

Ernest Howard Crosby.

FOR THE FAIRHOPE COURIER.

Called home so soon, the one so strong and brave
We deemed long years of service stretched before him here:
'Twas but life's outer garment saw the shadowy grave;
The deathless soul passed on without a trace of fear.
Eternal truth and justice blessed his mortal sight,
And, with that vision deep, inaction seemed a crime;
With ready voice and pen, he struggled for the right,
And saw the way led upward to heights peace made sublime.
"A polished shaft" the Infinite hath blessed
And "in his quiver" hid with tenderest care,
Called onward to love,s *perfect* service and the rest
That clothes complete communion over there.
But those who still must wait, and strive 'gainst wrong and shame,
Although the ranks seem weakened and the conflict presses sore,—
Grow strong, for he would bid you, in the loving Father's name,
Remember, God is over all and Eternity before!

ALICE M. SMITH.

Dwight, Kans.

The New Citizen's Association

The new Fairhope Citizen's Association may be of great good to our town, but only if our people generally become active members of it.

If only those who think they have grievances are permitted to manage it and to assume to voice the sentiment of the community, nothing good is likely to come of it.

In the forming and officering of such an organization, a wise self-interest will suggest that men of known character and executive ability be put to the front.

The ability to criticize with eloquence and vehemence the work of others, is no guarantee that the possessor will be able to do better. Indeed, it often happens that the one who criticizes most, not only lacks ability to execute but the willingness to accept responsibility; and if thrust upon him, as soon as he in turn is criticized, (and every one who "does things" will be) is likely to prove a quitter and a sulker. It is easy to criticize but difficult to do.

It seems to the COURIER much to be regretted that the time fixed in the rules for the meetings—the last Saturday evening of each month—should be such as to absolutely forbid active participation by the business men, the very class with most at stake in the affairs of the town, and the ones presumably whose judgment should be most valuable in business matters.

The association is badly handicapped at the outset by this unwise provision.

"Homesick for Lovely Fairhope."

Miss Frances H. Lyon, the charming little lady who developed our arts and crafts work here, writes from Brooklyn:

"MY DEAR MR. GASTON: Have been trying to find time to send in my subscription all fall: now it comes—not because I have more time, rather less, but this *bad* weather makes me homesick for lovely Fairhope. Shall be back before many winters are gone! Let my subscription begin with December. I want a *lot* to read at once."

An Impressive Meeting of the Progressive League.

A TRIBUTE TO A LATTER DAY PROPHET; GONE BEFORE.

The Progressive League had a most inspiring meeting last Sunday afternoon, in a memorial service in honor of that truly "inspired prophet" of the latter day, Ernest Howard Crosby.

The topic was presented by Editor Gaston, in some sympathetic words full of tender remembrance for the comrade that had been an inspiring co-worker for many years. After presenting some of the most striking events in the life of this hero of economic reform, and of his wide influence over the progressive thought of today, he closed by some apt quotations from some of the prose verse that will be remembered and quoted as among the gems of thought from a great souled man, whose heart was too large to have a narrow love, and whose patriotism took in all the world as his own country.

The discussion was a wide one, and it was quite surprising how many had been more or less in personal contact with Crosby's activities as a reform worker, and were thus able to give some practical insight into his cosmopolitan characteristics. And all such agreed in the exalting influence that was the prevailing atmosphere of his presence at all times and everywhere.

We doubt, if in any town in the country of twice the size of Fairhope, could so many people be found who knew and so highly appreciated this grand character—of this stirring period.

The whole meeting was quietly inspiring and impressive, and shows that such a life work as Crosby's is fully appreciated by those whose ambition it is to "leave behind" them, "footprints in the sands of time." Some hastily prepared original verses were read by one whose muse was moved by the memory of one whose life had touched his heart although he had not had the privilege of knowing the one he honored and mourned as a lost brother.

S. H. C.

Ernest Howard Crosby.

Read by A. C. Staples at memorial service at Fairhope January 27, 1907.

Behold a man raised up by Christ,
To do the Father's will,
The message of the Prince of Peace
To publish and fulfill.

Behold a man, who found his soul
By laying down his life
Upon the shrine of love to man,
Refraining from all strife.

For God is Love, and Love is God,
The message that he bore
From Egypt's court to Tolstoy's realm,
And to his native shore.

Without; the stern, unyielding man,
All compromise he spurned:
When strong conviction led the way,
He could not backward turn.

Within; a simple, childlike faith
Revealed the gentle art—
In song as prose, sweet strains of love,
That melt the nation's heart.

From dogmas and all human creeds
To vaster hopes he turned:
For human kind in sorest needs,
His loving sprit yearned.

But his spirit now is wafted
To that eternal shore,
And the book of life is open—
'Open for evermore.

This shall be the consolation
Of all who have to mourn:
Sharing in his inspiration
Sent from that heavenly bourn.

But how will the nations reckon
With the messages he brought?
Will the great, recording angel
Write down the things he taught?

Mrs. Howland's Letters

* * * January 24: Yesterday was Mr. Bancroft's birthday anniversary, and a large party met there to do him honor. The only presents, I think, were a chair for him and some delicate "china" for Mrs. Bancroft. I say, I "think," for there was a crowd around them when the presentation speech was made by Mr. Gaston; and then, I must confess, I saw and heard more of a new "Single Tax" game than anything else. Some of us women tried first to learn it, but it struck me as rather complicated. I wanted to persist, but the rest were soon inveigled into the noisiest game I ever heard of. I think they call it "Pit." It should be called "split" from the effect it has on the ear. Other games there were, but this one, called "the Landlord's Game," is not only fascinating but instructive; or, as the publishers (The Public Publishing Co.) say of it, "The game is an eye-opener concerning land monopoly and the Single Tax."

Comrade Braam and I undertook to master the fundamental principles of the game. We read the rules, dealt the cards; furnished each of us with the proper amount of money (chips), and with dice and boxes, and, despite the roar from the "split" tables, we commenced. I supposed that Mr. Braam was wholly unacquainted with the game; but by the way in which he managed to get hold of franchises, railroads, mines, land titles, etc. I thought he must have taken in the landlord's game with his mother's milk. "Fairhope Avenue" he owned, and every time I stopped there, in my progress in life, I had to pay rent to him. I kept getting into deeper and deeper water until I landed in jail, if a little mixture of rhetorical figures may be excused. My enemy's resources seemed endless, reminding me of the Chinaman Ah Sin, who beat the gamblers with their own weapons, having a stock of cards concealed in his big sleeves. But he came to grief, as we may infer from the closing lines of the poetic account of the event:—

"And he smiled a sickly kind of smile and keeled up on the floor,
And the subsequent proceedings interested him no more."

Yes, we did have a good time, and drove home in a most brilliant moonlight—Mrs. Gaston, Dr. Clara, Mrs. Sedinger (the new clergyman's wife) and myself. I went out there in the late afternoon with Mr. Bancroft, who was so kind as to call for me with his finely upholstered new carriage, and the ride and the conversation were most agreeable to me. The new concrete house is a treasure—cool in summer and warm in winter, being of only one story is more nearly hurricane proof, as it proved in its grapple with the September storm. There are seven good sized rooms besides pantries, wardrobes and bath-rooms. How gratifying it is to see our colonists building better and better houses! The only criticism I would make

of the concrete building material is that it looks a little rough, and the fine tiles of the verandas ought to be brighter in color, as they are in other countries; at least, this was as it seemed to me.

Mr. Knowles, "Father Knowles," we all call him, was looking exceedingly well. He showed me over the domain: one fair garden and orchard where three years ago it was rough uncleared land. Now there are four acres of asparagus in one smooth, level field. There are a great many fruit trees, mostly Satsuma oranges, and many pecans, and the outer buildings are large and well designed. In one of them there is wood enough for several winters. There does not seem to be any weeds anywhere.

* * * Mrs. White continues to improve in health and she has the highest opinion of Fairhope as a health resort. She chaperones her daughter to the dances and takes part in them herself.

Could Not Do without the Courier.

Mr. E. B. Gaston:

Enclosed find one dollar for yearly subscription to your valuable paper, which I could do without. The men I work with look for it every week, as I do. We are having a blizzard here today, for the first time this winter. I am sorry I cannot visit you again this winter, but hope to visit you again in the near future.

Yours,

New York. Henry Franke.

In this issue appears again the advertisement of the L. Hammel Dry-goods Company, after an absence of a few months. This great Mobile house has been almost a continuous advertiser in the Courier since the paper was established, and is a favorite with Fairhope people. With its enormous stock, carried in its own magnificent six-story building, it is one of the leading institutions, not only of Mobile, but of the South. If able to go there in person you may be sure of courteous treatment and a "square deal," and if compelled to send your orders by mail you will get equally prompt and careful attention.

"The January 18th Courier is just in today, and is extra interesting, with the weather five degrees below zero yesterday morn, and three above this, in this land of lightning changes in the weather, for we had thunder storms last week. That bathing item is refreshing." Jas. McBride, Akron, Ohio.

James H. Dix, of Philadelphia, sends a new subscription to the Courier every little while and in a late letter says: "It is indeed, with much interest that I scan each issue of the paper to see what is new at Fairhope."

Marion Smith, Dwight, Kans., with renewal of his subscription sends the needful to have the paper sent to his two brothers, and says: "I hope they may also become interested in your success as a colony."

One C. W. Benson, of Loveland Cal., is said to have recently fallen heir to a fortune of $12,000,000, and to be going to establish a great Socialist daily at Loveland.

Our old friend, F. G. Lockwood, sends renewal of subscription and his best regards, from Lone Tree, Iowa, where he is and has been for some time.

A great National Negro fair is planned to be held in Mobile next fall.

The Club Corner

Edited by Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union

met as usual on the second Thursday of the month, with the president, Mrs. H. N. Brown. In the absence of the speaker for the afternoon, several papers that had been received during the month from state officers and superintendents, were read and discussed.

The Henry George Club

continued the discussion of taxation, Mrs. R. F. Powell leading with a review of Chapter VI of Shearman's Natural Taxation. The lesson was the experience of various states with personal axes. "If anything in human experience as applied to methods of taxation is settled, it certainly is the fact that taxation upon personal property never can be made a success." "The Roman Empire, not with the paltry weapons of oaths and penalties, but with the more substantial powers of indiscriminate search, the lash, the rack, the thumbscrew, the gridiron and the cross, fell to pieces under the pressure of the vain attempt to reach personal property by taxation." "It failed with the Jews. They could be robbed and murdered, but they could not be regularly taxed." What the tremendous power of Rome and the infernal tortures of Spain could not accomplish, American farmers are still apparently convinced they can do by distributing blank forms, administering long oaths and threatening penalties of fifty per cent!

Governors, assessors and tax commissioners all lament the utter failure of the system. In a voluminous report made by David A. Welles to the New York Legislature in 1871, "it was made clear that taxes on personal property were nowhere equally assessed or efficiently collected." "One result is to fill the land with liars and perjurers" and to tax women, minors, heirs and lunatics to the full amount of their personal property, while millionaires make most inadequate returns.

The experience of California, Illinois, New York and Boston in making and enforcing stringent laws was given, all showing how impossible it is to get honest returns, and how often it results in double and even triple taxation; and from tables of statistics it was proved that cities are always relieved and agricultural districts burdened, by every effort to collect personal taxes.

The Club also planned an evening meeting at the Gables for the 25th; and it being the

Anniversary of Burns' Birthday,

decided to have a "Scotch" program. Coming at the close of a rainy day (which are so rare in Fairhope they attract more attention than is usual), many were deterred from attending; but about forty people assembled and pssed a most delightful evening. Just as the program began, Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink of Mobile (who are such favorites with Fairhope audiences) came in, having accepted an invitation from Mr. Stimpson to spend the evening with us. Mr. Simmers gave several violin solos accompanied by Mrs. Pilcher on the piano, and Mr. Stemerdink on the guitar, also singing one or two Scotch songs. Mr. Stemerdink has a guitar of rare sweetness and volume of tone, on which he gave several solos. They were a much appreciated addition to the evening's pleasure. Of our home talent, Mr. Gray recited Tam O'Shanter; Mr. Paton gave us a flute solo, Robin Adair; Mr. Lyon an imitation of the bagpipe on the violin; and they also played several selections together, with piano accompaniment. Dr. Wilson gave a short talk on the history of the Scottish people, lauding them until the audience wondered what place was left in history for other nations, and almost feeling that not to be a Scotchman was to be nobody.

The gem of the evening was the Cotter's Saturday Night, read by Mr. Crosby in his quiet, dignified manner— every word distinct and clear-cut, and withal showing such a love and appreciation of the poem as impressed all his hearers with a new love for the immortal Scotch bard. All stood with joined hands and sang Auld Lang Syne, and this was intended to close the pleasant evening; but the audience demanded more, and Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink responded heartily, as they always do, and there was another half-hour of violin and guitar music. They may always be sure of a warm welcome, whenever they favor us with their presence.

The Village Improvement Club

held its annual election, re-electing all the officers, a well deserved tribute to thoee who have done such efficient work during the past year. The Treasurer gave the following report for the year ending Jan. 24, 1907:

[The report will be printed next week. Ed.]

It was decided to hold a social on the first Friday of each month; but for February, as other things had been planned for the first, it was postponed until the sixth, when an oyster supper will be given in the church.

The Fifth Thursday Club

spent a pleasant and profitable afternoon on the last day of the month with Mrs. Powell, reading Shakespere's Taming of the Shrew. The different characters were taken by members of the Club. As the reading took abour one and one half hours, no other program was given. This is the most ambitious work yet attempted by the club, but it is hoped it may be the precursor of still better things.

The next meeting comes in May, and will be a toast luncheon in charge of Mrs. Bancroft and Miss Gooding.

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A Friend of Dumb Animals.

EDITOR COURIER:

I was both pained and pleased to see a communication in a recent issue of the FAIRHOPE COURIER calling attention to cruelty to animals in your fair town.

I was pained because I did not for a moment think that cruelty existed in what we Northerners have looked upon as a model, humane, if not Christian, community—and glad because I knew that there was one man (Oh! for a hundred such men in every community) who made it his business and took the time and the trouble to be a voice for the dumb creatures that God made, but who for some wise reason He deprived of the power of speech.

Mr. Chapman has proved himself a humanitarian, and if he is a man of wealth I know he must be a philanthropist, and the world is better because such men live. There was just one man in New York forty years ago who opened his mouth and spoke in behalf of the defenseless animal world, and that man's example has been working a revolution in the manner of treating horses and other domestic animals. Here I refer to Henry Bergh, the late humanitarian and philanthropist.

Mr. Chapman has proved himself a Henry Bergh to Fairhope, and I desire to commend him for the letter he wrote to the COURIER in behalf of the poor defenceless animals of your fair town and district. In this connection permit me to suggest that every man, woman and child who reads your paper write to my friend, George T. Angell (the Henry Bergh of New England, 19 Milk street, Boston, Mass.), for a copy of "Our Dumb Animals", and they will then learn of the great good that Mr. Angell's Bands of Mercy have been and are doing, for both animals and human beings; and as a result of the teaching and preaching of that paper, thousands of boys, girls and men and women have been educated in humane matters to such an extent that they would not set foot ruthlessly upon a worm, nor in any way injure or maltreat one of the lower creatures.

The man who says he loves God, and hates animals, is a hypocrite and traitor. God made the animals and placed them upon the earth for man's use and comfort, and every honest man is bound to protect these defenceless creatures; yet we see horses and dogs, man's most faithful servants and friends, continually ill used.

Boston, the home of George T. Angell, is the most humane *city* in the United States; and let it be said before the close of 1907 that Fairhope is the most humane *town*.

Yours very truly,
G. FOSTER HOWELL.
New York City.

Dr. Greeno is having his barn on his farm rebuilt. It was blown down in the September storm, and scattered all over the place.

"AT HOMES."

In order to promote greater sociability among our inhabitants and also to provide opportunities to become better acquainted with our winter visitors, it has been suggested that the COURIER announce the evenings of the week when it will be convenient for different homes to receive callers,—simply to let neighbors know when people are to found at home No entertainment is to be expected; just a chance for informal association. We believe these dates will be appreciated by new comers and strangers and be mutually profitable.

The foregoing suggestion has been handed to us for the COURIER by Comrade T. P. Lyon. It was discussed briefly at a late meeting of the V. I. C. and approved without dissent. The following are the names of those in the immediate neighborhood who agree to be "at home" on Tuesday evenings on and after the first Tuesday in February. In next issue we will—if received in time—publish other groups of names for their neighborhoods.

Dr. Clara Atkinson, Mrs. Gaston, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Howland, Mrs. Mogg, and T. P. Lyon.

By this plan of having as many as possible "at homes" in the same neighborhood and on the same day, none will be burdened with crowded rooms, and we shall all be more certain of seeing the friends we call upon.

We all agree, I am sure, that we need to do more than we are doing to make our Fairhope visitors, especially these, feel more at home in our community; give them more opportunity to get acquainted with our citizens and with principles underlying our enterprise; be more systematic in our calling upon each other, and be spared the fear that our calls may be inopportune.

The list we give today will do to commence with. We ask friends in other sections of the town to confer with each other, deciding on the days and hours most convenient to them—choosing any except Tuesday, and send us further lists for the COURIER.

M. H.

Congregational Church Services will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

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.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Of the Fairhope Citizen's Association, adopted Saturday evening, December 26.

1. This society shall be known as FAIRHOPE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote the welfare and best interests of Fairhope and all its citizens.

3. The Membership shall include all residents of Fairhope who are past the age of 18 and have lived here continuously for 30 days.

4. All qualified residents shall be enrolled as members, upon handing their names to the Secretary, in writing.

5. The affairs of this Association shall be administered by a Council composed of a President, three Vice-Presidents, Comptroller, Treasurer, Secretary and 14 Councillors, who shall be elected semi-annually on the last Saturdays in January and July.

6. All acts of the Officers and Council shall be subject to review by the whole body of the members, and no action of theirs shall become effective until the lapse of 24 hours after publication thereof.

7. A Referendum may be called at any time by the President, three members of the Council or seven members of the Association.

8. All Officers shall be subject to recall at any time by a majority vote of the members.

9. All voting shall be done in person, in open meeting by *viva voce* or rising vote, except for the election of Officers which shall be by ballot.

10. Regular meetings shall be held on the last Saturday evening of each month.

11. Special meetings may be held at any time, on call of the President or three members of the Council, or by seven members of the Association.

12. All notices of meetings or otherwise shall be published by posting a plainly written or printed announcement on the bulletin-board and in the post-office, at least 10 hours prior to the time set for such meeting, also by a notice in the COURIER when practicable.

13. These rules may be amended at any regular or special meeting if notice thereof shall have been given at a regular meeting not less than one week previously, with proper publication for the same space of time.

14. All matters not here provided for shall be determined by the President, subject to approval by the members.

"No Place Like Fairhope."

DEAR MR. GASTON:

Enclosed find check for subscription. I could not get along without the little home paper. It is not so little though, after all, any more. The lady with whom I board always reads it, and would subscribe for it herself, but feels that she cannot afford the dollar just now. There is no place in the world like Fairhope for me, Mr. Gaston—I shall be so happy when I get back. Wishing you and the paper great success, I am ever, Your true friend,

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PIKE HAD WOUND WATCH.

Timepiece Long in Fish's Stomach Was Still Running.

That truth is stranger than fiction, and a great deal stronger, is evidenced by the experience that befell a merchant of Goodrich, says a correspondent of the Detroit Journal. Last spring the merchant spent a few days at a small lake south of here, and while fishing he lost his gold watch. The water was of great depth and he gave it up for lost. During the summer, with a party of friends, all men of excellent reputation, he made another fishing excursion to the lake and pulled in a fine eight-pound pike. The astonishment of the party can be imagined when they found a gold watch lodged in the gullet of the fish, and upon being extracted it was found that the watch was the one the merchant had lost, and it was running and had lost but three minutes in that time. The watch being a stem-winder and the stem projecting downward into the throat, the plausible supposition is that in masticating its food the fish wound up the watch daily.

DISPLAY MADE BY NATURE.

Thunder Storm Stirred Things Up in Electrical Establishment.

An occurrence that has just taken place at Amiens shows that where there exists an electrical establishment of any size nothing more than a good, robust thunder storm is needed for providing a display of natural fireworks on a scale that leaves nothing to be desired in the way of largeness. Aroused by unusual noise in the factory during a storm the other night, the manager of the electrical works at the station was met by a wonderful spectacle on entering the place. No artificial display ever presented a scene so fairylike.

Tremendous showers of sparks were being given off from every machine in the place, while there was a deafening crackling as from a hundred sputtering fires, a machine man had seen his food burned to a cinder as he sat to eat it, all the electric bells were sounding and the telephones had been wrenched from the walls.

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Personal and Local

New collars at Call's.

Mr. Gibson, who is "tenting on the beach," has a new net and is catching many fish.

The finest home made bread, cake and pies at Mrs. Toft's, now in the restaurant building.

Several strangers arrived on last evening's steamer, whose names we have not yet learned.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

We have two top buggies left that we are offering at a low price. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The best wood delivered promptly if you drop a postal card with your order in box 66. I'll pay for the card. Reimer Poortstra.

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When trading in Mobile always let it be known that you are from Fairhope. It will be to your advantage and to the advantage of your town, and will help the Courier.

Dr. A. J. Woodruff, wife and daughter, Miss Olga, of New York, arrived last week to spend some time at Fairhope. They are at the Wilson House. Dr. Woodruff has been interested in Fairhope, and a reader of the Courier for some time.

The V. I. C. will give an oyster supper at the church on next Wednesday evening. Oysters will be served from 5:30 o'clock on. The price will be 25 cents. Come and get your supper; help the ladies with the plans for the public good they have in mind, and have a good social time.

Spring is coming and so are we, with a line of spring and summer dry goods. Cotton goods of every description are higher, but we have bought these goods so we can sell them at the old prices, so keep your eye on our store for your springand summer dry goods. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Lucky Swastika belts at Call's.

The Fairhope leads the procession of bay boats.

Some good strings of fish are being caught in the bay now.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell have a new driving and saddle horse.

G. G. Black was called back to Rogers, Ark., by the illness of his wife.

Good things to eat—where? At Mershon Merchandising Company's of course.

Gene Lawrence is building a cottage on a lot purchased of Postmaster Oswalt.

The two young Englishmen who came down with Dr. Wilson have gone to work in Mobile.

Mr. Burgess, who lived in the Rathburn cottage for some time, died in Mobile a few days ago.

The Fairhope is to run a special trip to Mobile this evening, on account of Hanlons' Fantasma at the Mobile opera house.

Valentine round pod seed beans now in. Don't put off buying until they are all gone. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Increscent Disolved Bone Meal is the best all round fertilizer on the market. For sale by Mershon Merchandising Company.

The weather continues fine. So warm that it keeps us alarmed for fear later cold will kill the fruit and crops tempted out prematurely.

Mr. Mogg is building a stairway on his front verandah, which will add much to the convenience of his house, especially for two families.

The De Coudres are enjoying a visit from Mrs. De Coudres' sisters, Mrs. Prentiss of Toledo and Mrs. Knisely of Detroit. Mrs. Prentiss is accompanied by her daughter. They will remain several weeks.

Will Call has accepted a position as accountant in the mechanical department of the L. & N. R. R. at Mobile and has been at work nearly three weeks. Mrs. Call went over on last Saturday evening to spend Sunday with him, remaining until Monday evening.

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Mr. G. Leiser, of North River Park neighborhood, is sick.

Boys' and men's caps from 25c to 50c. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mrs. Littlefield was with her husband in Mobile Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Coulter arrived on Sunday, and is at her nice cottage with Mr. Creswell and Miss Minnie.

Dr. C. L. Mershon has been confined to his home several days with pleurisy, but is better and hopes to soon be out again.

D. G. Armitage, long time a member of the Corporation, and who spent some time here on two or three occasions before, is back again, having arrived on Tuesday evening. He will remain indefinitely.

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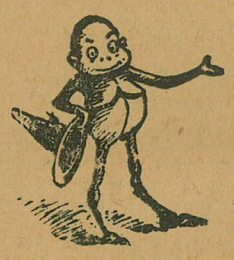

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ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE TRAGEDIES

By W. J. LAMPTON.

This is a true story of New York life in one phase. There are two characters in it, a man and a woman. Neither was too young to be silly or too old to be sentimental. It began several years ago and ended only recently. The man lived in New York at its beginning, as he does now, and the woman lived, and still lives, in a nearby suburb. They met, as men and women sometimes do, on a train. It was no common flirtation, with the usual disregard of the convention. He was a gentleman, she a lady, and for some courtesy he had extended with perfect propriety she thanked him, and their acquaintance began.

They were congenial spirits. Surely if they had not been her thanks for his courtesy would have marked the end of their accidental meeting. They talked for perhaps an hour before she left the train, and a mutual hope was expressed that they might meet again. He had given her his card; she simply gave him a name. Personal details of that sort had small interest for them. They had discovered in each other intellectual attractions which were of deeper interest. They were friends of the soul and the mind.

Not long after this first meeting their paths crossed again, this time in the city, and he asked her to luncheon with him. She went, and for an hour or two they talked as two friends who had known each other always. They asked no marks of identification. She had his card, he knew her name, and that was enough. Indeed, not so much was needed to make their companionship delightful, but names have their uses in the furtherance of association. A note must be written sometimes or a call sent over the telephone.

After this meeting they saw each other again several times, never for more than an hour or so at luncheon, and then they went their separate ways.

For two or three years after this their association was close and constant, and she became a companion and friend who was far more to him than any he had ever known. He took her into his business confidences and she became a wise and strong adviser to him. He did not hesitate to tell her repeatedly that no woman could be more to him than she was. But neither talked of love, and the grand passion was ignored by mutual consent, if, indeed, it had ever met with recognition.

Thus their two lives went on, close together, interdependent, the one relying upon the other, both faithful, each uplifting the other. In all these years what they were to each other obscured who they were, and they knew no more than on that first day when he had given his card to her and she had told him her name. What they knew satisfied them fully.

Not long ago he asked her to come to town, as he had something of importance to tell her. She came, as she always did in response to any call he made upon her, and they dined together. She did not ask him what matter of importance was to be discussed, because she knew he would tell her in good time. They talked of music and books and plays and people and the dozens of subjects intellectual conviviality makes delightful, and when they had come to the coffee he told her they were forgetting the important business which had brought them together.

"We have never talked much of our own selves," he said, "and you know as little of me as I know of you, but I believe we both feel that it has been much better so."

She nodded, and he went on.

"What I wished to talk to you about to-night—what I wished to tell you was"—

She put up her hand to stop him.

"You need not tell me," she said. "You are to be married." He bowed, but he did not smile, as one might at thought of his wedding day. "I knew it must come some time," she continued quietly, and with only the slightest quiver of her lips, "and I knew that what we were to each other could not always be. I was content to have it as it was. To have attempted any change meant more suffering than either of us can suffer by the inevitable. I have not been unprepared for this. At the beginning I saw the end, and I have gone forward to it taking, as my own, the sweet with the bitter, and I have been happier since we met than I ever was before. I shall not be very unhappy now, but I shall miss you more than I can tell."

"And I shall miss you," he said in a broken voice. "My obligations have been elsewhere all the time I have known you and I love the woman I am to marry, but to you I owe a debt which"—

She did not let him speak further.

"When are you to be married?" she asked.

He told her.

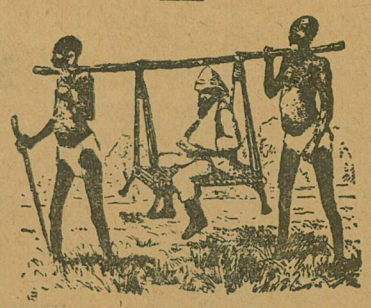
"Possibly my husband might officiate at the ceremony," she said, handing him a card, with a little smile to lighten the shadows.

It bore the name of a clergyman prominent in a New Jersey town less than an hour away from Madison square.

America's First Town School.

The first common schools established by legislation in America were in Massachusetts in 1645, but the first town school was opened in Hartford, Conn., prior to 1642.

AFRICAN SEDAN CHAIR.



Primitive sedan chairs used in Africa are made by suspending a narrow seat from a heavy pole.

Kittens in Court.

Alderman Donohue, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., in order to settle a case which would tax the judgment of a Solomon, the other day ordered the disputants to pull straws and gave the decision to the winner. To go back to the beginning, Miss Minnie Custer owns a cat. It frequently visited the next door neighbor, Miss Fannie Moore. Recently during one of these visits it remained several days and gave birth to three kittens. When it went home Miss Custer locked it up. Miss Moore complained to the Humane society that Miss Custer was keeping the cat from the kittens, and an officer sent to investigate found that Miss Moore claimed the kittens, while Miss Custer said they were hers. The case went into Donohue's court. He confessed he was unable to decide and made the two pull straws. **Miss Custer won, and got the kittens.**

Are you trying to interest your Friends in the COURIER?

Citizens' Association Meeting.

The meeting to complete the organization of the "Fairhope Citizens' Association," on last Saturday evening, was fairly well attended.

F. W. Rose was elected chairman pro tem. L. E. Camp, secretary of the previous session, read the minutes of same and acted as secretary for the evening.

The report of the committee on rules of procedure was called for, presented and adopted, after some discussion, practically as submitted. It appears on page 5 of this issue.

A. J. Wolf rose to present some resolutions, but Mr. Baldwin made the point of order that the election of officers should next be proceeded with, and was sustained by the chair.

A committee on nomination of officers was appointed—Messrs. Rowe, Baldwin and Chapman—but after its report was presented, objection was made to the plan of committee nominations as being undemocratic and making it easy to work political schemes, and it was voted to make the election of officers the special order for next Saturday evening, and make nominations through a nominating ballot.

While the nominating committee was out Mr. Albright moved that Mr. Wolf's resolution be heard, which was carried amid considerable confusion, but Mr. Wolf said that he would present his resolutions at a later date.

Sacrifice Sale.

Property in live little town near Mobile, consisting of 3-acre lot, 2-story 16-rom hotel with furnishings complete, and stock of general merchandise. Also, 50-acre farm, under cultivation, with two good buildings, 50 fruit trees bearing. All within corporation limits. Settling up an estate and must sell.

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Services at Christian Church.

Sunday-school at 9:45. Regular preaching service by pastor, H. G. Sedinger, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Seats free and a cordial invitation extended to all.

Messrs. Burnham, Lewis and Philbrook and their wfves, and Mrs. A. E. Shupe, composed a party who went over to Fish river on a fishing expedition last week. They went on Wednesday and returned on Saturday, and fished quite faithfully—with a result of one fish for the whole party. This was certainly "bad luck," for Fish river is notoriously good fishing ground. However, they had no trouble in getting all the fish they could eat, with a "silver hook," and had a royal good time. They got soaking wet a couple of times, but suffered no ill effects from it. Mr. W. E. Wilson turned his cottage, near the river, over to them, and they were very kindly treated.

Death of Albright Baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright have been called to mourn the loss of their baby, little Brent Jerome, who died on Sunday morning, Jan 27, aged four months. The little fellow had never thriven as a baby should, but gradually weakened and faded away. Hopes were sometimes aroused that he might strengthen his feeble hold on life and pull thru, but all were doomed to disappointment.

Mrs. Albright is of the Catholic faith; and it was, of course, her earnest desire that her baby should receive the last rites of her church. Very fortunately, Mr. Albright was able to reach by telephone Father Carri, of Mobile, (who had christened the baby), who was in Daphne, and who came down Monday and officiated in the beautiful and impressive Catholic burial service, after which the little body was laid away in consecrated ground in the local cemetery.

Early Closing.

The following Fairhope merchants have agreed to close their stores at 7 p. m. sharp every day except Saturday, and on Saturday at 9:30, beginning this day, Feb. 1:

Mershon Merchandising Co.
M. V. Mathews.
Mrs. A. B. Call.
Dewey Wheeler.
Mrs. Rathje.

Union Endeavor Service.

The Congregational Endeavor will unite with the Christian Endeavor in a Union service celebrating "Christian Endeavor Day," 7:30 p. m., Sunday.

Addresses by the pastors, recitations and songs.

Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m., all the young people of both churches are requested to meet at the Christian church to practice for this occasion.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons will conduct services at The Gables on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one will be welcome. Subject, Sunday, Feb. 3rd, "The Origin and Advance of the Human Race," illustrated.

FOR SALE OR RENT—7-room house, two stories, double gallery, and furnished throughout. Suitable for two families. Half acre of ground. Strawberry patch with one thousand plants. Fruit trees and chickens. Very centrally located. A bargain. P. Y. ALBRIGHT.

FOR SALE—Two horses. Peerless Laundry, Mobile.

FOR SALE—Father Knowles has a few scuppernong and muscadine grape vines, and fig trees, and lots of umbrella trees for sale at 5c each, out at the Bancroft place. (24)

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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, 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.

The Goddard Poultry Farm.

The editor enjoyed a call one day last week upon Otis Goddard, who is conducting a chicken ranch on the D. S. Brown place.

Mr. Goddard came to Fairhope last fall, a young man, but feeling the effects of the strain of city life and warned to let up before it was too late.

He could not afford to be idle, and having greatly enjoyed an experience with chickens when about sixteen, took up chicken raising. The results of his experience so far have been quite encouraging.

He operates two 240-egg incubators, having them hatch alternately. His greatest trouble has been to get fertile eggs: h as not hatche below 80 per cent. of fertile eggs, and averages nearer 90 per cent.

He saves the choicest of his pullets for layers and sells the cockerels and inferior pullets on the Mobile market, where he has found the demand good and prices satisfactory.

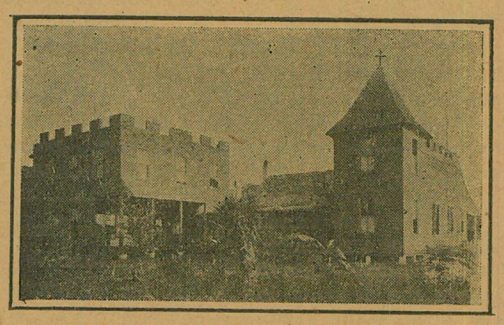
He is getting for broilers, a pound to a pound and a half in weight (which they should reach in eight to ten weeks) 22½ to 25 cents a pound and the market stiffening. For "roasters," two to three and a half pounds in weight he gets 17½ cents a pound. These are wholesale prices to commission men, less their commission of eight to ten per cent.

Mr. Goddard thinks there is a great advantage in a location at Fairhope over an equal distance away from Mobile on a railroad. He ships in crates holding two to four dozen, preferably the latter, on which the gross charges, including cartage at Fairhope and Mobile, wharfage and boat freight on crates going full and returned empty, are 75 cents.

His chickens are not put in the crate until 6:30 a. m. and are on sale in his commission house by 9:30 or 10, the clerk of the steamer notifying the house by telephone on arrival of the steamer and they sending down at once for the shipment. They thus arrive in prime condition, fresh and clean, attracting the most particular buyers and bringing best prices.

As he has had to get eggs from all directions Mr. Goddard's chickens are, of course, of all varieties. He is, however, working into the Rhode Island Red and Buff Rock varieties as fast as he can, thinking them the best adapted to the country and demand.

Mr. Goddard buys all of his feed except oats and rape, which he is raising on the place for green feed. He buys mixed feeds especially prepared for poultry, costing him about $2 a hundred pounds, laid down at Fairhope.



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King Cotton

In a recent conversation with Mr. Rush Taylor of the Turner Lumber Company, the question was asked, "What is this country good for?"

Mr. Taylor declared that this is a good country, and that there will eventually be many prosperous farmers here. He said that around his home town (Opelika) the farmers are prospering by raising cotton. Be says a half bale to the acre is a fair average, and that the lands around Fairhope will easily yield more than that. Mr. Taylor cited an incident of six bales raised on five acres near the lands of the Turner Lumber Company, adjoining Fairhope on the east.

Mr. Taylor talks very enthusiastically about cotton, saying that the South has a practical monopoly of the world's cotton production. Nearly every government on earth has sent men here to study the crop, and cotton has been planted nearly all over the world. But there is something about the climate of the South that other countries do not possess, and while cotton fails in other places it is practically a sure crop here.

Mr. Taylor argues that the farmer who comes south and does not produce cotton is not using good judgment, as cotton is THE crop for which climate and soil are suited. He does not say plant cotton exclusively, but he does say PLANT COTTON.

He contrasts our soil with that around Opelika in favor of our soil on every point. He not only says we ought to make a bale an acre, but that we can grow a long staple cotton, which is worth more than that grown inland. He expects to see the finest sea island cotton grown in Baldwin county before many years.

Mr. Taylor Pictures the Successful Southern Farmer

"Our successful farmers," said Mr. Taylor, "raise nearly everything they want on their farms. They have their gardens, their Irish and sweet potatoes, chickens, pigs, cows, fruit and berries and sugar cane in profusion. But their mainstay is cotton. It is the most staple crop in the world. They can't flood the market with cotton. They can always get spot cash for it, and, if necessary, they can borrow money on a cotton crop before it is picked."

"Growing potatoes, beans, and garden truck for market is quite uncertain, both as to crops and prices. Some seasons people make big money, only to lose it the next. But our southern farmers have a sure thing in their cotton. It is not perishable. They can throw it under shelter and it will keep for years without deterioration. My advice to those who wish to make a success farming here, is to plant cotton for your money crop."

Prof. Freeman Endorses Cotton

In talking over with Prof. Freeman the points made by Mr. Taylor in favor of cotton planting, Mr. Freeman said that cotton would undoubtedly pay here, and that a production of a bale an acre could be attained. He also said that Northerners would have considerable to learn before they could grow the crop to the best advantage. He urges them to try it, however, suggesting that it is a good crop to plant after snap beans. He says if a farmer has help enough to pick the beans he has enough to pick the cotton.

The Mershon Co. Handled 15 Bales This Season

Considerable cotton has been raised around Fairhope. The Mershon Merchandising Co. marketed fifteen bales for their farmer patrons the past season, and Mr. Arthur says that although the storm damaged the crop to the extent of 50 per cent. in many instances, the growers were well satisfied with the returns and will plant cotton again.

Mr. Mershon thinks well of the cotton planting idea, and hopes our people will try it out this year. The Mershon Merchandising Company will gather literature on the subject for those desiring it, and will send away for seed, tools, etc., for those who order.

E. G. D.

The Alabama senate has passed an anti-pass bill, forbidding the issuance of passes by railroads to any persons not directly employed by them. Railroads are forbidden to contract with newspapers for advertising payable in transportation. Bills to reduce local passenger fares to 2½ cents a mile and require the railroads to issue interchangeable mileage books are pending, and apparently certain of passage. The present legislature and the governor are determined on stringent regulation of the railways.

The poll tax law is steadily reducing the number of voters qualifying to participate in public affairs in this state. Only 1900 voters qualified in Mobile county by paying poll taxes by February first, which is 2600 short of last year's, and 3100 short of the number otherwise eligible to vote.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Feb. 4. Dear —— B. Yours came yesterday, and I have handed it to Mr. Gaston to answer further if he chooses, regarding the place you are negotiating for. I thought of you today while at the Progressive League, which you, an entire stranger, once honored by an excellent little impromptu address. I wondered what you would say, had you been in that crowded school-house today and heard the "raking down" of the management by the main speaker and the other unhappy, disgruntled colonists who are in sympathy with him—one I am sorry to say, a member of the Corporation. My blood got near boiling point several times, when the speaker attempted to show that the "management" was incompetent, if not absolutely dishonest. The school-room was crowded with visitors and new comers: I am sure I don't know what they thought, but I was proud of the force yet dignified self-possession with which leaders of the colony defended its policy and management. "Nowhere on God's earth," as Mr. Gaston said in his short address, "was ever such a proposition made to men as that which this Corporation makes to all who wish to take advantage of it, that is to give them the use of land bought and paid for by the money of its members and their friends, without purchase price, and on exactly the same terms as to rents and the enjoyment of the benefits flowing from the expenditure of the rent fund as the members themselves enjoy."

The efforts of Mr. Powell, Miss Chapman, Mr. Comings and our president, Frank Brown were all admirable, but, to the sensitive, mostly painful, because of the sense of pent-up indignation they conveyed. Why, it was like the Mississippi trying to empty itself through a quill! Think, friend B., of a corporation—a private corporation before the law—absolute owners of some four thousand acres of land *which they not only administer wholly for the benefit of the colony—non-members as well as members*, but by the terms of their leases willingly, putting it forever beyond their power to benefit personally from the rents they collect and administer. Had you been present, you might have decided not to cast your lot among such unreasonable and ungrateful people. Or would you have heard and been moved to answer the unvoiced cry, "Come over into Macdonia and help us"?

* * * Last night we met in force in an adjourned meeting to elect the officers of the new organization, "the Citizens' Association." A large portion of the residents on colony land signed the roll, and some who are not. Such an association, devoted to the best interests of Fairhope, should do excellent work; and what influence I have I shall freely give to it. The officers of the Corporation need to be relieved and helped. Unlike other corporation officers,

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A A Chapman June

Single Taxers Necessary to Run a Single Tax Colony.

The writer, who has long advocated the extension to lessees of the F. S. T. C. of the privilege of participation in the expenditure of rent funds, has, at the same time, said that he did so with little hope that it would at all lessen the opposition of a certain element in the community. We have sometimes been chided for this, but it seems to us that our judgment in this respect has been amply vindicated by recent occurrences.

A new organization has been effected apparently to try to force action on this line. It has adopted resolutions providing that the committee, which it plans to appoint to confer with a committee of the members, shall *insist* upon the *demands*, not only that the lessees, regardless of membership, shall be "put in possession of and have exclusive charge and control of all public utilities and improvements and the collection and expenditure of all income therefrom," but that the non-member lessees should have equal voice with the members in fixing the rents.

The latter is, of course, "the milk in the cocoanut," and we do not hesitate to assert that to comply with this demand would mean the speedy nullification of the Colony's fundamental policy. For justification of this statement we need only to call attention to the fact as given by us at the meeting on Sunday afternoon, that of the lessees now in possession of Corporation land, only about one-third, to our knowledge, professed to being Single Taxers before coming to Fairhope.

The principal speaker at the same meeting said: "They call this a Single Tax colony; Why, there are more Socialists here than Single Taxers!" And it was the Socialists and other non-Single Taxers, with a few Single Taxers, who supported his demands on Saturday evening.

We have no quarrel with our friends the socialists but they could not be depended upon, in our opinion, to run a Single Tax Colony.

The Courier regrets the evidence of the reactionary effect upon many of the resident members, of the extreme demands of some of the lessees. Some of those who were much inclined to favor the amendment of the Constitution along the lines under consideration by the membership, realizing the impossibility of acceding to all the demands upon the Corporation and hopeless of any degree of appreciation of the most they feel it possible to concede, are much inclined to "stand pat" upon the present Constitution and contracts. It is certainly quite in harmony with human nature that they should be so influenced, but the Courier sincerely hopes that something along the line of what is proposed will be done. No friends of liberty and democracy, however radically they may *talk*, have ever gone *in practice* as far as we; and we should not permit any lack of appreciation of what we have done to prevent our going even farther, if the safety of our major purpose will permit.

Helps with Words and Cash.

Editor Courier:

You are indeed favored in having the abitity and making the opportunity to do a great work for the Cause. I enclose check for $5 to cover my subscription for the coming year, and the balance please put in short subscriptions to possible recruits. Sincerely,

Philadelphia, Pa. T. S. K. Morton.

Annual Report of V. I. C.

The annual report of Mrs. Gaston, treasurer of the V. I. C., omitted from our last issue, is given herewith.

This organization of the noble women of Fairhope, to help promote the common interest along the line of village improvement, as its name implies, has done magnificent work for many years. It should have the active help of every woman in the town and the hearty and substantial support of every man in its various efforts.

REPORT OF TREASURER, V. I. C.

Mrs. E. B. Gaston, Treas.

Receipts		Disbursements	
On hand Jan. 1 '06,	$ 11.16	School Garden	$ 15.00
supper, March 16,	28.00	work on hall,	10.33
July 4th, lunch connt'r	48.03	ice-cream supper,	18.75
bell fund, Sch. Philos.	2.00	4th of July	17.05
" " W. C. T. U.	5.00	school bell,	15.50
" " Prog. L'gue	3.97	knives, forks & sp'ns	16.00
Thanks-giving dinner,	56.65	5th Thurs. Club dues	2.00
		school-house raising,	1.00
total,	154.81	road work,	6.00
disbursements,	130.26	dishes,	9.33
		Thanksgiving dinner	17.90
balance 1-24 '07	24.55	year-book	1.40
		total,	130.26

Initiative and Referendum Sentiment Is Growing.

The initiative and referendum is growing in public favor. In his message to the Minneapolis legislature, Governor Johnson said: "I would call your attention to the merits of the advisory initiative and referendum. This permits the people of a state, county, city, village or town to express their views upon questions affecting their organization and is fast gaining ground upon the theory that the duly elected officers are the servants of the people who elected them and will be guided by the expressed views of a majority. The advisory initiative and referendum is but a step farther than the right of petition, and is not binding upon their officers. The enactment of a law providing for an advisory initiative and referendum can be accomplished without a constitutional amendment, and I am firmly of the opinion that such legislation is desirable. There can be, I am sure, no valid reason against the submission to the people of a proposed constitutional amendment providing for a direct initiative and referendum. This would give the people an opportunity to vote on the question whether or not they want the right to instruct their representatives and also the further right to pass upon the laws enacted by their legislature. But whether or not you would care to go so far in this direction, I would urge your consideration of a plan for an advisory initiative and referendum."

Compliments the Courier.

James McBride, one of Ohio's active Single Taxers, renewing his own subscription and sending a couple of new names with it, adds:

"The Courier is a very interesting and readable little paper, far ahead in journalistic make-up and ability of many more pretentious publications. We are much interested in the colony, and glad to hear of its success. It does seem a little strange from this distance, to see some of the tenants making such strenuous objections to a small raise in their "Tax", when it all comes back to them in improvements and conveniences for better living. Wishing you continued success, I remain

Very truly yours,

James McBride."

If you appreciate the Courier, please help it by renewing your own subscription promptly and sending in a new one at every opportunity.

FAIRHOPE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The Fairhope Citizens' Association met again in the school-house on last Saturday evening, pursuant to adjournment from the Saturday evening previous, with F. W. Rose presiding.

Before the election of officers was proceeded with, Mr. Powell asked for a ruling upon the qualifications of members, as did Mr. Coleman, who expressed the opinion that being non-resident upon Corporation land, he was not really entitled to participate. The chair held that under the rules adopted he was entitled to membership. Mr. Powell then asked if colored persons living within the same distance would be eligible to membership, to which the chair seemed unable to reply. Mr. Powell then moved a reconsideration of the rule regarding membership. The motion was seconded and carried. Various motions, amendments and substitutes, were offered, resulting finally in the amending of the rule, to provide that only residents upon colony land might become members.

The next in order was the election of officers. It will be rmembered that at the previous meeting a committee on nominations was appointed, but on objection to the plan as being "undemocratic" and lending itself to the promotion of "cut and dried schemes", it was decided to postpone the election and make nominations by a nominating ballot. It soon developed however, that the eminent friends of "democracy" who had been foiled on their undemocratic plan of committee nominations, had adopted a still more undemocratic plan; for instead of passing around ballots with the offices to be filled thereon, leaving the members to write in the names of candidates they desired to place in nomination, they passed around ballots already filled out with candidates selected by some self-appointed committee, providing no other ballots, while all around the room were cries of "Vote the straight ticket!" "Put her through straight!" etc. They did "put her through straight," and so unthinkingly as to even nominate and elect (for a motion was carried to declare all elected who received a majority on the nominating ballot) for treasurer, one who had been disqualified even for membership in the Association, by a motion already passed.

The following were the officers thus elected: Pres., F. W. Rose; 1st V. P., T. N. Freeman, 2nd V. P., G. M. Bancroft; 3d V. P., Geo. Steenstra; Sec., Dr. C. Wilson; Treas., C. L. Coleman; Compt., W. S. Baldwin; Councillors,—J. Bellangee, A. Crosby, P. K. Dealy, E. B. Gaston, Wm. Gray, Dr. Greeno, K. Koopman, Joseph Lawrence, M. V. Matthews, F. Mathison, R. F. Powell, E. J. Raetz, A Van Bendegom, B. Van Bavel.

While the tellers were out counting the ballots, Mr. A. J. Wolf gained the floor, and presented the following resolutions, for which he claimed the sole responsibility.

Whereas, it is not our desire or intention to do or propose anything that might work injury to the colony or injustice to any of its people, but on the contrary, to assist in its development, hasten its growth and apply in practice the principles outlined in the preamble to the Constitution of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, and

Whereas, these ends cannot be accomplished without the active and voluntary co-operation of all the inhabiants of Fairhope, and

Whereas, such co-operation is not to be had without the full participation of all citizens in the administration of colony affairs, now therefore, Be it

Resolved, that the president appoint a committee of three non-members of the Corporation to confer with a committee of the same number from the Corporation for the purpose

of preparing and submitting a plan to secure such co-operation.

RESOLVED, that the committee from this Association be instructed to present and to insist upon the following demands:

1. Every person over eighteen years of age who shall have resided on Corporation land for twelve months next preceding any colony election, to have the right to vote for colony officers and upon colony affairs, but not for Corporation officers nor upon the management of the Corporation.

2. The Corporation to deliver to the colony government, when the same shall be organized, the total revenue derived from land values and ground rents, after deducting ten per cent of the gross revenue therefrom, and the amount paid of state and county taxes of the Corporation and its lessees.

3. The colony government to be put in possession and to have exclusive charge and control of all public utilities and improvements, and of the collection and expenditure of all income therefrom; to have an equal voice with the Corporation in locating highways, sidewalks and parks, and to have exclusive control and direction of all matters usually committed to the government of incorporated towns.

4. Ground rents of Corporation land to be determined annually by a board of assessors which shall consist of an equal number of Corporation members and non-member lessees. Any disagreement of such board to be decided by an arbitrator chosen by the board, who shall preside at its meetings.

5. The colony government to have power to borrow money by pledging as security for the loan the tangible assets of any public utility, the money so obtained to be devoted entirely to the particular utility which has been pledged; but no franchise of any character or for any period of time shall be granted.

A motion to take up the resolutions singly and pass upon them in order prevailed. The preamble was read and a motion to adopt was made and seconded, but without putting the motion or giving opportunity for discussion, the chair declared it adopted. Mr. Gaston protested that opportunity for discussion should be given upon the preamble as much as the resolutions; but the chair ruled him out of order, declaring the preamble not a part of the resolutions.

It was then moved that final action upon the resolutions be not taken until after they had been printed in the COURIER; which was seconed and carried.

When the final resolution was under consideration, Mr. Gaston made the point that this was quite a new demand, and that in conversations with the gentlemen framing the resolutions the latter had repeatedly, and up to within a very short time, taken the ground that the fixing of rents must be left in the hands of the Corporation and, in no event, turned over to the lessees,—which he admitted, but said, he had had "a change of heart."

Dr. Wilson gave notice of certain amendments to the rules of procedure, which he would move the adoption of at the next meeting, the effect of the same being to do away with the "councillors," leaving only the seven first-named officers, who should together constitute the "executive committee."

On motion of Mr. Gaston a committee of three was appointed to ascertain the requirements for incorporating as a municipality, the advantages and disadvantages of the same, with any recommendations for amendments to the law, which they see fit to offer.

The meeting then adjourned without date; in fact, the most of the audience left before the motion was made.

"The way of the reformer is long, hard and dusty, and there are very few shade trees along it."—Altgeld. So the Fairhope reformers find it.

Those who profess the greatest loyalty to democracy are often the least ready to submit gracefully when the majority is against them.

Fairhopers are trying to teach by example, the virtues of their policies. We suggest that those who are so sure they can improve upon our plans, follow our method and set us an example of how they would run a colony—not ours, but one of their own.

The Progressive League on Sunday afternoon listened to an address by A. J. Wolf on "Democracy and Fairhope." The discussion which followed was very animated, and was participated in by Miss Chapman, Messrs. Powell, F. L. Brown, Comings and Gaston in behalf of the colony, and by Mrs. Hail and Mr. Rose supporting the leader of the day.

Being an old S. T., I am very glad to see you are making a success, so far, of Fairhope, I only wish all Single Taxers were so situated that we could all live at Fairhope and make of it a grand colony; a living example to the world. What a vast array of talent would we not have, if we could all get together.

ROY H. SYCAMORE.

St. Louis.

The Government Ownership Club formed in Omaha, last week, is only the first club in a movement that will cause a political earthquake before it goes out of business. The government ownership of railroads is much nearer becoming a living, breathing political issue than most men suppose. That rate bill passed by Congress was the beginning of the campaign for government ownership. Men like Roosevelt, Bryan, La Follette, Tillman, and the many others, who sincerely labor for railroad regulation are creating government ownership sentiment every day. These men are not far apart, by any means, and some of these days they'll join hands. Then look out. Meantime the education goes on. Taking over the railroads looks a stupendous undertaking. That fourteen billion dollar debt looks awful, and is magnified to look like that many quadrillion dollars. After a few billions of water is squeezed out it won't look so big.—Adams Co. (Neb.) Democrat.

"Wall Street is Rotten."

In the current Cosmopolitan we find the above from our departed Crosby; but, stinging as it sounds, it is still utterly inadequate to describe such monumentally respectable degenerates as are the "Wall Street gang," as Lincoln called them. In all our social study, the slum has continuously been cited as our civilization's lowest depth; yet, who dares deny that Wall Street is yet lower in all that disintegrates society and degrades humanity, colder and more murderously cruel, as Lawson has so startlingly portrayed its real character.

As a menace to our country, a danger to the progress of our civilization, who will question that it represents a worse element, a more portentous cloud then even the slum, hideous as the latter is—uncovered by the cloak of good clothes and hypocritical philanthropy, as is the "better element" of Wall Street's "enemies of the republic and traitors to their kind," as characterized by an eminent authority.

"Wall Street" represents the highest science for getting "something for nothing;" and, according to an accepted authority, that is the highest type of polite robbery and inevitably produces the spirit and character of the robber and the thief.

The slum has no power to allure, with serpent-like fascination, the brighest and smartest minds, from useful paths into its downward ways; it receives from Wall Street's dregs—the ruined castaways—and holds them up to the world's horror. But it is not the alluring current of the maelstrom that draws noble men from worthy lives, to degrade them to hellish cruelties and heartless conspiracies for their brothers' wreck, as has been so plainly depicted in the last years' so-called "muck-raking—which, in plain English, means telling the unvarnished truth about respectable, legalized piracy and robbery that is of itself a lower round than even the lowest round of the ladder of our degenerate, unscientific civilization, known as the "slum."

From the time in our early life when by close contact we learned the true nature of Wall Street and its traitorous characters we have claimed it as a lower development and worse effect of our false system of unjust privilege and monopoly, than the slum. It is the essential principle of Wall Street that has corrupted our churches, debauched our press, perverted the bench, vitiated our schools, loaded our statutes with so-called laws that are intended to prevent the people from defending their most sacred rights, and is fast undermining the foundation ideals of our civilization. It is the same subtle power that has filled our congress and legislatures with its own beneficiaries and representatives, so as to block all efforts at peaceful evolutionary progress to higher attainments of progressive democratic civilization. In all respects we claim it is self-evident to any analytical mind, that "Wall Street" represents the lowest step in the ladder of an unscientific civilization, and needs to be recognized as the greatest menace we have to face.

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A union Endeavor service was held at the church on last Sunday evening, by the societies of Christian Endeavor of the Christian and Congregational churches.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Mr. Daniel Lyon, Hoboken, N. J., was a caller at the Courier office on Saturday of last week, with Mr. E. P. Kinne, of Magnolia Springs. Mr. Lyon is the father of Mrs. P. S. Whipple, of Magnolia Springs.

We have two top buggies left that we are offering at a low price. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Captain McDermaid returned on Monday evening from Arizona where he has been for a few weeks, having some mining interests there. He reports things booming there but the cost of living extremely high, being about double what it is in Mobile.

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Mr. Sedinger, the new pastor of the Christian church, is an excellent singer and adds much to the interest of the services by his leadership. He, and Messrs. Pilcher, A. H. Mershon and Gaston are singing as a male quartet, with prospect of becoming quite an addition to the ranks of our local entertainers.

Remember we are headquarters for Heinz pickles, olives, relishes, tomato soup, etc. Heinz apple butter in 15c tins is the latest. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. Homer D. Cope, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived on Saturday evening, and is at "The Gables." Mrs. Cope lived at Des Moines at the time Fairhope had its inception there. Her husband was an ardent Single Taxer and warm personal friend of those who organized the Colony. Naturally, she has always had a very great interest in Fairhope, but has never had opportunity before to visit here. There is some prospect of having her as a resident.

A part of the cargo of the steamer Fairhope on Saturday evening was three big unbroken steers, brought over for the Turner Lumber Company. One of the three was so unmanageable that he was brought down to the boat on a dray, with his feet tied together, and rolled aboard. After the passengers had gotten safely out of the way, they were unloaded and started down the wharf. Two escaped, with ropes dragging, from the men in charge, and were recaptured with some difficulty. They, afforded considerable excitement to the crowd which went down to see the boat come in.

"AT HOMES."

In order to promote greater sociability among our inhabitants and also to provide opportunities to become better acquainted with our winter visitors, it has been suggested that the Courier announce the evenings of the week when it will be convenient for different homes to receive callers,—simply to let neighbors know when people are to found at home No entertainment is to be expected; just a chance for informal association. We believe these dates will be appreciated by new comers and strangers and be mutually profitable.

The foregoing suggestion has been handed to us for the Courier by Comrade T. P. Lyon. It was discussed briefly at a late meeting of the V. I. C. and approved without dissent. The following are the names of those in the immediate neighborhood who agree to be "at home" on Tuesday evenings on and after the first Tuesday in February. In next issue we will—if received in time— publish other groups of names for their neighborhoods.

Dr. Clara Atkinson, Mrs. Gaston, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Howland, Mrs. Mogg, and T. P. Lyon.

By this plan of having as many as possible "at homes" in the same neighborhood and on the same day, none will be burdened with crowded rooms, and we shall all be more certain of seeing the friends we call upon.

We all agree, I am sure, that we need to do more than we are doing to make our Fairhope visitors, especially these, feel more at home in our community; give them more opportunity to get acquainted with our citizens and with principles underlying our enterprise; be more systematic in our calling upon each other, and be spared the fear that our calls may be inopportune.

We reprint the foregoing from last week's Courier to approve the idea and urge our people to get in line in setting a date when they will make it particularly a point to be "at home" to any who wish to call, and also making an effort to get out and call upon others on the dates they set. We are authorized to add to the above list Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Towner, who will be glad to receive callers at the Fairhope House on Friday evenings.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. Breckenridge, Pastor.

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It was way back in the '50s, when railroading was much more primitive than it is to-day, that a prescient event happened to Engineer Joe Van Netta, of the Northern Cross, now the Quincy branch of the Burlington system. Trains in those days were not designated by numbers, neither were the engines; conductors, engineers and brakemen were furnished time cards showing where "passenger train south" would meet "passenger train north," which had the right of way and which would take the "switch." Engines were named after animals, counties and towns. Who that lived on the line of the "Q" in the '50s and is alive to-day is not familiar with the "Black Bear" and the "Polar Bear?" and on the Northern Cross with the "Fulton," the "Knox," the "McDonough," the "Quincy," the "Plymouth," "Augusta" and "Macomb?" Who has forgotten the phlegmatic Cady that pulled the throttle of the "Plymouth" and when the bridge over Crooked creek was washed away by the heavy spring rains of '58 offered to jump the "d—d breach" if they would give him Colmar for a starting point.

It was in the spring of '58 that a new train was scheduled to leave Galesburg at 2:30 a. m. and arrive in Quincy at 5:50 a. m., stopping only at Abingdon, Macomb and Augusta; it was a run of 100 miles, and 30 miles an hour then seemed faster than 70 does to-day.

The night in question was portentous of evil; the rain was pouring in torrents, and the inky blackness of the night only made the headlight shine with greater brilliancy, the thunder was muffled at times, like the roar of an angry animal, the lightnings flashed at frequent intervals and were blinding in effect.

It was Van Netta's "run," and he left a call for 1:45 and went to his room about nine o'clock, thinking to get as much sleep as the few hours would allow. After tossing restlessly for some time he fell into a disturbed slumber; how long he slept was uncertain; he woke with a start and feelings terribly agitated. He had had a vision of an accident, in which his youngest brother was horribly mangled; he tried to dispel the fear, but it was useless; he got up and dressed, looked at his watch and saw it was 12:30, too near his call to go back to bed, and started for his train; reaching the depot, he told his strange dream, or vision, and said: "If it was not endangering another's life I would not go out on my run."

The train from Chicago was pulling into the station and there was the usual turmoil and confusion in changing cars; the train on the Northern Cross was standing on the main track, ready to pull out on schedule time; Van Netta was just coming from the opposite side of his engine, oiler in hand, when Conductor Goodrich called "All aboard" and gave the signal with his lantern to leave. As Joe stepped into the cab, some one touched him on the shoulder and greeted him with a familiar voice. He turned around and confronted his youngest brother, who had just arrived from the east. He was speechless, and it was a minute before he was convinced it was not an apparition; hardly knowing what he was doing, he pulled the throttle and the train was in motion; it was ten miles to Abingdon, the first stop, and quietly turning to his brother he said: "When we get to Abingdon, you get off and take a seat in the rear coach." The young man pleaded and begged the privilege of riding to Quincy with his brother on the engine, but Joe would listen to no arbitration; his will was absolute, and when the stop was made at Abingdon Henry was sent to the rear coach.

"All aboard" was again rung out in the darkness, and again the dim light from the lantern was signaled to go ahead; an easier feeling took possession of Joe after his brother left the engine, still the rain was pouring down as if the floodgates of heaven had been opened; St. Augustine was passed and the whistle was sounding for Avon; both engineer and fireman were straining every optical nerve penetrating the driving rain and the oppressive darkness; Prairie City was left in the dark, and only four miles to Bushnell; the "Macomb" was being tested as to her merits of speed, and was acting like a restless spirited race horse, fairly quivering under the tender urging of her driver. Joe was complete master of her erratic ways, holding her in perfect control with his hand ever upon the lever and throttle.

Three miles from Bushnell is Kepple creek; again was he peering into the blackness of the night made angry from the unceasing rain; only a few yards from the engine did the headlight penetrate, and as the light flashed upon the bridge a whistle for brakes was sounded; it was too late; in another instant the treacherous bridge was reached and the engine went plunging into the chasm 20 feet below.

Van Netta's body was found in the wreck completely cut in two, his left hand still hold of the throttle. Conductor Goodrich was badly but not fatally injured, the fireman was instantly killed and the brakeman crippled for life; strange to say, not a passenger was injured.

The vision was fulfilled, except the fate of the brothers.—Chicago Record-Herald.

LEFT FROM THE IRON AGE.

Explanation For Presence of Huge Bowlder in Vermont.

Among the natural curiosities of Vermont perhaps none is more wonderful than the huge bowlder of serpentine rock situated on a barren hillside pasture near the farmhouse of Leonard Park in Grafton.

Just how and when this immense rock, 20 feet in height, 20 feet in diameter and weighing probably 300 tons, came to its present resting place is a problem which has puzzled many persons..

As no similar deposit of serpentine rock is known in that part of the



country the most reasonable theory is that this bowlder and a smaller rock lying near it were brought from Labrador, where the stone is found in abundance, by a river of ice, and as the glacier gradually melted it was left in its present position.

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We are to have a new orchestra: Messrs. Paton, DeKalb, Lyon and Wheeler have got together and are practicing, with promise of evolving some good music. It will be a great help on many occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Boreman and little daughter and Mrs. Rittenhouse and young son of Parkersburg, W. Va., have been at the Fairhope House about a week. Mr. Boreman is one of the most active Single Taxers of his state. He expects to leave for home tomorrow, but the ladies and children will remain several weeks. The party is greatly pleased with Fairhope's beauty of location and delightful climate, as well as its intelligent and pleasant people.

At "The Gables" for some weeks, are some friends of the Comingses, Madam Hayden and her son's wife and daughter. Mrs, Hayden is an old time friend and confidant of Mrs. Comings' teaching days in Chicago. And was present and assisted at the "solemn ceremony" of pouring several sacks of rice down Mr. Comings' back, the result of which was to send the Comingses as far South as they could get in Florida; from whence they have returned only as far as Fairhope. But it may be that the visit of Madam Hayden at "The Gables" will eventuate in an amicable arrangement, whereby Mr. and Mrs. Comings will return to Chicago, at least for a short visit the coming season. The Haydens are more than welcome to Fairhope.

Lucky Swastika belts at Call's.

Good things to eat—where? At Mershon Merchandising Company's of course.

Mr. Stanley Chambers, of Mobile, a former neighbor of the Shepherds at Ruskin, Ga., visited them on Sunday last.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons speaks at the Gables Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Healing by Mental Science."

Valentine round pod seed beans now in. Don't put off buying until they are all gone. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Rev. Father Carri, of Mobile, will conduct Catholic services on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Zurhorst. Catholics and non-Catholics are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Carrie Betts, niece of Mrs. George M. Bancroft, one of our Fairhope "girls," who has been in Mobile for several months, was married there on Tuesday evening, to Edward Nelson, also of Baldwin county but now employed in Mobile.

Little Lavigne Berglin gave a very pleasant party to a lot of his little friends on January 26th, his fifth birthday. There were just twenty little tots present. Refreshments, consisting of cake, bananas, peanut sandwiches and ice-cream, were served, and all had a good time.

V. I. C. Gives Supper.

The ever faithful ladies of the V. I. C. gave a very successful supper at the church on Wednesday evening, followed by a very pleasant little program of music and recitations. About $12 net was added to the V. I. C. treasury.

Fairhope Livery Changes Hands.

The Fairhope Livery passed on Monday evening into the possession of the Fairhope Improvement Company. This is a business the conduct of which to meet the needs of the public is important to every business interest of the community.

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Annual Election.

The annual election of officers of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was held last evening and resulted in the choice of the following:

President, F. L. Brown.

Vice-president, Jas. S. Paton.

Secretary, E. B. Gaston.

Trustee, Mrs. L. J, N. Comings.

Treasurer, T. P. Lyon.

Superintendent Lands and Highways, G. M. Bancroft.

Superintendent Public Services, J. A. Patterson.

Superintendent of Public Health, Wm. Stimpson.

Superintendent of Industries, J. M. Pilcher.

The five last named constitute the "Executive Council."

All of those chosen were elected by large majorities, their vote being from 29 to 35 out of a total of 41 votes cast. More particulars will be given next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. Stone and his sister Mrs. Lawrence, were arrivals at the Fairhope Hotel last evening, and expect to remain some time.

Get a Coupon Card.

The Mershon Merchandizing Co. is now selling cards for $4.75 which call for $5 in goods at the big store. The plan is meeting with popular favor, and has many advocates. For one thing, you can always make change; as the amounts of your purchase are punched out in the margin of the card. The best feature is the saving of 5 per cent. on all your purchases. Don't you think that is worth while?

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At the Christian Church.

On and after Feb. 16, 1907, the following order will be observed in the Sunday services of the Christian church at Fairhope.

9:45 a. m., Bible School.
11 a. m.—
1. Song. "Holy, Holy, Holy."
2. Invocation.
3. Song. (Congregation.)
4. Observance of Lord's Supper.
5. Song. (Congregation.)
6. Scripture Lesson.
7. Son[illegible] (Congregation.)
8. Pr[illegible]yer.
9. Song. (Special.)
10. Sermon.
11. Song. (Invitation.)
12. Doxology and closing prayer.

6:45 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 p. m., Service of Song, followed by Sermon.

RADICALISM AND CONSERVATISM.

EDITOR COURIER:

Mankind may be roughly divided into three classes: radicals, conservatives, and a class composed of people who occupy a place somewhere between these two extremes and partake of the nature of both.

Radicals, if they are extremely radical, have brains so hard that no new grooves can be cut in them by a new idea or, in other words, the nerve fibres of their brains have such great resistance to new thought currents, that a new idea literally pains them. Hence the irritation with which they combat new ideas when they are presented to them.

To talk to an extremely conservative republican or democrat about the single tax, or of any other reform, distresses him so much that he cannot control his anger. This feeling is intensified, if, at the same time, the single tax idea promises to reduce his income by taxing his lands. In this case, in addition to hurting his brains, you are attacking his stronghold of self. These people have a fixed belief that society, as it now is, is as good as it can be. If a moderate new idea is introduced to them, which tends to increase their incomes; this new idea, while it hurts them somewhat because it has to carve out a new route, is not so strongly resented because the idea of gain acts as a balm to their wounded brain.

The Single Tax movement is so young that we cannot hope to have very many of these hard headed people born into the movement, as yet. For the extreme conservatives form a very small per cent. of the total population, and of all the children born to the Single Taxers who were for a long time few in number not many can be expected to be extremely conservative. And the still smaller group at Fairhope can of course, expect to have still less. When, however, they are in a movement like this they are of great service to it for they are firm as a rock. We could use a few to good advantage at Fairhope, for they would ballast the colony and greatly steady its motions.

There may be extremely conservative people here, but if so, they are here for other than reform reasons. They were born in this vicinity, or have come here in search of health, and in all probability they are opposed to the single-tax idea.

The second class mentioned, the radicals, have in extreme cases very plastic brains, or to put it in another way, the fibers of their brains offer very little resistance to new currents of thought. This may be due to a comparatively large number of fibers in the brain, affording many different combinations of paths; or it may perhaps be due to structure. At any rate, a new idea, as it passes through such a brain, evolves very pleasant senstaions. The extreme radical is therefore fond of new ideas. He will leave an idea, plan or occupation, just because the novelty of it has worn off and it affords him no such delightful sensations as it did at first, and go in search of something new. He is the proverbial "rolling stone" that "gathers no moss."

We now have, and we have had quite a few of these people here. Some of them are strongly attracted by a sociological experiment that may be new to them, such as the single-tax and other colonies are, and flock thither. The Ruskin colony started at nearly the same time that this did, and attracted the most radical, because it had the most novel features, leaving the more conservative for this colony. This may be a reason why this colony has survived and passed the critical point in the lifetime of a reform colony.

Although it is a little out of place, it may be well to remark here, that the colonists of Ruskin and of other co-operative colonies have sometimes been miscalled "picked colonists"; as for example by Mr. Hardinge in a late issue of the COURIER. They were not picked, in the ordinary sense of the word; for the best executive talent and the most industrious were not selected by competent persons and sent there as the writers imply: in fact, the best executive talent was not there. Radical people who preferred colony life, simply chose to go there, without reference to executive ability; and the fact that many of them were extreme radicals sufficiently accounts for their failure.

Between the extreme conservatives and the radicals, exist people of many degrees of conservatism and radicalism, and this class is the sort that is most in evidence everywhere; and consequently also at Fairhope. This class sways the whole colony; for it opposes the extremely radical views and measures that are advanced, and outvotes the conservatives' obstructive policy. If the radicals can ever get a three-fourths majority, they will destroy Fairhope; if the conservatives are continually in the majority, Fairhope will advance little or nothing; but if the moderates remain moderate, Faihope will progress the most.

There are factors which cause conservatives to endure the pain of a new idea, as I have stated above, and cause a radical to tack from one course to another with great rapidity. Short-sighted self-interest is one of the most prominent of these factors, and it is very much in evidence here. A degree of self-interest is commendable, but short-sighted self-interest is to be condemned. If all could clearly foresee the effects of our acts on our own posterity, the majority of us would not allow ourselves to do anything that would harm them, and the factor mentioned would not have caused the Fairhope radicals to swerve so quickly from the interests of the higher self.

Another of these factors is the desire to rule. When this is combined with the first mentioned factor, it makes a very troublesome individual. We have some conpicuous examples of this kind at Fairhope, and they have caused us more trouble than five times their number of other radicals

It is not likely that very many extreme radicals will come to Fair hope in the future, the danger of that has largely passed away. But those who do come must be excluded from the membership, for reasons above stated. It is no more undemocratic to do this than it is for the Masons to refuse to let the orthodox churches rule them. It is necessary for the preservation of the colony. The question then arises: How shall we detect an extreme radical? This may sometimes be difficult. But an extreme radical will probably have very radical views on many different subjects. If we meet a person of this character itwill be safest to mistrust his stability until he is tested by time. J. W. BRAAM.

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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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

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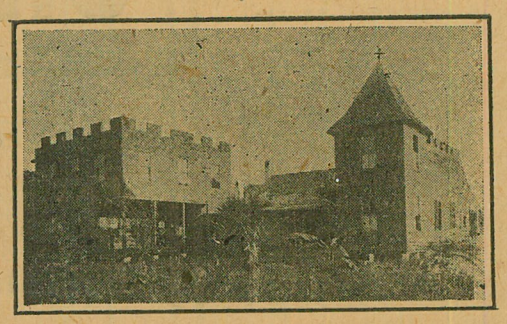
they have small remuneration for their official service; and some of them, as I know, and all of them doubtless, have to work like galley slaves to "make both ends meet." This large auxiliary association, I am assured, will take hold of the most needed work. They will know what ways and means to employ to rebuild our hurricane-destroyed hall; prepare the way for up-to-date water and lighting plants, the building of our library; and, before these greater achievements, we may hope to have Magnolia and some other of our avenues made worthy of a Single Tax colony.

If the new organization has nothing to offer but criticism of the efforts of others, it will do but a modicum of good. To be really worth while, it must show a dispositiion to take hold and help with the vast amount of work there is to do. This will be the crucial test of the real intentions of those who have promoted this organization.

Feb. 5. * * Even now we have not fully measured the extent of the blow the September hurricane dealt us, crippling us directly and indirectly. Directly in the destruction of our wharf, our fences, trees, crops and buildings; indirectly in the loss of the regular wharf income averaging about one hundred dollars a month; the dwindling of the number of winter visitors from the wide-spread, if senseless, fear that Mobile and its vicinage is too upset to carry on normal functions; the discouragement of many of our own people through their serious losses and almost incurable heartaches, and the lessening of immigration. This last is natural. Those nearly ready to come and settle on our lands wait until our house is "set in order." They, and outside friends generally, could not be expected to understand with what energy and unselfish devotion men and women put shoulder to the wheel, giving prompt aid where most needed, making wrecked homes habitable almost magically, forgetting for the time all "kicking" and disputing in the joy of helping a brother. They could not be expected to understand how little, comparatively, the normal course of our public and private affairs was disturbed; how soon the worst aspects of the wreckage were changed. Those who complain lose sight of the fact of which I am assured by several whom business or pleasure has taken to other parts of the near by stricken district, that nowhere else has so much been accomplished in the repair of the storm damage, and nowhere else is activity and enterprise apparent approaching that visible here.

Let us be more reasonable when mourning over our losses.



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The New Corporation Officials.

We reported in last issue the officers chosen at the annual Corporation election to conduct its affairs for the ensuing year—subject, of course, to action of the members at any time.

The president, secretary, and superintendents of lands and highways, and public services were re-elected to their respective positions, a tribute to their faithful and interested service. Mr. Stimpson, the new superintendent of public health, was transferred from the office of vice-president: he is one of the hardest workers for Fairhope. Mr. Paton, the new vice-president, has been with us for a couple of years, and is universally liked, He is a Single Taxer of long standing. Mr. T. P. Lyon, the new treasurer, is another Single Taxer of long standing, a most agreeable gentleman, and believed to be very competent for the position. He may be called a "conservative" as far as Colony policies are concerned. Mr. Pilcher, the new superintendent of industries, is one of our most progressive and popular citizens, always pushing for Fairhope, Mrs. Comings, the new trustee, is a lady of much ability and well-known devotion to Fairhope.

The new administration goes in with a very strong majority, their vote running from 29 to 35 out of a total of 41 votes cast. The highest vote of a minority candidate was that of Mr. Wood, who received twelve votes for secretary. No other minority candidate received over five votes.

*Don't Be a Knocker.

Hide your little hammer and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you really know yourself to be. When a stranger drops in, entertain him. Tell him this is the greatest town on earth—and it really is. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors. There is no end of fun minding your own business. It makes other people like you. Nobody gets stuck on a knocker.

*The above is the inscription on a handsomely printed card in the lobby of the Bank of Mobile. Its application is universal.

What Means Opportunity?

EDITOR COURIER:

When John J. Ingalls penned his now famous sonnet to "Opportunity," he had I think a very dim notion as to the real meaning of the word.

Elbert Hubbard has printed it on nice paper suitable for framing, and he sends it around to his friends, but I think the frame would have to be a very cheap one to induce me to think less of it than of the above mentioned poem. Now let us analyze it a little.

Is it the opportunity to be good, that comes to each one but once, knocks at the door and returns no more. This is not a narrow opportunity, but like Tennyson's brook, goes on forever.

Is it to be useful? This lasts as long as the physical and mental powers remain.

Is it to be wise? Even the wisest men know little enough, and that little has taken a lifetime of effort to accomplish.

Is it to be honest? This also is never ending.

Is it the opportunity to produce wealth? This comes only to land owners: all others have to buy the privilege; and the sum total that they pay for this, defies the human imagination to comprehend. It is this fact, that the masses of men in all countries, under all forms of government, are compelled to pay this vast tribute to others for the mere privilege of living and working upon the earth, that keeps them forever poor and shuts the door of opportunity in their faces as soon as they are old enough to need food, clothing and shelter.

Under landlordism it is a physical impossibility for every one to have either an equal opportunity, or any opportunity whatever to acquire a competence.

It is clearly evident that the average man and woman under our present social adjustments can no more take advantage of the opportunity the vitriolic Kansan was thinking about, than the average slave could take advantage of a slave system in which he was enveloped, and profit by it. Then what was it he meant by opportunity? Just this—if he meant anything: that the opportunity to get wealth without earning it comes just once to every man. Nor is this true; for the masses of men are in the very nature of things prohibited from sharing the advantages of graft—social, business, political or institutional; while to others—beneficiaries of privilege—opportunity comes not only once, but all the time. She is always knocking: in fact, she is not satisfied with knocking, but often it is her whim to kick the door open, and cover the floor with gold. She did this for the luckless Thaw: she put gold under his feet, idleness in his hands, and vacuity in his head. She made him first useless, then dangerous; then enveloped him in a pall of misery.

I think the term opportunity needs a new interpretation. I cannot write poetry: so I confine myself to prose. Yours faithfully,

H. H. HARDINGE.

Those who are most imperfect themselves, are often the freest critics of others.

King Cotton

M. V. Mathews joins in the cry for more cotton to be grown here. He is a native of Alabama, familiar with cotton growing, and says this is as fine a cotton country as there is in the world, far superior to most of that in which cotton is the staple crop. He says he hopes to get some of his friends from North Alabama down here this spring to go into cotton and general farming.

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Mr. Barnette Thinks Cotton the Money Crop.

EDITOR COURIER:

In response to your inquiry of the fifth inst., relative to the growing of cotton in this section as a cash crop, will say that I have advocated this idea ever since I came here.

The country is highly adapted to the growth of cotton, as it does not suffer from drougth or excessive rains as it does in sections further north. Cotton is akin to the timber interests of this section; for outside of timber and cotton there are no other export productions here to bring money from other countries.

From twenty years of experience in growing cotton, I find it should be grown only as a surplus crop. A bale or more per acre can be easily grown here, and can be produced at about $15 too, when it takes from $25 to $35 to grow a bale of cotton on other uplands.

So long as the farmers of this section depend on growing potatoes, melons and cow-peas, as a whole, having their meat houses and corn-cribs in the cities, they will never succeed by farming. Plant corn, sorghum, raise hogs, a few potatoes, and grow cotton as a surplus to bring money, and the farmers of South Baldwin will prosper.

If the readers of the COURIER desire, I would gladly give a treatise on growing cotton, thru its columns.

Very Truly,

CARL BARNETTE.

Fairhope, Ala.

The COURIER readers would, we are sure, be glad to hear further from Mr, Barnette on the cotton subject; and we trust he will come again soon, with some of the practical suggestions which will be of especial value to our people, who are not familiar with cotton growing.—ED.

N. O. Nelson Business Expanding.

A clipping sent us by M. M. Cope tells of an extensive enlargement to the N. O. Nelson pipe plant at Bessemer, Ala. An automatic dipping equipment to be installed is one of the greatest labor saving devices in the manufacture of pipe. The plant is turning out immense quantities of the finished product and has orders covering several months ahead. We rejoice in Mr. Nelson's success, for it means better conditions for more workmen, and an example of better methods to all employers.

DG Armitage 10 1 07

It is reported that the acreage of Irish potatoes in the vicinity of Magnolia Springs has been greatly increased this year, and that several acres of radishes have been planted.

One disadvantage which all towns suffer, is that the men who really represent the life and business of the community, are usually too busy with private and public duties to entertain visitors, who are left largely to get their impressions from those who, because of disinclination or incapacity for work, are "gentlemen of leisure."

The best time to analyze the "Fairhope plan" and decide whether or not you approve it, is before you decide to locate in Fairhope. If later you change your mind, that is within your right; but it is hardly fair to assume that because you did not know what you were doing, others did not know what they wanted, and that the plan must be changed to meet your changed ideas.

We have had frost on one morning recently, but it came so late in the morning, and was driven away so soon, as to do no damage. We hardly "dare to breathe freely" yet, for fear of cold which will be all the more damaging because of the very mild weather we have been having; but we are rapidly passing the danger point. Every prospect now is for a very early spring.

This has been a very extraordinary winter, in that strawberries in considerable quantity have been picked every month of the winter. Weeks ago, the Wilsons picked several quarts from the bed on the Creswell place. A dispatch from Atmore, in an adjoining county, reported the shipment on February tenth of four crates of strawberries by the Alabama Orchard Company, breaking all records. The earliest we remember of having strawberries in quantity here before, was in the last few days of February.

C. L. Coleman has a large muslin sign on the Fairhope Avenue line of his home place, advertising lots for sale at $2 per front foot. This would be at the rate of $418 an acre (though lots would ordinarily be cut from two to three times longer than the frontage, which would make the price even higher). Six per cent on $418 would be $25.08 an acre. Just across the avenue the Single Tax Corporation leases land of exactly the same character at $1.50 an acre, paying the taxes on the land and on the improvements of the lessees. It would hardly look as if Mr. Coleman would be able to sell any lots at the rate asked; but possibly some who would prefer "owning their own land" and being safe from the possibility of "extortionate rents" in the future, may accept his terms.

"Three Acres and Liberty."

Bolton Hall has written a new book with the above title, which ought to be not only very interesting, but of much practical value. In a personal letter Mr. Hall says:

"It is intended to open the eyes of the city man of small means, and the working man on precarious wages, to the feasibility of getting a living out of from one to three acres, either with or without giving up his present occupation, and without cutting himself off from near neighbors; also to show the possibilities of intensive culture. I have endeavored to be absolutely practical, and in all cases to offer proof that the assertions made, if open to question, are justified. Of course the land question appears in the book."

The new book will be on sale March first. It should be of especial interest to those who are looking forward to coming to Fairhope and living under their "own vine and fig tree." Our conditions of soil, climate and land policy are particularly adapted to intensive culture; and we have the "three acres" for hundreds of settlers. The Courier will take orders for the book, and furnish it at the regular price, which will be announced as soon as known.

Help a Friend.

The Courier has from time to time mentioned the illness of Captain George A. R. Lawrence. We regret to say that the captain's condition has not improved. It is believed now that he has locomotor ataxia. He is confined to the house and to his bed a good share of the time, but gets out occasionally on nice days among his friends. A number of friends who are familiar with the effect of the Hot Springs upon similar cases, believe that the captain could get great benefit from a stay of a few weeks there; and as the same is beyond his means, the Courier takes pleasure in recommending that friends at home and abroad join in making up a little fund to send him there for a trial of the healing waters. He has been a hard worker, not only for himself and family, but for Fairhope and the Single Tax cause generally; and nothing lies nearer his heart today. The work he would do as a Single Tax missionary on such a trip, would make it well worth while for Single Taxers to join in sending him, beside the hope of helping to save him to his family and the world.

The Courier will gladly receive subscriptions to the fund.

Stand by Your Own Boat.

A wise self-interest will direct that any one within reach of Fairhope, and particularly any one whose interests are in our town, will give his undivided patronage to the steamer Fairhope and do everything in his power to encourage those whose enterprise and capital have restored our direct service with Mobile.

As all know, the steamer management has not only cut the winter passenger rate in two, but has reduced freight rates materially below the scale of the other company when without competition.

To run a boat like the Fairhope, exclusively to serve any one point, is, as none know better than the writer, a bold undertaking. It would not be undertaken by anyone who was not primarily influenced by a desire to build up the community served. Every resident of Fairhope should respond heartily to this spirit on the part of the boat management; but if, for any reason, he cannot do this, self-interest alone should prompt him to stand by the Fairhope.

The boat must have *all* the business of Fairhope, to be operated at a profit,—and we cannot ask or expect it to be continued otherwise. Thus, for a citizen of Fairhope to permit a dollar of his business to be diverted elsewhere, for any reason, is not only great short-sightedness on his part but a blow at the interests of every other citizen. This is a cold, hard, business *fact*. Think of it, not only when you yourself ride or ship, but when you trade locally.

Cases may arise when you will think you have just cause of complaint. Don't go around town telling it and saying, "Well, I'll patronize the other boat;" but take it to the steamer management, and treat with them in a reasonable spirit, which, we are sure, you will find manifested by them.

This is written without the knowledge of the steamer management, but out of the Courier's appreciation of the immeasurable importance of the direct steamer service and of the obligation of the community to those who are now giving it to us.

Advocates Colonization on Single Tax Lines, in Liberia.

In The Detroit Informer the editor, Francis H. Warren, advocates the colonization of Afro-Americans, with Single Tax proclivities, in Liberia. Says he:

When the writer first learned of the great benefit the introduction into law of the Henry George system of taxation would be to humanity and how by this method a more perfect civilization may be evolved than the world has yet experienced, his first thoughts for its development turned to Liberia. Here is a large territory where civilized development has hardly yet begun and where there are only about 20,000 Afro-Americans in a population of a million and a half. We propose to colonize the hinterlands of this country and ask the government for the privilege of raising our taxes according to our own plans, and we have every reason to believe that our request will be granted. Herein lies a great opportunity for colored Americans, with Single Tax proclivities, to join with us in civilizing that part of Liberia now occupied by semi-civilized tribes of natives and there work out a true civilization that we believe will eventually dominate the earth. And what a grand contribution to the cause of humanity Afro-Americans would thus give to the world can only be estimated by a study of "Social Problems" and "Progress and Poverty" by the late Henry George.

We suggest that any of our readers interested in the subject write the Informer for particulars.

Entertains Distinguished Visitors.

The Pleasure Bay made a special trip from Mobile to Daphne, on Tuesday, bearing the governor, and members of the house and senate of the Alabama legislature, their ladies and friends to the number of several hundred altogether, to look over Daphne as the site of a proposed state normal school.

Dr. Greeno, of Fairhope, was one of the reception committee and one of the especial escorts to the governor. He reported to the Courier a very enjoyable trip and very favorable sentiment toward the proposed school. It seems pretty well assured that our sister town will get the school: the question now is, How much of an appropriation will be made?

What Taxation of Land Values Would Do.

Lewis H. Berens, of London, concluding an article in the Single Tax Review, on "The Taxation of Land Values," says:

"It would fall entirely on land-holders, and could not by them be added to the heavy burdens they already impose on industry; but that, on the contrary, by reducing land-values generally, it would tend to reduce those burdens by far more than the amount of the tax.

"It would tend to break down land monopoly, all forestalling, regrating and engrossing of the primary necessity of life and industry, to reduce rents, to make land more available to industry, to increase the demand for labor as well as the earnings of all the workers.

"It would tend to secure to the people their inalienable claim to the use of the natural forces and opportunities inherent in the soil of the country upon equal and equitable terms, and to share in the bounties of Nature.

"It would thus prepare the way for the establishment of social conditions, and the erection of a Social State, based upon Justice, upon the recognition of the equal claim of all to life, and all that this involves.

"Land Values are natural; they inevitably spring into existence wherever a community of men may settle, and will rise or fall with the numbers, ability, activity or enterprise of the community. The one question relating to them the community can decide is whether these values, due as they are to the presence and activities of all, shall be allowed to furnish unearned incomes for a section of the community, or whether they shall be appropriated for the joint and common benefit of all. The one at once creates a special privileged class, with interests diametrically opposed to those of the rest of their fellow-citizens; the other would continuously tend to maintain that equality of rights, of opportunities and of duties which form the necessary basis of Republican Institutions, the *conditio sina qua non* of equitable association, of peaceful and harmonious social life.

"Hence it is that we know that it would be well for the People's Cause, for the cause of Justice, Humanity, Civilization and Social Progress, if all earnest Reformers would temporarily sink all minor differences and concentrate their efforts to secure the speedy adoption of the Taxation of Land Values, adopting for their rallying cry the motto—Land and Liberty!"

In the Harness Again.

We are pleased to note that our old Baldwin County friend and fellow publisher, Abner J. Smith, of the Times, is again entering the newspaper field, for which he is so well fitted. He has purchased the Wilcox Progressive Era, and has also leased the Wilcox Banner, giving him a clear field in one of Alabama's best counties. The Courier wishes him the utmost success in the new field, and while regretting to lose him—and his charming wife, whom he will pardon us for characterizing as indeed his "better half"— from Baldwin County, we congratulate Wilcox County on its gain.

A Suggestion.

Editor Courier:

There are a dozen or more towns, summer and winter resorts, on the Gulf, which were more or less damaged by the hurricane and tidal wave last September. The people resorting there were also badly frightened; and as many of them, or no doubt, most of them, come from New Orleans and Mobile, they would perhaps come to Fairhope, if they could be reached and informed that there is no danger of a tidal wave here, and that the force of the West India hurricanes is not so severe here as it is in the vicinity of the Gulf. It seems to me that some of them could be reached, if the hotel and restaurant people and those who rent houses or rooms to visitors, could get together and share the expense of a little advertising. Perhaps there are some single-taxers in New Orleans who would distribute advertising matter.

J. W. Braam.

M. M. Cope Discusses Unearned Increment.

Editor Courier:

I think the Courier of January 25th the most interesting number that has issued for some time, although Mr. L. is not satisfied with Mr. A's. explanation of unearned increment, and thinks Ricardo's law of rent does not apply to Fairhope.

Lest there be others who do not understand Mr. A., permit me to say, that the fact that the land is owned by the F. S. T. Corp. does not change the operation of the "law of rent."

The full rental value and the unearned increment of land are one and the same, in Fairhope as they are elsewhere.

The money paid in rentals is not an expenditure on the land, any more than the money you pay your laundress is an expenditure for clothes, for while this last may be said to be a part of the expense of keeping clothed, you get your return in comfort, not in more valuable clothes.

Thus the money paid for rent is not expended upon the land, but for public improvements which add to the comfort of all.

In making estimates of land values you do not first wipe out the value of all the efforts of all lessees and others whose efforts go to give value to the land. If you did, some would want to go back to the time when Adam left the Garden, or, at least, to when Abram and Lot divided the land between them.

No, in estimating rents you take a lot; and suppose that it is unimproved, but all about are the efforts of merchants, tailors, carpenters, blacksmiths, shoemakers etc.—all things which go to make a growing community. Of this lot you ask: "What is its rental value?" and, having decided that, you go on in the same manner, lot after lot, through the whole body of land, valuing each lot according to its location and condition for usefulness; and the rent which it will bring, year by year, is the unearned increment of its value.

Let me try to put this matter in a different light. Suppose this Fairhope corporation had taken another method of collecting rent. Suppose that each member could have a deed to as much land from the corporation as he would pay an annual assessment on, said assessment to be made by the Council, subject to the approval of the whole membership. Persons not members could have land subject to the same assessment as the land of members, they being given a bond for a deed to be issued to each bondholder as the conditions of membership were complied with.

Now, suppose some one gets land under this arrangement and then decides he has business elsewhere, continuing to pay his assessments—thus keeping his title good; but, in course of time, decides to sell and does sell his holding. If the amount received from the sale exceeded the amount of the first cost and all of the assessments, this person has "made a profit" on his investment, we say; but Single Taxers say, he got a part of the unearned increment.

In a case like this, do you suppose said person would say, "Now, if these other people had done as I have my lot would not have increased in value, therefore this profit belongs to them;" and proceed to divide it? No; being an ordinary mortal, he would say: "That is impracticable, for I can't tell just how much each should have; so I will keep the whole of it, and hope these people will continue to prosper." On the other hand, if the first cost and assessments equalled or exceeded the selling price of the land, this person would undoubtedly say, "The scheme is bad: I invested my money, and made nothing."

The increment unearned by any individual but earned by the community is taken by the community for the benefit of all.

Sincerely Yours,

M. M. Cope.

Fairchance, Ala., Feb. 2, —07.

Break Land Monopoly.

I have heard it said that the real monopoly in a railroad was land monopoly. I have also heard it said that the greatest value in a railroad was land value. Whether it is or not I am not going to dispute. Nevertheless these statements started me to thinking along these lines, and I looked the matter up for myself.

I discovered that prior to June 30, 1880, the United States Government granted to the railroads over 260,000,000 acres of land, a territory twice the size of the New England States and greater than the State of Texas. The State of Texas alone contains 166,000,000 acres of land. In 1900 the population of the United States was 83,000,000. Just think of it! Every man, woman and child could be put in the State of Texas and each person would have two acres of land. If the land that was granted to the railroads was divided among the population, it would mean three acres to the person. These land grants to railroads extend from five to sixty miles on either side of the roadbed.

Is it any wonder the railroads are so powerful? Is it any wonder they buy legislation and give rebates? Break land monopoly and you break the power of the railroads.

Charles D. Ryan, in The Star.

Mobile was favored with good weather for Mardi Gras this year. There was neither rain nor ice. A rather chill north wind blew on Monday, but the sun shone out warm and cheerily; and on Tuesday the wind had shifted to the south and was much warmer. The gulf city was crowded with people. There was a large travel from and through Fairhope. The steamer Fairhope had her limit of passengers (150) on Tuesday morning, and made an extra trip in the evening, returning after the night parade. She handled on Tuesday on her four trips across the bay over 300 passengers, and without the slightest untoward incident.

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A. J. Wolf visited Citronelle last week.

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A. J. Wolf has gone away on a business trip.

Cereals of all kinds, fresh and good. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. Massey went to Bay Minette on business on Wednesday, returning Thursday.

The B. A. Thomas stock and poultry food beats them all. Mershon Merchandising Co., agent.

All kinds of garden seeds, onion sets, Valentine beans, etc. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. McDermaid and daughters, Elizabeth and May, arrived the last of last week, to join Captain John here. Mr. Robert is also here.

Albert Walton of Forest City, Ark., arrived on Monday evening for a visit with his wife and daughters, and will remain until next Monday.

Wesson's cooking oil for cooking is better, cheaper, and very much nicer than lard. Try a can and be convinced. Mershon Merchandising Company

Just received a shipment of seeds from Amzi Godden Seed Co. These seeds are reliable and well known in this section. Mershon Merchandising Company.

When trading in Mobile always let it be known that you are from Fairhope. It will be to your advantage and to the advantage of your town, and will help the Courier.

Mr. Perry, the Home Telephone Company operator, requests that we again ask subscribers to "ring off" with a short ring when through talking. It will accommodate him very much.

Mr. Bartlett, of the Register-Gazette, Rockford, Ill., forwarding a clipping announcing the departure of Mrs. McDermaid and daughters, adds: "would like mighty well to be with you myself.

The Henry George Club will meet in usual session with Mrs. Gaston on next Thursday at 3 p. m., and on Friday evening will hold another of its evening parlor meetings, at the home of Mrs. Powell. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Anne B. Call will review the 7th and 8th chapters of "Natural Taxation." On Friday evening G. M. Bancroft will lead the discussion upon "Indirect Taxation."

Mr. and Mrs. Robac and son Edwin left on Wednesday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., where they expect to make their home. They once lived there and were not satisfied, (else they would have remained), but perhaps they will like it better on returning.

T. W. Rackley, of southern Missouri, is a new resident in Baldwin county, having traded Missouri property to A. V. Callahan, for the latter's property below Point Clear. Mr. Rackley expects his family to join him in the spring. Mr. Callahan expects to demonstrate the value of his pear blight cure in the large orchards of the North.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Capps, Miss Genevieve Capps and Mrs. Josephine Gregory, of Vandalia, Ill., arrived Wednesday evening and will probably remain several weeks. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Christian, who warmly recommended Fairhope to them. They are at the Fairhope Hotel and seem well pleased with our town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith of Chicago came in on the Wednesday evening steamer and remained until Friday morning investigating Fairhope. They have pronounced inclination toward the Single Tax and a number of Single Tax friends, who, hearing they were coming South, wanted them to be sure to visit Fairhope. They were guests at The Gables during their stay.

Fairhope friends have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Helen Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bostedo, to Mr. Frank Allan Rockwood, which interesting event occurred at the Bostedo home, River Forest, Chicago, on February second. Mr. and Mrs. Bostedo are old-time members of the Corporation and the bride spent a month here with her mother several years ago.

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E. J. M. Stevens is quite ill.

Dr. Wilson has gone to Chicago in the interest of his society.

George M. Landgrave, of Indiana, is a guest of the Fairhope Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennon, of Chicago, are visiting relatives in the "suburbs."

Charley Wilson is fitting up a fine restaurant and bakery in the Brown block.

There was a very pleasant dance, attended by many of our winter visitors, at the pavilion, last evening.

R. F. Powell and B. van Bavel have been added to the list of those connected with the Colony telephone system

Dr. W. C. Gibbons speaks at "The Gables," Sunday, 11 a. m., Subject: "The Breath of Life, or How to Breathe."

The new council met for the first time on Monday evening and transacted considerable business, a report of which will appear next week.

Dr. Atkinson is now at home in her new cottage, where she will always be pleased to receive her friends, especially on Tuesday evenings.

Mrs. Prentiss, Mrs. DeCoudres' sister, and her daughter Miss Marguerite, left for their home this morning, after a pleasant visit of several weeks.

Mr. Stone, a guest of the Fairhope Hotel for more than a week now, is a newspaper man from Troy, N. Y. He is enjoying the climate and natural beauties of Fairhope, and incidentally investigating Colony conditions.

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J. B. Philbrook has secured 132ft. of the Jacobs-Creswell tract adjoining that transferred a little while ago to M. V. Mathews, and will improve it further, at once.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons has secured a lot adjoining the Albright lot on the east, and expects to build upon it soon. Having been here several months, he is pleased with conditions.

Dr. Greeno went to Bay Minette on Thursday morning to appear before the county commissioners in regard to a couple of road matters in which he and the community are interested.

Dr. Gorrell, a prominent physician of Newton, Iowa, visited Fair hope this week at the especial suggestion of his friend, Dr. Perry Engle of Newton, well known to many Fairhopers.

Miss Gertrude Mackley of Luray, Kansas, arrived early in the week, and expects her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Samson, with whom she makes her home, in a few days. They plan to make their home here.

R. L. Douglass, of Mobile, was in Fairhope the first part of the week, with Mr. Williams, an inspector for the Glens Falls Insurance Company, which Mr. Douglass represents in Mobile, looking up the Company's risks in this vicinity.

Stewart Brooks, chairman of the Board of Public Works of Mobile, was over last evening, looking over our bay frontage with a view to taking a lot and building a summer home. His sister accompanied him. They seemed well pleased, and will probably make application for a lot in the near future.

Gsorge C. Moore and daughter, of Chicago, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Goddard for a few days. Mr. Moore, who has real-estate interests in the south, urges the "three C's", cane, cotton and cassava, as the safe and profitable crops for this section. We would add a fourth C, cowpeas, which will furnish with cassava a complete ration for stock. All of these, it will be noted, are peculiarly southern crops. Wisdom dictates to grow southern crops in the south.

Our S. E. Gooding was married at Wilmette, Illinois, his former home, on Tuesday evening, the fifth instant, to Miss Emily Mitchell. He and his bride left for the south the next day, arriving at Fairhope on last Friday evening, and remaining over until Sunday evening, when they went up to Vinegar Bend, where Mr. Gooding is at present employed. We hope however to soon have them with us again. Mr. Gooding is a most estimable gentleman; and being a good Single Taxer, is especially deserving of all the good things which life has in store for the worthy. His bride is a lady of many attractive qualities, who made many friends in a former visit here. The COURIER extends hearty congratulations.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Mrs. Dr. Woodruff, our visitor from New York, is an excellent soloist, and is very kind in helping with the singing at church and other programs.

Mr. Casey Kraak has a contract for furnishing a lot of piling for rebuilding bath house wharves at Point Clear. He is putting them on the Beach at Fairhope to be rafted down.

Messrs. Joseph Christopher and Albert Oldham—young gentlemen who came down with Dr. Wilson's party and are now working in Mobile—have purchased the Otto Went cottage, over on the Morphy tract, and will make their home there.

At the Christian Church.

On and after Feb. 16, 1907, the following order will be observed in the Sunday services of the Christian church at Fairhope.

9:45 a. m., Bible School.
11 a. m.—
1. Song. "Holy, Holy, Holy."
2. Invocation.
3. Song. (Congregation.)
4. Observance of Lord's Supper.
5. Song. (Congregation.)
6. Scripture Lesson.
7. Song. (Congregation.)
8. Prayer.
9. Song. (Special.)
10. Sermon.
11. Song. (Invitation.)
12. Doxology and closing prayer.

6:45 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 p. m., Service of Song, followed by Sermon.

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A Stirrring Program Sunday For the Progressive League.

At the Progressive League, Sunday, 3 p. m., will be a stirring program of protest at the high-handed outrage of kidnapping the noted labor leaders by the states of Idaho and Colorado.

As this case will be sure to become historic in the annals of labor oppression, it will be worth hearing by every lover of liberty or his kind. At the school-house. All welcome.

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The new warehouse at the pier-head is completed. It is 28x30ft., ample for the safe storage of all freight until it can be brought in to the shore end. The contractors, Messrs. Barnhart and Lawrence, were much the lowest bidders on the job, but did it to the entire satisfaction of the Company, and say they would like to have other jobs of the same kind at the same price.

The only recent subscription to to the wharf fund was one of $250 by our new settler, F. L. Horning. Several hundred dollars more are needed by the Company to complete the work as planned, and this they would be glad to have in hand at once.

The wharf is doing a good business, and the receipts would cover the balance within a few months, but the company would much prefer to finish the job up now. Wharf certificates bear six per cent interest, and are a perfectly safe investment. Make remittances to N. Mershon, Treasurer.

NOTICE

On account of an excursion on Thursday, Feb. 21, the steamer Fairhope will not return from Mobile on her usual time, but will leave there at 6 p. m. Those desiring a good long day in Mobile for business, or to attend the matinee, should there be one, can take advantage of this opportunity.

Shippers will be governed accordingly, as the late arrival at Fairhope will necessitate leaving their freight at the wharf warehouse over night.

Miss Mary Gould has returned from a stay of over a year in the north and received a hearty welcome back from her many friends. She is a thoroughly loyal friend of Fairhope and had a good word to say for it wherever she went.

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FOR SALE—Since the death of their baby, Dr. and Mrs. Borst are more than ever anxious to have their family all together, and authorize me to offer their pleasant home on the edge of the village at a reduced price, on favorable terms—or will lease) it for a term. This is a very desirable suburban home, with good house and out-buildings, a nice lot of fruit, some good cultivable ground, pasture, etc. It is an ideal place for a chicken ranch. Write me for particulars. E. B. Gaston.

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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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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

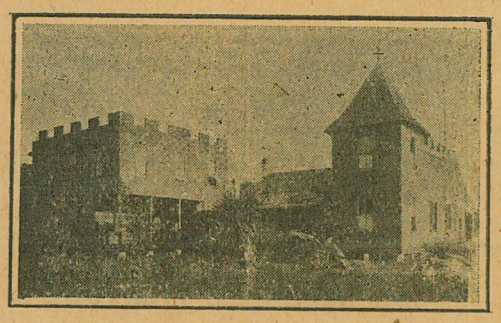
Mrs. Howland's Letters

* * * To the friend of Fairhope who lately asked for the publication of meteorological information in the COURIER, I wish to say that the request was reasonable and I will at least help answer it. But do you happen to know what it means to keep a weather report with even passable exactitude? I do, having served Uncle Sam as voluntary weather observer in Sinaloa, Mexico, for over a year, filling the blanks morning and noon and posting the report regularly every month. I faithfully resolved to look at the thermometer at the appointed minutes every day and at the rainguage after every shower. Alas! I found it difficult indeed. I confess I often guessed at the exact figure when I was a little late, and my conscience hurt me not a little therefor. Now someone here ought to get the blanks from Washington and fill them for publication in the COURIER. Who will be sufficiently devoted for this service? I think if Mr. Gaston will see that the blanks are ready he will find a voluntary observer to fill them.

At this hour—1 a. m. Feb. 7—the mercury on west "gallery" registers 38°, six degrees above freezing, but it has scarcely fallen any since last evening at nine o'clock, when I went out with a lantern and added more protection to some of my plants.

x x x You know, A. C. B., that we talked of rust on rose leaves, my special trouble. I omitted to tell you that I think I have found a remedy—Chloronaptholeum—sent me by a druggist, one of our royal Single Taxers, R. S. Hicks, now of Escondido, California; and I have a sprayer so excellent and effective that I want every flower-lover to know of it. It is entirely of brass except the piston, but is without maker's name. I got mine of Mr. Swift for $1.50.

The tax frauds in Luzerne Co., Pa., in glaring under-assessments of coal lands, as unearthed by the grand jury, have, according to a dispatch to the Philadelphia Record, been a pronounced stimulus to Single Tax agitation.



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King Cotton

EDITOR COURIER:

Relative to the growing of cotton in this vicinity, permit me to add my hearty endorsement, as I believe it should be our principal money crop. For the past four or five years I have been agitating this idea instead of truck farming. I believe I tried as hard as anyone to make trucking pay, but failed. Now, I would not advocate growing cotton exclusively, but the position I take is for more general farming. Instead of planting our largest field to potatoes, etc., and small patches to cotton, corn, etc., the plan should be reversed and made to read like this: Plant enough corn, oats and hay for home consumption, at least; cotton as the principal money crop; trucking as a side issue to fill in between.

The question whether we can grow cotton successfully does not need very much discussion, as I believe we have had a sufficient demonstration of the fact that it can be done, and to much better advantage in Baldwin county than in the black belt of this state, for a good many reasons, a few of which I will give.

The first is that the climatic conditions are better. The ideal season for cotton growing is a dry spring, rain during the summer months, and dry fall, and all through this time a hot sun. Anyone who has lived here long enough, has only to think back to see that our average seasons are just that.

Why does it want a dry spring and a hot sun? Because cotton is strictly a sun plant, to be started as early in the spring as possible, so as to have it up and make a good growth before the grass begins to grow.

Why is it necessary to have rains during the summer months? Because it requires considerable moisture at this stage. A ten-acre field of cotton will drink many thousand gallons of water each day during June, July and August.

Again, our soil is superior for cotton-growing. The ideal soil for cotton is what is known as sandy top-soil with a heavy clay sub-soil. Why? Because it is easiest to cultivate, and the rain-water percolates rapidly. No worse thing could happen to a cotton field than to have water standing on it any length of time.

"Can a man who is not acquainted with cotton culture make a success of it," is asked. I will say "yes" to him, if he has ordinary intelligence and understands some of the principles of agriculture. Cotton may well be called the ignorant farmer's friend. I do not believe there is any plant grown that will stand so much abuse as cotton. Yet it responds as no other plant to intelligent treatment.

The labor question is the worst barrier just now. Labor is always seeking employment, however, and when we have broad fields of cotton open, I believe labor will seek it out. At least it has done so at other places.

The most prosperous farming communities in the South are those where the general farming plan is followed. Ours will be more prosperous by adopting the same plan.

As to how and when to plant, fertilize, and cultivate cotton, I may give my ideas later, if desired.

H. C. OSWALT.

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Another Advocate of Cotton.

EDITOR COURIER:

Notwithstanding the fact of my having so recently moved into your community, I feel that I am interested in every legitimate interest of the people of Fairhope and vicinity. Having read with interest some articles in your last issue relative to the raising of cotton in this section, I thought that, with your consent, I would like to say a few words to the readers of the COURIER concerning the matter.

Although a "Buckeye" by birth, 5 years of residence in the South has converted me to the belief that, so far as a money crop is concerned, the only crop that Southern farmers can rely on with any degree of certainty, is COTTON.

First let me say that almost immediately upon my arrival here, I was impressed with the peculiar manner in which this section was adapted to the growth of cotton, and as I continue my residence here this impression becomes more profound.

The average, if I am not mistaken, in the county in which I resided before coming here, was about one-third of a bale to the acre, and the people of that section consider it a profitable crop. But I believe that the people of this community, with their thorough way of doing things, and the advantages they have in soil and climate over a great part of the section of which I have just spoken, can raise from one-half to a bale per acre.

There are two extremes to be avoided relative to cotton:

1. Not to raise cotton at all.
2. To raise practically nothing but cotton.

My ideal Southern farmer is one who raises everything he can that is necessary for the maintenance of the life of himself and family and stock, and after that all the cotton that he can for a money crop. A few points:

1. Don't raise cotton exclusively and buy everything else.
2. Don't, if you have never raised cotton, try to do so without consulting with some one who has had experience, a Southern cotton raiser to be preferred.
3. Don't experiment with new varieties of cotton, such as Sea Island, etc., nor with new ways (principally your own way) of planting, cultivating, etc., until you become better acquainted with raising the staple.
4. Don't plant more than you can tend.
5. Don't use too much fertilizer.

I might add that I am acquainted with a gentleman who owns a gin who is somewhat desirous of securing a more southern location than he has, and he might be persuaded to locate in Fairhope if enough people in this community would raise cotton to justify him in doing so.

Mr. Editor, why not call a meeting of the farmers of the community to discuss this matter and form a cotton growers association?

In conclusion, I am willing to give any one who may wish it the benefit of my observation and experience in this matter.

H. G. SEDINGER.

At the request of a number of the boys, T. N. Freeman met with them on Friday evening after school, to talk about organizing an athletic club. There were about fifteen of the boys present, and much enthusiasm was manifested. An organization was effected, with Clayton Baldwin president and Cornie Gaston secretary. The COURIER is very glad to see the boys interested along this line, and hopes that the initiative having been taken by them, they will stick to it until they have a flourishing society which will be a source of much amusement and profit—in the shape of healthy bodies and well trained muscles—to them, and help to keep the name of Fairhope to the front in physical as well as intellectual accomplishments.

Mr. Brooks, of the Mobile Board of Public Works, who visited Fairhope last week with a view to securing a lot for a summer home, thinks that the very rapid growth of Mobile is going to make a very greatly increased demand for lots in the suburban resorts; of which none are more favorably situated than Fairhope; especially with its present excellent direct steamer service. The filling up of the city not only increases the number of people who might want such homes, but makes present residents feel the more the desirability of getting, for a portion of the year at least, away from the crowded city. Fairhope can furnish home sites for hundreds—yes, thousands—of such, in a location unsurpassed for natural beauty and healthfulness, and upon terms which are paralleled nowhere else on earth.

Some professing Single Taxers who are doing good work for the Cause, say it is easy to interest people in the Colony and the COURIER.

Editor Tells Truth as He Sees It.

It has been charged that no one away from Fairhope can get a full understanding of conditions here from the Courier. The editor will readily admit that this may be so—quite naturally so. While he always designs to be conservative and within the truth in his statements, it is the truth as *he* sees it, not as some one else sees it. He confesses to being an optimist, and rejoices that he is so. He sees the bright side, confessing that there is everywhere a dark side indeed, but believing that the most of the darkness that some seem to see, is from within, not without. He should not be expected to see the darkness that others see, nor does he acknowledge any obligation to advertise the dark visions of others. The Courier is published to build up Fairhope and further the cause for which Fairhope primarily exists; and while this calls for truth and nothing but truth, it does not call for advertising any one's pessimistic views about the country and the colony. Our advice is and ever has been to all intending settlers to come if possible and see for themselves, before deciding to locate. If they do so, they will be able to see and hear from the pessimists. If unable to do so, we will, if requested, cheerfully furnish the names of those who will give a contrasting view to that of the Courier.

Wise Advice from Kansas.

Hon. F. D. Coburn, in the Farmers' Advocate, Topeka, makes a vigorous protest against the habit into which men and papers have fallen—those of the state being the worst offenders—of speaking slightingly of that state; particularly in the use of four words: "drouth", "blizzard", "cyclone" and "grasshopper". He claims that the flippant and, in nine times out of ten, unjustifiable use of these words, as applied to that state, has worked untold injury to the people of the state. A part of the concluding portion of his article is worthy of reproduction here, and may be pondered to advantage by the people of any locality—not because of the use of the words he objected to, but because of criticisms and complainings which do nothing toward correcting the conditions referred to, and whose reiteration only harms.

"So, as one of you, who loves his country and his home, I appeal, not in faultfinding, but in affection, to you who love yours no whit less, to see to it that your hands and pens are guilty of no act which shall place us and ours before the world in a light less favorable than truth justifies or even demands. I ask no concealment or denial of any important fact, but unless a derogatory statement is abundantly true—amply and in good measure justified by the facts and necessary for the world to know—do not give it voice. * * We are all passengers on the same boat, alike hopeful of safely making the same landing; or ticketed over the same road; or all in a way occupants of a community nest. Why should we be constantly rocking the boat? Why should we countenance the man who leaves open the switch? Why befoul the nest? Why should we be everlastingly handing to the other fellow a blunderbuss pointed toward ourselves and, when it has gone off, claim we didn't know it was loaded? The blunderbuss and the boomerang are always loaded."

We are promised a visit from Mr. Fels the first week in March; and he hopes to bring with him his brother, Maurice Fels, who has never visited Fairhope but is a worthy brother of "our" Mr. Fels, and one of their business associates, Mr. Coates. We owe it to Mr. Fels and to ourselves to "look our best" on the occasion of this visit—not to try to appear anything more or better than we are, but just to let him see us at our best.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS DEAL

Corporation Sells Timber on a Portion of Its Land. Means a New Mill and Increased Business.

Action of great importance was taken by the Council on last Friday evening and ratified by the membership at a referendum on Monday evening.

This was a sale of the timber on two sections of the land deeded to the Corporation by Mr. Fels, to Messrs. Cohen and Slack, of Etowah County.

The consummation of the deal was chiefly due to the efforts of the timber committee appointed by the Council, Messrs. Powell, Bancroft and Stimpson—especially the former.

Very much the larger part of the timber is now on the ground, as a result of the great storm of September last, and much of it will have to be converted into lumber within the next few months to prevent its serious deterioration.

The purchasers, who have a mill up the state, where they have used up the adjacent timber, expect to bring it down with a full force of men and teams and get to work at the earliest possible moment. They made a very favorable impression on the committee who came in contact with them.

The price received for the timber, while much under what it would have brought had it not been for the storm, was quite satisfactory, and will put the Corporation "on Easy street" as far as its present obligations are concerned; while the indirect advantages to the community will be almost, if not quite, as important.

The Council felt very confident of the wisdom of the transaction; but, to be sure of its approval by the members, took the initiative in referring it to the members, by whom it was approved without a dissenting voice.

A Trip Over Colony Land and to Turner Co. Saw Mill.

The editor, in company with Messrs. Powell, Stimpson, Freeman, and the Messrs. Slack of Gadsden—who were visiting Mr. Freeman, enjoyed a trip last week out to the new sawmill east of Fairhope, just put in by the Turner Lumber Company.

The day was a fine one, and the roads good, except after leaving the public road for the new road to the mill. The mill is in the southeast corner of Sec. 1, and, as the business center of Fairhope is on the line between sections 17 and 18 of the same township, is six and one half miles from the post-office.

It will be of interest to friends of Fairhope to know that the F. S. T. Corporation owns the land on one or both sides of the road for four miles out, and, if you should turn north in Section Fourteen, you could travel two and one-half miles further before passing off of the Corporation land.

A kicking horse on one of the teams gave us a good deal of trouble, and we were finally compelled to take it out and secure another from a farmer. This delayed us so that it was past the dinner hour when we arrived at the camp which we had been planning to reach before noon. We were, however, cordially greeted by the Messrs. Turner—father and two sons, and the Messrs. Taylor, also interested in the company,— who immediately gave the cook orders to prepare dinner for the party.

Pending the welcome call to dinner, we looked over the mill, saw the magnificent mules, of which there four or five teams—and ten more coming, we are told,--and the oxen, which the Courier mentioned last week as being brought through Fairhope, and upon one pair of which we witnessed the first placing of a yoke. We saw some of the ladies who had followed their husbands out into the woods to be with them; but our dinner, which was soon announced, was prepared by the camp cook, a man.

However, he "knew his biz;" and if there had been any deficiency on his part—which there was not—the hour and the ride had sharpened our appetites to a point where we would have overlooked it. There were fine hot biscuits, eggs, fish, and first-class beef with delicious gravy, and, of course, genuine "Southern coffee,"—to all of which we did full justice and which we greatly enjoyed.

The Messrs. Turner and Taylor are very agreeable and intelligent gentlemen. They are also well posted on the saw-mill business and have the capital to carry out their purposes. Their enterprise will be of great importance to Fairhope in a business way. They estimate that they will have 12,000,000 feet of timber on lands which they control.

After dinner a portion of our party took a course afoot across through the woods toward Fairhope, for the double purpose of trying to locate a new road from the mill to Fairhope and to look over the timber on the Corporation's land. On the trip we passed through sections one, two, eleven and a portion of fourteen, meeting in the latter section others of the party who drove the teams around.

This trip gave us a good opportunity to view the land secured to the Corporation through the generosity of Mr. Fels, and to see the damage wrought by the great storm of Sept. 27th. This was truly a distressing sight. Almost all of the large trees fit for saw-logs were blown over by the storm, some torn up by the roots, others broken and twisted off at varying heights from the ground.

This timber will deteriorate rapidly within the next few months; and a part of the purpose of this trip was to look over the timber with the gentlemen named with a view to its purchase,—which was effected, as noted elsewhere.

Card from Mr. Coleman.

Fairhope, Feb. 16, 1907.

Friend Gaston:

I notice in yesterday's Courier your disparaging remarks about the lots in my home place, which remarks do me an injury and deceive other people as well; alhough your statement is, in a sense, quite correct.

But the facts are told only in part, and in such a way as to convey quite erroneous impressions to the reader. I hope that such was not your deliberate intention.

I ask $2 a front foot, or $80 apiece for my lots, 40 by about 130 feet; which amount would be at the rate of over $400 an acre, which you truthfully state. But you do NOT state that the lots are located right in my fine orchard of bearing Tane Nashi persimmon trees, and are really cheap at the price asked.

Most of these trees are worth $3 apiece, at least. That is what your sister paid Mr. Davis for just such trees, he transplanting them and guaranteeing them to live and bear fruit. Some of my trees are worth $10.

You seek to disparage buyers by saying, "It would hardly look as if Mr. Coleman would be able to sell any lots at the price asked." Why, I could conscientiously say that the lots are really free, and that the trees on each lot are worth the $80.

One not knowing all the facts might easily infer from reading your editorial, that the lots were still piny-stump lands, and not worth one tenth of the price; instead of being stumped and broken and set to trees and tilled for years

and sowed to several successive crops of cow-peas—which has been the case.

Many other truthful things might have have been said, unprejudicial to my property, but I would not ask or expect you to say them. All I ask is that you do me simple justice by publishing this communication, and in the future to be more careful what you say in your editorial remarks. C. L. Coleman.

The Courier would not intentionally do Mr. Coleman or any one else injustice, and cheerfully gives space to the foregoing. Also acknowledging that it overlooked the improvements upon the lots in question in making the comparison with land of the colony just across the street, the rent of which is, of course, based on the unimproved value. We doubt whether disinterested appraisers would support altogether Mr. Coleman's valuations upon his trees (though they are fine ones, and the Tane Nashi persimmon trees are about the most valuable of our fruit trees); but there are abundant opportunities for showing the advantages of the Fairhope policy to settlers, by comparison of unimproved land values within and without.

Charles Monaghan, president of the Colorado Single Tax Association, says that lots in the business center of Denver have doubled in value in the last twelve months, and that the same thing will happen in the residence district. He advises Single Taxers to get on the ground floor and get some of the increase. "This unearned increment value some one is bound to get who does not earn it or produce it," he says. Mr. Monaghan declares he is not in the real-estate business, and has not an inch of real estate to sell, directly or indirectly. Against his invitation, we invite you to invest in Fairhope, either in the way of adding to its territory or in developing its resources. There will however be no "unearned increment." We hope there may be some earned.

Cotton as a cash crop for this section, is again warmly endorsed in two letters published in this issue and the writers of both know whereof they speak. Mr. Oswalt, our postmaster, is a native Alabamian who lived prior to coming here in the cotton section of Alabama, near Montgomery, where he still has interests in cotton lands; and is thoroughly informed on the subject. He has also, as he says, given trucking a pretty thorough trial here, and made some of the best records achieved in this vicinity on potatoes and watermelons. The Courier endorses fully his suggestions, as well as those of Mr. Sedinger.

Harold Sudell, of Philadelphia, for many years one of the most active of Eastern Single Taxers, renewing his subscription to the Courier, adds another dollar and says: "I congratulate you on the paper you are now getting out; it does you credit. My best wishes for your success and for the prosperity of the Colony."

Caroline H. Knox of Chicago, who has visited Fairhope, is one of the Courier's good friends. She sends in every little while the names of parties to whom to send the paper, and in her last letter says: "I intend to send to others, thereby introducing you to a wider circle of friends. All to whom I have sent your paper, have become friends."

Joseph Fels delivered a most excellent brief address recently before the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, in session at Philadelphia. His subject was "Land Famine and Education of Public Opinion." The Public of last week published the address, and we intend to reproduce it in the Courier.

"OUR NATIONAL RAILWAY WRECK."

Thousands of Lives Worse than Lost, Millions of Wealth Destroyed.

In the Dec. 29th issue of Ridgeway's Weekly Charles Edward Russell has an article describing the total break-down of our national transportation system, that needs to be read, and re-read, by every intelligent voting citizen of the land. It pictures in startling figures the total practical collapse of our whole transportation system, and inferentially portrays the long time that we must suffer inestimable loss of life and wealth, before the wreck can be cleared and an adequate system put into operation. It leaves us to recall the fact that the truly piratical system has its own representatives in almost all places of legislative power, to effectually block any attempts at recovering our own highways of communication; but every thinking citizen knows this to be the case, and can see in it an indication of the titanic struggle that must ensue before we can safely travel, or with any adequate means send our products to market, or protect our homes from freezing death.

He depicts one of our best known and principal thoroughfares (the Erie R. R.), struggling with a vast traffic, on which the lives of thousands depend, with but one single track where four would be only barely adequate, and with every little station where a side track is located the meeting place for trains in its congested condition; and so, when one train is at all behind, how it throws the whole system into chaos and confusion, and that it is only a miracle that all lives on its arteries are not sacrificed. And in startling clearness he recites the fact, that millions more than the needed funds have been paid, by the tributary people, to have built an equipment, and the funds have been sucked into and wasted in the maelstrom of Wall Street and its gigantic financial wars to see what robber-king shall rule its and the people's destinies.

It is all a lurid picture, that may well sink deep into the consciousness of every American voter, when he reads the paid-for pleadings of his party-hack newspapers, to keep hands off the "poor dear Rail Roads!"

The essential truth of Russell's picture has since been strangely confirmed by the notorious railway magnate who has declared, that more than five billion dollars worth of new equipment is at once needed to enable our transportation companies to cope with our expanding commerce.

But, no doubt, this colossal estimate (which is about double the total cost of our present system), is based on the conventional method, of providing the families of railway promoters and builders with more funds than the present cost of the system, so that the people of future generations shall have to pay a revenue on two to four times the cost of their highways, which, in fact. is the true character of the R. R. of the country.

Its consummate science of legalized robbery has had the benefit of more brilliant talents than all the useful sciences put together, and the perfected article is probably not yet delivered. S. H. C

Casualties of the Industrial Army.

"The question of war pales into insignificance when the thousands of casualties to the industrial army are considered. If we thought more of lives than of dividends many hundreds who are killed annually by the railroads might be alive today. But no, safety appliances cost money, and smaller dividends would result. Three-quarters of the railway accidents could be averted. Statistics bear this out.

"During the Boer war some women were forced into the trenches to fight. The whole world was startled. Yet does this compare in any way to the thousands of women who daily slave in the trenches of commerce at a wage that precludes the possibility of decency and virtue? The industrial juggernaut crushes out annually the lives of hundreds. Let us better these conditions by caring more for lives than dividends."—Extract from sermon of Rev. T. S. McWilliams, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Help the Cause by Helping a Friend.

The Courier has from time to time mentioned the illness of Captain George A. R. Lawrence. We regret to say that the captain's condition has not improved. It is believed now that he has locomotor ataxia. He is confined to the house and to his bed a good share of the time, but gets out occasionally on nice days among his friends. A number of friends who are familiar with the effect of the Hot Springs upon similar cases, believe that the captain could get great benefit from a stay of a few weeks there; and as the same is beyond his means, the Courier takes pleasure in recommending that friends at home and abroad join in making up a little fund to send him there for a trial of the healing waters. He has been a hard worker, not only for himself and family, but for Fairhope and the Single Tax cause generally; and nothing lies nearer his heart today. The work he would do as a Single Tax missionary on such a trip, would make it well worth while for Single Taxers to join in sending him, beside the hope of helping to save him to his family and the world.

The Courier will gladly receive subscriptions to the fund.

The following subscriptions to above fund have been received:

Miss A. A. Chapman,	$1.00
F. T. Burnham,	1.00

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Council Proceedings.

The Council met on Monday evening, Feb. 11, 1907, with a full attendance; new councilmen Lyon, Pilcher and Stimpson taking their seats for the first time.

Minutes of Council meeting of Jan. 18 and members' meeting of Feb. 7 were read and approved.

Bill of Wm. Stimpson for $22 for building fence on lots on Morphy avenue, to protect improvements of the Corporation, allowed, with understanding that payment be deferred until the amount can be realized from improvements; and the superintendent of lands and highways was instructed to look after preservation of same.

Other bills allowed, as follows:

A. du Mont, fees in rent cases, $3.30
H. C. Oswalt, incidental fee for 75 pupils in January, 37.50

Wm. Call's bill of $5.25 for attendance before Justice du Mont and circuit court on rent cases was referred back for credit thereon of fees allowed.

The secretary was instructed to notify trustees to audit treasurer's books.

Relinquishment by J. A. Haggstrom of s. ½ of e. ½ (s. e. ¼) of s. w. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of Sec. 15 was granted; also by J. W. DeWolf of lots 5, 6 and s. ½ of 7, block 1, division 4.

Transfers:

From Fairhope Imp. Co. to Bertha Mathison, of lots 3 and 6 and s. ½ of 2 and 7, block 2 div. 4, approved, subject to payment of rent and proper application being filed by Mrs. Mathison.

From C. S. Jacobs by H. Creswell, agent, of 132 feet of Jacobs' tract to J. B. Philbrook, approved, provided $25 be paid on rent due, as proposed by Mr. Creswell.

From Wm. Stimpson to Jos. Christopher and Albert Oldham, of lot 5, block 22, div. 2, approved.

From W. H. Dorchester to P. Y. Albright to Dr. W. C. Gibbons, of east half of Dorchester tract on Magnolia avenue, approved.

From T. J. McIlrath to J. E. E. Ruge, of 132 feet square, corner of Fairhope avenue and school street, approved.

From W. H. G. Rowe to Fairhope Imp. Co., of lot 3, block 1, div. 1, approved subject to payment of rent.

Application of L. E. Camp for lots and portions of streets in div. 4 was referred to supt. of lands and highways.

Secretary stated that he had verbal notice from George Fredricks that he desired to relinquish portion of his leasehold west of fence. It was moved and carried that relinquishment be granted, provided lease is turned in and new one taken.

Permission was given the Turner Lumber Co. to cut a road through Sections 2 and 11, to make a more direct road from their mill to Fairhope.

The matter of desire of Turner Lumber Co. to have a wharf upon which they could drive out with lumber, was referred to the Wharf Company, with authority to use their discretion either in making same in connection with present wharf or a new wharf north of the pavilion, the same to be the property of the Corporation when paid for out of its earnings; with the idea that any contract which may be agreed upon, shall be submitted to the council and referred to the members.

The matter of a possible sale of timber on section 2 was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Bancroft, Powell and Stimpson, with authority to contract; also to look after stumpage of wood, posts and piling.

The stumpage on boat wood was made 15 cents a cord.

The supt. of lands and highways was instructed to see Mr. Mensenga regarding removal of improvements from land upon which rent has not been paid.

The supt. of lands and highways was instructed to notify squatters on the beach to move.

J. J. Mogg was given the job of pumping for the remainder of February and March, for $15.

F. L. Brown signified his willingness to pay $100 on stumpage account. It was moved and carried that the same be accepted and applied on waterworks debt assumed by certain members, together with $100 to be collected from the Wharf Company for stumpage.

The resignation of F. W. Rose as clerk of waterworks and member of the council was accepted, and J. J. Mogg was appointed water clerk while he is here.

Captain Taylor, inspector of vessels of this district, came over on the Fairhope on Sunday morning, accompanied by his daughter and by another gentleman whose name we did not learn—an inspector from Port Huron, Mich., who was also accompanied by his daughter. The party took dinner at the cafe, and were then driven out as far as Evergreen Farm. They were much pleased with Fairhope and environs, and Captain Taylor says he hopes to spend the summer here. They were also much pleased with the steamer Fairhope and thought she was one of the best vessels of her class they had seen.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. Breckenridge, Pastor.

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.

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Death of Gustav Leiser.

Died, at his home in the North River Park neighborhood,, Monday, Feb. 18, 1907, at 7 a. m., Gustav Leiser, aged 48 years, 3 months, and 7 days.

News of the death of Mr. Leiser, after a short but acute illness, was heard with much regret wherever he was known in this vicinity.

A comparatively recent comer to this section—having come here in 1902—he speedily established the reputation of a man of enterprise and integrity, which has heightened and extended as the years went by. Few, if any, of our new settlers took hold of the practical problems of this new old country with the courage, energy and good judgment exhibited by Mr. Leiser. He accomplished much and promised to do more toward developing the agricultural possibilities of this section, and so his loss will be felt outside of his family and circle of immediate friends. His success as a farmer here was particularly notable, because of the fact that he was not a farmer before coming here, but a printer, having been employed as such for twenty-one years by one concern—the J. M. W. Jones Printing Company of Chicago.

He left a family consisting of wife and four sons, Emil, Theodore, Gustav and Arthur, to whom the COURIER extends sympathy and expresses the hope that the death of the husband and father will not lead them to leave their Southern home.

Mr. Leiser was buried in Fairhope cemetery, on Tuesday the 19th instant. Elder Sedinger, of the local Christian church, officiating, and a large concourse of neighbors and friends testifying their sympathy and regard by their presence.

The family request the COURIER to convey their most sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends to whom they feel so much indebted for sympathy and assistance, especially to Rev. Sedinger, the singers and others who assisted at the last service.

The B. A. Thomas stock and poultry food beats them all. Mershon Merchandising Co., agent.

The steamer Pleasure Bay broke a crank pin while coming down the channel, just ahead of the Fairhope, on last Saturday afternoon, disabling her. The Fairhope ran alongside and proffered assistance; and, at the request of the Pleasure Bay's captain, took her passengers and proceeded on her route, taking in the shore down as far as Fairhope. She did not go on to Battles, but Clerk Marceline of the Pleasure Bay took the mail down and brought the outgoing mail back overland; when the Fairhope proceeded to Mobile, where she lay over night, coming over at 9 a. m. Sunday. The Carney took the Pleasure Bay's run on Sunday morning.

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Dr. Woodruff and family have moved into Mr. Comings' south cottage.

Quite a party took their dinner baskets and picnicked at Ellen Hill's yesterday.

H. B. Slaughter was over Sunday, accompanied by his friend, Mr. Bryant, of Chicago.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Dr. C. L. Mershon has recovered from his illness and is able to again attend to his large practice.

All kinds of garden seeds, onion sets, Valentine beans, etc. Mershon Merchandising Company.

A crate of strawberries grown near Silverhill went to Mobile on the steamer Fairhope, Tuesday.

The Fairhope took 84 barrels of resin from the Stapleton Brother's still at Volanta, to Mobile, this week.

Mrs. L. E. Page came on Thursday evening and will remain until Sunday evening. Mr. Page will also be over Sunday morning.

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The finest bread, cake and pastry now on sale at Wilson's bakery in the Brown block. Everything fresh, clean and good.

Geo. Fredricks was over Sunday, and remained over Monday, burning off about his place to protect it from fire and looking after some other matters.

William Call has not been back to Fairhope since he went to work in Mobile several weeks ago. The condition of the books he took hold of was such as to require a lot of extra work to get them in shape. He is greatly missed here.

Mrs. J. N. Harker, a former resident, now living in Iowa, arrived on Thursday evening to spend a few days with friends here. She is spending the winter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Green, at Bay Minette.

Charlie Wilson has secured the room in the Brown block just vacated by Robac and is fitting it up in fine shape for his bakery. He has moved his oven (which by the way he made himself) and his mixing machinery there, and has a fine salesroom in front.

Our new treasurer, Mr. Lyon, has put in the most of the week at his desk in the Courier office, familiarizing himself with the duties of his position and getting things in shape to suit his ideas. He has had much experience in similar work, and will doubtless make a first class treasurer.

Albert Walton, who has been here with his wife and daughter for some weeks—this being their second visit here, has applied for a lease of the beautiful lot just across the bridge over the gully, recently surrendered by Mr. Bryant. He expects to build a home upon it soon. The Waltons will be a very desirable acquisition to our list of residents, and we are glad to welcome them. Mr. Walton is a warm personal friend of W. J. Atkinson, son-in-law of Henry George, but it remained for Fairhope to excite his active interest in the George philosophy.

The Fairhope on her extra trip last Sunday morning brought over nearly forty passengers, and a number came over on the Carney. The Cafe had twenty-one guests for dinner.

The following made up a pleasant party who drove to Magnolia Springs on Wednesday: Mr. and Mrs. Mogg, Clayton, and Dr. Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Capps, daughter Genevieve and Mrs. Gregory; Mrs. Boreman and Mrs. Rittenhouse and their children; F. O. White, wife and daughter; J. A. Hicks, wife and children, Mrs. Coulter and nieces, the Misses Pumphrey and Mr. Powell. They enjoyed a picnic dinner near Magnolia river, making their coffee over a fire of sticks, and had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clifton arrived on Wednesday evening from Tampa, Florida, with a view to making their home here. Mr. Clifton is an old time Single Taxer, having been a member of the famous "Anti-poverty Society" under Dr. McGlynn. He is also an old friend of our William Gray. Subscribing for the Courier several months ago, he noticed a personal regarding Mr. Gray, and wondered if he was the man of that name he had known years before in New York. A letter of inquiry brought the answer that he was, and so good a report on Fairhope that Mr. Clifton came on. He expresses himself as greatly pleased with Fairhope, finding it far beyond his expectations, both in size and character of improvements. He is thoroughly familiar with the canning business, and hopes something may be done toward establishing a cannery here.

Dr. Gibbon's Sunday meeting will hereafter be held at the Fairhope Hotel. Subject next Sunday at 11 a. m.—"The Mission of the Twelve Apostles."

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Next Friday evening the V. I. C. will hold its regular monthly social. A short program will be given at the Fairhope hotel, followed by refreshments and sociability. All are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Hawkins, an optician of Mobile, formerly of Indiana, spent a part of the week here, a guest of "The Gables," and while here fitted spectacles for those who called in response to announcements which the COURIER job office printed for him.

Mr. Hoopes is getting around some now, after being laid up for many weeks with his broken leg, and hopes to ere long be ready for not too strenuous duty. It has been a very severe trial to him, but he has borne it with fortitude and unfailing good humor.

Mr. F. T. Burnham, of Newton Centre, Mass., a suburb of Boston, arrived on Monday evening, accompanied by his mother and a friend. Mr. Boyce. They are at the Home restaurant, and will remain a week or more. Mr. Burnham is a Single Taxer, and has been a reader of the COURIER for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Spicer, of Kewanee, Illinois, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Strattan, arrived on last Friday evening, and will probably remain some time. They have spent their winters in the south for several years past, and have visited many southern towns, but like Fairhope best of all. They are very pleasant people—as we would expect friends of the Strattans to be; and we shall hope to see them here other winters, and possibly locate with us.

A Clean-up Day.

At a called meeting of the V. I. C. on Thursday afternoon, it was decided to set next Wednesday for a "cleaning-up day" for sanitary and æsthetic reasons. As many as can possibly do so, are urged to meet at the park, on Bay View avenue, with axes, saws, rakes or shovels, to help in clearing up the park and streets. The ladies, whether members of the V. I. C. or not, are urged to come at noon with their baskets of eatables, to furnish dinner to those who come to work.

The Council has offered to let any one who wants it cut up the down timber in the park for wood, and this should be taken advantage of before next Wednesday.

Let everyone, man or woman, who can possibly spare the time, turn out and help on this occasion. We can then have a good time and help accomplish something that will please and benefit us all. If you can't come, send somebody.

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BALDWIN COUNTY TEACHERS MEET.

Very Successful Institute Held at Stockton.

The Teachers' Institute of Baldwin County assembled this week at Stockton for its annual meeting.

Our efficient County Superintendent, Mr. J. S. Lambert, who is himself an experienced teacher and a man of scholarly attainments, has devised a most excellent plan of conducting the Institute. Formerly the teachers wrote papers, and held discussions on various subjects pertaining to school work; but this year an Institute Conductor was secured, and under his skillful management great interest has been aroused, and the teachers, without any feeling of compulsion, have freely taken part in all the exercises.

Mr. Lambert has been most fortunate in securing for this work Prof. MacKenzie, an alumnus of the University of Edinburg, who is at present Dean of English and Philosophy at the University of Kentucky, Lexington. Mr. MacKenzie's exact learning, broad sympathies, and quick wit have been a revelation to many, and will inevitably extend the outlook of those who imbibe his spirit.

The Institute was opened on Monday at 8 p. m., with singing, prayer, and an eloquent address of welcome, followed by a happy response, after which Mr. MacKenzie gave a somewhat discursive but very entertaining lecture.

On Tuesday morning his talk was on the history and derivation of some Celtic and Anglo-Saxon words, including proper names; and this led up to the discussion of the best methods of teaching history, and its related subject, geography. During the progress of the Institute other subjects announced for discussion were reading, grammar, physiology, arithmetic, and agriculture.

On Tuesday evening, after a recitation—too tragic for a lovely young girl to learn—was beautifully given, a string-band entertained the large audience with very good music, and a group of pretty teachers sang "Alabama."

The business of the evening was a spelling-match for all who wished to take part. Professor MacKenzie's method of conducting this was unique. In a most clever manner he brought each word into an anecdote or witty saying, thus showing the meaning and giving the competitors a clue to the spelling. He gave forty words and, after all had written them down, he repeated them in a connected impromptu story, which allowed the participants an opportunity to revise their work. Miss Sheffield, and Mr. Perry of the Stockton school, came out equal and were awarded prizes.

The writer regrets that urgent business prevented an attendance upon all the meetings, and hopes the Baldwin Times will have a full account of the Institute. The brief and incomplete view of the charming and progressive town of Stockton is tantalizing and makes one desire a longer sojourn in her lovely homes and shaded streets.

The hospitality of the people could not be excelled, and the interest they took in the Institute was shown by crowded houses. A spirit of bright courtesy was felt on every hand, and there seemed to be no thought except to give pleasure and to render service to "the teachers."

Out of the sixty teachers in the county forty-seven were present, and "Old Baldwin" may well be proud of the earnest and capable instructors of her children.

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PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE

Protests against Moyer-Haywood -Pettibone Outrage

A stirring meeting of the Progressive League was that of last Sunday, which was in the form of a protest against the Moyer-Haywood Pettibone outrage.

These men, officers of the Western Federation of Miners, were, by complicity of officers of the states of Colorado and Idaho, kidnaped at their homes in Colorado, and without being given any opportunity to see counsel or friends or invoke the protection of the law, were put on a special train and carried to the state of Idaho, where they have now for a year been deprived of their liberty without trial.

Speeches were made by S. H. Comings, W. S. Baldwin, R. F. Powell, T. N. Freeman, E. B. Gaston, S. S. Mann and others. The following resolution was then passed unanimously:

"RESOLVED; that this meeting of the Progressive League of Fairhope, Alabama, protests against the violation of the constitutional rights of citizens in the kidnaping and removing to another state, without due process of law, of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and the denial of their right to a speedy trial by a jury of their peers; in the interest, as we believe, of holders of special privilege who will stop at nothing to break the power of any who menace their privileges, and who have seized the machinery of two great states to carry out their wicked purposes."

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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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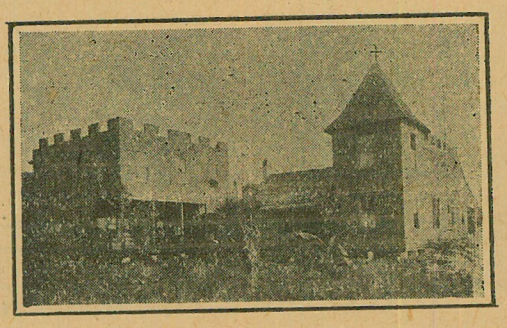
Progress of an Idea.

In the Johnstown, Pa., Democrat, Warren Worth Bailey in a strong editorial on "Progress of an Idea" tells of the progress of the Single Tax cause, and bears tribute to the work of Single Taxers, who have "been at the very forefront of the battle against privilege in its myriad forms." He concluded as follows:

"There is no ground for Single Tax despair or even for Single Tax despondency. The movement is not in decadence. It is not halting. It is not failing in inspiration. It is not suffering a sea change. The work now going on is work that must be done. It is as much a part of the Single Tax as that of writing Henry George's remedy into the laws of the land. No effort has been wasted unless it has been devoted to work along the lines of greater resistance. Our leaders have not been going wrong. They have not lost courage. They have not abandoned their duty. They have been doing only that which at the moment has been the most important thing. They have been clearing the way. They have been attacking the outposts. They have been driving in the skirmish lines. They have been preparing for the great attack that is to come in good time against the citadel itself. Never was the Single Tax movement more hopeful. Never were its inspirations more needed. Never was it in better position to aid in the advance of civilization toward higher ground. The fervor of the crusade is over, but the evangelization is only beginning. Its first great leaders are at rest after their labors, but other leaders have taken up the standards and the unbroken columns press forward without a falter. Already much has been accomplished; more than one outwork has been taken; more than one contingent of the enemy has been put to flight, or destroyed; and still the war goes on. Battles will be lost and others will be won. There will be advances and retreats. There will be times when events will move so slowly as to seem not to move at all. But nevertheless the struggle will go on to the end. The issues must be fought out. Man must be free. Righteousness must prevail. Opportunity must be open to every child of God. And until the last rampart of injustice shall have fallen and the last foe of equal rights has been driven out every man claiming to be a disciple of Henry George and an upholder of his philosophy has work to do."



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"We already take some rent in taxation. We have ouly to make some changes in our modes of taxation to take it all. What I, therefore propose . . . . is—-to appropriate rent by taxation. . . Now, inasmuch as the taxation of rent, or land values, mnst necessarily be increased just as we abolish other taxes, we may put the proposition into practical form by proposing—-TO ABOLISH ALL TAXATION SAVE THAT UPON LAND VALUES."

HENRY GEORGE.

Veteran Newspaper Man Enjoys Courier.

ED. COURIER:

The COURIER is the only Single Tax paper that interests me in every item in it. I am really beginning to feel acquainted with many of the people that it mentions from week to week. I am very busy doing routine editorial work on the sheets of the Western Newspaper Union, and find little time and strength for general reading; but the COURIER is seldom neglected. I hope that the Corporation will retain substantial control, and not let up in any degree on the Single Tax requirements of its constitution and by-laws. There is plenty of room elsewhere for those who object to them. I met Professor Bellangee when he was in Denver, and was well acquainted with T. P. Lyon, who I believe is still with you.

I had some correspondence with Mrs. Howland years ago, when I was running a monthly paper called "Co-operation" and she was at Topolobampo. By the way, two of my former Denver neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lutton, are still at Topolobampo, and write occasionally.

Should fortune favor me, I may come down some winter and spend a vacation wfth you, and get still better acquainted with the COURIER'S people.

Wishing yourself and the Colony continued and increased success, I am

Sincerely yours,

University Park, Colo. J. D. DILLENBACK.

Summer weather this week has started the potatoes in good shape.

.O.p.p.o.r.t.u.n.i.t.y.

BY WALTER MALONE

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.

Weep not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;
Each night I burn the records of the day,
At sunrise every soul is born again!

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come!

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say "I can;"
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep,
But yet might rise and be again a man!

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past,
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

Two of the COURIER'S readers, Mr. W. F. Holloway of Akron, Ohio, and S. J. Chubb of Toronto Junction, Ontario, have sent us copies of the foregoing poem as an "antidote" to Ingall's sonnet to opportunity, discussed by Mr. Hardinge in a recent issue of the COURIER. Mr. Holloway did not remember the author of the poem, and will be interested to know that it is Walter Malone, a young southern poet who has recently published a volume of his poems under the title "Poems of East and West."

Mr. Chubb concludes his letter with: "I like this poem. It is true the opportunity neglected is gone forever; and grievous is the thought of the good that might have been done—some poor one's burden lightened, or pain relieved, by kind word or deed. But let this stimulate us to watch more vigilantly for Opportunity's return, lest in some new form he be not recognized in time, for he quickly passes out of reach. He comes daily to those who give him welcome."

Fairhope ladies covered themselves with glory on Wednesday by serving a fine picnic dinner to those who cleaned the park.

LAND FAMINE AND THE EDUCATION OF PUBLIC OPINION.

Address of Joseph Fels at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Extension of University Education.

As a practical man of affairs, I have hesitated to speak before this meeting. But I have long been interested in helping to change public opinion in matters that clearly demand new adjustments; and especially in those affecting the use of the land. Thus my aim, in its modest way, is the same as yours, and so I have accepted your invitation to tell you something of my personal experience with English Public Opinion and the land.

My own general point of view is expressed in the following letter written to a friend in America by Thomas Jefferson while he was traveling in France in 1785:

"The property of this country is absolutely concentrated in a very few hands, having revenues of from half a million of guineas a year downwards. These employ the flower of the country as servants, some of them having as many as 200 domestics not laboring. But after all these comes the most numerous of all classes, that is, the poor who cannot find work. I asked myself what could be the reason so many should be permitted to beg who are willing to work in a country where there is a very considerable portion of uncultivated land. These lands are undisturbed only for the sake of game.

"Whenever there is in any country uncultivated lands and unemployed poor, it is clear that the laws of property have been so far extended as to violate natural right. The earth is given as a common stock for mankind to labor and live in. If for the encouragement of industry we allow it to be appropriated, we must take care that other employment be provided to those excluded from the appropriation. If we do not, the fundamental right to labor the earth returns to the unemployed. It is too soon yet in our country to say that every man who cannot find employment, but who can find uncultivated land, shall be at liberty to cultivate it, paying a moderate rent. But it is not too soon to provide by every possible means that as few as possible shall be without a little portion of land. The small land holders are the most precious part of a state."

To these sentiments it seems to me that no exception can be taken. The land, including its waters and its mines, is the basis of all wealth and the source from which every nation draws its new generations of strong men and women. In this sense it is the determining factor in all national education.

Not only the conditions of land ownership, but the whole attitude of people towards land is different in England from what it is here. With a population of about 48,000,000 people in the British Islands, four-fifths of the land is in the hands of 30,000 landlords. While some districts are densely populated, vast tracts are unoccupied and uncultivated, reserved for pleasure parks and shooting grounds. It is difficult to get at an acre of ground, though it may be easier to buy 500 or 1,000 acres.

But the great difference between our land conditions and those of England is, after all, one of sentiment. The land in America is a power only so far as economic conditions are

concerned; but in Great Britain it has a much larger influence. There it means not only the power which money and monopoly can always wield, but it also stands for social and political power and for civic influence. On this account the possession of land is watched and controlled with a great deal more jealousy, and its transfer and entail are surrounded with more difficult laws than have yet come to prevail in America.

For instance, a man in England makes a fortune in some line of business; but his social advance is barred by the fact that he is a tradesman. If he buys a country estate of a few hundred acres and so becomes the patron of the tenants and the master of the employees on the estate he at once rises in the scale of social position and the first step toward political power is taken. It is in this way that our own Mr. Richard Croker on his newly acquired estates in Ireland is able to crush his detractors when they try to stop his social advance by referring to his former political connections in New York. The possession of English acres often wipes out the disgrace connected with the origin of the money that bought them.

And with each year that passes the land becomes bound up with all the sentiment and feelings of the family. Many a land-poor English gentleman clings to his acres as he clings to his ancestral portraits and his family honor. In America we are just beginning this relation to the land.

In England the leasing system is very complex. Leases extend over a hundred or more years, and they are bought and sold, while the freehold remains untouched. And all the laws favor the owner of the land. All buildings and improvements made by the tenant revert to the owner when the lease expires, and before the tenant leaves he must put all buildings in as good condition as they have been during the period of the lease. When the lease of a city house falls in it often costs the tenant several thousand dollars to get away.

Thus, the possession of land by a few people, with the high rents and improvement values acquired, have built up and perpetuated the enormous fortunes of the Dukes of Bedford and the Dukes of Westminster in London. Lord Ramsay has built up a similar fortune in agricultural lands, and during the past year he has given notice to 800 tenants, who represented generations of farmers under his father and grandfathers, to leave his lands. The county authorities are now intervening to prevent the ruin of these people.

As the people of England become more intelligent, they realize that the earth is the mother of us all, and so they are agitating everywhere for some direct part in her bounty. This in a large degree accounts for the spread of socialism in England and the recent return of thirty members of the Labor party to Parliament. This party is feared by both Liberals and Tories, and it is probable that another general election will increase its parliamentary representation to a hundred.

In my opinion, the correction of the land trouble lies, to begin with, in the socialization of land values. I maintain that, given free access to the land by the common people, with no favored classes, the best form of socialism would follow nattrally. So certain am I that the land is the basis of human welfare and development that all my social efforts in Great Britain and in America work towards the increase of the land-hunger among the people. One of the best ways to encourage this hunger in England has seemed to be through the starting of local colony schemes to train the people, and the opening up of small holdings where individuals could carry into effect what they had learned.

I began in England by purchasing outright a number of farms in different parts of the country, most of which were abandoned to pasture and sporting, and offered them to various public bodies as experiment stations. The Local Government Board, of which Walter Long, late Secretary for Ireland, was then Chairman, authorized the acceptance of two of the farms free of rent or interest for three years. At the end of this time the Government might purchase the farms at their original cost, or they could turn them back on my hands if the experiment proved a failure.

The result has been that the Hollesley Bay estate of 1300 acres in Suffolk, has now in residence 300 unemployed London men who are being trained as cultivators of the soil. The Government has just taken over and paid for this estate, fifteen months before the expiration of the three years probation.

The other farm was taken over on the same terms by the Poplar Board of Guardians representing one of the poorest and most overcrowded boroughs of London. It was taken over in the hope of showing how a city poorhouse could be turned into a country labor-colony. But the present Local Government Board, of which John Burns is now the Liberal Chairman, has turned it into nothing better than a country poor-house. This shows a want of the right kind of intelligence and outlook on the part of the authorities. In England as in America there is need for the life-long education, not only of the weak and unfit, but of the leaders as well.

With one of the other farms we are working in another and further direction. We took 630 acres at Mayland, near Althorne, in Essex, fifty miles from London, and divided 25 per cent of it into farmlets of about five acres each. On these we built well planned and tasteful dwellings suitable for a family. Each has an outbuilding fitted for a cow or pony, pigs and poultry. Two acres of each farm were planted to fruit, and the whole is to rent for, say, £30 ($150) per year.

Many people, especially the landlords, said I would not find tenants, that poor people did not want land, and did not want to work. No advertising was done, and yet about 1000 applications were received for the twenty eight small holdings now ready. Applications are still coming in, and a fair percentage from people who have a capital of at least £100 ($500). There could not be a more conclusive demonstration that in England there is a wide-spread and unsatisfied hunger to get back to the land.

In America we are moving in this same direction of land monopoly. You can buy large tracts of land easily, but small pieces are always rare and expensive.

We have further established at Mayland a fifteen-acre nursery and built a large group of hot-houses, where we shall grow plants, bush fruits and trees for setting out and for the market. The balance of the land has been turned into a farm intelligently managed on modern lines, as an object lesson to the small holders and to the district in general.

In all such educational movements as these, the teacher is of first importance. We have fortunately secured for Mayland a man who is a practical, well informed and enthusiastic leader. He was a Manchester printer, who ten years ago brought his family, his knowledge and his enthusiasm into our district. He came with no knowledge of farming, but he mastered his difficulties, reared his family and got control of some land. This land he is now leaving to the care of his son, who has had a college training in agriculture; while he devotes his energies to our work.

As assistants to this man we have brought over two French gardeners from the neighborhood of Paris to teach what can be done in intensive market gardening. Those who have read Kropotkin's "Fields, Factories and Workshops" will better understand the importance of this.

The educational value of such an experiment is far reaching. The individuals will be working on their own holdings under intelligent conditions. They will have good advice and will have helpful examples before them. They will naturally co-operate in buying and selling. They are drawn from a large range of activities, and so represent a wide circle of friends who will watch their fortunes with interest. Meantime, thoughtful people in England will become conscious that land has other uses than supporting family privileges or serving as shooting grounds; and when England becomes conscious of bad conditions, she will find some way to better them.

It looks now as though this particular farm at Mayland might be used for a more direct educational purpose than those I have indicated. Professor J. Findlay, of Manchester University, is now considering a summer school there. Children will be taken from city centers or gathered from the surrounding countryside, and demonstration lessons, mainly out of doors, will be given to groups.

This is one of the best things about any form of effort that is made to educate public opinion. It attracts to itself other educational impulses, and grows by natural processes of extension. This afternoon illustrates this process; for I am bringing to your university extension movement my little experience in extending thought and feeling concerning the proper use of our ancestral heritage, the Earth.

Fairhope Best Kind of Propoganda.

We have had reason to smile many times lately over the conception which many good Single Taxers appear to have had, from letters occasionally received, that we Single Taxers at Fairhope have, in a sense, "run away from the fight"—gone away by ourselves to have a happy time, leaving others to make the battle for human rights on the world's stage.

If these friends could see the throngs of people who pass through Fairhope, they would themselves smile over their conceit. Especially would this be so could they see how many of these people, into whose minds it would be practically impossible to get an idea of the Single Tax elsewhere, here, where others are actually trying to "make the theory work," and with time perhaps heavy on their hands, become not only receptive but often eager inquirers. Day after day they come into the Courier office, asking questions and requesting literature.

The first and generally the hardest thing in making converts to the Single Tax is to get them in a mood to listen to its truths. This a concrete effort to apply the theory is the most potent influence to do—and the definite illustrations we are able to give upon the ground are worth a thousand suppositious cases, reasonable and of everyday occurrence though they be.

Thus, when we can walk along the street with them and show this fine house, the owner paying a rental which is easily recognized as being a very low interest upon the value of the lot alone, but including payment by the Corporation of the state and county tax upon lot and improvements, and next door to it, perhaps, a lot equally as desirable, but with no improvements upon it or perhaps being used for oats or cow peas, yet paying to the community exactly the same rental,—they get the Single Tax idea of making individuals contribute to the community according to the opportunities it brings to them, instead of the use made of the opportunities—than could possibly be done otherwise.

Single Taxer Advises Land Speculation.

The editor of the Square Deal, Omaha, is another Single Taxer who advises his readers to invest in real estate—Omaha real estate in this case—while condemning the policy which makes such investments the means of getting wealth without earning it. He says:

"Now, these remarks are not to be construed as an endorsement of the system that obliges the many to work for the few for nothing. That system is essentially criminal, and like all criminal institutions it will pass away; but you have not established this system, nor can you remove it and remedy the iniquity by refusing to use it any more than you can purify a stream by refusing to drink of it. If you knew that your death would result from failure to use the water you would purify the stream. If you knew you could find other streams, you would be apt to leave that one alone. Just so with the land. There is not a moment of your existence that you do not use land, and you are either using it while others pay for it, or you are yourself paying someone for that privilege. You are strictly up against the proposition of having others work for you, or you for others, without pay. It is up to you which you will choose. If you were fully aware of this fact, you would strain every effort to cure a system that produces such results, but until then, if possible, invest in Omaha real estate, and then you will enjoy the pleasure of seeing this entire community working for you day and night, holidays and Sundays, in sickness and in health, and for its strenuous efforts to make you rich, it will ask of you not one penny—it will even tell you that you have been industrious and thrifty."

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Feb. 21. * * * One of the most remarkable facts within my memory is the late charging of the police before the Houses of Parliament in London by the woman suffragists. This was no rabble. What does the rabble know or care anyway about representative rights? It was a body of most intelligent, respectable women, among them wealthy and titled ladies.

The New York "World," in an article headed "Woman suffragists who can fight," says:—"It is a serious matter when several hundred women suffragists march on Westminster and engage the police in a sharp hand-to-hand fight at the entrance of the House of Commons. x x x "A crowd of angry women who back up their grievances with their fists and finger nails proves a good many things."

Well, I should say it did! To think that after all these scores of years of hiring public halls, drawing up petitions to Congress and appealing to legislatures by argument and eloquence, that victory should be won by storming the doors of Parliament by a few determined women, charging with "hat pins" according to one account. To be sure, Sir Charles Dilke's bill for citizen suffrage has not absolutely passed. I can scarcely believe it will be; but the reading of it had been ordered at the last report, and the friends of the cause are jubilant.

x x x Do you remember, G. W. P,, when over thirty years ago, you were judge of the election in our old home, Hammonton, N. J., and our woman's rights club stormed the polls and asked to vote? You dared not take our votes though you called it a "——— shame" to refuse them. I made a set speech on the occasion and it was published in our Hammonton paper. You will remember it. I will quote a few words of it. It is in one of the Library scrap-books. It commences;—Fellow Citizens of Hammonton, and Gentlemen: You can doubtless comprehend how impossible it is for persons suffering under the oppression of injustice to speak in a reasonable and collected manner upon the subject of their wrongs. Knowing this, and out of respect for your time, I have condensed the few remarks I have to make into the smallest possible space.

Some of you, I know, have regarded it as a mere joke that women should come here asking to be represented as citizens, yet not one of you fails to comprehend how you would feel living in a community of your equals who forced you to pay taxes for the support of laws controlling your person and property, in the making of which you were denied all voice." Further on is this: "We cannot stay the mighty wave of reform that is rising over the world today with our little brooms of convention and red tape. Is it not nobler to be in the van of a great onward march than to be tailing in safely behind the baggage of the conquering army? Last year you told us that you feared the vote of Hammonton would be thrown out if you admitted the ballots of the women. If I were judge of the election I would run even that terrible risk, confident that it would not materially disturb the planet's inclination to the ecliptic. To be on the side of justice when that side is the unpopular one is always an enviable position, and men have won more immortality in that way than in all others combined." I end the battle address by the words of Condorcet: "Do not choose a man who has ever taken side against the liberty of any portion of mankind."

Feb. 22nd:--Forty-four years ago to-day, on the German steamer Teutonia, Captain Taube, Hamburg Company, I made my first serious introduction to the Atlantic ocean. In the records of that company you will find noted on this date one of the worst of storms. We lost the masts, every boat, much of the bulwarks, and the decks were swept clean. It was eighteen days before we saw the white chalk cliffs of England. That was a never-to-be-forgotten experience, but, like all other experiences, we would not forget it were that possible. All experience teaches lessons not possible to be learned in any other way. One of the great advantages that terrible storm was to me was that it gave me the power in my three subsequent Atlantic voyages, to reassure frightened passengers in rough weather, being able to keep on my ordinary sea work without any fear whatever.

x x x We are in the thick of gardening now. The Satsuma oranges, the Ponderosa lemons and other delicate semi-tropical shrubs are unswathed, and this time I think they might have been left unprotected, at The Pines at least, for there has been not a bit of frost here—at least not the slightest skim of ice in chicken yards. Mercury 52° this morning at 7 o'clock on west veranda.

F. T. Burnham, of Boston, his mother and friend Mr. Boyce, left on Wednesday morning for their home, after a visit here of over ten days. Mr. Burnham, who is an ardent Single Taxer, was greatly pleased with Fairhope, its location, policies and development. and went away with his interest in the Colony greatly enhanced.

A. L. May, who holds the responsible position of resident manager at St. Paul, Minn., for the American Press Association, and who has been a reader of the COURIER for years, following a visit here of himself and wife, renewing his subscription, adds: "Best wishes for yourself, the COURIER and Fairhope."

None can fully enjoy Fairhope save those who work for her.

Help the Cause by Helping a Friend.

The COURIER has from time to time mentioned the illness of Captain George A. R. Lawrence. We regret to say that the captain's condition has not improved. It is believed now that he has locomotor ataxia. He is confined to the house and to his bed a good share of the time, but gets out occasionally on nice days among his friends. A number of friends who are familiar with the effect of the Hot Springs upon similar cases, believe that the captain could get great benefit from a stay of a few weeks there; and as the same is beyond his means, the COURIER takes pleasure in recommending that friends at home and abroad join in making up a little fund to send him there for a trial of the healing waters. He has been a hard worker, not only for himself and family, but for Fairhope and the Single Tax cause generally; and nothing lies nearer his heart today. The work he would do as a Single Tax missionary on such a trip, would make it well worth while for Single Taxers to join in sending him, beside the hope of helping to save him to his family and the world.

The COURIER will gladly receive subscriptions to the fund.

The following subscriptions to above fund have been received:

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Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

Elder Shupe and wife have gone back to their farm home, surrendered to them by Mr. Tijou.

All kinds of garden seeds, onion sets, Valentine beans, etc. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Chapman are employed a considerable part of their time in setting type for the COURIER.

The finest bread, cake and pastry now on sale at Wilson's bakery in the Brown block. Everything fresh, clean and good.

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Myron Whipple, wife and son, and Mrs. Whipple's sister, Mrs. Carmack, of Harvard, Ill., were at The Gables for several days.

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The Fish river steamer Baldwin was laid up several days, and a result was a considerable increase of travel through Fairhope and by the steamer Fairhope.

Just received: a fresh supply of peanut oil butter in 10c. and 20c. packages. Also shelled salted peanuts in jars at 10c. each. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Just received a shipment of seeds from Amzi Godden Seed Co. These seeds are reliable and well known in this section. Mershon Merchandising Company.

When trading in Mobile always let it be known that you are from Fairhope. It will be to your advantage and to the advantage of your town, and will help the COURIER.

Under the direction of the energetic pastor, Mr. Sedinger, the preparation of a cantata has been undertaken, and a couple of evenings a week are being devoted to practice. All singers will be welcame.

Our late resident, Mr. Beasley, who first went to Michigan and then to the Panama canal, is now in San Francisco. He says: "Wife and I are enjoying our stay in California and expect to remain here perhaps two years more: then we expect to visit Fairhope again."

Free—Send twelve names and addresses of music leaders and Sunday-school superintendents and we will send you a copy of our new Sunday-school song book for 1907, "Windows of Heaven" No. 5. J. B. Vaughan, Athens, Ga.

The Fairhope made an excursion trip to Fort Morgan and Navy Cove on a private charter last week Thursday. The charterers were greatly pleased with the vessel and her behavior, and the boat crew were very agreeably surprised in the amount of fuel consumed, which was much less than anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, of Madison, Wisc., who have been spending the winter in Mobile, visited Fairhope, between boats, recently. Mr. Stewart was here twelve years ago, just after the establishment of the Colony, and has since had quite an interest in it. He was very complimentary over the accomplishments of the intervening years.

The many friends of our former residents, the Stites family, will hear with much regret and sympathy of the death of Harrison R., the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Empire Stites, which occurred on Jan. 8 at their present home, Barker Creek, Mich. He was only 19 years of age and was an exemplary young man. Typhoid fever was the cause of death.

The telephone service has been extended a half mile further out, a phone having been put in the B. Van Bavel residence near the center of section fifteen. This will enable orders to be sent them for wood from any phone in town, a great accommodation to them and their customers, and will also be very convenient for all their neighbors of the "New Holland" settlement.

Mr. Tijou, who advertised his stock and tools for sale in the COURIER last week, and by bills printed in the COURIER office, "to be sold before March 1st," met with such unexpected success in finding purchasers that everything was gone by Monday, the 25th, and on the morning following he and his family left for their former home at St. Louis. They were not residents upon Corporation land, but bought of Mr. Shupe, giving a mortgage for deferred payments, and on leaving turned the place back to Mr. Shupe for the surrender of the notes.

Get a Coupon Card.

The Mershon Merchandizing Co. is now selling cards for $4.75 which call for $5 in goods at the big store. The plan is meeting with popular favor, and has many advocates. For one thing, you can always make change; as the amounts of your purchase are punched out in the margin of the card. The best feature is the saving of 5 per cent. on all your purchases. Don't you think that is worth while?

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FORGOTTEN LETTERS

Quite recently, according to "the public prints," a "M-st Ex-l-t-d P-r-s-n-ge," as Thackeray would put it, had occasion to regret the writing of certain letters.

He may, if this be true, console himself with the reflection that there are many, many others. There is a man in Washington who, only the other afternoon, experienced perhaps a keener mortification over certain letters that he had written than any "Ex-l-t-ed P-r-s-n-ge" ever did.

It was a rainy afternoon, and his wife was doing some ante-Christmas rummaging in one of her old trunks. From that trunk she plucked a package of old, rather faded letters, neatly tied up in cerise ribbon, and then she came downstairs to where her husband was attempting to read the newspaper. There was a certain malicious twinkle in her generally amiable eye.

"You used to care for me in those days," was her curious way of opening the conversation.

"Huh?" said her husband, looking up vaguely from his paper. "What's that?"

"Used to love me then," she said, untying the packet of letters and pulling one of them from its envelope.

"What days? Whatchoo talking about? Whatchoo got there?" he asked.

"Oh, some letters," she replied placidly. "Some of your—"

"Oh, rubbish, Matilda!" he broke in. "Please lemme alone. I'm reading."

"Here's one of them, written shortly after we were engaged," she went on unheedingly. "'I am not a wealthy man,' she quoted from the faded page, 'but I can, at least, my darling, strew the path for your adorably dainty feet with wild roses and poppies—'"

"Oh, I say," he broke in, "flag that, won't you? What's the answer to all this? Please lemme 'lone. Can't you see that I'm reading?"

"And here's another passage," she went on remorselessly. "'When I look into your dear violet eyes I feel, stirring within me, the awakenings of a new life, the moving harbingers of something higher and—'"

"Please cut it out, my dear," pleaded the husband, his face reddening. "Horrible rot! Wish you'd lemme 'lone."

"Here's another one, written about 40 minutes later—you used to write me about nine letters a day then, you know, dear. You say here: 'When I hold you in my arms, and inhale the dewy sweetbriar fragrance of your sunny hair, I feel as Paris must have felt when he clasped Helen to his heart in the golden antique years—'"

"Oh, for Heaven's sake, can that rot, won't you, please Matilda?" the man begged, but it was no use.

"And then you go on to say: 'Never, since the Chaldean shepherds watched their flocks in the dusks and twilights of the ancient world, has woman been worshiped as I worship my Matilda. Never since—'"

"Great Caesar, what a muff, what a muttonhead, I must have been!" groaned the husband. "What a—"

"Why, I think it's real nice, really," said his wife, with a sort of retrospective smile on her face. "I couldn't understand a good deal that you wrote, of course, because you know you were such a—er—florid and stylish writer, my dear, but— Well, here is something that I understood, though: 'At the outset of the dear journey which we are to take, hand in hand, I promise you that never once shall you hear so much as an unkind word cross my—'"

"Say, look here, Matilda, that junk all runs for Sweeney. Please forget it. What the deuce is your idea in springing it on me now, when—"

"This sounds nice, too: 'Those precious, lily-white and hyacinth-sweet hands of yours shall never have to be soiled with—'"

"Tell you one thing—I'm going to 23 out o' here, Matilda, if you don't drop that. I won't sit here like a flathead and listen to you unreeling that kind o'—"

"You used to think so much of my ears, too. Listen to what you said of 'em here: 'They have the dainty, elusive tint of such a beauteous seashell as that in which Venus must have risen from the sea, and—'"

"There may have been worse lobsters than I was when I uncoiled all of that superheated steam, but if there were I'd like to have a peek at 'em just for the sake of—"

"And my nose, too, you used to be so fond of: 'Shaped like Clytie's, and with the most adorable little solitary freckle perched right on the bridge, and—'"

"It's hard to believe that I ever took my pen in hand to scribble such infernal gibberish. Don't believe I wrote such stuff at all. Don't believe I ever was such a noody-naddy as to—"

"And here's where you say: 'I shall idolize you even when you are old, and when your dear head is all silvered over, and the little lines of Time's making are—'"

"That'll be about all o' that," said the husband then, bounding up. "Me for out of doors. Swell gag, when a man's fired out of his own house on a drizzly day, just because his wife insists upon," etc., etc.

Then, and then only, when he was making for his overcoat and hat, did she put the letters away, thus permitting him to sit by his own fireside.

Why does—that is to say, why did anybody—ever write such letters?

IS PUZZLE TO ANTIQUARIES.

Mystery in Ancient Tombstone in English Churchyard.

The stone, which is of Saxon origin, is in Heysham churchyard, on the shore of Morecambe bay. The carving upon it is believed to illustrate



the death of Adam, the story of the cross, Eve and Seth on their way to Paradise, and the garden of Eden, but it has long been a puzzle to antiquaries. There is no trace of lettering upon it.—London Sketch.

Floral Freak.

There is a singular floral freak called the "occasional" flower, for the reason that it has no particular time to bloom. It is said that when closed the occasional flower is in color and form something like a ripe poppy head, but with the stem attached. Submerged in a bowl of water for a few minutes and then taken out and placed by its stem in an empty bottle, the outer petals begin in several minutes to open out. This process is slow but distinctly noticeable. The petals continue to rise and to expand until they gradually recede. When this action is completed it resembles in appearance the sunflower.

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Personal and Local

Mr. and Mrs. Rose were visitors to Daphne on Wednesday.

Laces and embroideries at Mershon Merchandising Company's.

George A. Cherry of Mobile is rebuilding bath-house wharves at Point Clear.

Capt. McDermaid is having the "city water" put into his premises on the bay front.

Some new white goods for ladies' waists just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The weather is delightful, everything is growing like mad, and it really looks as if spring had opened in earnest.

Messrs. Mathews and Philbrook are both assembling material for building on their colony lots on Section street.

The flowers in the Powell yard on Church street are well worth a trip around there to see, and are admired by many.

Keep your eye open for a bargain every day at our store. Watch the bulletin board. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons' subject at the Fairhope Hotel, on Sunday morning will be: "The Cure for Poverty and the Road to Success."

J. J. Mogg went to Mobile, Wedday, to get pipe for connecting The Pines and the McDermaid cottage with the water-works.

Messrs. Barnhart & Lawrence are building for G. E. Perkins on the Oswalt tract. The house, which is two-story, is nearly completed.

"The Gables" has entertained many guests lately, several times being taxed to its capacity. It is a delightful place for a short or long stay.

Mr. Carlson has put a corn mill on the second floor of the planing mill and is grinding all the cracked corn for a couple of our local merchants.

James Sinclair, an uncle of Mrs. Comings and one of the few native Chicagoans, arrived last week and will spend the month of March at the Gables.

Dollar shirt-waists at Call's.

Serious friction has developed, we understand, in the camp of the Fraternal Homemakers' Association.

Mrs. Call is getting ready for an opening of spring hats and millinery goods very shortly, which will greatly interest the ladies.

E. J. Cohen of the Gillette Extract Co. has been at the Wilson House for a week, and thinks of sending for his wife and staying perhaps until June.

Strawberry plants set out in November and some even in December, are now full of fruit with berries ripening daily, in the editor's garden.

The $5.00 card for $4.75 cash is becoming very popular. Fall in line, we have lots of them, and 25c saved is worth looking after. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. M. Stevens are enjoying a visit from Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, of Waukee, Iowa. Mrs. Brown is a sister of Mr. Stevens. They will remain some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Colman, of Kalamazoo, Mich., friends of Mr. and Mrs. Comings, arrived Wednesday evening and are visiting at the Gables, where they will remain a week or more.

The Turner Lumber Co. has cut a new road from the mill to a connection with the Fairhope to Silver Hill road, about the center of fourteen, and will begin hauling lumber very soon.

We learn that Mr. Trenholme, though at work in an office in Montreal, still retains his interest and membership in the carpenters' union and has recently been elected to office therein.

Mrs. John McCarthy and young son, of Tarrytown, New York, arrived the first of the week. They expect Mr. McCarthy about next Monday, he being now en route on one of the Mallory steamers. Mr. McCarthy is a Single Taxer and a strong believer in Fairhope. He has closed out his business in New York, and we hope to get him to locate here and help develop some of our latent opportunities. Mrs. Mc. Carthy and son are at The Gables.

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T. J. Christmann, who has conducted a store and livery and acted as wharfinger at Vola[illegible] sold out all his interests there except [illegible] livery, and moved to Fairhope this week, renting one of C. K. Brown's cottages on Fairhope avenne.

G. D. Rice of Birmingham is visiting his old friend and former neighbor up the state, M. V. Mathews. He is much pleased with Fairhope, and thinks of moving his family. He is a printer and newspaper man, but his health will not permit him to remain in the northern part of the state during the winter.

Messrs. Harry S. Boutelle, of Chicago, and N. Van Sickle, of Sioux City, Iowa, have been at the Wilson House a couple of weeks. They first went back to one of the Fish River towns, but concluded that was too much out of the line of travel for them and came to Fairhope, with which they are greatly pleased.

Orrie Stapleton, who has been at various times, for several years past, on the point of locating at Fairhope, is again seriously considering the matter. He was in the butcher business for years at Daphne, and has lately been conducting, with his brother, a general store at Loxley, but has closed out his interests there.

The Citizen's Association met at the school-house last Saturday evening, with a small attendance. The resolutions presented by Mr. Wolf, and previouly printed in the COURIER, were adopted, and Dr. Wilson, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Baldwin appointed a committee to meet with the committee of the Corporation on amendment of the constitution. The meeting then adjourned.

Mrs. Harker left on Wednesday evening after a very pleasant visit of several days. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Dr. Mershon invited in a small company to meet her, and a delightful evening was spent.

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THE TIMBER DEAL HAS FALLEN THROUGH.

The Council Contracts with F. L. Brown to Cut into Lumber and Deliver at Wharf for Export Trade

The parties who made a contract for the purchase of the timber on a couple of sections of the Corporation land, as reported in last issue, failed to comply with the terms of the contract.

The matter was considered by the Council at a special meeting on Wednesday evening, and it was unanimously agreed to take right hold of the business through the timber committee, have the timber sawed at Mr. Brown's mill into such lumber as can be sold on the Mobile market, and secure to the Corporation every dollar of profit on it as "stumpage."

Mobile is one of the greatest lumber exporting ports on the Gulf coast. Vessels are loading there constantly and carrying to European ports millions of feet weekly, the demand is strong and prices advancing.

While the failure of the parties to proceed under the contract is to be regretted, it is really believed by the Council that more—possibly much more—can be realized in the way now decided upon.

Mr. Brown has a good mill with ample power; and, with some additional help, can saw into such stuff as is principally in demand for export, many thousands of feet daily. He has agreed to give his whole attention to the matter, and put in all the force that can be used to advantage and a contract has been made with him to cut, haul and saw the logs and deliver the lumber to the wharf, or stack it in his yard, at prices which, as the market now stands, are certain to yield a good margin of profit.

Dr. Greeno Does Good Work.

Dr. Greeno secured the favorable attention of the county commissioners to both of the matters which he went to Bay Minette recently to lay before them.

One was to secure an appropriation for the road running south from Brown's mill past the Doctor's farm. He secured for this $250 conditioned on his taking personal charge of its expenditure. The board also agreed to the making of Fairhope avenue a public road from the wharf to its connection with the Silver Hill road in Sec. 15. This provided the Corporation would convey by deed the land required. This it will be glad to do. This road is, of course, one of the most important in the county, and has never been made a public road, having been opened and hitherto maintained wholly at the expense of the Corporation, with a little help from a few others interested. The doctor deserves the thanks of the community for his successful effort.

Homecroft Institute "At Home" on Wednesdays.

Dear Editor:

In accordance with your request in a recent issue of the COURIER re "At Homes," a special call day for residents and visitors of Fairhope, I desire to have my name placed on your list for Wednesday, on and after March 6th, 1907.

I would especially request those who can call in daytime to do so between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.; and those who cannot come during the day shall be welcomed at my temporary headquarters in the Homecroft shop and laboratory on the evening of the aforesaid days.

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Personal and Local.

Heavy snow-storms and some of the worst weather of the winter is reported by friends in the North; while here we are having flowers in profusion, strawberries and "garden sass" in plenty, and the most delightful of spring weather.

O. M. Southworth and E. Allen, of Benton Harbor, Mich., ardent Socialist propogandists, visited Fairhope Socialists this week. Mr. Southworth is one of the "Appeal army," hustling subscriptions for the Appeal to Reason, and Mr. Allen is a correspondent of the Daily Socialist, of Chicago. They were returning from a propoganda tour which had taken them as far south as Tampa.

Col. H. G. Sanford, of Akron, O., accompanied by his daughter and a party of friends, arrived at Fairhope on Tuesday evening, overland from Magnolia Springs. They made a short stay, leaving on the steamer next morning to go to Biloxi and New Orleans. Col. Sanford has been a reader of the COURIER for some time, but says he is not a Single Taxer. He seemed agreeably surprised at the development of Fairhope.

The Steamer Fairhope will make an excursion trip to Fort Morgan and Navy Cove, on Sunday, March tenth, giving people an opportunity to see the Gulf of Mexico in all its grandeur, and also to see the havoc wrought by it upon the narrow peninsula dividing the gulf from the bay, in the great storm of September last. The steamer will leave Fairhope at 8:30 a. m. and will return about 5 p. m., stopping at Battles south wharf going and returning. Fare for adults, $1; children under 12, 50c. Take your lunch baskets and go on this trip.

Miss Ivy Powell came home from Columbus, Mississippi, where she had been at school, on Monday evening, and reported diphtheria and measles prevalent there. Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston were telegraphed for, and arrived on Wednesday evening. The conditions improved after Miss Ivy's departure, but the young ladies will probably not be sent back. They may enter school at Mobile for the balance of the school year.

There was a splendid turnout of residents and visitors, members and non-members, on Wednesday, in response to the invitation of the V. I. C., for volunteers to help clean up the park. The work was kept up all day with results achieved gladdening the hearts of all. A splendid dinner was served at noon and plenty left over for supper for a lot of the people who stayed late and kept the fires burning; and not only did the ladies furnish the dinner, but they did a lot of the raking and piling. Encouraged by the hearty co-operation shown, they have set next Tuesday afternoon for another effort which will be made on Fels avenue, ending with supper in the park and bon-fires in the evening in the portion of the park west of the street, which was not reached on Wednesday.

Arthur Dealy could not stand the rigorous climate of the eastern sea coast and returned home this week.

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.

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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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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

No Place Like Fairhope.

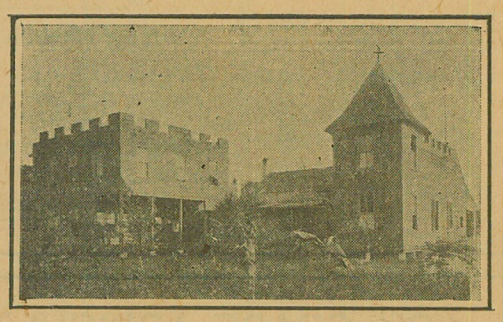
Many people have come to Fairhope and gone away again within the past twelve years; but few have gone without regret, and many are wishing themselves back and counting on coming again, when they have accumulated more capital to do what they plan to do here, or when the place has developed to a point where there will be openings for them in their trades or professions.

There is a charm about Fairhope which is not felt elsewhere and which few who have spent any time here have not experienced—sometimes they have to go away awhile to realize how much it really is to them. The COURIER is now in possession of interesting information about some of our people who went away but who have found that "there is no place like Fairhope," and plan to come again; but we are not at liberty to mention names now.

Fertilizing Not Peculiar to Alabama.

Some people talk about having to fertilize our land here, as if that were something peculiar to this section. An Illinois farmer, writing in the Farmer's Voice, tells of his experience on land in that state, renowned for its fertility. On this land he hauled manure from town—distance not stated—at the rate of fifteen two-horse loads to the acre. And not only did he distribute manure at this rate, but he added to each load of manure 100lb of phosphate. Treat our much-talked-of "poor soil" of Baldwin county this way, and give it good tillage, and we will guarantee results that will surprise you. Follow it up a few years, growing crops of cow-peas, velvet beans, vetch or some other legume between your money crops, and gradually increasing your depth of tillage until you have ten or twelve inches of fine, loose soil, and this same land will laugh at you with abundant harvests.

The Farmer's Voice (Chicago) for February is a "special soil fertility number." It is a beautiful number, full of excellent and inspiring matter along this line which means so much to this and all other agricultural sections. We suggest to our readers that they send for a copy, enclosing five cents in stamps.



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A Seven-Fold Advance.

If reports are true, a sale of realty was made the other day whereby the foreign owner gained seven fold in as many years. That is property that was secured at that time for $150 a foot front sold for $1,200 per foot. The question arises here, Who created that great gain: was it the owner who resides in another city? Of course not.

If there is anything further needed to establish the correctness of the Heny George system of land taxation, it would be difficult to determine just what it was.

Here is the case of the owner of a corner lot, residing in a foreign city, awaiting the action of the pushing, thriving business citizens of Toledo, who are surrounding his vacant lot with all kinds of improvements, enhancing its value fold after fold.

Even the proper share of taxes have never been either asked for or paid on the property. In fact, it would be difficult for even the assessor, however well disposed he might happen to be, to keep pace with the rising tide of values and do justice to the occasion.

But imagine the sweet slumbers of this foreigner while the people of Toledo labor in his or her interest without even the "thank you" that comes in response to a charitable act.

Oh yes, we are great people here in Toledo. We scrap over the offices and the politics and the building of the bridges and the business of those whose business it is to attend to the affairs of the city, and neglect the most important duty that we owe to struggling society.

If the George system of taxation had been adopted in Toledo seven years ago, the $70,000 profit gained by a foreigner would now be in the hands of Toledo citizens and exercised for the betterment of the community.—Independant Voter, Toledo, O.

When the unenlightened strike Fairhope they begin to ASK for light on the economic questions of the day. Think of that, ye who are surrounded by stand patters! Doesn't that show that Fairhope is worth while?

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Messrs. Joseph and Maurice Fels and W. L. Price, of Philadelphia, and Walter Coates, of London, Visit Fairhope.

Fairhope is enjoying the presence this week of distinguished visitors:—Messrs. Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia and London; his brother, Maurice Fels, of Philadelphia; Walter Coates, of Fels and Company's London branch, and W. L. Price, a prominent architect of Philadelphia.

It is the first visit of all the party, save Mr. Joseph Fels, of whose active interest in Fairhope—extending over many years—all readers of the COURIER know. Mr. Maurice Fels is also much interested in Fairhope, though not before having visited it. Mr. Price is one of the leading architects not only of Philadelphia but of the country, and is one of the first authorities on re-enforced concrete construction, of which he has made a special study. He is an old-time Single Taxer and is associated with Frank Stephens of Arden, Delaware, Single Tax colony, of which, by the way, they bring quite encouraging reports.

Naturally, the editor has desired to see as much of the visitors and be of as much assistance to them as possible, and trusts the readers of the COURIER will overlook any deficiencies in this issue of the paper.

Strong Words from English Paper.

We have before quoted from the editorials of the Middleton (England) Guardian. The editor, John Bagot, is an ardent Single Taxer. In a late issue he says:

Why should the people of Middleton and their children be herded together all their lives like cattle in trucks? It is not that there is any paucity of land or pure air. There is plenty of both. Why then should Middleton children be born in confined little cottages, educated in crowded and insanitary schools, and as early as possible sent away to work in heated factories, workshops and dyehouses, under all the circumstances of which healthy, vigorous life is almost impossible? A moment's thought will give the answer. It is because they are cheated by our atrocious social customs and laws, of more than half of the wages of their labour.

All who work are thus cheated. We dwell in small houses in Middleton, are compelled to send our children to be educated in buildings that are condemned by the sanitary officers, and to work out our brief lives (for we do not live half the natural span) under most unnatural conditions, in order that a tremendous army of idle people and other non-producers may live in harmful luxury and dissipation. There is plenty of room in England for double its population to enjoy God's free air, unpumped and undiluted. There is a picture in our mind of a wide domain, not far from Middleton, of hill and dale, woods, meadows, parks and gardens, in which what the world calls a distinguished party is so successfully shooting half-tame birds that they flutter down to die in agony about the skirts of royalty.

But all the while Middleton children are breathing the foul atmosphere of unnameable stenches, and their parents working out the short period of their industrial servitude in our great manufacturing hives. Think of it, ye

> The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces, let cheerfulness abound with industry. :: Give us to go blithely on our business this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.
>
> Robert Louis Stevenson

leaders of men! Is it right? Have ye nothing to say thereupon? * * *

It is only because of our ignorance and carelessness that we are now oppressed. We can, if we will, cause to be returned to us the fair domain of England, of which through the centuries the workers of this country have been robbed. The land is ours: room upon which, with the breezes of heaven and the green fields and woods and valleys, we can bring up and educate our children. The wealth is ours, created by those who labour. It can be retained by those who earn it, and their lives and those of their children made long and happy thereby. One stroke will carry both, the determination to cease from helping on the "great iniquity"—as Tolstoi rightly names it—by paying rates and taxes. We believe the time is ripening, and when a start is made—would that Middleton might take the initiative!—the movement will catch on amongst English boroughs with the fierceness and rapidity of a prairie fire, and our social emancipation be happily consummated.

Ryan's Creed.

A tax on land values is a tax on rent, while a tax on anything produced by labor is a tax on wages. It ought not to to take men long to decide which is the better tax; that which is imposed on the value of a privilege, or that which is deducted from the earnings of labor.

There would be no rent if there were no private possession of land, and there would be no private possession of land if government did not give to individuals the privilege of excluding the public from certain specific portions of the public domain.

The Single Taxer finds no fault with the exclusive possession of land. That is necessary to our civilization. But in each case it is a special privilege, for which the beneficiary should pay an annual rental to the public which is (or who are) excluded. In that way the inequalities of privilege and opportunity can be equalized.

The business of the government is to secure equal rights to all and to see that opportunities to nature are not denied. Under the Single Tax this end could be secured, and in no other way.

CHARLES D. RYAN.

1520 Mifflin St., Philadelphia, Pa.

ENTERTAINING OUR VISITORS.

Receptions at Mr. Powell's on Wednesday Evening and at The Gables on Thursday Evening. Their Stay Greatly Enjoyed by Us and Evidently by Them.

On Wednesday evening a reception was tendered our distinguished visitors by Mr. and Mrs. Powell, at their pleasant home. An enjoyable little program was presented, consisting of songs by Mrs. Dr. Woodruff, Dr. Sheldon, Mr. Pilcher and Mr. Gaston, one of the Uncle Remus dialect stories by Dr. Sheldon in his inimitable style and short speeches by Mr. Price and the Messrs. Fels. Messrs Coates and Bryan were called upon, but excused themselves with a few words of appreciation of Fairhope and their pleasure in being here.

Mr. Price made an extremely interesting and instructive talk on the relation of economics to art.

Mr. Joseph Fels emphasized the thought of economic freedom—at the base of which was equality of access to land—and brought a note of cheer of the progress of that idea throughout the world.

Mr. Maurice Fels, whose first visit to Fairhope it was, said that he had not become as complete and enthusiastic a Single Taxer as his brother had, though he felt that the underlying principle was sound. He had long been interested in social questions and had followed the history of many if not most of the colony efforts which had been made. He had been much interested in Ruskin; and was greatly interested in Fairhope, which, in reality, he confessed, greatly exceeded his expectations, and he thought—in what it had already accomplished and in the character of those connected with it—was the most promising effort of the kind being anywhere made.

We must not omit mention of one of the most pleasant features of the evening, the delightful music rendered by the Fairhope orchestra, Mr. Wheeler on the violin, Mr. Lyon with banjo, and Mr. DeKalb with guitar.

Last evening--Thursday—a reception was given the visitors, at The Gables. There was a very large attendance, the number of strangers being especially noticeable, and they seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as anyone. As the COURIER must go to press Friday morning, we shall have to omit a full report of this meeting until next week.

Joseph Fels, as always on his visits, was here, there and everywhere, hearing and seeing, full of interest and sympathy, not only in policies but in individuals and their personal affairs—a marvel of energy and of ability to see to the heart of questions submitted to him.

On this occasion he had to divide honors—and was happy in doing so—with his brother Maurice, with whom all who met him were greatly pleased. He has not the aggressive vivacity of his elder brother, but is full of the same kindly human sympathy.

Mr. Price is not only able to talk most instructively upon art and economics, as learned on Wednesday evening, but is a story teller of rare merit.

Mr. Coates proved to all of us who had never before had the pleasure of meeting him, that his association with the Messrs. Fels in business and otherwise must be a genuine case of "natural selection," so heartily did he share their interest and enthusiasm. We shall count on seeing him again, even if his home is so far away. Mr. Coates was sufficiently well impressed with Fairhope to make an application for membership before leaving—the very best and most practical evidence of appreciation.

The party all left on the steamer Friday morning, bearing the heartiest good wishes of us all and our hopes for their return frequently to our delightful shore.

"Three Acres and Liberty."

Not since "Ten Acres Enough" and "Five Acres Too Much" has so entertaining a book been produced on this theme. It is much more practical than its forerunners, being written by a skilled writer, Bolton Hall, and edited by skilled gardeners. Were it not for the unimpeachable authorities quoted, its statements as to the possibilities of the "Little Lands" for a living would seem fanciful. The book sells for $1.75 and may be ordered through the COURIER.

"The Fat of the Land."

The editor acknowledges indebtedness to our late visitor, Mr. Boreman, for delightful hours spent in reading "The Fat of the Land," the story of an American farm, a copy of which he mailed us since his return home.

This is a most charmingly told story, purporting to give the experience of a physician who, at sixty, was obliged from consideration of his own health to give up his profession, and who, having been raised upon a farm and feeling a strong desire to get "back to the land" went to the country.

Having ample capital, he bought a large farm, built barns, piggeries and poultry houses of most approved patterns, stocked the farm with best breeds of cattle, hogs and poultry, and pursued the most approved scientific methods of farming.

He called it his "factory farm," and his purpose was to demonstrate that with the same attention to business details and economies in production which an up-to-date manufacturer would give to his factory, a farm could be made to pay handsome dividends, as well as afford conditions for home comfort and enjoyment which could not be realized elsewhere. Both these ends were fully realized. A great deal of valuable detailed information, never becoming tedious, is given, and woven into it a delightful story of domestic and social happiness.

The book is not only enjoyable, but inspiring and ennobling. John Williams Streeter is the author; the publishers are the McMillan Co., New York.

COMPETITION.

EDITOR COURIER:

Our many centuries of land monopoly have obliterated free competition in every pursuit and hence follows our industrial woes. Banish land monopoly, which is the parent of all monopolies, and competition will come to us as an equitable adjuster of all economic affairs. It is the natural right of a man to exchange his labor for the labor of every other man. It follows that he may exchange his product with any man who sees fit to so exchange. When two persons mutually agree to exchange products, they do not have to ask a third party or the state to say if such exchange is equitable. A man may therefore rightfully avail himself of the competition among his fellows in securing an exchange. He has a perfect right to compare prices. Anything short of this right is slavery. Liberty-loving people will yet come to love the word competition. Humanity will yet glorify the word, when they disconnect it from what now passes for competition, which is in reality not competition but mostly monopoly.

To say competition is the outgrowth of monopoly or monopoly the result of competition is absurd. Monopoly is the opposite of competition. The more monopoly the less competition. The more competition the less monopoly, are the facts. The two are incompatible. Today we have a mixture of both and hence the confusion of thought on the subject regarding their relative attributes. T. P. LYON.

Mr. Fels is a great enthusiast on intensive agriculture. He will never be wholly pleased with Fairhope until he sees the land utilized to better advantage. He tells marvelous stories of the results from small tracts of land in European countries under intensive culture, and says—and rightly—that we have as fine climate and soil in conjunction for it, as can be found anywhere. Mr. Fels expects to have published next fall, a condensation, at least, of the book on the Chinese people and their agricultural methods and results, translated for him by Mrs. Howland, as an inspiration to do more in that line.

The Standard began with last issue its seventh year of publication. Our neighbor has lived long enough to shatter the reputation of a great many would-be-prophets, and bids fair to continue to do so.

The Poultry Digest, published at New York, republished in its February issue the COURIER article telling of Mr. Goddard's experience in the poultry business, preceding it with an interesting statement about Fairhope as a Single Tax colony.

"I LOVE MY COUNTRY TOO WELL TO BE A PATRIOT."

Ernest Crosby in "Swords and Plowshares"

I am no patriot.
I do not wish my countrymen to overrun the world.
I love the date palm equally with the pine tree, and each in its place.
I am as true a friend to the banana and orange as to the pear and apple.
I thank the genial breath of climate for making men different.
I am glad to know that, if my people succeed in spreading over the face of the earth, they will gradually differ from each other, as they attune themselves to every degree of latitude and longitude.
Humanity is no air to be strummed on one note or upon one instrument.
It is a symphony where every note and instrument has its part, and would be sadly missed.
I do not take the side of the cornet against the violin, for the cornet needs the violin.
I am no patriot.
I love my country too well to be a patriot.

Personal and Local.

Miss Anna Mae Oswalt is quite ill this week with pneumonia.

Dr. Greeno has a force of men at work on the road running south from Brown's mill and is pushing the work along,

Announcement was just received at this office of the birth of a son, the first, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gabel, living in the W. A. Baldwin cottage.

A lot of the finest mule teams ever seen in this country are now hauling lumber from the Turner Lumber Co. mill to Fairhope for shipment to Mobile.

L. L. Abbott arrived from Chicago last night, accompanied by his friend, Mr. Johnson, for a short stay. Mr. Abbott has many friends here who are always glad to see him back.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox, of Des Moines, arrived this week on their third visit to Fairhope, of which they are great friends.

Rev. A. Lichtenstein, of St. Louis, will speak in the Fairhope Christian church next Tuesday night. He is a converted Jew, and is working to bring his people into the Christian faith.

F. B. Long of Minneapolis sends a subscription to the wharf fund, with renewal of his subscription to the COURIER and says: "I want a safe landing should I ever sail that way."

We neglected to note last week an addition to the population—a fine 10½ pound boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stersic on Sunday, Feb. 24. Mother and child are doing finely.

Cast your eye over the fence and to the rear of the Rathje building, as you pass by, and see the immense pea-vines full of blooms and pods —some already half filled with peas. They are worth seeing.

Dr. Atkinson, with the assistance of Grandma Dougherty and Mr. Sedinger, captured a 'possum in the Doctor's chicken-yard one night this week. He was a big fellow who had robbed the nests of two setting hens.

Dr. Greeno went to Mobile on Thursday and met his daughter, Mrs. H. B. Slaughter, of Chicago, who was so terribly injured several months ago in an automobile accident. Mr. Slaughter also came over, and will, no doubt, spend much of his time at Fairhope while Mrs. Slaughter is here.

John McCarthy, of Tarrytown, N. Y., joined his wife and son here on Saturday. Mr. McCarthy is an old-time Father McGlynn "anti-poverty" Single Taxer. He seems to be much pleased with Fairhope and we hope we will be able to get him to stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox, Mesdames Boreman and Rittenhouse and their children and Mr. Albright visited Daphne on Wednesday and were charmed with the beautiful homes and especially the wonderful show of flowers to be seen along the bay front there.

The steamer Fairhope made an extra trip back to Fairhope, Wednesday, towing a barge to be loaded with lumber by the Turner Lumber Company. Captain Roberts handled the barge nicely, and made the trip over with it in a little more than two hours.

The Mershon Merchandising Company keeps its big front window space filled with an artistic display of its attractive goods. Elmer L. Page is the "window artist" and displays excellent taste. "The big store" is quite up-to-date in its business methods.

Miss Mackley had just rented a cottage—one of Mr. Wolf's, and got ready for her uncle and aunt whom she was expecting, when she got word from them that her aunt was so ill that they would not attempt to come now. She is hardly decided as to what to do.

Mrs. Standard, Capt. Joseph Lawrence's daughter, was over from Mobile, from Sunday morning to this morning, with her two bright little boys, and has rented one of the Mrs. Coutant cottages on Church street, which she expects to move into for the summer,

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marshall of Chicago arrived on Wednesday evening and remained until this morning. Mr. Marshall is a Single Taxer and carried a letter of introduction from F. W. Maguire. Mrs. Marshall and children have been spending the winter at Citronelle.

Mr. Mathews is hurrying up his new store building down Section street, and expects to move his stock of goods into it as soon as completed. He will have the first chance and last chance at customers approaching town from that direction, but will not be quite as convenient to the town trade.

C. Clark, of Detroit, Mich., arrived last evening and will remain with us for a week or two. Mr. Clark is an iron and wire manufacturer of Detroit. He is not a declared Single Taxer, but has been a reader of the COURIER for a couple of years, and is quite interested in Fairhope.

The Village Improvement Club and friends spent a half day on Tuesday, clearing up on Fels avenue and in the beach park, and had a "co-operative supper" at the Gooding home. The Fels party, who arrived that evening, were over after supper, and got acquainted with some of the real workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathison have been bringing to town the finest strawberries we have seen this season. They are not especially large, but are very highly colored and glossy—almost like they were varnished, with a delicious fragrance and taste. They are also very solid and excellent keepers, though they are not allowed to stand long on the local market at twenty cents a box. We understand they are "Wards."

E. R. Speaker of Conneaut, Ohio, long a reader the COURIER, arrived on Wednesday evening for a short stay. It was through Mr. Speaker that the Wheelers came to Fairhope, and they were of course very glad to see him, and he them. Having come to Fairhope on his suggestion, they are now trying to get him to come to stay. The Messrs. Wheeler, by the way, are both quite well pleased with their business so far, it exceeding their expectations in both cases.

The steamer Caloosa, under command of our Captain John Foster, was put into commission again on Monday between Mobile and Daphne direct. This will be hard on the Pleasure Bay, which had already been cut out of the Fairhope business by the steamer Fairhope, and whose principal freight business was at Daphne. One thing is quite certain, that there is not now enough business from this shore to justify the operation of all three of the boats, and some further changes will very likely be made before long.

Mr. Zass's little place near the mill has been advertised in the COURIER for sale much of the time for the last couple of years, during which time Mr. Zass has been back and forth several times between Fairhope and his former home at Patterson, N. J., where he was long employed at his trade of silk-dyer (and with which trade only he is familiar); and a few months since Mrs. Zass went back to Paterson, without effecting a sale of their improvements. On Sunday morning, however, she returned, and says that she has come to stay, and that Mr. Zass will be back next fall. She complained much of the cold and snow, and said that she could not stand the climate there after living in Fairhope.

Help the Cause by Helping a Friend.

The COURIER has from time to time mentioned the illness of Captain George A. R. Lawrence. We regret to say that the captain's condition has not improved. It is believed now that he has locomotor ataxia. He is confined to the house and to his bed a good share of the time, but gets out occasionally on nice days among his friends. A number of friends who are familiar with the effect of the Hot Springs upon similar cases, believe that the captain could get great benefit from a stay of a few weeks there; and as the same is beyond his means, the COURIER takes pleasure in recommending that friends at home and abroad join in making up a little fund to send him there for a trial of the healing waters. He has been a hard worker, not only for himself and family, but for Fairhope and the Single Tax cause generally; and nothing lies nearer his heart today. The work he would do as a Single Tax missionary on such a trip, would make it well worth while for Single Taxers to join in sending him, beside the hope of helping to save him to his family and the world.

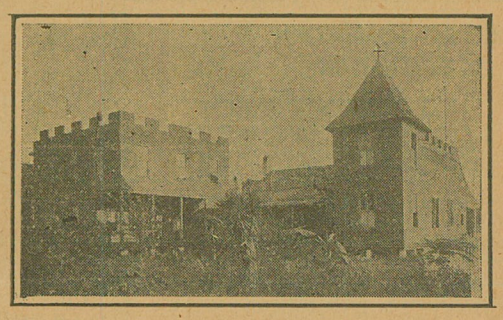
The COURIER will gladly receive subscriptions to the fund.

The following subscriptions to above fund have been received:

Previously reported,	$3 00
"A Friend"	2 00
S. H. Comings,	1 00
C. Nelson, Point Clear,	5 00
"An Anarchist,"	6 00
"A Single Taxer,"	10 00
	$27 00

We hope those who feel disposed to contribute to this worthy cause will do so at once.

The Captain has been confined to his bed for several days, but hopes to be able to travel soon; but should he possibly prove unable to go, he will need the help of his friends all the more.



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The good things to eat are on sale at Wilson's bakery, Brown block.

Cereals of all kinds, fresh and good. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Leave orders for wood at the Courier office. Van Bavel & Koopman will deliver promptly.

All kinds of garden seeds, onion sets, Valentine beans, etc. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Here we are, with a fine line of summer hats and caps. See our show window. Mershon Mer. Co.

Dr. Sheldon, with a bass viol, has been added to the Fairhope orchestra, greatly improving their music.

The finest bread, cake and pastry now on sale at Wilson's bakery in the Brown block. Everything fresh, clean and good.

Valentine round pod seed beans now in. Don't put off buying until they are all gone. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Gibson and family have moved from the beach into the C. K. Brown cottage on Fairhope avenue, lately occupied by Eugene Wilson.

Who can beat this? Mr. Oswalt set 16 eggs, hatched 17 chickens, had 7 eggs left, of which another hen hatched one. Is looking for more.

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Misses Elizabeth and Mae and Mr. Robert McDermaid left for their home at Rockford, Ill., on Tuesday. They are very jolly young people, and helped to make it pleasant for others while here. Captain and Mrs. McDermaid accompanied them as far as Mobile.

Just received: a fresh supply of peanut oil butter in 10c. and 20c. packages. Also shelled salted peanuts in jars at 10c. each. Mershon Merchandising Co.

When trading in Mobile always let it be known that you are from Fairhope. It will be to your advantage and to the advantage of your town, and will help the Courier.

The Standard office had a pleasant call on Wednesday of last week from Mr. F. W. Rose, of Fairhope, or rather of Piedmont, W. Va., who has been a visitor at Fairhope for some months.—Standard.

Rev. Junius B. Spiers of Richmond, Va., visited Fairhope and spoke at the New Church meeting at Mrs. Towner's on last Sunday afternoon and evening, and at the school-house on Monday evening lectured on "The Life and Work of Swedenborg."

L. H. Hanson, who has been spending the winter here for his health, contracted a severe cold, which greatly aggravated his illness. His mother, Mrs. H. C. Hanson, arrived from Chicago on last Friday evening, to be with him. He is some better now.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a gold medal oratorical contest at the Christian church, Friday, March 15. The admission will be 10 and 15c, and the speakers will be those who have won silver medals. The orchestra will play and there will be vocal music. The winner will go to Citronelle Chautauqua April 12 to compete for grand gold medal.

DECISION EASY TO ENFORCE.

Judge Had So Mutilated Bird That Resistance Was In Vain.

Judge Loveland of Strafford, Vt., a classmate of Daniel Webster in Dartmouth college, resembled him in some things. He did not like to have anybody get the best of him.

On certain occasions "an oath" was an absolute necessity to him, although of a different type from those he was in the habit of administering to others.

Not long after his appointment as Judge he and a party of acquaintances were invited to Christmas dinner at a friend's house. To him was assigned the honor of presiding at the head of the table to carve the turkey. He had never done such a thing in his life, but did not like to decline, neither did he wish to acknowledge his ignorance. Consequently, he went about his task, apparently as unconcerned as any of the party in waiting.

The wing was the first part he attacked, and only after much hacking and cutting did he at last succeed in cutting it off. Then he took the leg and found that still more difficult to manage. He worked at it very quietly for a time, as he could not work and talk, too. Finally, after considerable maneuvering to find the best place to strike, he brought the knife down with almost herculean force, completely severing it from the body. In doing this he gave the body such a twist that it slipped from the platter onto the tablecloth beyond, minus both wing and leg. He dropped the knife in dismay, the perspiration oozing from every pore of his body when he saw what he had done.

"Well," he said, "d—n you, the court rules that you lie there; you can neither fly nor run."



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Came in Big Auto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bryan, of East Tolleston, Ind., are at The Gables and will probably remain for several weeks. They are making quite an extensive trip through the South in a big touring car, which they brought over with them on Tuesday evening.

They had the car shipped to them at New Orleans, and came over from that city to Mobile in it. They made the trip in a day, though they had to go around by way of Baton Rouge, considerably out of a direct route, in order to get travelable roads.

Mr. Bryan is a man of wealth, being connected with the great undertaking of the U. S. Steel Co. near Tolleston, where it is building great works and a city of its own.

He has, however, been for years a student of social problems. He heard of Fairhope through Ella Wheeler Wilcox's articles in the New York Journal, corresponded with the Secretary and became a reader of the COURIER; hence his visit here.

Mr. Bryan is pleased to say, like most of our other visitors, that he finds Fairhope beyond his expectations. When they leave, it will be to go to Pensacola overland, and thence on to Jacksonville and other Florida points, eventually home via Washington, D. C. and other Eastern points.

The $5.00 card for $4.75 cash is becoming very popular. Fall in line, we have lots of them, and 25c saved is worth looking after. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Social Was Postponed.

The V. I. C. social, which was to have been held at the Fairhope Hotel on Friday evening last week, was postponed to Saturday evening on account of rain. There was a good attendants of residents and visitors. A pleasant little program of music and recitations was presented, after which the ladies served light refreshments and later, by permission of Mrs. Ferguson, the dining-room was cleared and those who wished engaged in dancing with music by the orchestra—Messrs. Lyons, DeKalb and Wheeler.

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Council Proceedings.

The following are the bills allowed at the Council meeting on Monday evening:

J. Bellangee, 18 hours auditing books and 4 hours in charge of election	$ 3 30
Mrs. Ada Graham, 14 hours auditing books, 2 hours at election	2 40
Marie Howland, auditing the books 2 hours, and 2 hours at election	60
VanBavel & Koopman, wood for water works	9 90
G. M. Bancroft, hauling shells	1 40
J. Bellangee, pumping water 8¾ months, $105, less water connections, etc., amounting to $93.18, leaving balance due him of	11 82
Fairhope Builders' Supply Co. wood to water works, 6½ cords at $2	13 00
Reported by Superintendent of Lands and Highways, due from	
N. Mershon, for 10 cedar posts @ 20c	2 00
From G. M. Rancroft, for 47 cedar posts	9 40
From Miss Clements, 2 loads of gravel	15

Interesting Letter on Important Local Theme.

Fairhope, Ala., March 4, 1907.

To the Public:

Nunnally's Candy. That is our theme. And we want to prove to you some great things about this product.

It is pure. Yes, we mean it. Absolutely pure. It would stand a scientific test to the last piece in the box and be found a pure and wholesome food.

Its quality is better than any other candy made anywhere. A pretty strong statement, we admit, but we mean that, too. As a proof of what we say, we want you to compare it with the very best candy made by any other manufacturer and sold at eighty cents a pound or over. The result would be a fine advertisement for Nunnally's.

As it is pure and wholesome, and its quality the very best, it goes without saying that we sell it. And nobody else in Fairhope does. In other words, we are the exclusive agents for this high-grade confection and always keep a plentiful supply of absolutely fresh goods.

We would appreciate your patronage and will promise you a "square deal." May we expect it?

Very truly yours,

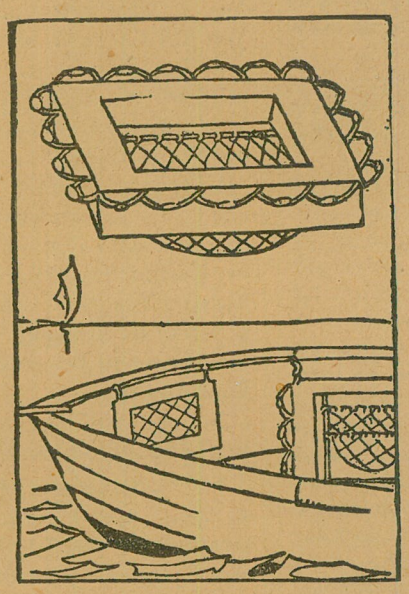
Post Office News Stand.

LIFEBOAT ON A RAFT.

Invention of Maryland Man Is a Unique Combination.

In a wreck at sea when a storm is raging lifeboats are often capsized by the tempestuous waves, and the occupants, who thought they were safe, are thrown into the water. In such cases the bottom of an overturned boat does not afford a very good hold for the hands.

A Maryland inventor has solved the problem by making a combination lifeboat and raft. The latter is rectangular in shape and normally rests in the center of the boat as shown. The frame is constructed of a number of air-tight compartments and is open in the center. Suspended from the opening is a net and around the outer edges are rope handles, attached to cork floats. The sides of the raft serve as seats in the boat, and in event of the latter capsizing, it will float away from the boat, affording a life-saving means to those able to grasp it. By using air-tight compartments the raft will hold up several persons, and the net within affords a protection to stand within the raft. The rope handles are also easily grasped. When cast in the vicinity of drowning persons, it acts as a support until they can be rescued by the crew of the boat, who in the meantime may be engaged in the rescue of other unfortunates.



Supports Those Thrown from Boat.

Spankers.

Miss Gunner—It is queer how remarkably good the children have been since we returned from Cairo.

Mr. Gunner—Oh, they are wise.

Mrs. Gunner—Wise to what?

Mrs. Gunner—To the fact that I brought back a collection of hard Egyptian sandals.—Chicago News.

Wanted!

WANTED—One-horse light spring wagon serviceable and cheap. S. D. Yarnelle.

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FOR SALE—Nice, well finished, well located, two-story, four-room cottage, furnished, on large lot. E. B. Gaston, agent.

FOR SALE—New 2-room and gallery house, nice garden spot, on Section street. E. B. Gaston, agent.

FOR SALE—One 12-guage Winchester repeating shot-gun. Take-down, model '97. Stevens "Favorite" .22 calibre rifle. Address E. F. WHITE, Fairhope. 1t

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FOR RENT—Three very desirable cottages, all with city water and fireplaces; two with closet and shower bath. E. B. Gaston.

FOR SALE—Two 4-room houses, finished inside and out, one recently painted, on Church street. Bargain if taken at once. E. B. Gaston, agent.

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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, 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

Feb. 26. In the Library—E. C. S.—You, at least, must have seen the new literature upon the planet Mars. Nothing interests me so much as do the signs of progress toward intercommunication with any of our sister worlds. I heard that the new magazine, Broad Views, has a significant article upon this topic. If you have it—and who more likely than you—and can spare it, please send it—*lend* it, if need be—to this Library. x x x This has been quite a business day. Here is the list of books borrowed:

Harper's Monthly for February; His Marriage Vow, a novel; Stevenson, Treasure Island; Swiss Family Robinson; Autobiography of Annie Besant; Little Lord Fauntleroy; Shearman's Natural Taxation; Carpenter's Lover's World; a work on Ginseng Culture; Henry George's Progress and Poverty; Herbert Spencer on the Land Question.

No one will say that it is not an excellent semi-monthly showing for a little rural library.

* * * Strawberries are on the market now at 20c. a quart, and they are fine. I am constrained to testify that I never have tasted strawberries so sweet as these, and that even when they are quite unripe on one side, they are not acid as they are in the north. And then, they have the delicious odor that I have missed in the strawberry for the last fifty years. I believed it was age that had lost me a sensuous enjoyment impossible to describe. Of course I am accused of being an optimist. It is the highest compliment I can receive. I saw one of our new colonists today, Mr. Horning. He told me that he was now gathering ripe strawberries from his plants set just before Christmas! He too must be an optimist. His purpose is to raise fall strawberries by the use of water. He has undertaken a serious work, and we are watching his progress with interest.

March 1. * * * Your magnificent letter, dear C. F. L., came last night with subscription and excerpt from the New York Times giving a long notice of the death of Colonel Olcott, and of his wonderful career. "So they go to the stars." You are right in supposing that it is a deep satisfaction to me that I had the pleasure, when last in your city, of a private interview with him at his hotel. I owed that visit to our mutual friend Chidester, one of the leading lights of the Theosophical Society, as you know. I never was more delightfully entertained. He was bubbling over with wit and reminiscence, and of course did about all the talking. You would rather have supposed him some great traveler and teacher than the distinguished president-founder of the Theosophical Society.

March 6:—This evening was the "at home" of The Pines. The whole family of three were enjoying the call of Dr. Gibbons and his pleasant wife, Rebecca, when we were suddenly surprised into listening silence by the entrancing notes of a serenade. It was our new resident, Frank Wheeler, an amateur violinist of real merit, and our steamer engineer, Mr. DeKalb, who accompanied the violinist on the guitar. The music was delightful. I regretted that I could not have known of the intended honor and prepared some little acknowledgment of it, though they declined the invitation to come in.

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King Cotton

Carl Barnette Writes Especially for the Courier, of Planting, Fertilizing and Cultivating the Cotton Plant. The Results of His Twenty Years' Experience.

EDITOR COURIER:

For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with cultivating cotton, I give the following treatise, learned from twenty years' experience in growing cotton. Everyone who saw my cotton crop last year and witnessed my plan of cultivation should know that skilled cultivation of cotton pays well, though I had at least four hundred dollars' worth of cotton mown down in the great September storm.

The use of fertilizers is very necessary here, as there is a lack of plant food in the soil. Although, with the intelligent use of a complete fertilizer, with the climatic advantages which we have, this country can be made the best cotton-producing section in the South.

Preparing the Ground.

Lay off furrows with 10 in. sweep 3½ feet apart. Bed this land with 4 furrows to row with turn plow. First of April run drag or spring-tooth harrow across the rows, to kill all vegetation.

Immediately, or not later than April 10th, put out 325 lbs. fertilizer per acre in water furrow, and list with turn plow, leaving only a narrow balk in middle.

This fertilizer should be mixed of the following:

14 per cent. acid phosphate, 100 lbs.
cotton seed meal, 100 lbs.
kainit, 100 lbs.
muriate of potash, 25 lbs.

Or you can substitute nitrate soda, 100 lbs., instead of cotton seed meal.

There should be no less than 500 lbs. of fertilizer used per acre to bring good results; but this must be in three applications:

First, before planting, 325 lbs.
Second, June 1st, 100 lbs.
Third, July 5th, to 10th, 100 lbs.

Planting.

About April 15th planting should begin. First, run a harrow, or weeder, across the rows, and then open the list with a small scooter plow.

Drop 10 to 15 seeds, 24 to 30 inches apart, in these furrows and cover with a board. If it should rain immediately after cotton is planted, just as soon as the ground begins to form a crust, a weeder should be run lightly over the land to break the crust. This hastens the coming of the cotton, as cotton seed germinates in 24 hours after becoming moist. After the weeder is run over the cotton-field, take 12 or 16 inch sweep and run one furrow to each balk between cotton rows. This gives a furrow for water to stand should there be excessive rains.

Cotton should be planted from April 15th to May 1st.

Cultivating.

After the cotton begins to come up, or when it is, say, from four to six days old, run a 10 or 12 inch sweep just as close to the cotton as possible without cutting it. This warms the plants, and they put out new roots which take up the plant food in the fertilizer. As soon as the plants begin to make leaves run an iron tooth or side harrow in the middle, and thin to a stand of two plants to a hill. After cutting the plants to a stand, run a 20 inch Dixon sweep on both sides of the row, not over one inch deep. When the ground settles four or five days, run the 20-inch sweep one inch deep in each middle. This leaves your ground in good condition. You should then take a hoe and cut out all vegetation from your rows, so that the cotton-plant will get all of the plant-food in the fertilizer.

After your crop is to this stage, you should run a 24 inch sweep in every other middle every eight days This cuts the roots only on one side of the plant, which gives the plant a chance to grow new roots before they are cut from the other side, thus protecting the plant from drought or excessive rains.

About June 1st a new application of fertilizer should be used; say, 150 lbs. per acre:

75 lbs. 14 per cent. acid phosphate,
50 " cotton-seed meal,
25 " kainit, or 10 lbs. m. potash.

No nitrate soda should be used this late.

Continue the 8 day system of cultivating until about July 5th. Then apply about 100 lbs. fertilizer, as follows:

75 lbs. 14 per cent. acid phosphate,
25 " cotton-seed meal,
10 " muriate potash.

No more plowing, but cut out weeds with hoe. By applying 500 or 600 lbs. of fertilizer by this method, and cultivating upon this scale, your cotton continues to grow and fruit until late in fall. The continuous applying of fertilizer feeds the plant while it is fruiting and renders it almost drouth proof.

Those who do not wish to plant more than two or three acres can plant all at once; but where ten to twenty acres are planted it is best to plant one-half or one-third about six days apart, so it can be cultivated easily. If there are any questions anyone might wish to ask concerning this subject, I will take pleasure in answering them.

CARL BARNETTE.

Euclid, Fairhope, Ala.

See the Difference.

There was a sensational slump in stocks in Wall street last week, nearly approaching a panic, and, as usual, the U. S. Treasury came to the relief of the gamblers, anticipating interest payments on government bonds and announcing that non-interest-bearing government funds deposited in banks would not be called for as per previous announcement. A New York letter, apparently emanating from some one who knew, characterized it as a raid by the Morgan-Hill combination upon the Standard Oil-Harriman crowd. The latter however, according to this authority, proved too clever and resourceful to be caught in the trap; and the chief sufferers, as usual, were the small investors who were unable to put up the additional margins called for and whose stocks were closed out by their brokers.

Such is Wall street gambling; not nearly as honorably conducted as ordinary negro "crap-shooting," and often seriously menacing legitimate business interests, but protected from the legitimate results of its own methods, at the expense of the public; while crap-shooting is relentlessly punished.

Hon. Hoke Smith on Railroad Question.

Hon. Hoke Smith of Georgia made a strong speech at Cincinnati last week upon the subject of "Transportation," at the annual meeting of the Receivers' and Shippers' Association.

According to Mr. Smith, seven interests or groups of financiers control three-fourths of the railway mileage of the country.

"While these," he said, "conflict at times, their struggles are in the matter of acquiring properties, not in the operation of properties, and their conflicts result not in better or cheaper transportation, but in more stocks and bonds—upon which the people must furnish money to pay dividends. The control of the railroads of the country has passed from trained railroad operators to bankers, who speculate in railroad stocks."

Mr. Smith declares that, from most careful estimates, the total railroad capitalization of thirteen billion of dollars is over seven billions water. As an instance of how the modern railway "interests" rob the public by watered stocks, Mr. Smith cited the manipulation of Chicago and Alton by the Harriman syndicate, which, "with the touch of a demon's wand," increased the liabilities from $33,000,000 to $125,000,000. "Instead of money derived from stocks and bonds," said he, "being used for increased transportation facilities, it has been put into the pockets of a few many-times millionaires, who have made their

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Marie Howland

Mr. Maurice Fels in a personal letter to the editor says: "I look back with much pleasure to my visit at Fairhope, and trust to repeat it in the not distant future."

The Courier enjoyed a call on Wednesday evening from J. S. Lambert, our efficient County Superintendent of Schools, who came over with the party of Knights of Pythias who instituted the lodge here.

"Helicon Hall" the socialistic home or "colony" started by Upton Sinclair near New York city, was destroyed by fire on last Saturday night. The buildings, valued at $35,000, were a total loss, one life was lost, and several persons were severely injured.

The disposition of Rev. Sedinger to take up for his Sunday evening addresses such themes as "the relation of the church to social problems," which he discussed on last Sunday evening and will further consider on next Sunday evening, should be appreciated by our progressive people, and the same manifested by a good attendance.

The vote on Thursday evening for continuing the contract of the Corporation with the Courier was a very agreeable surprise to the editor. While believing that from a purely business standpoint, the publicity secured through the ad. and the publication of Council proceedings by the appropriation thus endorsed, is the best kind of an investment, we are pleased to consider it also an evidence of appreciation on the part of the people, of the service rendered by the Courier. With this feeling, we shall continue to labor for the upbuilding of Fairhope, with new zeal and pleasure.

There was a great deal of truth in the statemeent by Miss Chapman at a recent meeting, that she had observed two classes of enthusiasts coming to Fairhope,—one composed of those who were enthusiastic to do something for Fairhope, and the other of those who were enthusiastic to reap its benefits. The first have satisfaction within themselves, for the opportunity to do something is unlimited. The latter are very likely to be disappointed. Indeed, it is a law of human life that those who seek happiness from external conditions are doomed to disappointment.

HELP ON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

While here Wednesday evening, County Superintendent of Schools Lambert called the attention of the Courier to the law passed by the legislature which has just adjourned making an annual appropriation of $67000 ($1000 per county) for rural school houses.

We are advised by Mr. Lambert that this fund is now available, and that applications for a share in it will be received by him and laid before the county board of education as by the law provided.

This fund is only available for district schools outside of any incorporated city or town. It is applicable for either the building or repair of school-houses. A condition precedent is the securing of a bona fide subscription by responsible parties for not less than $100. The sum to be given from the fund cannot exceed the amount so subscribed and actually paid in, and in no event be more than $200 for any one building.

The land upon which the building stands or is to stand must be conveyed by deed to the State of Alabama; and, in the case of a new building, the tract shall not be less than two acres in area, and the building must be erected upon plans and specifications furnished by the Superintendent of Education of the state.

District trustees desiring to avail themselves of this fund will, upon making application by letter to J. S. Lambert, County Superintendent of Schools, Bay Minette, Ala., be furnished with all necessary instructions, blanks, etc.

The Register had last week quite a story about how a beautiful young lady of Montgomery secured the passage of the bill making an appropriation far the normal school at Daphne. According to the Register, the young lady was a member of the legislative party that visited Daphne in February, and while there made a bargain with certain Daphne people that she would see to it that the school bill became a law provided that a house party would be arranged for herself and friends whom she would name during the coming summer.

WHICH IS BETTER?

When the Forestry department caught parties in a hole where they must have lumber, it raised the price of lumber to the outrageous figure of $5.00 a thousand. If that bureau had charge of the public range it would undoubtedly take the same advantage of stockmen and settlers and charge for a lease-hold "all the traffic would bear."—Stock-grower and Farmer, Cody, Wyo.

The private owners (or rather, title-holders) of forest and range lands have been and are doing just these things. Is it not a great deal better for the government—representing the whole people—to do so and let the whole people share the benefit.

DON'T BIND COMING GENERATIONS.

In a special message to Congress dealing with the question of alienating the coal and timber lands of the west, President Roosevelt said,

"Let us not do what the next generation can not undo. We have a right to the proper use of both the forests and the fuel during our life time, but we should not dispose of the birthright of our children."

This is sound logic and the argument that applies to timber and coal lands, applies with equal force to every natural opportunity, be it franchises, natural rights, water rights or the use of the surface of the earth. But unfortunately this is not the way that we are using the inheritance which God gave to His children. We use the earth as private property and exercise dominion over it as though we were the rulers of all the generations to come. This is not a proper use of that which God gave to His children.—Commoner, Beaver, Pa,

SOURCE OF PUBLIC FUNDS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EXPENDITURE

To the Editor:

The subject discussed by your correspondent, Mr. Charles D. Ryan, in a recent issue of your valuable paper is one which deserves more than a passing thought. While all our local legislative bodies and our municipal reformers necessarily give much attention to the vital question of how the people's money should be expended, too little thought, it seems to me, is directed to a matter of even greater importance, the question of how taxes should be raised. For it can be shown that the present system (or lack of system) which is based upon the citizen's ability to pay and not upon benefits derived from public improvements does more than put the burden of government on the wrong shoulders.

Not only do land values (and not improvements) alone reflect the growth of population, and increasing need for community outlays,—thus enriching one class of citizens at the expense of the others, but the placing of taxes upon improvements and business in various ways is a tax on labor. A tax upon industry in any shape tends to discourage labor, in the same way that we tax dogs to decrease their number. A tax upon industry lessens production, thereby decreasing the opportunities to labor and raises the cost of commodities to the consumer. At the same time if land—the store-house of al materials and natural force, and the source of all employment in the last analysis is allowed to remain very lightly taxed in the hands of the speculator the opportunities for employment are further reduced. By encouraging the holding of vast tracts of city land idle, the bottling up of unused "vasted rights" in farm and building lots, in mineral, forest and other areas thousands of able and willing workmen have been forced into unnecessary and degrading poverty. Idle lands mean idle hands. This is the position of the Single Taxer. He does not mean to disturb the existing titles to land; he does not propose a re-distribution of building lots or farms, but he does propose an equalization, not of wealth but of natural opportunity. Through the mediumship of taxation, economic rent, which is now taken from the landless without giving any recompense, should be returned to the common till and used for all public expenses. The use of land would be encouraged, and permanent possession even more secure than at present.

Henry W. Hetzel.

Moylan, Pa.

Referendum to Members and Lessees

Large Majorities in Favor of Continuing Contract With Courier; Present Arrangement Regarding Telephones and to Pump Water Free for All Users.

The following are the propositions submitted to the members and lessees by motion of the Council, on Thursday evening with the vote upon the same.

PROPOSITION ONE

Shall the contract with the Fairhope Courier to carry an ad occupying one column and publish Council proceedings, for $100 per annum, be continued? yes 42, no 21

PROPOSITION TWO

Shall the Corporation continue to pay one half of the $6 per annum per telephone charge for switching service and use of Baldwin county lines, as per contract with the Home Telephone Company? yes 37, no 23

ALTERNATIVE WATER-WORKS PROPOSITIONS

a—Shall the present arrangement be continued whereby those who connect with the mains pay for water, while those who carry from the tank do not? yes 11, no 44

b—Shall the use of water be free to all whether connected with the mains or not—for ordinary household use, for house of six rooms or less? yes 39, no 22

c—Shall all who use water from the Corporation system, whether connected or not, pay at rates now charged those connecting? yes 19, no 38

Captain George A. R. Lawrence went to Bay Minette on Monday, accompanied by his wife, to take some treatment of Dr. Campbell, of whom he has never failed to receive benefit. He is not able now to take the trip to Hot Springs, but hopes to be able to, after a course at Bay Minette.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

March 13.—To a friend who asks why we do not have a branch of the Theosophical society in Fairhope, I answer that I have always waited for some one else to take the initiative, some one more intimately acquainted with the wishes of the people. We now have with us Mrs. Cope, from Washington, a prominent, and well-instructed F. T. S. who, while she remains with us will be glad to meet with us and look over the ground to see if there be material here for the preliminary steps towards the formation of a branch of the T. S. There are about a dozen colonists who have from time to time expressed a wish to me and others to know what Theosophy is. Usually a class is formed at first for the study of the principles of the philosophy. A meeting will be called for this purpose before long at the house of some friend. Be on the watch for it. * * * * * * Lovers of music had a rare treat at the Gables last Sunday in the concert given by Kocian, violinist and Volava, pianist. I suppose I must be counted a heretic on the subject of solos. and no doubt very old-fashioned; for with a vocal solo, or the next thing to it a violin solo, I am impatient with all instrumental accompaniment, especially with instruments of percussion. To me they mar the tone if it be really fine. If not, the more percussion the more veiling of poor tone. x x x I must tell my friend C. F. even at this late day that the beautiful wrought iron door knocker that he gave me among other artistic things from his factory, notably some lovely candlesticks, is very much admired. The children who come to study with me love to lift the knocker high and hear the sound reverberate through the house. I wish I could send him something as quaint, useful and withal as ornamental as this jet black knocker.

March 23.—In my last letter to D. D. Chidester was this paragraph: "In the 'big store' today I met Mrs. D—— of Chicago, who claims to know the Chidesters; and from the appreciation of them that she expressed, her claim should be valid." He replies: "Yes, Mrs. D. is an old, true friend of ours, and a fine woman." This gives her added interest to me.

* * * At last the city water has reached the Pines, dear A. It is inside the fence, at least, and to-morrow it will have "crawled" under the long east veranda, stopping just outside the bath-room, where there will be two faucets, one inside, and another outside to which I can attach a hose for sprinkling my flowers. Just imagine what this means to me! "Crawled" is hardly a proper word for water moving through a pipe, but it was suggested by the thought of the difficult task, as it appeared to a novice, of digging the trench under the house. Mr. Mogg, who is engineering the work, reassured me. "Why, that is no job at all," he said. "I'd engage to do it myself in" —I forget how many hours, but a very small number; and I made no further objection, especially as we thus avoid tearing up the walk under the Chinese wistaria, now completely carpeted with the purple petals of that luxuri-
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many other flowers, as azaleas, carnations, violets, spireas, verbenas, lantanas, etc. The Cape jasmines, other jasmines, crape myrtles, clematis and many others come later. Already some of the lilies are in bloom, as the magnificent amaryllis Johnsonii which Henderson advertises at fifty cents a bulb. I had so many of these bulbs that I just "stuck" them in everywhere there was a vacant spot. How fine are their crowns of great crimson lilies! Henderson says they are "admirable for pots." Here they do not need winter protection, as a rule. I think I will offer him a peck at ten cents each!

* * * I called on Mrs. Powell two days ago. I found her on her broad front veranda, behind an immense wall of the luxuriant climbing rose, Lamarque. A woman in such a splendid setting should have been entertaining princes or diplomats, one might think; but she was just mending a garment. She showed me her fine, well kept garden and many rare plants. Her gladioli are of the rarest, and she has many hundreds of them. There are many lovely gardens here, but I seldom see any except those nearest the Pines, because I am so busy working and keeping in working order.

FAIRHOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued).

From Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck, ten vols.: 1740—1750. Young People's History of America, by H. D. Northrop; A History of the Nineteenth Century Year by Year, 3 vols.; Masked in Mystery, by George Rathbun; Stepping Heavenward, by Mrs. E. Prentiss; Black Rock, by Ralph Connor; Galveston—The Horrors of a Stricken City, by Murat Halstead; What Gold Cannot Buy, by Mrs. Alexander; A Gentleman Player, by Nelson Shepherd.

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From James F. Morton, Jr.: 1763. The Curse of Race Prejudice.

From Thomas P. Craig: 1764, The Menace of Privilege, by Henry George, Jr.; 1765, The City, the Hope of Democracy, by Fred. C. Howe.

From A. K. Trenholm: 1766, Kathrina, by J. G. Holland.

From S. H. Comings: 1767, The Cost of Competition, Reeves.

From E. D. Northrup: 1768, New Zealand's Reply to Pessimism.

MARIE HOWLAND, Librarian.

A MUSICAL TREAT

Kocian and Volava, Great Artists Visiting Mobile, Were Secured for a Concert Here.

The greatest treat ever enjoyed by music lovers of Fairhope was that afforded in the opportunity to hear the famous Bohemian artists, Janoslav Kocian, violinist, and Miss Marguerite Volava, pianist, who gave a concert a "The Gables" on last Sunday afternoon. For this opportunity we were indebted to the friendship for Fairhope of Dr. Edelman of Mobile and the enterprise of Mrs. Comings and Mr. T. N. Freeman.

Despite a rain which began falling about noon and continued until after the hour set for the performance, the spacious rooms at the Gables were filled with an appreciative audience. Dr. Edelman and wife accompanied the musicians, and in the evening the doctor gave a most interesting lecture at the same place upon "the Persecution of the Russian Jews," Mr. Kocian and Miss Volava graciously giving several musical numbers. Mr. Kocian and Miss Volava created quite a furore in Mobile, where they gave two very largely attended concerts, and where they were the recipients of many social honors.

Death of "Mother" Williams.

Word has been received by Fairhope relatives of the death of Rachel C. Williams, mother of J. H. Williams and Mesdames C. E. Littlefield, A. H. Mershon and the late Mrs. N. Mershon, of Fairhope). She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Mershon, at Des Moines, Iowa, March 19, at the age of eighty-two years. A little more than a year ago, she was taken with a severe attack of pleurisy and grippe, from which illness she never entirely recovered. She was taken with a second attack a few weeks ago, but it did not seem serious until within a short time of her death.

She was united by marriage to Henry D. Williams in 1843, near Barnesville, Ohio. To them twelve children were born, of whom seven survive her, including besides those mentioned, Mesdames S. G. Magden and Edith Doudna of Des Moines and Mrs. H. H. Minor of Lohrville, Iowa.

Nearly half of the last eleven years she spent with her children at Fairhope, which place she liked very much. The remainder of of the time she spent with her daughters in Iowa.

She was a devoted Christian, a loving mother and a faithful friend, never tiring of doing good to those about her. Many mourn her loss, as duing her long life none knew her but to love her.

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MARY'S LITTLE LOT.

By Mary C. Hudson.

Mary had a little lot:
The soil was very poor;
But still she kept it all the same,
And struggled to get more.

She kept the lot until one day
The people settled down;
And where a wilderness had been,
Grew up a thriving town.

Then Mary rented out her lot
(She would not sell, you know),
And waited patiently about
For prices still to grow.

They grew as population came,
And Mary raised the rent:
With common food and raiment now
She could not be content.

She built her up a mansion fine,
Had bric-a-brac galore;
And every time the prices rose,
She raised the rent some more.

"What makes the lot keep Mary so?"
The starving people cry.
"Why, Mary keeps the lot, you know"
The wealthy would reply.

And so each one of you might be—
"Wealthy, refined and wise",
If you had only hogged some land,
And held it for the rise.

COTTON AND CORN AFTER IRISH POTATOES.

We requested of Mr. Amos H. Wagner of Point Clear a report on his experience in raising cotton and corn after Irish potatoes, and received the following:

MY DEAR MR. GASTON: My experience in raising cotton after Irish potatoes is limited to three years.

Three years ago, I planted on May 25th and got a good stand. Season was good. Had 500lb lint cotton on each acre. Two years ago I planted on July 5th. Had a fine stand and good growth. On September 15th it was loaded down with flowers, squares and bolls. First week in October caterpillars just covered it and ate everything clean but stock and branches and the more mature bolls. I gathered in December 100lb lint cotton per acre. Last year I planted on June 11th. Got poor stand, growth was good, fruited good, but the storm damaged it very much. It yielded 375lb lint per acre. My opinion, based on my experience, is that if you can plant cotton any time in the month of May, after a crop of Irish potatoes, you can raise more cotton with less work than you can by planting in April in the regular way. Still, if I was late getting out Irish potatoes, I would risk planting, up to June 15th.

Corn after Irish potatoes has always been good, if I planted where I took out my first Irish potatoes just when I took them out. If I waited until I got the crop all dug, and then planted, some years I had medium crops, and some years entire failure.

Yours respectfully,
AMOS H. WAGNER.

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YOUR LAST CHANCE

On or about April first, I intend to move into my new store on the corner next to Mr. Oswalt, the postmaster. It is easier to move money than goods. I will sell anything in my stock at a big reduction, to save trouble and expense of moving it. Come early and get the pick: shoes, dry goods, notions, hardware, groceries and fuel. Thanking you for past and future patronage, I beg to remain, Yours very respectfully,
M. V. MATHEWS.

At the Christian Church.

On and after Feb. 16, 1907, the following order will be observed in the Sunday services of the Christian church at Fairhope.

9:45 a. m., Bible School.
11 a. m.—
1. Song. "Holy, Holy, Holy."
2. Invocation.
3. Song. (Congregation.)
4. Observance of Lord's Supper.
5. Song. (Congregation.)
6. Scripture Lesson.
7. Song. (Congregation.)
8. Prayer.
9. Song. (Special.)
10. Sermon.
11. Song. (Invitation.)
12. Doxology and closing prayer.

6:45 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 p. m., Service of Song, followed by Sermon.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

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.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brown, relatives of the E. J. M. Stevenses, left for their home in Iowa on Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens accompanied them as far as Mobile.

Geo. Lewis and wife and J. S. Burnham and wife left for their Northern homes, the former at Scranton, Iowa, and the latter at Rogers, Ark., on Tuesday morning, after a pleasant visit with us. We hope to see them all back again another winter; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, in particular, have got to seem like home folks, from their several winters here. The COURIER will follow both families to keep them posted on Fairhope happenings during their absence.

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A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY THAT STIRRED THE HOTEL.

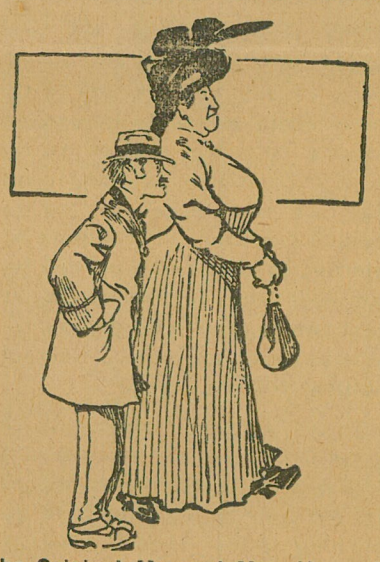
Proprietor and Guests Convinced a Murder Was Being Committed in Room 23—Triumph for Relentless Wife.

When they arrived at the hotel everybody turned to look at them. They were the most oddly assorted pair ever seen outside of a comic supplement. The lady towered above her husband several inches, and gazed down upon him over an expanse of bosom that, while ornamented, was not made less conspicuous by a hugs diamond sunburst.

But while it was the wife who might have caught your first glance, it was the little man who held your attention. There was something so appealing in the glance he cast up at his wife, something so terrified in his white face and pale blue eyes. But in the eyes of the lady as she glowered down upon him there was nothing but relentless determination.

As he followed his wife into the elevator even the porter noticed that his nervousness had increased. His fingers were twitching and he kept moistening his lips, while he gazed up at his wife with a look of actual supplication. But the lady merely regarded him with withering scorn and unrelenting determination as the bellboy led the way to No. 23.

Ten minutes later from the large room in the south corridor, known as "twenty-three," there came a piercing shriek—the shriek of a man in agony. The elevator boy stopped his car suddenly and peered into the corridor with open mouth. Then another



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shriek rent the air and the voice of a man could be heard pleading piteously:

"Don't! Don't! Don't do it!" it cried.

For a moment there was silence. Then a woman's voice, low, severe, menacing, could just be heard by the listeners.

"Now, you fool," it said threateningly, "keep your mouth shut. Don't you dare scream or I'll—" but the rest was lost in the cries of agony that came from the victim.

"Stop! Stop! For God's sake stop! You're killing me! I tell you you're killing—" his voice died away in smothered moans.

By this time everybody in the house had gathered in the corridor that led to "23," and the hotel proprietor, with the house detective at his side, stood at the door to the awful room. The house detective pounded vigorously on the portal.

"Anything wrong in there?" he cried peremptorily.

At the sound of his voice the cries of the man ceased and the sound of a heavy body falling over a chair or a bed could be heard by those in the hall.

"What do you want?" asked the voice of the woman angrily. "Isn't this a private room? No, there's nothing the matter in here."

But the detective and the bystanders did not go away. They stood there open-eyed and open-mouthed looking at one another. For a moment there was an oppressive silence. Then like the wail of a soul in terror the shrieks of the man rose once more upon the air.

"Oh, Lord! Oh, mercy!"

With one accord the hotel proprietor and the house detective put their shoulders against the door. The frail paneling gave way at the first shove. The crowd of bellboys, waiters, guests, porters and clerks rushed into the room.

There, lying still and white on the white coverlet of the bed, his hands gripping the pillow in agony, stretched the form of the little man. His coat was off and just above his waist his back was bared. Standing over him, her lips closed in cold, pitiless determination, her face red with exertion, was the big and terrible woman. Between the thumb and forefinger of each hand she held the corner of a big brown porous plaster, which she was pulling violently from the little man's back. As the intruders reached her she gave the wrinkled rag a final jerk and the man gave a last faint shriek.

"There!" she exclaimed with satisfaction. "It's off."

LONG-LOST WATCH FOUND.

It Disappeared in War Times, Forty-Five Years Ago.

A gold watch lost by the Polk family many years ago was recovered recently in Springfield, Mo. The watch was owned by Dr. William J. Polk, an uncle of James K. Polk, a former president of the United States. He lost it during the war.

A jeweler in Sprnigfield, Mo., bought a gold watch recently from a stranger. The gold in it was worth $35 and that was the price the jeweler paid for it.

Upon the inside of the case was engraved:

A legacy to
Dr. William J. Polk
from
Mrs. Sarah J. Polk, 1843.

From Dr. Polk
to Allen J. Polk, 1860.

A card in the back of the watch showed that it had been repaired by Thomas Gowdy of Nashville, Tenn., December, 1852. Under this card was a circular piece of white silk, which to one of a romantic turn voiced some tender sentiment of the past.

A remarkable thing about this old and well-worn timepiece is that it still runs.

The attention of Major Dorsey Berry (who is one of the Polk family on his mother's side) was called to the watch and he immediately placed himself in communication with Marshal Mayes of Nashville, Tenn. In reply he received a letter from a direct descendant of Dr. William J. Polk, expressing his appreciation of his kindness and marveling over the strange recovery of the watch. Its disappearance had always been a mystery, though the supposition was that it had been stolen during the war. In the letter was a check covering the jeweler's price and a request that he express it to a granddaughter of Dr. William J. Polk, which was complied with.—Kansas City Star.



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F. W. Rose left, on a business trip, on Thursday.

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Mrs. Paton, J. S. Paton's mother, has been quite sick and is still quite feeble.

The "Peek family" are billed at the Christan Church, March 29. Look out for them.

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Mrs. DeCoudres and her sister, Mrs. Knisely, went on the excursion to New Orleans.

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Mr. Lyon and Mr. Hicks took advantage of a cheap excursion rate and visited New Orleans this week.

Mrs. Colcord and her daughter and little grandson left for their home in Greenville, Ill., on Tuesday morning.

Valentine round pod seed beans now in. Don't put off buying until they are all gone. Mershon Merchandising Company.

E. A. Turner, Sr., father of the Messrs Turner of the Turner Lumber Company, has been here for two or three days, assisting his sons.

Mrs. Albert Stearns arrived this week from Pensacola, accompanied by her two younger children, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Earl Perkins, and the new grandchild.

The Fairhope made a special trip on Thursday, with two barges for the Turner Lumber Co., and is expected to return for them to-day and tow them loaded to the city.

Rev. J. S. Wilkes and wife have moved up from Bon Secour to Fairhope, and are occupying the Mrs. Coutant corner cottage. Mr. Wilkes is a Baptist minister, preaching at several points in the County.

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Mr. J. W. Gaskine, who will be remembered by early settlers and visitors as having spent perhaps a year with the E. Smith family, about 1895-6, is revisiting these parts. Mr. Gaskine has been the last two or three summers at the Home (Wash.) Colony.

Mr. Dougherty and wife went to Mobile on Sunday afternoon, taking little Crail to the city to have him operated on for "adenoids," a growth in the nasal passages common to children. The operation was successfully performed, and they returned home on Tuesday evening.

There will be a special theatre boat Monday on account of DeWolf Hopper Opera Co. in "Wang" at Lyric, and John Drew in "His House in Order" at the Mobile theatre. There will also be special "3rd degree work" at K. P. hall. Str. Fairhope will leave here at 6 p. m., returning at 11 p. m. Fare as usual.

Mrs. Boreman and Mrs. Rittenhouse and their children took in the excursion from Mobile to New Orleans, and telegraphed Mr. Ferguson to forward their baggage, as they were going directly home. Later: the ladies have returned to remain awhile longer, having been warned by telegraph not to attempt to return home now on account of high water.

Postmaster Oswalt and wife have been having much more than their share of sickness in the family. Miss Annie Mae was hardly out of danger from an attack of the measles, which developed into pneumonia, when other members of the family began coming down. The three other children are all having them now, but are over the worst. It is not known where they got them and there are no other cases in town.

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T. J. Holman, member of the court of county commissioners for this district, was in town Wednesday evening, going from here next morning up the shore looking after road matters. Mr. Holman is a faithful official who means to perform his duties to the best of his ability. We trust his investigation here convinced him of the need of the improvement of Fairhope avenue as a county road.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

New Lodge of the Order Instituted at Fairhope.

"Fairhope" Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was instituted at Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening. A large delegation of Knights, from Mobile and other places, were present to participate in the instituting ceremonies. Among these were the following:

Messrs. D. B. Cobb, J. D. Bloch, Henry Ledebur, Beverly A. Allen, Henry Simon, Chas. Spies, Jas. H. Kopf, F. F. Conway, S. Y. Locke, H. O. Horton, John Renth, J. M. McLennan, Geo. C. Winter, W. J. Winter, B. F. McMillan, Jr., of Mobile; J. S. Lambert and Leslie Hall of Bay Minette, and G. B. Stapleton of Barnwell.

We have not a full list of those who were initiated into the mysteries of the order; but among them were Dr. Greeno, J. M. Pilcher, Captain Owen Roberts, Ernest DeKalb, Robert Griffin and W. T. Bishop, of Fairhope; Grimes, McGill (2) and Dunn (2), of Daphne; McKenzie and Slocum (J. B.) of Barnwell, and Nelson (C. M.) of Point Clear.

The visitors were royally entertained by the local people.

The work of initiation began at 7 p. m. and continued until about 4 a. m.

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The Night Sky.

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In the zenith above Sirius shines with steady light the largest planet of the solar system, Jupiter; and early in the morning may be seen the fair Venus heralding the sun.

Near by Jupiter is the grand Orion, "sloping slowly to the west;" and north of it are the Seven Sisters (the Pleiades), "like a swarm of fireflies tangled in a silver braid," the rainy Hyades (the head of Taurus) with its bright-red Aldebaran, and the Twins—who are friendly to sailors, while Capella glitters far above. In the east the Lion is climbing high, followed by the Virgin, and the Big Dipper is slowly swinging round the Polar Star.

Twelve stars of the first magnitude may be seen, including the two brightest in the whole heavens, Sirius and Canopus.

STAR GAZER.

Notices.

Manager Purser Fairhope is in in town. He will bring his troupe, the "Peek Family," which have been billed for March 29, at the Christian church. The family consist of Father Peek, Mother Peek and thirteen large and small "Peeks." They are a jolly family and will entertain Fairhopers most royally. Come, and bring every child. Five "Peeks"—or even more—for five cents. Don't miss it.

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Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening with a full attendance.

Minutes of meetings of Feb. 4th and 8th read and approved; save that the words "after school hours" in motion giving Mr. Simpson con- ouse ins , were stricken

The tilizer us present and this must e Improve- First, release to Secon t wide be- Third street north blocks 2, 3, his present fence, and that he would build fence on the west line of street in consideration of the rent on the twelve feet for 1907-8. Mr. Brown's motion was accepted.

Action on matter of opening street was deferred to get a proposition from Mr. Powell, manager of the Fairhope Improvement Company.

John A. Patterson was appointed to act instead of Mr. Powell, to endeavor to reach an agreement with Fairhope Lumber Company regarding lumber shed at beach, and was authorized to offer the Lumber Co. that if it would remove the building within 30 days the Corporation would accept relinquishment of the lease and remit the rent accrued; or to make any other arrangement that would insure the Corporation the rent due.

Secretary instructed to make Mr. Horning a lease.

Following bills allowed:

H. C. Oswalt, trustee, for incidental fee for 76 pupils in Feb. . .$38 00
E. B. Gaston, postage in January and February. 3 17
Same, printing revized constitution, notices of ref., ballots, etc. . . 11 25

Moved and carried, that Corporation pay Mrs. Howland's taxes on improvements and other personal property.

Messrs. Braam, Bellangee and Gaston, committee appointed to devise a system of bookkeeping for the various departments of the Corporation, reported the following recommendations:

"That the secretary shall keep a day book in which shall be entered clear and sufficient memoranda of all financial transactions, including bills allowed, sums reported due the Corporation etc., with a space opposite for entry thereon of the date and manner in which the transactions are closed; which also shall be filled by the secretary, and from which the necessary posting to the ledger may be done by whomsoever is designated as bookkeeper.

"That each head of a department shall keep a similar book, from which the necessary posting shall be done monthly and balances struck, and

"That a general ledger shall be kept, in which shall be posted monthly all unclosed items from the secretary's record and from other departments.

"This is submitted as a report of progress. The committee expects to take up other matters referred to it, in the near future."

The recommendations of the committee were on motion adopted, and the committee continued.

The secretary presented propositions for submission to members and lessees on telephone, advertising and waterworks matters. Moved and carried that propositions be submitted to members and lessees on Thursday, March 21, notice and ballots to be prepared by secretary in simplest and cheapest form in his judgment: ballot box to be open from 5 to 7:30 p. m. at COURIER office (See propositions on page 8).

Secretary was instructed to make George Fredricks a proposition to arbitrate the value of his improvement and other personal property upon which Corporation should pay taxes for 1905 and 1906; secretary to act for the Corporation, if proposition is accepted.

The transfer from C. S. Jacobs to J. B. Philbrook of additional 66 feet of Jacobs' tract approved, provided lease be surrendered and new lease be taken out.

Application of Walter Coates of London for membership in the Corporation was referred to committee composed of Stimpson, Pilcher and Gaston, who reported favorably, and application was accepted.

GOLD MEDAL CONTEST.

Won by Laurence Barnhardt, A Medal also, to Miss Irene Bell.

The best program given at a W. C. T. U. contest was given at the gold medal contest, the 15th. The judges found it very hard to decide between Miss Laurence Barnhardt and Miss Irene Bell, who seemed to have done equally as well, but at last made the award to Miss Laurence, and later another medal was given Miss Irene, as the only just way to decide, and both young ladies will go to Citronelle to compete April 12th, for the grand gold medal, as will Alfred Shepherd who won his gold medal at the Grand Hotel Point Clear last summer.

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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 law, 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Hon. Hoke Smith on Railroad Question.

(Continued from first page.)

fabulous fortunes at the expense of the rights of their fellow-citizens."

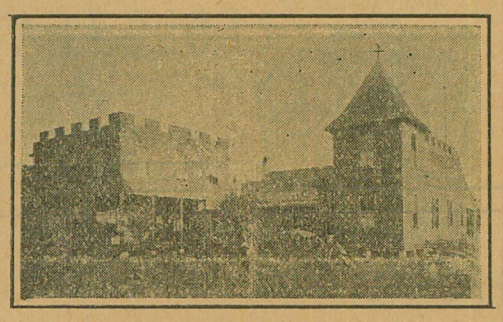
Mr. Smith neither condemned nor approved government ownership of railroads, but expressed the belief that anything approximating wholesale government ownership would be impossible for many years to come, and that the remedy immediately before us is to "perfect the legal authority in properly constituted agents to regulate and control and then to enforce through these agents the rights of the people."

Not only, he advocated, should the Interstate Commerce Commission and State R. R. Commissions be given full power to require adequate service and for reasonable rates, but bond and stock issues should be submitted for their approval, and none should be permitted unless the money was to be actually spent upon the property made liable.

The COURIER believes government ownership and operation to be the only practical and adequate remedy for transportation evils; but agrees with Mr. Smith in his recommendations for immediate action—not only as being as radical as public sentiment will now support, but as being the most practical immediate steps toward government ownership. Such regulation as he proposes will squeeze enough water out of railroad securities to bring them down near enough to their actual value, so that the people can afford to take them over when public sentiment ripens to the proper point, which it is rapidly doing.

On the same day on which Mr. Smith made his speech C. H. Ackert of the Southern gave out a very pessimistic report on the effect of recent legislation in Alabama and elsewhere. He declared that adverse legislation was making it impossible for them to borrow money, and said: "Look at Southern preferred—down to 72 to-day, and it was above par sixty days ago!"

One fear we have had was, that public sentiment in favor of government ownership would develop so rapidly, that the railroad managers would be able to unload all of their more than fifty per cent. fictitious stocks and bonds upon the public in exchange for government securities, as the price of immediate possession. It will be vastly better to wait a little while and squeeze out the more than seven billions water.



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Never Despair.

At times life breaks upon us with her ills,
A hopeless sky, a flight of lonely hills;
And yet there is one saving word for us:
Even the vanquished are victorious,
If from the wild disaster they arise
To press on with new purpose and new eyes.

Yes: since the grind of ages first began,
"Never despair" has been the word for man.
Onward forever breaking every bar,
There is no time to parley or retreat:
Up and away, and onward toward the star,
Though the Earth turn to ashes under our feet.

—Edward Markham in March Nautilus.

Socialist Shows Necessity for Single Tax Control.

In the March 19th issue of the Daily Socialist, Henry E. Allen, special correspondent, had a letter about Fairhope. After some quite complimentary words about our town, Mr. Allen said:

But I regret that I am obliged to say that there is another side to the shield. About one-third of the pretty homes in the Colony are for sale or for rent.

Now, what is the cause of this? I am told it is simply for lack of democratic control in the affairs of the Colony. Corporation rule will not do for long in a republic. Intelligent, progressive people always want a voice in the control of their own affairs.

Let me illustrate one of the causes of discord: The state of Alabama, contrary to Henry George's theory, imposes a state and county tax [upon improvements and personal property]. The Colony pays this tax on all Colony lands and collects from each colonist whatever ground rental he may occupy. But in the case of a few of the colonists their state and county tax on personal property and buildings amounts to more than the tax the Colony receives from the rent on ground they occupy. Of course, this is a direct loss to the Colony and must be made up by the poorer members of the Colony who possess so little property that their state and county tax amounts to little or nothing.

This is worth attention because of the light it throws upon "democratic" and other problems confronting Fairhope. Before considering these let us observe, however, that one of the chief industries of the place is renting cottages to summer and winter visitors, which is the chief reason why there are cottages for rent. Very few indeed are for sale because of "a lack of democratic control"—in fact it is questionable if that is the chief cause in a single instance where a "for sale" sign can be noted.

Mr. Allen says he is informed that lack of democracy is the cause of dissatisfaction, but when he attempts to cite a specific cause of complaint it will be noted that he cites the very provision for the application of the Single Tax principle: the only thing that makes Fairhope worth while to the Single Taxers who are responsible for its existence and continuance, and of interest to others throughout the world. That is, the taking of the rental value of land as the only rightful draft upon the individual for the support of government, local or otherwise, and—because powerless to prevent the county and state levying their burden partly upon the unjust basis of individual industry and thrift—paying that also out of the justly derived land values of the community.

We, of course, deny entirely that even in the few cases cited where state and county taxes amount to more than rents collected, this is a "loss to the Colony" or that it is "made up by the poorer members," but our present purpose is to call attention to the fact that this very correspondent shows that the only safety of Fairhope as a Single Tax Colony lies in its control by Single Taxers.

Such, as all readers of the COURIER know, are welcome to membership on exactly the same conditions as those now in, and within the membership the most complete democracy prevails; all officers being elected, not by pluralities but by majorities, and being at all times in office and in action subject to vote of a majority of the members.

Mr. Allen continues: "If each colonist paid his own state and county taxes and had a voice in all appropriations of public funds, I see no reason why Fairhope should not enjoy a veritable boom." The COURIER believes in giving every lessee—perhaps every "citizen"—a voice in appropriations, but those who prefer to pay state and county taxes on the results of their labor, we recommend to go to some other of the equally charmingly located villages along this shore—not to come to Fairhope, for here "the management" (with apologies) is dead against that policy.

Mr. Allen quotes friends Freeman and Baldwin as proposing to make Fairhope a "refuge for soap boxers"—Socialist agitators whose families must be maintained somewhere. He says:

A number of socialists are now doing the soap-box stunt whose families must be maintained in some northern city. If these agitators could remove to Fairhope, secure a piece of Colony land (and the buildings at or below cost), put in a garden through March, April and May (the months they would want to rest after a winter campaign), then they could save much in the cost of living, besides enjoying this magnificent climate and its many advantages.

It seems to me Fairhope offers the best inducements for the carrying out of a program of this kind of any place I have yet visited in the South.

For one, I would like to make a winter home in Fairhope, if a few more Marxian cranks would decide to do likewise.

The purpose of Fairhope is to maintain equal opportunities to the use of such portion of the earth as it can secure control of. Its method for doing so is the only sufficient one known to it. Socialist "soap boxers" are as welcome to its opportunities as anyone else, but, unless they approve of Fairhope policies, they would not only be inviting "discontent" for themselves but acting very dishonestly toward us in coming hither. They should either go where the land-owner will not insist on paying their state and county taxes— which he will not anywhere outside of Fairhope—or form an association of their own, secure some land and administer it according to their own notions.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP A SUCCESS IN LINCOLN.

It seems that the "literary bureau" maintained by those personally interested in continuing private control of public utilities and against public ownership and operation has been citing Lincoln, Neb., as a place where municipal ownership has failed.

The charge has brought the mayor of that city to the front with a strong article in favor of the municipal water and lighting systems.

He denounces the article as "a most glaring misrepresentation of facts," and continues:

"Lincoln is exceptionally blessed with municipal ownership of two of the utilities in operation here, the water works and the street lighting system. There is no sentiment here against municipal ownership simply because there is no excuse for such a sentiment. Nothing could be suggested that would arouse greater popular indignation than a proposition to turn either the water or lighting plant over to a private corporation at any price. The city is amply provided in both respects and everyone here feels the price at which these utilities have been supplied has been reasonable, and that what they have they get cheaply.

"Could not get along without the COURIER. I am greatly interested in the welfare of your community. Don,t listen too much to the wants of outsiders. Let the membership alone rule. I hope to come down there some day and become a member.

Sincerely Yours,
H. B. MOXOM.

Oliver McKnight, Philadelphia, concludes a letter as follows: "Wish you much success in your endeavors to provide one spot on earth where each man controls the land he lives on, without crowding anyone else off."

Mrs T G White 10 1 06

Mr. Ford's Suggestion.

Elsewhere appears an article by Fred C. Ford of Fitzgerald, Georgia, making a new and startling suggestion regarding Fairhope policy. As a charter member of the colony corporation and consistent friend during all the years of its existence, any suggestions from him are worthy of consideration. The COURIER cannot agree with him however, in believing his plan to be either just or practical. We believe we fully appreciate the difficulties to be met and overcome by those who attempt the cultivation of the soil here, but we cannot see where there would be any license to make exceptions in their favor.

If making a living directly from the soil is comparatively difficult, this should be, and undoubtedly is, reflected in the value of land suitable only for such purpose. It seems to us that the single-tax philosophy admits of no option of charging more nor less than the real value, as nearly as it can be ascertained. If we are charging more than the land is worth, the charge should be reduced. If on the other hand we are charging less than its worth, it is as necessary that the charge should be raised. In proposing a departure from this rule, Mr. Ford is at the outset put to the necessity of recommending arbitrary rules for limiting the amount of land to be taken by individuals and the use to be made of it, alike contrary to our philosophy.

Development encouraged by such means as he proposes, would be artificial and unhealthy; and, founded under a special privilege, would be insistent for its continuance, like the "infant industries" fostered by a protective tariff, and certain that ruin would ensue—and willing to help bring it about, if it were withdrawn.

Mr. Ford's comparison of taxation in Georgia with that of Alabama surprises us. On any kind of a fair return in Baldwin County, as provided by Alabama law, such a property as his would be taxed several times higher than he says he pays. Supposing his land, exclusive of buildings (but not of other improvements), to be valued at even $5 an acre, and his buildings at two thirds their insurance; and saying nothing about stock, machinery or other personal property, he would have an assessable valuation of $1350, on which the tax in Baldwin County would be $18.90, and with poll tax $1.50, $20.40, four times his tax. How the state of Georgia can carry on its public business, provide school facilities, etc. on such taxation is somewhat of a mystery to us; as also how such low taxes can prevail in a desirable location without boosting land values. The two conditions of low taxes and low land values certainly cannot long continue together, for the land values will inevitably rise to equalize conditions in Georgia with those elsewhere.

The Alabama legislature appropriated nearly $3,000,000 for educational purposes, available during the next four years. The appropriation for public schools throughout the state was increased $300,000 this year and $350,000 a year for the next two years; which, in addition to the provisions already in force, should materially lengthen the time for which the public fund will maintain the schools per annum.

Parliament has given the ratepayers in every municipality, except the city of Sydney, the power to rate land values only, for local revenues. This power is partly compulsory and partly optional. The people can decide for themselves. Every reformer has now an opportunity to assist in giving practical effect to his principles in his own town or suburb.—The Standard, Sydney, New South Wales.

Radical Suggestion by a Charter Member.

EDITOR COURIER:

Now that the question of a revision of the Constitution is before the people of Fairhope, I think it will be in order to submit a proposition that I have been considering ever since my last visit to the colony, some two years ago. It is this:

That a clause be inserted placing all rural lands now owned, or to be owned by the Corporation, on the "free list" for a period of ten years, subject to such restrictions as to improving, size of buildings and timber reservations as will properly guard the interests of the Corporation.

I believe that a very small proportion of your rents come from the country The adoption of this proposition will stimulate the settlement and development of your outside lands as nothing else could do, and thus it will increase your income by increasing the value of inside locations. It will stimulate your wharf earnings and increase your bay traffic, while it will drive to the zero point the value of speculative holdings adjoining the Corporation lands. I offer this as a business proposition, not as a philanthropic measure. While Mr. Albright may be correct as to the undervaluation of village locations (I don't pretend to know) it is plain to me that the management have very much underrated the difficulties that must always be encountered by the pioneer farmer and the inducements that are necessary to the complete and speedy development of a pioneer country.

Before my eyes as I write this, looking out of the window, I see opportunities for the pioneer farmer such as cannot be had at Fairhope at present; and what is true of this place is true of many sections of the whole south. And right here let me correct what is evidently a misapprehension of the success of this— the Fitzgerald— colony. Your recent statement was correct as far it went: it did dwindle from 10,000 or more in 1896 to less than 1800 in 1901; but it now has 7000 people, and I believe is growing faster than any other town of its size in the south. 300 new buildings is the record of the last six months, and not a vacant house: five railroads, the largest railroad shops south of Richmond, facilities for working the raw cotton into threads and fabrics, and compresses to prepare the cotton for shipment to Europe— all these indicate anything but a dwindling community now.

And yet right here, as good land as can be found in the south, can be had for much less than one half the price of land in Baldwin county. As to taxes, compared with Baldwin county as per COURIER, they are as nothing. My own taxes for 1906 were $5.70: 110 acres, 65 in cultivation, all fenced, buildings insured for $1200, two horses, thirty cattle &c. This includes $1 poll tax. We are paying off bonds on a $30,000 court house.

Insert this clause in your Constitution. Don't make it less than ten years—make it more if anything: don't even charge state and county taxes up against them, give them free tuition in your schools; and then apologize to them that conditions are such that you cannot be more liberal. Sorry that my last letter on this subject led the disgruntled element to count me as a comrade and fish for me as a sucker, but *you* know I am not that kind.

Fraternally,

Fitzgerald, Ga. F. C. FORD.

Wm. Bross Lloyd, son of Henry D. Lloyd has offered his home town, Winnetka, Illinois, $25,000 toward a fuel-gas plant as a memorial to his father.

ALABAMA.

Our old friend L. E. Ames sends us the following and is willing to vouch for the truth contained therein.

The roses nowhere bloom so white as in Alabama.
The sunshine nowhere shines so bright as in Alabama.
The birds nowhere sing so sweet
And nowhere hearts so lightly beat,
For heaven and earth seem both to meet
Down in Alabama.

There is nowhere a land so fair as in Alabama,
So full of song and free of care as in Alabama.
And I believe that happy land
The Lord prepared for mortal man
Is built exactly on the plan
Of old Alabama.

The days are nowhere quite so long as in Alabama,
Nor quite so filled with happy song as in Alabama,
So when my time has come to die,
Just take me back and let me lie
Where the noble stream goes rolling by,
Down in Alabama.

—Albion Argus, Albion, Nebraska.

Fairhope has fixed a rate to water users outside of the Corporation holdings of $6.00 a year for a house of six rooms or less. In Lincoln, Neb., (under municipal ownership) the average rental for 5,624 services, big and little, is $12 a year, and the average rental for a 6-room residence is $7. As Lincoln is a large city, and Fairhope but a small town, and the relative expense of furnishing water greater in a small town than in a city, it is evident that Fairhope is quite liberal with its neighbors in this respect:

Land Value Taxation Promotes Prosperity.

Palmerston was the first city in New Zealand to adopt taxation on unimproved land values; and the Standard, Sydney, quotes the following from the Wellington Observer, showing that it is outstripping other towns in its development:

PROGRESSIVE PALMERSTON.

There is a Palmerston in the far south; but in these days when the word Palmerston is mentioned, one thinks only of the northern town. Passing through the settlement, a visitor can scarcely avoid noticing the progress made. Some of the growth may appear crude at first sight, but it is growth of a healthy order. Palmerston has bolted in the race for the premier borough stakes. A little while ago it was a baby in swaddling clothes, but now it is a big boy, growing altogether too big for knickerbockers and leading strings. This fact was emphasized by figures furnished by Mr. J. A. Nash, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, at the annual meeting of that body, last month. In 1901 the population of the borough was 6514, and this year's census showed that in five years the number of residents had risen to 10,243, an increase of about 56 per cent. The figures for property spell the same story of progress.

Still Growing and Sure to Win.

Ralph Hoyt of Los Angeles
in Johnstown Democrat

The Single Tax philosophy is working its way rapidly into the hearts of honest, sensible, thinking people.

And why should it not? It is the foundation of good government and a blessing to people who desire good government. It is the personification of harmony and proper ruling of citizens who are competent to understand and appreciate the undeniable principle that ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, as to their natural rights

to live and enjoy the good things of nature's store house.

One of the most interesting samples of how to establish and maintain a colony on Single Tax principles is that now at Fairhope, Ala, where a large and growing number of men, women and children are living under Single Tax principles and demonstrating to the world that such is the honest, satisfactory, healthful and natural way for civilized beings to inhabit the earth.

What has been done and is being done there can easily be imitated by millions of other men and women. Then why do they not do so? Single Taxers everywhere who are really active in the good cause of bettering the human race are now doing something in the right direction —and they should continue the good work.

The skies are bright for all who believe that the earth is for all its inhabitants on perfectly equal terms, without any one person or any number of persons monopolizing what is rightfully the bounty of all mankind.

Thousands of people—in this country and also in foreign localities—are getting their eyes open to these great facts and no honest man or woman should fail at least to learn what is meant by THE SINGLE TAX.

RALPH HOYT.

AMONG OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

FAIRHOPE.

"From Nazareth can anything good
Come to us?" cried they of old time.
The God-man came to redeem the world,
All steeped in misery and crime.
From Alabama's little town,
On sandy shore of Mobile Bay,
Will first the light of Justice shine
To light us on our weary way?
How sweet the name of "Fairhope" sounds,
On a true believer's ear:
It, the hearts of wearied men,
Fills with hope, and joy, and cheer.
'Gainst schemes of men of tainted wealth,
That would God's people sadly wrong,
And Taxing Power's wicked stealth,
It enters protest, loud and long:
Let not the passions from within,
Or dissensions from without,
Hinder the growth of Freedom's cause:
To do so would be sin.
Keep on striving, keep on doing
The greatest work of any time;
Soon the lesson you have learned
Will be known to every clime.

OLIVER MCKNIGHT.

Warren Burnham of Chicago (who, if we remember rightly, is a brother of Mrs. Webster, and whose subscription she sent in) says: "I enjoy reading your paper very much, as I am quite a single-taxer in principle." Mr. Burnham sympathizes with Captain Lawrence in his affliction, and authorizes the COURIER to say that he will give $5 to the fund, if some one else will do the same. The COURIER will be glad to report some one's acceptance of the proposition.

"I am much interested in the Fairhope experiment. So long as you shall endeavor to collect, as near as may be, the full rental value, it must serve a useful purpose. If the lessees shall propose to with-hold part of this unearned increment, the experiment will be useless."

—F. H. Augspurger, Trenton, O.

Charles Turner, Paterson, N. J., says: "Even if I can't come to Fairhope, I like to read about it and know that there is one place in the U. S. where the poor man has a chance."

"The weather is simply awful up here—I mean from my view-point—cold—8th of March —6 inches of fresh snow, with a temperature of 6° above zero. It is certainly refreshing to see you, in Fairhope, having ripe strawberries, picnics, roses and gardens. I shall never put in another winter in the North, and I think I shall be in your locality next year if I am able."

—E. S. Selee, Buffalo, N. Y.

Council Proceedings.

Council held a special session on Wednesday evening, with all members present, Vice President Paton presiding.

Propositions received from P. Y. Albright for position of pumper at the water works for $10, and from L. S. Massey for same at $11 a month, and to let $5 of same apply on a membership if accepted as a member.

Moved and carried to accept Mr. Massey's proposition, in consideration of his convenient location and believed better qualification.

Mr. Mogg was directed to put watering trough on Fairhope avenue, east of Wheeler's store, making arrangements there also for filling pails and for drinking water; also to remove useless pipe at tank.

Following bills allowed;

J. W. Braam, work on telephone line...	$13 48
blue stone for same	1 50
VanBavel & Koopman, furnishing, delivering and setting 15 telephone poles	7 50

P. Y. Albright appointed water clerk.

Secretary directed to communicate with Capt. G. A. R. Lawrence and endeavor to reach an agreement regarding shed on beach.

Secretary instructed to make Mr. Philbrook a lease.

A peculiar thing happened at the wharf one day recently. One of the big heart piling, about twenty-two feet long and ten or twelve inches through, had been stood up alongside the wharf, preparatory to being "worked down" for the new wharf, and being left a moment unstayed in any way, it somehow toppled over and fell. Henry Clay, one of the hands, was below in a boat, getting another pile ready for hoisting to place, when, warned by the cries of the men, he looked up and saw the pile coming. Being unable to get the boat out of the way in time, he jumped overboard in the knee-deep water, and thus got out of danger himself. The big pile fell right across the skiff, but, strange to say, without damaging it at all, and still more strangely, in such a way that it was balanced exactly on the gunwales of the boat. Clay simply stepped back into the boat, and poled it into position for the piling to be lifted up again by the derrick into the place from which it had fallen.

Dr. Greeno intends to appear before the county commissioners at Bay Minette on Monday and urge the establishment and improvement of Fairhope avenue as a county road out to its connection with the present Silver Hill road in section fifteen. We hope the commissioners will grant this request. It is doubtful if any community in the county has done as much road work at its own expense and received as little from the county. Running directly east from the wharf, through the heart of the town out into the country, this is the natural main highway, and should be made such.

The Fairhope had a good crowd—as to quality but not very as to quantity—for the theatre trip to Mobile on Monday night. The night was a beautiful one and all enjoyed the trip immensely. Some of the party went to the Mobile Theater to see John Drew & Company; some to the Lyric to see De Wolf Hopper in "Wang," and some, including Dr. Greeno, Capt. Roberts, Mr. Pilcher and Mr. De Kalb, went to Pythian Castle and took the 3rd degree work in Pythianism.

The excursion of the steamer Fairhope from Mobile to Fort Morgan and Navy Cove on last Sunday was a very successful one. There was a good crowd, over 100, of very nice people, and all were greatly pleased. A number of people connected with shipping interests, including the deputy harbormaster, went along and were very complimentary over the steamer. There is no doubt but that she is going to be very popular as an excursion steamer.

The peasants are rioting in Roumania, and, as usual, the landlords are at the bottom of the trouble. King Charles has, it is said, expressed himself forcibly to a deputation of land-owners, threatening them with restriction of their great power and privileges.

W. W. Kile, an old-time Ohio Single Taxer, has disposed of his business and expects to start for Fairhope early in April with a view to making his home with us. He thinks if he likes Fairhope he can induce a number of his friends to come.

Kocian, the violinist, attended a negro religious service near Montgomery and heard the characteristic negro melodies sung by a congregation of 800, and was very enthusiastic over the harmonies developed.

The editor's desk is adorned by a bouquet of gladiolas from Mrs. Powell's garden. This variety, she says, does not bloom until July or August in Philadelphia, and is a month ahead of ordinary seasons here.

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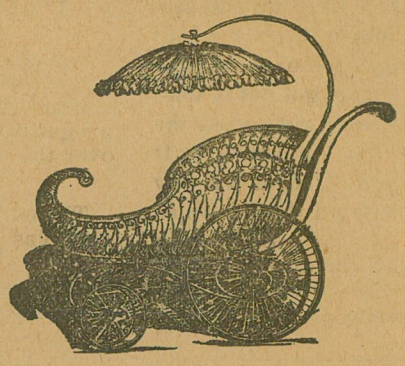
Master Harold Nulton, the four-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nulton, of Philadelphia, rides in the finest baby carriage in the world. The carriage, not counting time and labor, cost $840, the price representing the material alone.

Master Nulton is not wealthy, nor heir to millions—possibly not to thousands. He lives with his parents in a modest cottage out near Fairmount park, and his father works for a moderate salary for a firm of commission men down town. The baby carriage, with its gorgeous trappings and expensive material, is the only unusual feature connected with the baby's life, but it is unusual enough to attract the attention of hundreds of persons who sees it in the park on fair afternoons.

In July, when the baby was born, Chester Nulton vowed that it should have the finest baby carriage in the world. Before he went into the commission business Nulton was a carriage maker. He had learned the trade as a boy, and always had a taste for mechanical work, especially for fine cabinet work. The first step he took toward building the finest baby carriage in the world was to order a set of wheels made of pure silver. The hubs, the frame work and the springs were made of finest burnished copper, while the canopy top of the baby cab was fastened to the body with a socket joint of brass, and attached to the joint itself was a shield of pure gold, covering the joint and ornamenting the side of the cab.

The metal fixtures, including wheels, running gear and the gold hardware, all were designed by the proud father, although the work was done by others.



But he insisted upon doing the woodwork himself.

For the body of the baby cab he selected mahogany and white holly. The rich, deep red wood he cunningly joined to the pure white of the holly so that the mahogany formed the outside of the cab and the holly the inside. Both woods were polished to the highest degree, and in the mahogany he inlaid the initials of his baby in ivory at each side, and in front placed a tiny crest in gold buried in the dark wood.

He worked for three weeks building and finishing the woodwork for the cab and planning the framework of the canopy. The canopy itself is the real work of art of the entire thing. It is of mahogany and holly, as is the bed, but the white and wine colored woods he cunningly carved and shaped so that they appear to be woven together alternately, both inside and outside. So beautifully is the inlaying done that the top appears to be woven of interlacing white and wine colored wicker work and, even at close inspection, the effect is that of woven work.

A month after the baby's birth, when it was ready for its first ride outdoors, all that was needed to complete the finest baby cab in the world was the tapestry fittings. For these Nulton chose white and wine colored silks, with silver and gold cords and tassels, and for a robe he selected a deep wine colored satin, edged with gold cord.

Master Harold already has become one of the most noted babies in Philadelphia—and incidentally his father has been offered a big price to make a duplicate of the cab for a multi-millionaire. Nulton refused to do it, declaring he was satisfied to have his baby own the finest baby carriage in the world.

A Gift of Solomon's.

In the ancient cathedral of Genoa a vase of immense value has been preserved for 600 years. It is cut from a single emerald. Its principal diameter is 12½ inches and its height 5¾ inches. It is kept under several locks, the keys of which are in different hands, and it is rarely exhibited in public, then only by an order of the senate. When exhibited it is suspended round the neck of a priest by a cord, and no one is allowed to touch it but him. It is claimed that this vase is one of the gifts which was made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.

Mrs. Howland Addresses the Progressive League.

Mrs. Howland addressed the Progressive League last Sunday afternoon upon the subject of Godin and the Familistere at Guise, France reading largely from one of his literary works, "Social Solutions," translated by herself. The discussion which followed was animated and interesting, departing, indeed, somewhat from the main subject, though turning largely upon the wage system and giving opportunity for the bringing to bear of the Single Tax upon the subject.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

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.

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EDITOR COURIER:

"Star Gazer" opens up a field of observation very worthy the attention of your readers. No subject—aside from those immediately identified with our well-being—would seem more desirable to be understood or intelligently appreciated than the grand phenomena of the Cosmos so familiar by their repeated presentation to our eyes. The starry heavens, which meet our upturned gaze so many nights of each circling year, are as a wondrous book opened for all vision-blest mortals; and should mean more to every rational human than they can to the lower animal world.

A knowledge of the constellations and principal stars is best attained by a systemized course of observation. Prof. J. Dorman Steele, in his "Fourteen Weeks in Astronomy"—a book to be obtained at the Fairhope Public Library, lays down an excellent plan for observation; and it will be found interesting to have the book at hand when pursuing this--in "the dark of the moon"; as Luna's brilliant flood of light when at or near her full drowns out all but the very brightest stars.

The Dipper is, perhaps, the most generally recognized, and most observers understand how to locate—with the Pointers—the North Star, Polaris or Pole Star. Then, directly on the opposite side of the latter from the Dipper, when this constellation is conveniently placed—either to the right or left of the Polar Star, Cassiopea's Chair is readily distinguished and fixed in the mind. Proceeding from these, following the order of Professor Steele, the other more prominent constellations and principle stars are found and, by nightly scanning, located in the memory; then, these being familiar, the smaller, more indistinct ones, in between, are readily picked out by a good eye sight. I will forbear to further particularize; as your capable correspondent is probably prepared to discant further, in beautiful poetic language well fitting to the theme, and, being first in this particular field, is in courtesy entitled to its sole occupancy, for the time being.

It is no waste of time or mental effort, but restful and recreative, for us, when opportunity affords, to detach our thoughts temporarily from the matters close around us pertaining to our own somewhat mean little planet—our "practical" concerns,—business worries, political and economic problems, with the appalling sum-total of social iniquity and creature misery, and to lift them to those splendid orbs, beaming calmly down upon us with steady ray or mystic scintillation out of vast regions of unfathomed space, far removed from mundane strife and perturbation.

F. W. CHAPMAN.

Are you trying to interest your Friends in the COURIER?

Personal and Local

Always read the want column.

W. T. Bishop has had his property connected with the water system.

F. J. Lefevre of Louisville, Ky., is visiting the Zurhorsts and looking after his property here.

Mr. Lyon's trip to New Orleans seemed to bring an attack of asthma upon him, and he has been suffering a good deal of discomfort from it since.

F. L. Brown went to Mobile on Monday and brought over a "cracker-jack" team of mules, with harness and wagon, to put into hauling logs for the mill.

S. E. Gooding ran down from Vinegar Bend and came over on the Sunday steamer to spend a few hours with his mother and sister and look after matters here.

The "Busy Bee Poultry Farm," S. D. Yarnelle, proprietor, has sold a number of pure bred White Wyandotte pullets and several settings of eggs of the same variety, on the Mobile market recently, at satisfactory prices.

Laurence Tilson has been succeeded as mate on the Fairhope by Forbes Bebolt. Laurie at once found a good position with the Bay Steamship Company, and will come out with the Carney when she goes into commission again.

Mrs. Boreman and Mrs. Rittenhouse and their children made a second start for their homes, at Parkersburg, West Va , on Wednesday morning, hoping that the waters had subsided sufficiently to enable them to get through.

James Maine, a prominent contractor of DesMoines, being in Mobile on Monday, ran over and spent the night at Fairhope, about which, of course, he had heard much. He lived near Prof. Bellangee in Des Moines, and took the occasion to call on him.

W. E. Sweet is out of the market with Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching. His fine B. P. R. rooster, which he sent away for, at a cost of nearly ten dollars, and a Rhode Island Red rooster got together unbeknown, and "fit" until the B. P. R. was killed. He still has Rhode Island Red eggs, which he advertises in this issue.

L. S. Massey suffered a runaway, the breaking of his own wagon and harness and the smashing of Rolland Curtis's wagon as a result of an attempt to do a neighbor a kindness one day last week. Mr. Massey was returning from uptown with his horse and wagon, when, just at the top of the wharf hill, a horse which Mr. Bishop was driving fell in some way. Mr. Massey left his horse standing to assist Mr. Bishop, and when the latter's horse jumped to its feet, it scared Mr. Massey's horse, which ran away down the hill with results as stated.


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Screen doors and windows, screened cupboards etc. at the planing mill.

It now looks as if the record would be beaten this season for early Irish potatoes here.

Miss Annie Mae Oswalt is able to be out again and to assist her father in the post-office.

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Some new white goods for ladies' waists just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. M. E. Merriman of Cottage Hill, Fla., is visiting the Sweets. She is an aunt of Mrs. Sweet.

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Miss Nelle Lee is having her cottage painted. Messrs. Baer and Robert McDermaid are doing the work.

The soda fountain is now open at the drug store. Come in and refresh yourself with an ice-cold drink.

If you didn't get your new hat or bonnet in time for Easter, we still have plenty of nice ones to choose from. Mrs. Anne B. Call.

Dr. Wm. C. Gibbons speaks every Sunday at the Fairhope Hotel: Subject, next Sunday at 11 a. m., "The Perfected Man." You are cordially invited.

Attend the sale of household goods at the Brown block at 2:30 tomorrow.

Oscar Hall, attorney and proprietor of "The Inn," the leading hotel of Bay Minette, was a Fairhope visitor on Sunday, passing on down to Battles and taking the steamer back to Mobile.

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Mrs. A. Milne of Toronto arrived on Saturday evening, to be with her mother and brother, Mrs. and Mr. Paton. The mother has been and is quite ill, but is improving. When she gets able to travel, it is the intention to take her north for the summer.

The Home Telephone Company has its line rebuilt in fine shape from Mobile to Daphne and a strong force at work between Daphne and Fairhope. The service between Mobile and Daphne is now excellent, and a tolerable service is maintained between Fairhope and Mobile on a single line to Daphne.

Will Call was over to spend last Sunday with his family, his first visit home since he went to work in Mobile two months ago. His work requires close application, and, with the confinement incidental, is telling on him some; but he has already received a promotion with an appreciated increase in salary.

An improvement to the wharf decided upon by the wharf company on Wednesday, which we are sure will be appreciated, is that of a walk extending from the cafe gallery around the north end of the warehouse to a connection with the wharf west of the building, avoiding having to go through the present often obstructed passage.

The V. I. C. met with the President, Mrs. Powell, on Thursday afternoon. It was decided to have the platform under the magnolia on the beach repaired, also to confer with the Library Association with regard to doing something, if possible, towards the early rebuilding of the hall in connection with a library. It was also decided to hold an ice cream and strawberry social on Tuesday evening, the 9th of April. Everybody should attend it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and children left on Monday morning after a very pleasant winter at Fairhope, guests of Dr. and Mrs. Mershon. They made many friends here, who will hope to see them again; and not without good reason, for they assured the editor that they were warm friends of Fairhope and would have a good word to say for it wherever they might go. They will not return at once to their Iowa home, but will visit at Washington, D. C., in Virginia and at other points before doing so.

Mr. Christmann has fitted up his lumber wagon with side seats, making a wagonette, which will accommodate quite comfortably eight or ten people, (having bolster springs). A party from the Wilson House, including Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Maud, their guests. Mr. Boutelle and Mr. Cohn, with Mr. Christmann as driver, took the first ride in it, on Thursday, going out to the Turner saw-mill

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Important Meeting.

Arts and Crafts Society meets at The Gables; Monday, April 1st, at 3:30 p. m. A secretary is to be elected to take the place of Mrs. Manteuffel--resigned, and other business of importance is to come before the society. Please come prepared to pay 1907 dues.

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AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Furniture of Mrs. Raetz will be sold at auction for her benefit, from in front of the Mathews' store, Saturday afternoon, at 2.30.

CITRONELLE CHAUTAUQUA.

The third annual assembly of the Citronelle Chautauqua Association will open on March 30th and continue to April 13.

An excellent and well diversified program of entertainment has been provided.

The Mobile and Ohio R. R. makes a one fare for the round trip rate, daily except Tuesdays and Saturdays, on which days a 50 cent round trip rate is made.

Citronelle has excellent hotel accommodations, and is a beautifully located, live town, full of progressive and hospitable people, largely from the North and West.

Citronelle people are frequent visitors to Fairhope during the summer months; and Fairhopers who can do so should return the compliment and encourage them in their effort to maintain a high-class Chautauqua assembly in southern Alabama.

Copies of the detailed program for the entire session will be gladly mailed to anyone requesting the same of the association. The COURIER office is supplied with a number of copies, which will be handed to those who call for them.

MR. STIMPSON TAKES PLANING-MILL,

William Stimpson our builders' supply man and all around hustler, has purchased of the Fairhope Improvement Co. the planing mill lately operated by Mr. Carlson, and is keeping it hustling, with the assistance of Messrs. Howarth and Stradling. He expects to get out and keep on hand a supply of ceiling, flooring, mouldings, etc. etc. for prompt delivery; to make screens, door and window frames, and inside finish of all kinds, to order. With Mr. Stimpson's well established reputation for making things go, it is to be expected that he will make a success of this business. It was a matter of general regret that Mr. Carlson proved unable to do so. He is one of the best mechanics in the country, but was handicapped by lack of capital and otherwise. We understand he is seeking employment elsewhere.

Steamer Excursion, Sundav, April 7.

The steamer Fairhope will make an excursion trip on Sunday, April 7th, which ought to please a great number of people and make a good day's business for the boat. This will be an excursion from Mobile to Palmetto Beach, via Fairhope and Point Clear. It will not only give people of Mobile an opportunity to go to Palmetto Beach, but to get to Fairhope and Point Clear early for a long day, and Eastern Shore people an opportunity to take the trip from Fairhope or Point Clear to Palmetto Beach. The fare from Mobile to Palmetto Beach and return will be $1: from Fairhope or Point Clear to Palmetto and return, 75 cents: from Mobile to Fairhope or Point Clear and return, 50 cents.

"Up Jenkins"

A most enjoyable occasion was that of last week when Miss Ivy Powell gave an "Up Jenkins" party in honor of her friend, Miss Ethel Jellison of DesMoines, Iowa.

The beautiful home was appropriately decorated, instrumental and vocal music floated gayly on the evening air, and joy indeed was unconfined. After the game refreshments were served, and dancing completed the round of merry-making.

Nothing was spared to make this one of our social events, long to be remembered by those so fortunate as to attend, and future reveries will keep it alive.

Those present were: Misses Ethel Jellison, Edith White, Rose Young, Ina Partridge; Mesdames Christian, McCulloch, and Cope; Messrs. Arthur Dealy, Otto Young, Ira Powell and Dr. G. A. Sheldon.

JAMES H. WEBB,
Attorney at Law.
REFERENCE:
Editor this paper. Mobile, Ala.

FAIRHOPE LIBRARY ASS'N.

The annual meeting of this Association will be held at The Gables, on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p. m. All dues ($1.00 per member) must be paid before that meeting to entitle one to vote. Mr. J. S. Paton is treasurer. Every citizen of Fairhope should be a member of this Association.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 31, 1907

9:45, Sunday School (Contest).

11 a. m., Preaching. Subject: "The Empty Tomb."—Easter Sermon.

6:45, Endeavor—led by Dr. Mershon.

7:30, Song and Preaching Service. Subject: "Life and Labors of St. John."

Meetings every night next week, except Saturday night. A series of sermons on the subject: "The Message of the Spirit to the Churches."

S. G. Lee of Des Moines arrived on Wednesday 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.

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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 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.

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Comer to Finley.

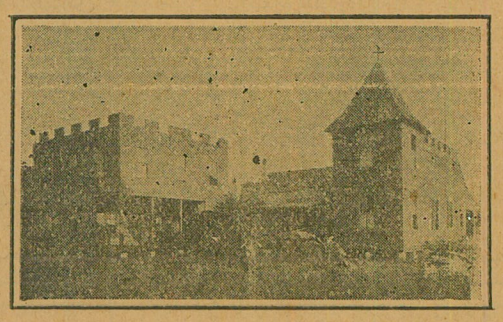
Governor Comer retorts thus warmly to the complaint of President Finley of the Southern, against Alabama railroad legislation:

"Mr. Finley lays particular stress on the statement that in the face of recent legislation his company cannot sell any more securities with which to get money to repair his road, to furnish proper rolling stock, etc. I will simply suggest to Mr. Finley that if his company would stop paying interest on watered stock and take the earnings of the road and put these into repairs and improvements, he would be following the method of every other business on earth except that of railroads. I will call his attention to the fact that the people of Alabama have but little sympathy for that poverty of condition which comes from a stretching of resources to make Wall street fluctuations for the purpose of buying and placing securities.

"I will call his attention to the fact that his system of roads in Alabama is capitalized at over $60,000 a mile, a sum much more than they are worth, and that Alabama would look with alarm upon the issuing of an additional amount of bonds to be added to this $60,000 a mile, and then to claim at our courts the right to exercise the functions of increased charges on the business of Alabama to pay interest on same. In other words, exacting further tribute from the business of this state to secure the flotation of securities on Wall street. * *

"And it seems to be a climax of faith that goes beyond the Dowie period even, to ask the citizens of Alabama to stand aside with our protecting laws while such transactions as that shown by the Harriman method of running roads are abroad in the land—transactions that Senator Cullom of Illinois says ought to put Mr. Harriman in the penitentiary, and I rather think Senator Cullom is right.

"In all kindness to Mr. Finley, I want to assure him that, coming from my faith in the people of Alabama, I feel sure that they will extend to his company every degree of fairness; and that they will go to the fullest extreme of mind and brawn to furnish business for his company; but also that they are going to exact from his company the last degree of fairness; and we had rather do it by the limitations of law than by continued faith in a foreign trust."



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Striving for More Equitable Assessments.

A state tax commission to act with county authorities in securing more uniform valuations of property for taxation, was provided for by the last legislature, and is now at work. One of its methods appears to be to take the lists of real-estate transfers and use the prices given in the conveyances as a basis for assessments.

That this will be a very imperfect guide will be appreciated when the fact brought out in the circuit court in the case of Groves vs. Summers a couple of years ago, is remembered. We refer to the fact that land has two values in this county, one value among those familiar with conditions here, and another to "frozen Yankees," the latter being limited only by the nerve and eloquence of the agent and the opportunity he has at the victim.

It would be manifestly unfair to tax these poor victims on the basis of the extortionate valuations at which, in their ignorance, they purchase, or more often contract for the purchase of land, and those of whom they purchased, on the basis of the consideration stated in deeds to them, which will hardly average one eighth as much. There is great need for securing a fairer basis for taxation than the returns made by the property owners, but the valuations given in conveyances will not furnish it. In our opinion it will have to be found in valuations made by well posted local assessors, or preferably assessing commissions.

The Greatest of All Questions.

When it is suggested that the land question is the great economic question, the suggestion is usually met with a sneer. Yet a little reflection will disclose the fact that the present system of land tenure is the principal cause of the unjust distribution of wealth. The great gulf between the "House of Have" and the "House of Have Not" is due in large measure to the capitalization of the value of land by those exercising, through a legal fiction, dominion over it.

In support of this statement, New York city is a striking example. According to a recent magazine article, the total land valuation of New York city has reached the enormous sum of $5,800,000,000. This is the value of the bare land, without any improvements. This the land owners of New York city capitalize; and when the users bargain for land, this capitalization is taken into consideration, and rents fixed accordingly.

Money to-day is worth at least four per cent. Land values of New York, capitalized at the figure mentioned, would net the land owners of the city of New York at four per cent, the fabulous sum of $232,000,000 annually. This figure is staggering; and while it cannot be determined accurately, yet the chances are that it is lower than the actual amount paid to the land owners This means that the working people of New York annually hand over to the land owners of the city $232,000,000 worth of the products of their labor.

And New York is only one city. The same process is at work in every center of population. But New York illustrates the insidious stealing that is constantly going on. Is it any wonder that we have the rich and the poor side by side in the very centers of wealth and affluence? In the nature of things it could not be otherwise. As long as land values, which are purely social in character, are permitted to be capitalized for private gain, this impassable gulf between the "House of Have" and the "House of Have Not" must continue. This vast wealth is now diverted from its proper channel. Naturally it belongs to all the people and ought to be used for the maintenance of those functions which the government must exercise, in order to give to the people that protection which is the natural function of government.

The simple method by which this can be done is to levy a tax so as to substantially take annually the full rental value of the land. If this were done, the few could no longer rob the many. If this were done, the products of labor would be more equitably distributed. If this were done, politics would be purified and government administered for the good of all, instead of as now, for the favorite few.—Eckert's "Commoner," Rochester, Pa.

We note pronounced improvement in the Wilcox Progressive Era, now that Abner J. Smith has got fairly settled in the editorial chair. The Progressive Era is making a strong fight in favor of patronizing home industries in every line, and it is one of the best means of building up any town. A dollar spent with your local merchant, manufacturer, professional man—or newspaper—is turned over and over in the community and a good part of it stays always. The money sent away for goods which might have been bought at home is gone never to return.

The teachers of Alabama held the most successful convention in the history of their organization, in Mobile last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Our teachers, Misses Clements and Pilcher and Mrs. Sweet, attended the sessions of Friday and Saturday, dismissing school on Friday for the purpose.

A SINGLE TAX CITY.

Quite recently I visited a beautiful city. Its architecture expresses in stone and mortar the finest feelings of the human heart. The delicately chiseled foliage of its columns and capitals seems to have grown from the soil and blossomed into the grace and perfume of the flowers. Here art has inspired even trade with sentiment and commerce paused in her hot chase for riches to write a poem in the rock. Here, indeed, has the "sculptor wrought till the cold stone echoed his ardent thought."

The resident population of this city is only 3,500, but its transient or day population is 15,000 more. Its government is nearly perfect. It has carried to its ideal the wholesome principle that municipal government is business, not politics. Its employes are selected according to merit. The duties of every department are clearly defined and the responsibilities of every official are known to all. It has a wonderful rapid transit system which reaches every part of the city and conveys passengers and freight free of charge. Its streets are paved with marble and are cleaned and flushed every night while the inhabitants are sleeping. It furnishes to its people—to every house—without charge, heat and light, hot and cold water, and for drinking purposes, distilled ice water, lays telegraph and telephone wires to every door, and even provides municipal employes to do the people's house-cleaning. The machinery necessary to keep its public works in motion is all in one place, is in charge of one official, and is operated by the same power.

This is not socialism. Here everyone is busy with the work of his own choosing. Here are workingmen skilled and unskilled, stenographers and bookkeepers, manufacturers and merchants, physicians and lawyers, dentists and divines, banking and insurance companies, schools and colleges—each man incidentally contributing to the welfare of all while promoting his own. Here are almost no restrictive ordinances at all, the duties of the police being to guide and assist the people rather than to club them.

ACCORDING TO BENEFITS.

The most interesting thing about this city is its system of taxation. It is this that makes all these other things possible. It raises its revenue not by taxing the products of labor, not by taking from every man according to his ability to pay, as that maxim is commonly understood, but by exacting from every citizen a tax proportioned to the benefits it confers upon him. It does this by requiring him to pay into the municipal treasury the annual rental value of the location which he chooses. If he selects a lot which by reason of size and situation is in great demand and is therefore very valuable, he pays accordingly. If he is content with a small and relatively inaccessible site, his taxes are relatively small. The revenues of this city are always in excess of its expenditures. They are more than sufficient to pay the expenses of giving the people free transportation, free water, free heat, free light,

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Carnegie Condemns Gambling. Wants "Sure Thing."

Andrew Carnegie, in a speech at New York, roundly denounced the stock gamblers of Wall street, and said it was time that business men declined to recognize men who make money in Wall street and render no value for it.

This is an excellent sentiment; but of course Mr. Carnegie does not endorse it fully, or has not lived up to it, else he would not, after being out of business for years and giving away millions, still be rated as one of the richest men of the world. Mr. Carnegie does not really object to getting something without giving an equivalent for it. He objects only to the method by which it is done. He objects to doing it by gambling in stocks in Wall street, but thinks it all right to get it by legislative special privileges in the shape of tariff protection against competition, non-competitive armor-plate contracts, and ownership of vast tracts of mineral land held out of use and taxed far below their value. He doesn't want to take any chances in his acquisition of wealth, but wants a "sure thing."

Mr. Carnegie has probably been one of the world's greatest geniuses for managing great business enterprises, and as such has, in the best sense, "earned" much; but what he has thus rendered an equivalent for, is but a trifle compared with what has been grasped through special privileges.

Public Ownership of Public Utilities Only Remedy for Municipal Corruption

San Francisco, with all her trouble of earthquake and fire, has had a saturnalia of municipal corruption. Mayor Schmitz, the vaunted "Union Labor mayor," has turned out to be a grafter of the worst type. The San Francisco Star reviewing the infamous chapter says:

As we glance backward over the long story of infamy, crime and disgrace, viewing some of the miserable actors with scorn and some with pity, the conviction comes home to us with renewed power, that no city will ever be free from the danger of such shame as this, so long as public utilities are owned by private corporations. The experience we are passing through emphasizes the Star's consistent teaching of many years, that the source of municipal corruption is in the public-service corporations.

As long as human nature remains what it is, so long will millionaire owners of public franchises corrupt our servants, bribe our officers and make municipal government a stench in the nostrils of decent men. There is no escape from the corrupting influences of public-service corporations, except by way of public ownership of public utilities. This is the real lesson that we must read between the lines of this black and shameful history of the rise and fall of Ruef and his fellows in crime.

Temporary Defeat of Municipal Ownership in Chicago.

Edward P. Dunne, and his movement for immediate ownership of the street railway lines, went down in defeat in the Chicago election on Tuesday. Busse, machine Republican, was elected by a plurality of between 10,000 and 15,000.

It is not, however, rightly to be taken as a reversal of sentiment in Chicago upon the question of municipal ownership, as some papers would be pleased to have it; for the Republican candidate professed to be favorable to municipal ownership, as well as the Democratic, the ostensible difference being the method for securing it. The result, however, cannot but be a disappointment to those who had hoped to see Mayor Dunne's faithful service for the people rewarded and the early triumph of municipal ownership in Chicago.

Mayor Dunne, himself, was reported by the dispatches as much depressed over the result, but saying: "Our cause is not lost; municipal ownership and government ownership will win in the end." And they will.

"Confidence" Important to Bankers.

The report of business March 28th of a nearby bank furnishes interesting information. For each $1 of capital stock paid in, depositors have put in about $5.50. The deposits "subject to check" are eight times the amount of cash in vault, and if time deposits are added, the deposits are nine times the cash in vault. Sums due from banks in this and other states, added to the cash on hand, equal 40 per cent. of the deposits.

The loans and discounts, representing the sum upon which the bank is drawing interest, amount to a fraction less than five times the capital stock, or, including the "surplus," about three times the investment.

We presume the showing would be considered quite a fair one, and are not specially criticising it, but two things appear quite plain from the report: first, that the banking business ought to be profitable, when interest can be drawn on three to five times the amount invested; and second, that with one dollar of cash to every eight dollars of deposits subject to check, "confidence" is the most vital feature of the banking business.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

March 30, 1907.—Sometime ago a correspondent asked for more full reports of our temperature here, and I think I promised to do something towards gratifying that desire. I make renewed effort to do this. Today at noon it is cold, windy, and rainy, and for the first time in weeks a little fire on the library hearth is very comforting, for the mercury actually has the "cheek" to go down to 54! And how the wind switches the purple clusters of the poor wistarias! I don't see how this planet ever got the reputation of being such a lovely world! Probably because there are so many here who are not acquainted with any better one, and because it is counted good policy to make the best of a bad bargain.—What character is it in fiction, and in what book is it, that we are enjoined to be always thankful for our "marcies?" I trust I am always that—just now especially for the city water in kitchen sink and bathroom, and out of doors also a faucet for watering plants. If I am ever able to compass 75 feet of hose for this purpose, my cup will run over! Bro. Stimpson was here today, and pacing off the ground he decided that it would require that much. This shows the extent of the domain since nearly half of the land was "condemned" for the new road or boulevard. I made haste to let the orchard and everything in it go to ruin, as it was no use to waste time on land that any day might be all metamorphosed. And then occurred my trip north; and then the awful storm prevented the "management" from doing any work except repairing damages. In the winter my neighbor in Miss Herring's cottage over the way, Comrade Lyon, transplanted the two large pecan trees and some others, and two Muscatel grape vines. Another neighbor did more transplanting and sawed up enough of the fallen pines to make nine cords of wood. There are several more standing in a "w'o'nt go home till mornin'" attitude, but they must wait. All the transplanted trees are coming out well except the first one moved, the English walnut sent by the poet, Daisy Byrnes of Philadelphia. Comrade Bancroft transplanted that and he took the greatest pains with it. I am watching it with much anxiety.

My friends will remember my real success one year with a Muscatel grafted on our hardy Niagara. Since then I have had a few, both on the grafts and on the cuttings ordered from the great Asti vineyards of California. Some may remember that I ordered 100 for neighbor Delamare. He rooted all of them in his large hothouse, and for my service he gave me six and carefully planted them for me himself. Four of mine are still living, not too vigorously, and his? Well, he went off to Canada, much to my regret, and I "guess" every one of his grapes were neglected to death! The Powells have the place now. On inquiry of Mrs. Powell when I was there the other day, she said she had never heard of them! How sad it is to contemplate the work we do and the pains we take that come to naught.

April 2. * * * The first sentence in the letter yesterday from my dear friend in Topolobampo, Mrs. Franz Schleuniger, made my heart beat fast. It was that she wrote to give me the good news that the family is going to leave Mexico in June or July. I thought she was going to tell me they had decided to come to Fairhope. Alas! They are negotiating for a home in National City, California. Well, that seems a little nearer—so near that they will sometime come to see our Colony, at least.

* * * I am greatly interested in the poultry success of Mr. Goddard, noted several times in the Courier. He must apply business principles to his enterprise—must know that eternal vigilance is the price of healthy fowls. The moment you "let up" on that vigilance you will have trouble—"mites," most likely, like several of my neighbors. I have never seen one in either of the yards at the Pines, yet I have used no kerosene on the roosts, no spraying or any "remedies" except keeping the houses clean, feeding the best I know, and seeing that they have green food every day and plenty of opportunity to make their toilets, and to do this they must powder themselves—must have reasonably clean, dry, loose soil; also they must be encouraged to scratch. I am convinced that one-half pint of oats and corn plowed or dug under every day or two is the best investment possible. I think it is all gain, for they will find every grain if they are not overfed. This is my fault, for my hens are mostly too fat, or were when they commenced laying. I try to dig or rake or plow under some grain at night when they go to roost. As I do not feed them (to speak of) before about noon, they scratch vigorously for their scant breakfast. About noon, when most or all have done laying, they have a rather dry dough composed of cracked corn, shorts, a cupful of powdered meat, ("cracklin," I think is the name of it—the Mershon Merchandising Company keeps it), a free supply of chopped green food, as lettuce, mustard, cabbage, about a half teaspoonful of salt, and every week, at least, a quarter teaspoonful of red pepper or powdered sulphur. To this dough I add a handful of sunflower or any other seeds I may have.

I give this rather lengthy account of my plan with hens, because so many have asked the secret of what they call my "success;" though I know that much of my system may be a little empirical, and I think that my "success" in number of eggs is only about a good

average. I hope friends will add their experience, whenever they know methods that work well, or that fail.

Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening, with all members present but Mr. Patterson, and Vice-President Paton presiding.

Minutes of March 27 read and approved.

Secretary read letter from Captain G. A. R. Lawrence offering to accept $80 for lumber shed. It was moved and carried to lay the matter of purchase of shed on the table.

Following bills allowed:

J. J. Mogg, services on waterworks, including pumping for 1½mo.	$41.
American Supply Co. for waterworks supplies, $72.48 less credit allowed for white lead returned, $35, and claimed overcharge of $4.50 for whistle	32.98
John A. Patterson, charges on waterworks material	6.31
Same, charges on telephone material	.95
Mershon Merch. Co., galv. iron roofing for waterworks	10.40
Home Telephone Co., switching services as per contract, February & March,	14.50
J. Bellangee, services at election	.52
Mrs. Ada Graham, "	.30
Mrs. S. H. Comings, "	.52
E. B. Gaston, notices and ballots for special election	1.75
Same, postage in March	1.77
H. C. Oswalt, trustee, for colony pupils in March	97.90
R. Poortstra, 3 cd. wood for waterworks.	7.50

Communication presented from N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co., asking payment for bill of $679.48. Motion prevailed that secretary write same, stating situation and asking extension of time.

Relinquishment by Trustees of Fraternal Homemakers' Society, through Chambers Wilson, president, of n. e. ¼ of n. e. ¼ of S. W. ¼ and n. w. ¼ of n. w. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of Sec. 16, approved.

Transfer Fairhope Imp. Co. to M. Dyson, of lots 3 and 4, block 31, div. 2, approved subject to regular application from Mr. Dyson and surrender of lease of Improvement Co.

Motion prevailed to reconsider action requiring leases to to be surrendered and new leases taken out in cases of transfer or relinquishment of portions of leaseholds; and it was then moved and carried that the rule be that persons desiring to transfer or relinquish portions of leaseholds shall bring in the leases they hold, for proper endorsement thereon of surrenders or transfers.

The superintendent of public health reported several complaints against offensive and unsanitary conditions on the Bishop premises; and a motion prevailed that Mr. Bishop be notified that penning hogs and butchering animals in the locality of his premises was offensive, and he be requested to desist from same.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday evening, April 3, to consider matter of new leases.

On Wednesday evening the Council met, as per adjournment. The changes recommended in the form of lease by the committee were adopted and the secretary directed to have 1000 copies printed, 500 for use and 500 on book paper for distribution on request.

The supt. lands and highways was instructed to have exact understanding with Dr. Mershon regarding lot west of proposed new street between Fairhope and Magnolia avenues, and, with vice-president, determine charge, if any, to be made for improvements, it being understood that Mr. Christmann might apply for said lot as a site for a livery stable. It was also moved and carried that no barn be allowed to be placed on this lot—or any other granted in the vicinity, within less than 100 feet of Fairhope avenue, on account of damage to adjacent lots.

Don't let an opportunity pass to recommend the Courier to your progressive friends and, if possible, secure their subscriptions.

Library Association Meets.

The Fairhope Library Association met at The Gables on Tuesday evening, but on account of light attendance it was decided to postpone the annual election of officers to next Monday evening, the eighth, at the same place; when it is earnestly hoped that there will be a general turn-out of the members—and others willing to become members, which requires only the payment of $1.00—to participate in the election.

Wm. L. Heller, who had just arrived, became a member of the Association on Monday evening, and was pressed into service as secretary pro tem.

The treasurer, J. S. Paton, made a report, showing receipts during 1906 of $100.35, expenses 1.30, leaving a balance of $99.05, to which had since been added dues to amount of $9.00 making a balance on hand of $108.05.

The unpaid subscriptions toward the library building amount to about $200, beside Mr. Fels's $1000, making the total resources of the Association about $1300.

A motion prevailed that Mr. Stimpson call again to the attention of the Council the need of rebuilding the hall, and the plan proposed by the Library Association for doing so and msking provision for present needs for a library in connection, and endeavor to get them to take action in the matter at as early a date as possible.

A full attendance is urged at The Gables, on Monday evening next.

Volanta Sawmill Wiped Out by Fire.

The Volanta saw and planing mill, owned by Messrs. P. A. Parker and W. A. Baldwin, was destroyed by fire on Monday evening.

The loss was estimated by one of the proprietors at $3500, and there was no insurance.

The fire was discovered about five o'clock in the dry-house, and in spite of a very high north wind prevailing, could have been subdued but for lack of water. A large tank ordinarily kept full, was allowed to get nearly empty, on account of running short of gasoline for the gasoline engine which did the pumping; and fanned by the high wind, the flames were soon beyond possibility of control.

It is the writer's belief that, if at the first discovery of the fire a strenuous call for help had been made on Fairhope and responded to, as it would have been, much of the plant could have been saved with the chemicals and an ample bucket brigade; but, unfortuately, while news of the fire was received at the Bell Central here, it was not interpreted as a call for help, the impression seeming to be that it was too late to accomplish anything. The writer and Will Oberg were the first from Fairhope on the scene. By keeping the roof drenched with water, the Stapleton brothers' turpentine still, which was very near the mill, was saved.

The loss is very heavy upon Messrs. Parker and Baldwin, who with commendable enterprise had built up a nice plant and business; and they have the sincere sympathy of all who know them.

The Courier ventures to speak for the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department, in urging our neighbors within reaching distance from Fairhope not to hesitate to call for help in case of fire. The boys would, we are sure, rather make several fruitless runs than to feel that they had lost opportunity to render any help which they might have rendered.

Another Utopia Busted.

Another Socialist or Communist colony, that of Economy, in Pennsylvania, has failed, and its affairs are being wound up. They all go that way. No chance for the young people. Too many rules limiting the free play of individuality. People can't or won't live together on any basis of equality of goods independent of differences in usefulness to the community. Neither a community nor an individual should rob a man of anything he creates. Absolute co-operation is deadening when all the co-operatives are not benefited thereby. The natural mode of existence for man is in a state of free competition, the community guaranteeing the fairness of the contest.—The Mirror.

W. I. Boreman sends us a photo-postal card from Parkersburg, W. Va., showing water nearly up to the sills of the show-windows on the principal thoroughfares of his city. On the card he says: "It has been a little damp up here." One of the advantages of Fairhope is that it is up above all danger of freshets or high tides.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons and Mrs. Mary E. Otto, have recently made the discovery that they are old friends, having lived as neighbors and their families been closely associated, about fifty-five years ago in Kansas. Both were well acquainted with John Brown, who was frequently a guest in the homes of their parents. Dr. Gibbons says he knows of no one with such a wealth of reminiscences of Brown as Mrs. Otto. The doctor himself served with Brown in the border conflicts in Kansas, which marked the period immediately preceding the outbreak of the war. He promises to some day give us a lecture upon the subject.

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The Trenholmes and Mrs. Curtis to Return.

The COURIER has known for some time that Mrs. Curtis was very anxious to return to Fairhope and had reason to think that the same was true of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trenholme, but did not feel at liberty to make a public statement to that effect. Authority therefore has, however, been received in a note from Mrs. Trenholme to her brother Rolland Curtis, in which she said: "Don't blame mother for wanting to get home. We are all just as bad. Another big snowstorm, biggest we have seen yet; we are all ill with colds in our heads. Tell Gaston to put it in the COURIER, how glad we will be to get home. Let it count for Fairhope."

Let it not be supposed that the weather is the only consideration moving them to return. While this is the thing mentioned by Mrs. Trenholme, we are assured that it is not the only or, indeed, the first consideration. The mental and spiritual atmosphere of Fairhope is even a greater attraction. While delightfully situated in Montreal, with Mr. Trenholme's parents, and enjoying creature comforts—even luxuries—not enjoyed here, their hearts yet turn longingly to Fairhope, and we may hope to see them back in the near future; and they will be welcome.

Miss Jellison and Mr. Hoopes Leave.

Miss Ethel Jellison, Mr. Bancroft's cousin, left on Monday morning for her home in Des Moines, after a stay of a couple of months, during which she made a host of friends. Rumor has it that Miss Jellison will be one of the principals in a very interesting event which will take place at an early date.

W. P. Hoopes left the same morning for Maryland, he and Miss Jellison being fellow-passengers as far as Nashville, Tenn. We understand that Mr. Hoopes also will participate at an early date in a like event to that awaiting Miss Jellison We shall hope to see them both back "with reinforcements" some day, and in Mr. Hoopes' case this hope is fully justified, for he has definitely planned to return and make his home here. He is a sterling young man from whom we have expected much in the way of helping to develop our agricultural resources.

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.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Teachers' Excursions.

On last Friday the teachers in convention at Mobile were treated by the committee on entertainment to a ride up the river and down the bay, the Pleasure Bay and the Fairhope being chartered for the purpose and a launch and tug being also pressed into service, all being loaded to their limit,

The teachers were so enthusiastic over their excursion on Friday that Captain Roberts and Purser Pilcher thought they could get a big crowd to come over to Fairhope on Saturday, and advertised a special round trip. Only about a dozen, however, showed up, but not to disappoint them the steamer made the trip, arriving at Fairhope about 11 and leaving on the return trip at 1. A number of our people were down to greet the excursionists, who were driven about the town, told about our special policies—in which they seemed greatly interested, and given literature to read at their leisure.

Profit in Poultry.

It is estimated that it costs one dollar to feed a hen a year, and she will produce about one bushel of manure, which, if saved and kept dry, will sell to tanners for about the same sum of money. F. J. Kenny, in the Reliable Poultry Journal, says: "I farm chickens for their manure, and whether I get anything else or not, they do not cost me anything."

A good hen will lay 150 to 160 eggs during the year. Let us get one hatching of 13 and sell 12 dozen at 25 cents per dozen, which is $3.00. We can dispose of biddy in a fat condition for 50 cents, at least, and we have 13 nice chicks left. Let us be safe in our estimate and suppose that six of these chicks meet an untimely fate and we only succeed in saving in a healthy condition one cockerel and six pullets.

We have therefore earned $4.50 and expended $1, leaving $3.50 profit and seven young and vigorous fowls, only one of which is a male. The value of these same for sale as broilers would be at least $3.50, and for breeding purposes not less than $11.50. Pretty good dream, eh! Well you can make that dream come true. —Poultry Digest.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

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CITRONELLE CHAUTAUQUA.

The third annual assembly of the Citronelle Chautauqua Association will open on March 30th and continue to April 13.

An excellent and well diversified program of entertainment has been provided.

The Mobile and Ohio R. R. makes a one fare for the round trip rate, daily except Tuesdays and Saturdays, on which days a 50 cent round trip rate is made.

Citronelle has excellent hotel accommodations, and is a beautifully located, live town, full of progressive and hospitable people, largely from the North and West.

Citronelle people are frequent visitors to Fairhope during the summer months; and Fairhopers who can do so should return the compliment and encourage them in their effort to maintain a high-class Chautauqua assembly in southern Alabama.

Copies of the detailed program for the entire session will be gladly mailed to anyone requesting the same of the association. The COURIER office is supplied with a number of copies, which will be handed to those who call for them.

Steamer Excursion, Sunday, April 7.

The steamer Fairhope will make an excursion trip on Sunday, April 7th, which ought to please a great number of people and make a good day's business for the boat. This will be an excursion from Mobile to Palmetto Beach, via Fairhope and Point Clear. It will not only give people of Mobile an opportunity to go to Palmetto Beach, but to get to Fairhope and Point Clear early for a long day, and Eastern Shore people an opportunity to take the trip from Fairhope or Point Clear to Palmetto Beach. The fare from Mobile to Palmetto Beach and return will be $1: from Fairhope or Point Clear to Palmetto and return, 75 cents: from Mobile to Fairhope or Point Clear and return, 50 cents.

Personal and Local

T. J. Christman took a party of Fairhope young people over to Marlow on Tuesday night in his wagonette, to attend a dance at a large new hall just opened there.

Mrs. De Coudres' sister, Mrs. Knisely, left for her northern home on Tuesday morning, having experienced great benefit from her winter's stay here, as could not but be apparent to any one who saw her when she came and again when she left.

Mr. Lowell of Mobile, formerly of St. Louis, was a Fairhope visitor on Sunday. He had been interested in Fairhope for some time, having met and talked with, among others, H. M. Ewald, who, as in duty bound, spoke a good word--many of them, in fact, for his home town.

C. E. Boston left for his Indiana home on Tuesday morning. A sufferer from catarrh for many years, he experienced great benefit from a winter spent here, telling the editor before his departure, that he could not remember a winter when his "head had been as free" as this. He thanked us for the information given him (before his coming), and said our statements were within the truth in every respect.

Dr. W. C. Mason, the young dentist who practiced at Daphne and Fairhope last summer and made many friends, is at Atlanta, Ga., perfecting himself still further in his profession by a course in college. In a letter to the editor, he says it is his intention to return as soon as he can after the close of the school, which will be on May first, and locate permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mogg and grandson Clayton left for the north on Tuesday morning. As usual during his stay here, Mr. Mogg made himself very useful, having taken hold of the waterworks, secured a number of new consumers, connected them with the mains, collected amounts due, and made a number of improvements in the plant. Mr. Mogg is very public-spirited, and efficient in whatever he undertakes; and it is always with regret that we see him leave.

Political Economy.

A certain continental countess was interrogating her little son's tutor on the progress that the young hopeful was making in his studies.

"And how is the viscount progressing?" she asked.

"Wonderfully well, madame," answered the tutor. "We are working very industriously at the sciences. The viscount is very far advanced in the sciences for a young gentleman of his age."

"Indeed? Then, Henri, my dear, tell me, what is dynamite?"

"Pardon, madame," interrupted the totor, "but of later years dynamite does not belong to chemistry. It is now considered as part and parcel of political economy."

The countess grew suddenly thoughtful.—Le Petit Journal Pour Rire.

Dresden's Municipal Newspaper.

Dresden is one of the few cities possessing a municipal newspaper, and this was bequeathed to the city by the late Dr. Gunt. The bequest is a very valuable property, and consists of a daily newspaper, which, in consequence of its extensive circulation, is the principal advertising medium in the neighborhood. The profits are applied to the beautifying and improvement of the city and to charity.

Letting by Pin and Candle.

The old custom of letting premises by the aid of a candle and pin has been observed at Padworth, a village between Reading and Newbury. The candle was lighted and a pin stuck into it. Then bids were called for until the pin, owing to the heat of the candle, dropped out. J. T. Strange secured the tenancy with an offer of seven pounds.—London Evening Standard.

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Personal and Local

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The soda fountain is now open at the drug store. Come in and refresh yourself with an ice-cold drink.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons speaks at the Fairhope Hotel Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject: "Footprints on the Sands of Time."

Mr. Mathews moved into his new store down Section street, about the first, and his flag now flies to the breeze there.

Parties near Silverhill have been making almost daily shipments of strawberries to Mobile on the Fairhope this week.

Dr. Mershon's drug store is being brightened up interiorly, with a coat of white paint. Frank Davis is doing the work.

The body of Mrs. Corbett was taken up and forwarded to Mr. Corbett, at Gowanda, N. Y., on Friday morning, on his order.

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Doctors Mershon and Schowalter attended a meeting of the Baldwin County Medical Society at Bay Minette on Tuesday, going overland.

John Mensenga and wife left yesterday morning for their former home at Little Falls, N. J. Mr. Mensenga was fairly well satisfied with Fairhope, but his wife was not.

F. W. Rose and Dr. Rowe returned this week from a prospecting tour, and it is reported that Mr. Rose will go to Hutchinson, Kansas, to engage in the newspaper business.

Lawns and dimities, laces and embroideries, etc., etc. Don't put off buying you a new spring dress until the best styles and patterns are picked over, but come now. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Pastor Sedinger has been holding meetings at the Christian church every evening this week. This evening he will give way to the lecture by Mr. Hawks, and there will be no service Saturday evening.

Mr. Philbrook, having completed his cottage here and being needed at his home in Nebraska, whither his wife preceded him some time ago, left for there on Thursday morning. He expects to be back in August.

As usual, the temperature fell lower back in the interior than right along the bay shore, during the late cold snap. Back about Silverhill and Marlow the potato fields are reported to noticeably show the effects of frost.

S. Mann returned on Friday evening from a trip to Texas, where he went in the interest of one of his sons who is thinking possibly of locating there. He reports the section visited as having a fertile soil and developing very rapidly.

Mrs. Howland has been suffering much lately from a pain, presumably rheumatic or neuralgic, in her knee. It is causing her much distress and interfering much with her work. Her host of friends at home and abroad will hope that she may soon find relief.

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Mr. Staat joined his family here early in the week and will remain with them until their return north, which will be in about a week. The Staats were about the first of the winter visitors to arrive, and made a good stay. They are much pleased with Fairhope and, we trust, will come again.

J. B. Barber is expecting the arrival daily of a shipment of ten pullets and a cockerel, White Plymouth Rocks, from the famous breeder, U. R. Fishel of Hope, Indiana. These cost Mr. Barber $40, beside express charges. Mr. Fishel has sold several birds as high as $500 to $800, and has actually refused $1000 for one.

Dr. Greeno, at the meeting of the county commissioners, gave his report upon the improvement of the road running south from Brown's mill and secured a settlement with the board; but the condition of the county treasury was such that he could secure no appropriation for Fairhope avenue. There is reason to hope, however, that after June 1st some help may be secured upon it.

Mr. Wright and Mrs. Dayton were married on March 29 at the residence of Mr. Staples, Rev. Breckenridge officiating. We understand the wedding was not scheduled for so early a date, but was hastened by the illness of the groom. Both parties are among our appreciated winter visitors, and the Courier would be glad should they decide to make their home here.

Wm. L. Heller, long interested in Fairhope and for some time a member of the Corporation, arrived on Tuesday evening to cast his lot with us. Mr. Heller visited Fairhope about four years ago, and has ever since been planning to return. He is a young man full of of energy and with a good deal of business experience, and we expect him to be of much help to us. He is already busily considering opportunities for profitably employing his time and capital.

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A. W. Hawks, better known as "Sunshine Hawks," a noted lecturer, who is filling his second engagement with the Citronelle Chautauqua, is an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Comings, and through their efforts has been secured for a lecture at Fairhope. He will speak at the Christian church, this, Friday, evening, at 8 p. m., on "Sunshine and Shadow," one of the most popular of his lectures. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

A "norther" swooped down upon us on Saturday night and came very near doing us damage which would have been almost as severe as the September storm. By Monday morning the temperature dropped to thirty-four degrees, as reported by several, and Mr. Van Bendegom even reported a very thin skim of ice at his place. It was a very close call for the crops, which have been doing so well and are so much beyond this date in ordinary seasons. The weather bureau reported ice in northern Alabama, and frost as far south as Jacksonville, Florida.

Orrie Stapleton of Daphne has purchased the G. G. Black lot and cottage on Section street. We presume this is a step toward Mr. Stapleton's coming to Fairhope, for which he has been planning for some time. The property is not within the colony, but is owned in fee simple. The price, as reported to the Courier, was not nearly so good a proportion of the cost of both lot and improvements as has been realized from investments in improvements upon colony land.

The "Peek family" entertainment at the church on last Friday evening proved quite amusing and enjoyable. The ice cream supper following was well patronized.

Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Towner's daughter, arrived last evening with two children.

Will Dealy returned home this week.

Money for Wharf from Alaska.

One of the largest subscriptions toward the rebuilding of the wharf was received last week all the way from Alaska. It was from A. R. Mackintosh, Haines, Alaska, and was for $450. Other subscriptions received which have not been reported in the Courier are:

E. E. Revenaugh, Detroit....$10 00
G. E. Charles, Mt. Kisco, N.Y. 5 00
F. B. Long, Minneapolis... .. 3 00

The floor of the wharf has been completed and work is now being done on the railing. The track has also been widened so that the two new broad-gauge cars are available for use.

Mr. Mershon is putting up the walk around the north end of the ner warehouse.

Help for Capt. Lawrence.

n Brown of Hurricane, Ala. ises the proposition of Mr. Burn- of Chicago to give $5 to the Geo. Lawrence fund, and will his money in as soon as he can o a money-order office.

PLEASURE BAY SINKS.

The handsome bay steamer, Pleasure Bay, operated by the bay Steam ship Company in the Eastern Shore trade, sank in the river near the Pinto Pass docks early yesterday as a result of an accident that happened on board while workmen were engaged in stepping the after mast in the vessel.

According to a statement made concerning the sinking of the vessel it seems that the mast was well above the mast hole when the block and tackle gave way. The heavy mast shot downward and passed through the bottom of the Pleasure Bay making a hole which caused her to fill rapidly.

Within ten minutes after the accident the Pleasure Bay settled upon the bottom of the river in thirty feet of water.

There were only a few workmen on the steamer at the time of the accident No one was hurt. The extent of damage to the hull of the vessel cannot be ascertained until she is raised. It was said that the damage to interior furnishing of the Pleasure Bay would be considerable and that the docking company would suffer heavily financially in raising the vessel, repairing the damage and through loss of time caused by the sinking of the steamer.

The only part of the steamer visible is the smokestack and the top of the pilot house and after mast.

—Mobile Daily Item, Sunday, 3-31.

Don't forget the V. I. C. ice cream social at the church on next Tuesday evening. Everybody is expected.

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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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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 long distance connection.

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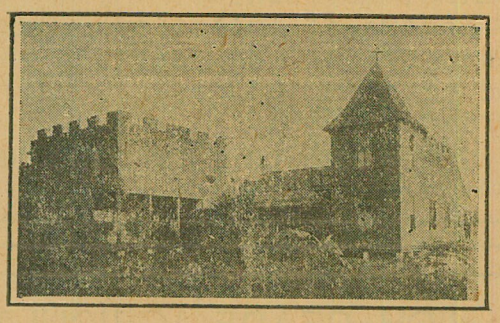

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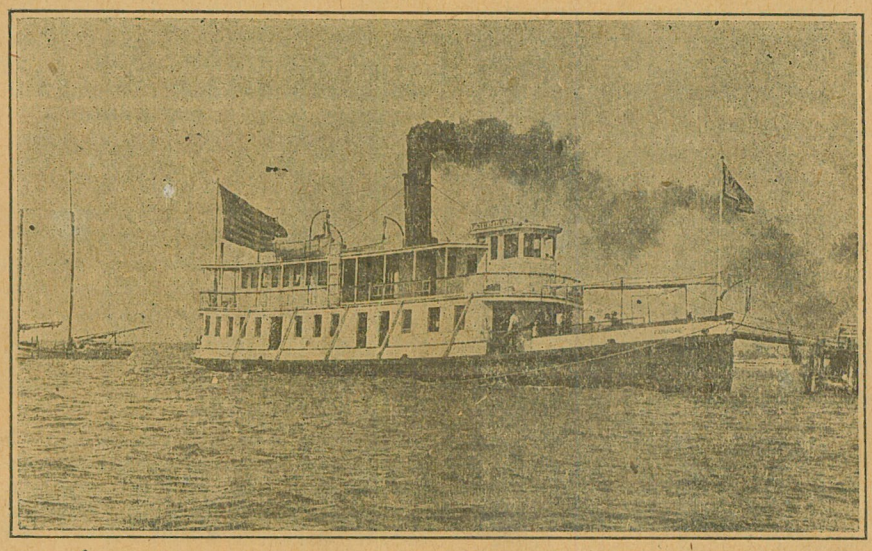

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Commenting upon Mr. Carnegie's attack upon Wall street stock speculators, The Commoner (Bryan's) said:

"It is true, as Mr. Carnegie says, 'Wall street is not all of America.' It would have been better for the American people if Mr. Carnegie had long ago spoken frankly, yet his plain talk is bound to have considerable effect for it will tend to open eyes that have long been blinded. But while the American people are curing themselves of the notion that Wall street is 'all of America,' it will not do for them to close their eyes to the iniquity of the system which has made Mr. Carnegie's wealth possible.

"In its issue of May 18, 1902, the Chicago Tribune, Republican, had an unusually interesting editorial entitled 'The Arrogance of Wealth.' The Tribune was considerably disturbed because Andrew Carnegie had offered to pay $20,000,000 for the Phiippine islands provided only that he was permitted to assure the Filipinos that they would be given their independence. The Tribune said that the steel magnate 'has tried the patience of his friends severely in some of his late bids for notoriety.' The Tribune thought that Mr. Carnegie was constantly posing. It said he has 'scattered libraries broadly through the country, all of which are to be called for him, and every one of them is a "contribution to the conscience fund."' Then the Tribune explained:

"'Mr. Carnegie made his money in a magnificent way, but he should never forget that he made it through the undue favoritism of the government of the United States. Owing to the discrimination practiced in his favor by the tariff, he was enabled to amass a fortune of two hundred millions of dollars or more, most of which came out of the pockets of his countrymen through the operation of unequal laws. Much has been said of the benefit arising to the workingmen from the establishment of the Carnegie works. The beneficent tariff system permitted the works to survive and flourish, but there are some people who have not forgotten the Homestead strike, nor the outrageous manner in which the workmen were treated at that time by employers whose brutality has seldom been exceeded in the history of labor agitations.'"

"While thanking Mr. C. for his blunt speech with respect to Wall street, one could wish that he would contribute to the welfare of the American people, and increase the sum of his own happiness by telling the truth concerning the 'undue favoritism' through which his own millions were acquired."

Bolton Hall Instructs Item.

The communication of Mr. Allen to the Chicago Daily Socialist, upon which we commented in a recent issue, was also printed in the Mobile Item. A copy sent to Bolton Hall elicited the following response:

"To the Editor of The Item:

Some kicker sent me a marked copy of your article of March 24 entitled 'Tribute to Fairhope,' in which you say: 'In the case of a few of the colonists, their state and county tax on their houses amounts to several dollars more than the tax the colony receives from the rent on the ground they occupy. Of course this is a direct loss to the colony and must be made up by the poorer members of the colony, who possess so little property that their state and county tax amounts to little or nothing. These and other matters which are causes of discord will no doubt be adjusted soon.'

"These matters will be adjusted just as soon as the colonists themselves get rid of the foolish notion that the poor among the rent-payers are robbed because the rich man's taxes are paid out of the rent.

"When the poor man has paid his rent in an ordinary place it is all a dead loss to him, but in Fairhope public improvements are provided out of the rent and his taxes are paid also. It is no injury to him that some one else gets more benefit than he, when he is better off under that system than elsewhere.

Marie Howland

"The real trouble is that some of the tenants want to keep some of the 'unearned increment' and be little landlords—on land that other people have bought and placed in trust so that there shall be no private takers of rent.

Yours very truly,

Bolton Hall.

New York, April 4, 1907."

The Chicago Election.

FROM THE PUBLIC.

The defeat of Mayor Dunne for re-election, and the adoption of the traction ordinances by referendum vote, resulted from the most complete union of low political, exclusive social and high financial forces ever effected in an American city.

New York and Chicago financiers interested in the adoption of traction ordinances garnished with millions of graft, contributed a corruption fund of gigantic proportions. Ward bosses and heelers of both political parties and of the worst type that slum politics produces, placed this fund with unerring judgment and a free hand. The thieves and gamblers, the dive-keepers and the brokers in prostitution, all the pathetic mass of degraded humanity that makes up a world of its own, a world of vice and crime, "the underworld" as it is called, which cares for no other distinctions in politics than such as make for or against "an open town" and "easy money," rallied to the call of local leaders, partly for cash and partly from confidence in Mr. Busse's favorable intentions, but chiefly in resentment at Mayor Dunne for his rigid administration, under which, as Graham Taylor of Chicago Commons testifies, "Chicago has had stricter regulation and suppression of vice than in many years." Fused with this corrupt and corrupting combination of hoodlumism and high finance, were pretentious business groups of the Loop and exlusive social coteries of the Drive; and into the mixture the "goo-goo" press and municipal reformers, throwing their reform traditions and responsibilities to the winds, cast their whole collection of dupes. Such was the extraordinarily complete financial, social and political mixture with which the city of Chicago was "doped" on election day.

The new City Council is Democratic by 38 to 32. But as at least 17 of the 38 Democrats will join the "better element" of Republicans whenever both are wanted by the corporations, while only 3 of the 32 Republicans are likely to balk at such a combination, the Council may be described as having a Democratic majority of 38 to 32, but a corporation majority of 46 to 24.

Upon This We're All Agreed.

Upon one subject all who know of Fairhope are, we believe, agreed. That is, that it is an ideal place for a home for those going down the shady side of life: retired business men, farmers or professional men who have learned to value the incidents of life at their true worth; who value comfort, peace, simplicity, and friends who will cherish them for what they are, not for what they may have.

If such have an income sufficient to cover their needs—or with the aid of a garden, a few chickens and perhaps a cow—which indeed those whose fortunes are ample still need to give them wholesome occupation and interest, Fairhope affords ideal conditions of climate, healthfulness, intelligent and sociable people.

If they are interested in the great reforms for which Fairhopers contend and the benefits of which it is their purpose to practically demonstrate, no other place on earth can begin to compare with ours.

The Courier fully believes that Fairhope is a good place for all classes of people—whose presence would be desirable anywhere, but undoubtedly it has especial advantages for those we have mentioned, and we can refer to many such now here, for confirmation.

Philadelphia Vacant Lots Work.

We are in receipt of the tenth annual report of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association, and find it very interesting reading. A "foreword by the directors" shows that they, as well as the superintendents, Messrs. Powell and Dix, appreciate fully the importance of the land question. Say they:

"'Back to the land' is at the very heart of the lesson which our work emphasizes; and 'Back to the land' should be the watchword of all who are striving to deal with the important questions of securing employment for and bettering the social and moral conditions of the disease-breeding, crime-increasing masses in congested centres. James F. Lake is not far wrong when he declares, 'God and Nature are for us; and some day the slums will be closed, and men, women and children will live out in God's great, beautiful, sunlit world, each with his feet under his own table, and under the shade of his own vine and fig tree.'

"Established health, restored manhood and enlarged possibilities for making an honorable living are some of the blessings which come to those who intelligently and energetically cultivate the soil. No thoughtful person can read this report without realizing something of the importance of the work in which we are engaged, and something of its vast possibilites, if rightly developed.

"All honor to the devoted men who, like our superintendents, are seeking to make farm labor not only productive, but attractive; who conclusively demonstrate the fact that intensive farming pays, and that one acre of land, properly cultivated, will produce as much or more than ten acres as ordinarily cared for.

"Emerson is right: 'I believe in a spade and an acre of ground. Whoso cuts a straight path to his own living by the help of God, in the sun and rain and sprouting grain, seems to me to be a universal working man. He solves the problem of life, not for one, but for all men of sound body.'"

Gardens were provided this year for 800 families. The total value of the product was estimated at $52,000, or an average per family of $65. The eagerness to secure land for cultivation is interesting and pathetic. Upon this subject the superintendent says in his report:

"To give a faint idea of the enthusiasm shown, let me relate an incident which occurred one day early last spring:

"It was announced that on a certain afternoon the gardens in a particular farm would be assigned. Not only those who had worked gardens there the previous year and knew from personal experience of the benefit the gardens had been, but also those who had heard such good reports from the former work, gathered in groups on the land and at various places along the street approaching the farm, discussing the matter, for an hour or more before the arrival of the superintendent. When he was seen approaching, the various groups rushed upon him; and when he announced that he would receive applications at a certain shanty, located on the grounds, the rush for the shanty was so great that it was some time before enough order could be restored to assign any gardens intelligently, so anxious were those on the outside of the crowd to get near enough to the superintendent to place their application.

"It was impossible, with the limited quantity of land which had been loaned us in that section, to assign gardens to all who applied; although, in order to let as many as possible have gardens, some of the land was divided into about one half the usual size. Quite a number had to be turned away altogether, and expressions of disappointment and regret were upon the faces of the unsuccessful applicants. This conveys only a faint idea of what the gardens mean to many of these people."

It is a practical and noble work this association is doing. We would that it could be duplicated in every city in the country.

Fairhope is doing such a work too—not in the centers of population, where the need for such assistance is greatest, it is true, but with the great advantage that our lands are not loaned by non-using owners and subject to withdrawal without notice, as are most of the Philadelphia lands, but secured to the users in practically permanent possession by our 99-year leases.

Whom the Gods Would Destroy They First Make Mad.

The Minneapolis Journal, Republican, thus testifies to the service of E. H. Harriman to the cause of government ownership:

"The testimony of E. H. Harriman before the interstate commission has probably done more to dignify the issue of government ownership of railroads raised by W. J. Bryan, than any other one thing that could have happened. The public was inclined to treat Mr. Bryan's remarks on his return to this country as further evidence that the Democratic leader was too shallow to be trusted with the presidency. It was put down, along with his radicalism on the money question, as indicating a mind economically unsound; and Mr. Bryan lost prestige very rapidly.

"The public, in jumping so hard upon Mr. Bryan, had evidently overlooked the fact that he had just come from a tour of Europe, where the very system of railroad management which he advocated is in practice. In Germany the imperial government owns and operates a number of through lines, while the different states own many connecting branch lines. Government ownership of railroads is spreading in Europe. It prevails in Austria, where the zone system of tariffs has also obtained vogue. Russia has built and is operating her own railroad lines.

"It is true the government in these countries is military in character, and the ownership of railroads was first thought of in connection with the national defence. However, that was merely an incident. The governments, having taken over the railroads, were under the necessity of making them pay. Mr. Bryan observed these things in Europe; and while he was not the first man who had done so, he was the first political leader who attempted to transplant the idea and set it before the American people as an issue.

"It would have remained a chimera of the Nebraska system of political economy without Harriman, but plus Harriman it is discussed with soberness. Coupled with the disconcerting testimony of Harriman comes the complaint of C. S. Mellen, railroad president, that the new rate law is punitive rather than protective. Between the two, one begins to see dimly that the railroad question is far from settled. If the railroad presidents are content neither to use the new law nor to depart from the old practice, the remedy must be more and more drastic law, or the wiping out of private ownership. What the railroad men do not appear to be able to see is that the people, having put their hand to the plow, will not turn back. They will give private ownership a fair trial, but no railroad president need imagine for a moment that the people would not as soon go forward to the unknown perils of government ownership as back to the humiliations of the private ownership of the past, to wit: the very kind about which Mr. Harriman testifies with such hardihood."

Reduced Fares Bring Increased Profits.

While the Alabama railroads are protesting against the 2½ cent passenger rate fixed by the legislature as being "ruinous" and "confiscatory," we note that the Pennsylvania R. R., which a short time since began the sale of thousand mile books at $20 each, as an experiment, has admitted that it has greatly stimulated travel and increased the road's revenues. The same has been true of a like experiment by the New Haven railroad.

Initiative and Referendum.

Slowly, but surely, the ideas of Thomar Jefferson are being crystallized into law. He was the greatest philosopher that ever devoted a life to politics. In many things—slavery and its abolition, for instance—he was decades ahead of his time, in others centuries ahead. The latest case of a legislature placing one of his century neglected ideas upon the statute books is the law just passed by the Missouri legislature providing for the initiative and referendum. This scheme makes every voter a legislator, and hereafter in the imperial commonwealth of Missouri the voters themselves will pass upon every important statute by using the referendum machinery and can inaugurate new legislation by using the initiative machinery. It has been tried elsewhere and worked well. The combined initiative and referendum will do more to eliminate the boss, wire puller and lobbyist than all other causes combined, and will also cause the average voter to take more interest in legislation than he has hitherto taken, all of which is greatly to be desired. Gradually the people are working out the vast and difficult scheme of self government and solving the new and intricate problems which confront them.—Champ Clark's Letter.

W. W. Kile of Dayton, O. arrived on Sunday and is looking over the ground with a view to locating. Mr. Kile has been a Single Taxer for many years, and through the Courier has become greatly interested in Fairhope. He has recently disposed of his business, having reached an age when he needs rest from active business life, and should find Fairhope just the place he needs and be of much help to us. Mr. Kile fell in, on the route, with some land-seekers bound to points on the Bay Minette and Fort Morgan road, and came down that line as far as Summerdale, whence he was driven across to Fairhope. We always feel an especial assurance that people coming in that way will be pleased with Fairhope, for Fairhope shines best, not in comparison with old and wealthy villages of the North but with towns of like age and size in the South.

The last congress increased the salaries of congressmen from $5,000 to $7,500. It was argued that expense of living has so increased that a congressman could not live decently on $5,000 a year. But the average earnings of wage-workers—we had better say "incomes," for they notoriously "earn" far more than they get—is under $500 a year. Congressmen do not seem at all concerned over increasing the earnings of wage-workers; and why should they, when wage-earners, without protest, accept as right and proper a condition under which their servants, those whom they elect to do their business, receive fifteen times—and upwards—as much as they themselves get.

A Guernsey heifer tested by the Wisconsin agricultural station, calved at two and one-half years old and within one year thereafter gave 11,275.5 pounds of milk. Her yield was 1,060.5 pounds the first month and 732.3 pounds the last month. The total butter fat was 638.49 pounds. "Blood will tell," and some such blood as this should be infused into our Baldwin county cows.

Bay Minette voted in favor of incorporation on last Saturday by a vote of 48 to 8. The size of the vote indicates either very little interest in the matter or that a small proportion of the adult males of the county-seat possessed the qualifications of being land-owners, as well as registered electors. Had it not been for the amending of the law by the last legislature the vote would have been insufficient.

The Club Corner

Edited by Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings

There have been no regular meetings of the

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

during the past two months; but a very successful Memorial was held at the church, and also a Gold Medal Contest, where the competition was so keen that it was finally decided to award medals to both Laurence Barnhart and Irene Bell. These two, with Anna May Oswalt, Uhlma Hail and Alfred Shepherd, who have won medals in former contests, are expected to take part in a Grand Gold Medal Contest at Citronelle, April 12th.

At the January meeting of the

HENRY GEORGE CLUB

two chapters of "Natural Taxation," "Taxation of Women and Children," and "Taxation of Improvements" were read and discussed. At the February meeting Mr. Lyon was to have reviewed two chapters, but, as he was out of town, the club decided to ask him to embody this review in his talk to be given at the evening meeting at Mrs. Bancroft's on April 19th. The March social at Mrs. Powell's was addressed by Mr. Geo. Bancroft on "Indirect Taxation," followed by discussion and a brief explanation of the Single Tax principle by Mr. Albright. After a short musical program, pumpkin pie was served and everybody participated in a social hour.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

The V. I. C. have been largely engaged in clearing up the parks, having devoted two days to the work with volunteer help, closing with a picnic supper each day, and later helping about the church grounds at a meeting called by Mr. Lyon, this, too, having a picnic supper at the close, provided by the ladies of the church. The parks have been greatly improved by the clearing and burning, which was so sorely needed after the severe fall storm.

The March social at the hotel was well attended, and all seemed to enjoy the program and refreshments provided. Mrs. Bancroft recited "The Puffer Twins," from "The Resurrection of Cynthia," in her usual happy manner. Mr. Albright gave "My Native Home," and responded to an encore with a musically accompanied recitation, Mrs. Pilcher at the piano. Mrs. Woodruff, who was so helpful at all entertainments while with us, sang and Miss Jellison played.

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

have given up the building occupied by them during the past year and headquarters will be at the home of Mrs. T. N. Freeman for the present. All materials and articles for sale will be kept there. A National Arts and Crafts Society has been formed and the Fairhope Society invited to join, which we hope to be able to do at some future time.

The general object of the League is to bring together the various Societies who are working for the same general purpose; to provide a small traveling exhibit, which could serve as a set of standards; to provide traveling libraries of technical hand books and of photographs; to arrange, in co-operation with local Societies, large exhibitions in various centers; to revive Handicraft as an organ of the League; to arrange courses of lectures through co-operation so that the various Societies can secure the leading lecturers at a minimum cost etc. etc.

Pertinent Inquiries and Suggestions Regarding Taxation.

FROM AN UNSIGNED CIRCULAR.

"Ought a man to be taxed for improving his property, and thereby improving the city?

"Is it better to tax producers for making goods abundant and giving employment to labor, or to tax speculators for making land scarce and keeping men idle?

"Why should home-seekers be forced to the outskirts when there are hundreds of good vacant acres in the city?

"Do not the many vacant lots increase the cost of roads, sewers, and other services to reach the people who have been forced to the outskirts?

"Why not seek our taxes (public revenue) where the speculator gathers his riches—namely land values?

"Public improvements add nothing to the value of houses, goods or labor. Then why should these things be taxed to pay for public improvements?

"Public improvements do raise the values of land. Then should not the values of land pay for public improvements?

"Would industry and commerce have to pay toll to land speculators if taxes were confined to land values?

"If taxing whiskey makes whiskey harder to get, is not the effect of taxing houses and goods the same?

"Don't you know that if you tax houses and goods you make them dearer and harder to get?

"Do you know that if you tax land values you make land cheaper and easier to get

"Land is the only thing which is cheaper and easier to get when it is taxed heavily and land is the source of our living.

"Why should the man who uses land beneficially be taxed more than the man who holds it idle?

"Increased population requires increased taxation. Increased population causes increased land values. Is not the increased land value in every way suited to satisfy the increased demand for taxes?"

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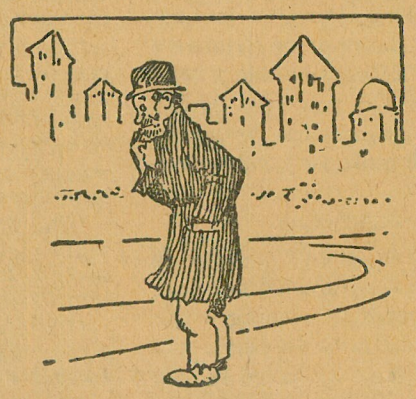
BACK TO HIGH LIFE

By S. E. KISER.

"Ah," said the gentleman with the week's growth of whiskers and the fringed trousers as he stepped from the cross-town car in which he had been able to ride because somebody had conveniently dropped a transfer slip, "there is only one Broadway in the world, and here I am once more. There's the Times building, there's the Astor House, here's the Knickerbocker—yes, yes, it must be so. I am not dreaming. I shall not awake presently to find that I am back in Ohio or Indiana or Michigan or somewhere else away out beyond the farthest limits of God's country. I am here looking down the Great White Way, and I am wide awake and all is well—or all would be well if I had things so arranged that the doors of one of these great buildings would open unto me and servants would bow as I passed in to take my place at a mahogany desk somewhere or to give orders to my secretary and then leave for Asheville or Palm Beach, or some other lovely place far away, knowing



that I might return when I got ready for a new supply of cash. And referring to cash, I wonder now if there is anybody in grand old New York who would be willing to lend me 15 cents for the purpose of purchasing that which is designed to keep body and soul together. It is splendid to be in dear old Broadway, but I am unable to forget that I have not eaten since I left that God-forsaken place they call Ohio. I wonder now why I did not accept the egg sandwich that Cousin Lydia offered me? But no, it was better to spurn her proposal. It would have destroyed my self-respect if I had permitted one who is content to exist in the backwoods, or, I may say in the rear pocket of civilization, to patronize me thus. Better an empty stomach and a full heart in dear old Broadway than affluence where people see green fields, quiet pastures, winding streams, slanted corn shocks and red barns instead of the wonderful panorama that I am now permitted to behold. What a beautiful thing is yon corset sign upon the top of the one-story building with the sheet-iron cornice. And there is a man exercising in a window for the purpose of advertising somebody's pulley arrangement. What poetry of motion. How elevating and how thrilling, withal. I take it, judging from the size of the crowd in front of the window that a good many people beside myself are here without pressing engagements. Let me see? I wonder if there is in this vicinity any man, woman or child with whom I am well enough acquainted to make it reasonable for me to expect assistance in the way of a dime or some contribution approximating that sum? Alas, no! I can think of no one. It may be that here in the Great White Way there is some one who knows me, some one who would be glad if we met to see me. I say it is possible that there is some such person here, but I fear there is not. I am a stranger to all who pass me. They know not whence I came or whither I go. They care not that I am unshaven, for many of them need the service of barbers themselves, and it matters not to them that my trousers need trimming and pressing. Fringed trousers I perceive are not uncommon here. They do not attract attention, nor does a gaunt look appear to compel people to pause for the purpose of expressing sympathy or offering assistance. But why do I permit myself to stand here moralizing dismally? Yonder is a chauffeur endeavoring to run over an old man. Here is a newsboy who has never seen a bathtub. There is a hotel in which people spend tens of thousands of dollars a day. Oh, it is glorious. Now let me think a moment. What shall I do first? I have it. Aleck McDermitt has a job somewhere in the street cleaning department. I will hunt him up and see whether he can't fix it so that I may operate a broom upon the asphalt. 'Tis a lucky thought. Perhaps Aleck's influence will be sufficient to enable him to put me on Broadway or at least in one of the side streets near it. What nobler destiny could any man demand? Poor Cousin Lydia away out there where high life is known only as it filters through the magazines, how I pity her. I will now begin to drop my r's and hie me away in search of Aleck."

HIS INNOCENT WAY

"Yes," said Mrs. Hamvery, gazing fondly across the room at her husband, who beamed blandly, not knowing what was about to befall him at her hands. "Yes, last Tuesday was certainly Billy's busy day for saying and doing the wrong thing!

"Honest, now, Billy," she went on before he could open his mouth to protest, "I wish some time you'd confide in me just how many weeks you devoted to thinking up all those little gems of thought. I know they sounded extemporaneous to our guests, but I knew you had been burning midnight gas or taking time which you should have devoted to stocks and bonds to accumulate them.

"We had the Simpsons to dinner," she explained to the others, who enjoyed watching Hamvery writhe. "Now, I'm not exactly afraid of the Simpsons, but if things are going to go wrong I'd lots prefer that they'd do so when I have guests who are more easy-going.

"Of course, I had all my best things out for the table. I always intend to use good things every day for my own family, but a few of my cherished possessions I am trying to make last as long os possible. Billy spied the napkins first. Now, the monograms on those new napkins are worth their weight in gold, but I opened mine with the nonchalant air of one who was bored by the very sight of exquisite embroidery and had even better ones, inlaid with diamonds, perhaps, put away. Not so, Billy!"

"'Whe-e-e!' he murmured, surveying his napkin admiringly. 'Got those initials done at last, didn't you, Adele? They look fine and certainly are an improvement. You've no idea how she has slaved over those, Mrs. Simpson!'

"At this juncture I broke in with a sprightly remark about the weather, which I elaborated till Billy had finished his soup. When he started to carve the roast he made one or two

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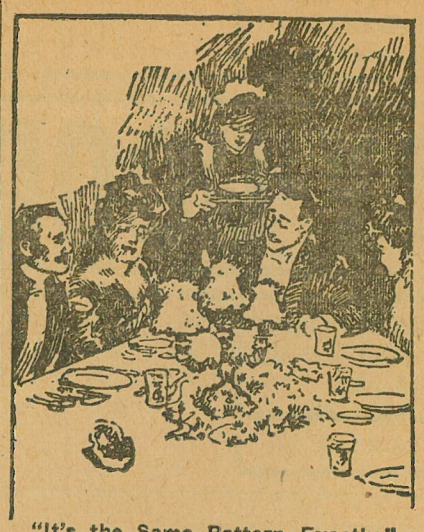
spasmodic jabs with the knife and then sighed patiently.

"'Can't I have the old carving set?' he inquired in an injured tone. 'This



"It's the Same Pattern Exactly."

one is so seldom used that it never gets an edge on it.'

"So I had to sit and smile and see the maid obediently carry away my beautiful $20 carving set and bring on the war-beaten old cheap one that the cook made a mistake and boiled once and baked another time, the processes not especially enhancing its beauty."

"But the knife cuts!" hastily interposed Hamvery for the benefit of the company.

"I didn't see that there was very much else he could say that would be embarrassing," went on Mrs. Hamvery. "But even I did not realize Billy's ability in that direction.

"He paused with the silver serving spoon in his hand when the maid presented the scalloped potatoes. 'Dear me,' he said, 'I didn't know you had a spoon just like your mother's.'

"As it was in fact the same spoon which I had borrowed I was quite able to reassure him that it actually was the same pattern shriveling beneath the comprehending, glassy stare of Mrs. Simpson, who doesn't have to borrow spoons.

"Well, you might have given me a tip beforehand," growled Hamvery, defensively.

"Oh, yes," agreed his wife, sweetly. "And had you exclaim, 'Is this the spoon you said you borrowed from your mother.' If only you would not put on such a beaming, angelically innocent expression when you are about to perpetrate these conversational bombs, dearest! That makes me so utterly helpless! It would be equal to sticking pins into a guileless, prattling babe even to glare at you on those occasions!

"When the Simpsons departed," concluded Mrs. Hamvery, "Billy, like a genial host, was assiduous in helping Mrs. Simpson with her wraps. Her coat hung next to mine. Both were gray, but there the resemblance ceased, for my suit cost $40 and she never paid a cent less than $125 for hers. Any woman could have detected the difference in them a block away, but Billy hesitated over the coat he picked up.

"Is this your coat or Mrs. Simpson's, Adele?' he asked, innocently.

"It was the finishing touch, for Mrs. Simpson prides herself on her clothes being entirely original and unlike any one else's. I know she has hated me ever since!"

"Anyhow," murmured the crushed Hamvery, "they got a mighty good dinner, if I do say it!"—Chicago Daily News.

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Personal and Local

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Summers left for their home in Marshalltown, Ioa., on Thursday morning. The condition of Mr. Summers's health has been such this winter that these excellent people have not been able to mingle much with their friends, and we saw them leave with great regret, fearing that a change to the climate of Iowa might be hard upon him, and, indeed, that we might be parting from him for the last time. We hope that such will not be the case, but that to get back home may do him good and that we may have them with us again.

Harry S. Boutelle of Chicago who has been at Fairhope for the last three months or more, left for home on Thursday morning. Mr. Boutelle (a near relative of Congressman Boutelle, by the way) experienced great improvement in his health while here, and left an ardent friend of our town and its people, leaving also many friends behind him. He is a big-hearted, jovial man who "spreads sunshine" for all about him wherever he goes. We hope to see him back again. His friend Mr. Cohn, also a very pleasant gentleman, left on last Saturday.

Mr. Jones continues to supply the finest kind of cabbage and other vegetables from his garden out at the Smith place. We noted at the store yesterday a lot of his cabbage, fine solid heads, several weighing 7 to 9 pounds each. The "big store" allowed him 3c. a pound for these, so there were single cabbages which brought him nearly 30 cents each. Ought there not to be money in cabbages at such prices?

Mr. and Mrs. Wright left on Thursday morning for Florida parts, not fully decided, we understand, upon their future movements. Mr. Wright has so often expressed his high appreciation of Fairhope, that we are not without hope of their return.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

D. M. BRECKENRIDGE, Pastor.

New Church Service.

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"The girls" have a basket-ball club, and have grounds down in the street between Mr. Wolf's lots and the Ruge place, where they play frequently.

Miss Herring will speak at the Progressive League, next Sunday, 14th, on "The Essential Teaching of New Thought."

The Pleasure Bay was raised last Saturday, and found not to be badly damaged it is reported. She will be out again in ten days or so.

Elzevir Bell went up to Evergreen to the De Wolfs a little while, but has come home ill with malaria.

Negotiations are now in progress looking to the securing of an ice plant at Fairhope, a most important thing, about which we will have more to say as soon as definite arrangements are made.

Dr. Greeno left on Wednesday to take the trip to Tampa on Mr. Slaughter's steamer, the Manteo, which on this trip will return via New Orleans, making the voyage a particularly enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. Comings went to Citronelle on Wednesday morning to attend the Chautauqua Assembly, and will probably not return until Saturday evening. Mrs Comings had a place on the program on Thursday.

Miss Mackley's uncle and aunt, with whom she makes her home, having been unable to come to Fairhope as planned, on account of her aunt's illness, she has returned to Kansas, leaving yesterday morning. We hope they will all come together later.

Mrs. Bancroft, secretary of the V. I. C., has lost her book of minutes of the club, and requests the Courier to announce the loss and ask any one who comes across it to return it to her or leave it at the Courier office.

John McCarthy left for Yonkers, N. Y., on the Mallory steamer the first of the week. Mr. McCarthy was very much pleased with Fairhope and hopes to return, but did not feel justified in locating here at present. His wife and young son Jack will remain, probably until June first.

Some of the farmers about Silver Hill are beginning to make butter on quite an extensive scale, and are partially supplying our local market with butter fully the equal of Illi-

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P. Y. Albright will hereafter be associated with Mr. Gaston in the sale, rental and exchange of properties in Fairhope and vicinity, and will give his attention to such matters. If you have property you wish to sell or rent, or if you wish to buy or rent, get in touch with Albright and Gaston.

Mrs. Bell accompanied to Citronelle, this morning, the following, who will participate in the Gold Medal contest at the Chautauqua auditorium this evening: Irene Bell, Laurence Barnhart, Alfred Shepherd and Uhlma Hail. Here's hoping that one of these will win the medal.

Miss Vera Mershon, having completed a course at the Mobile Business College, has secured a very pleasant position as stenographer for the Title Insurance Company of Mobile. Miss Grace Williams will complete the course soon and already has a position engaged with Rickarby & Dunlap, attorneys.

The Henry George Club meets with Mrs. Gaston next Thursday at 3 p. m. Chapters 11 and 12 of Natural Taxation will be reviewed by Mrs. Jessie H. Bell. On Friday following there will be an evening meeting of the Club at Mrs. Bancroft's. Mr. Lyon will speak upon "License and Special Taxation," followed by discussion and a social time. Everybody invited.

A. O. Berglin, wife and two children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berglin of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Misses Clara and Laura Berglin, Millie Beckner and Goldie Tfffany, and Mr. Otto Berglin made up a party which drove to Bear Point and Perdido Bay, starting March 29. On the way back they spent two or three days at the Berglin camp, near Marlow, arriving home Saturday evening. Although they had some quite cool weather, they enjoyed the fishing, bathing and sailing very much. They attempted to land on the Florida coast, but the wind was too high.

Mr. Albright has been appointed by the governer as a justice of the peace for this precinct and is now prepared to act in civil and criminal matters properly coming under the jurisdiction of a J. P. He will make a specialty of collections. As justice he is competent to perform the marriage ceremony and will be pleased to act in that capacity, either at his office or elsewhere. For the present his office will be at his residence. Mr. Albright has taken a course in law and been admitted to the bar in Wisconsin, so possesses unusual qualifications for the position.

The Library Association met at "The Gables" on Monday evening. The officers were all re-elected save secretary, Wm. L. Heller being elected in place of F. W. Rose. It was decided to proceed immediately with the securing of subscriptions locally, for the rebuilding of the hall, with present provison for the library in connection. Miss Herring and Mr. Paton were appointed a committee to make a canvass, and it is hoped that they will be cordially received by the people. We are sure there is a very general desire to have the hall rebuilt, the lack of it having been greatly felt.

Lawns and dimities, laces and embroideries, etc., etc. Don't put off buying you a new spring dress until the best styles and patterns are picked over, but come now. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Doctor Gibbons celebrated his 73d birthday last Sunday, but is working away on his new cottage next door to Albright's and in his garden, with almost the vigor of youth—a good deal more, in fact, than some youths manifest. The Doctor has taken very kindly to Fairhope: he likes the location, the climate, the people and "the plan," and so makes no mistake in making his home with us.

Christian Church, Sunday, April 14, 07.

Bible School, 9:45.

Preaching Service, 11 a. m. Subject: "The New Birth."

Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m.

Night Services, 7:45. Subject: "Making Melody."

H. G. Sedinger, Minister.

LECTURES BY SUNSHINE HAWKS.

Fairhopers enjoyed a rare treat on last Friday and Sunday evenings in listening to addresses by the famous lecturer, A. W., better known as "Sunshine," Hawks. Mr. Hawks was in this section filling an engagement at the Citronelle Chautauqua, and came to Fairhope upon the invitation of Mrs. Comings—whom he knew years ago as Lydia J. Newcome, before her marriage to Mr. Comings and while she also was on Chautauqua courses.

Mr. Hawks lectured at the church on Friday evening upon "Sunshine and Shadow." Rain during the day and threat of more prevented a large attendance, but those who went enjoyed the lecture immensely. Mr. Hawks has a style all his own,—bright, witty, humorous and pathetic by turns, with a singularly mobile face and a smile which justly entitles him to his sobriquet of "Sunshine." The sermon on Sunday evening was heard by an audience which taxed the capacity of the building. Mr. Hawks left on Monday morning. He expressed himself as greatly interested in Fairhope policies and charmed with our people and location. He repeatedly exclaimed that we were "not advertised enough." We shall look to him to help advertise our attractions and hope he will pursue his study further of the policies which we are applying here.

Another Excursion to Fort Morgan.

The steamer Fairhope will make another excursion from Mobile to Fort Morgan, on next Sunday, leaving Mobile at 8:30 a. m., and arriving back there at about 6 p. m. She will leave Fairhope for Mobile at 6 a. m., and any who wish to go from Fairhope on the excursion can do so, or if they want to go to Mobile on Sunday morning this will give them opportunity to do so.

Notice.

Professor W. T. Clarke of Auburn College will lecture on the diseases of fruit trees and their control, at 7:30 Tuesday evening, April 16, 1907, at Beach Hotel, Battles.

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We reported about six weeks ago, that our chicken raisers were finding a ready market for broilers, a pound to a pound and a half in weight, at 22½ to 25 cents a pound. Mr. Goddard informed us on Wednesday that broilers are now bringing 35 cents a pound, and in keen demand, and that fat old hens are bringing 15 cents a pound at Mobile: These are wholesale, not retail prices. If poultry is not profitable at these prices, pray tell us where it is profitable.

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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.

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CHORUS:

I am living on Colony ground,
I've come here now to stay;
For the roses bloom throughout the year
And the birds are bright and gay.

(CHORUS)

Health is here, and happiness,
And freedom from strife and care;
For land is not monopolized,
And the rentals are just and fair.

(CHORUS)

We have come from all the Northern states,
We've come from Southern states, too;
Our aim is ever to do the right,
And our purpose is firm and true.

(CHORUS)

We are planning to build us homes,
With rafter and shingle and beam;
"The earth is the Lord's" is our motto,
And "Single Tax" is our theme.

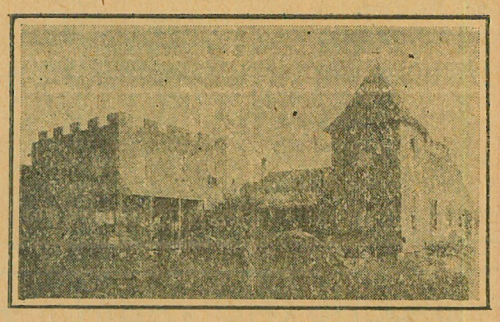
(CHORUS)

The world is invited to come here—
The honest, the brave and the free;
The poor of the earth are welcome
In this city beside the sea.

(CHORUS)

Fairhope. FRED. O. WHITE.

More blustery and unseasonable weather Another "norther" descended on us on Monday night and continued throughout Tuesday and Wednesday The temperature did not reach the danger point, but the strong cold wind was quite discouraging to beans and other tender vegetation. Up in Lowndes County an unprecedented hail and wind storm did great damage to growing crops. At Letohatchie hail fell for fifteen minutes, many of the stones being as large as hen eggs. Such are the obstacles which those who produce wealth first-handed from the soil must encounter, and nowhere is there freedom from them.



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Religious Teachers Need Course in Ethics.

A correspondent of the Christian Standard urges the importance of the church getting in "on the ground floor." He says:

"In every new community there is a large percentage of the people that are members of some Protestant church, and the first church that is established gets their support, and in turn helps to build up the community. There is another decided advantage that must not be overlooked: the advantage of buying a building and parsonage lot while the land is comparatively cheap. It is safe to say that if some of the city churches which have now moved out of the central district into the residence district, had retained their hold upon the old lot which they purchased in the early period of the city's history, the income from that lot would now be paying a large part of the running expense of the church. Church property acquired in the beginning becomes immensely valuable in the later growth of a city. This fact, together with the fact of the added prestige that comes to the work from having been first on the ground to care for the interests of the people, makes it immensely important that the American Christian Missionary Society be given sufficient money to enable them to locate good, efficient workers in the new fields, for 'from this sowing a bounteous harvest will come.'"

The gentleman may be safely credited with wholly good intentions in his suggestions, but he has probably never stopped to think what it really means that the income from these early and cheaply acquired lots "would now be paying a large part of the current expense of the church." If he would stop to think, he would see that the church would thus be levying enforced tribute upon unwilling unbelievers, and sufficient thought should lead him to see the truth that a system which permits those who early get into communities and secure choice sites at nominal prices which afterwards become very valuable because of the increased need of more people for sites for homes and opportunities for making a livelihood, is essentially unchristian and, indeed, the fundamentally greatest cause of the evils against which the church wages so apparently hopeless a fight.

For every dollar possible to be thus realized by the church, a hundred, yes, a thousand will be reaped by individuals—and every dollar reaped without the rendering of an equivalent by the receiver, in the highest moral sense, a stolen dollar.

The great need of the church and its teachers is the cultivation of a discriminating ethical sense which will recognize the essential wickedness of taking without giving an equivalent—whether by the nimble fingers of the pickpocket, the violence of the highwayman, or by the usages of society—no more righteous because sanctioned by law.

"Fairhope the Beginning from Which Single Tax Must Spread."

FRIEND GASTON:

I read everything in every issue of the COURIER with the greatest interest, and you know that I look upon Fairhope as the beginning from which Single Tax *must* grow and spread, notwithstanding the payment out of the community's rent fund, of the fines imposed by the state and county on improvements, and the even worse drawback of the inflated prices which all have to pay upon all purchases, thus compulsorily buying taxes and profits on taxes indirectly imposed and finally landing on the consumer.

It is strange to note the persistence of the idea that the community's payment of taxes on improvements and movables imposed by the state and county, gives the large owner an advantage over the small owner; or rather, that the small owner is paying the taxes of the large owner. This is due, I think, to the inability of some people to understand the fundamental fact that the single tax is not a tax at all, but simply a payment to the community for value received from the community. The payment out of this fund of the above taxes simply reduces the communi.y's fund; but the removal by this means of fines on improvements and movables from all alike, rich and poor, is certainly nothing but evening up. If a rich man had to carry around a stone weighing 150lb and a poor man one weighing 25lb, and the community relieved both by furnishing a cart to haul the load and comply with the idiotic law, some of the kickers would cry out that they were getting the worst of it, because they had been relievd of a smaller load than the richer fellows; whereas it certainly would be nothing but taking everybody's load off and leaving everybody free and equal as to opportunity.

Hew to the line. Take all the economic rent, as near as it can be got at. Keep on with the community cart hauling the loads taken off each and every one. Let the soreheads go somewhere else and kick.

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Sincerely yours,

New Orleans, La. JOHN S. WATTERS.

Sound Reasoning of Single Taxer.

EDITOR FAIRHOPE COURIER:

From time to time I have seen and heard criticisms of the Fairhope policy of paying, out of the ground-rent fund collected, the taxes levied by county and state on the individuals renting the colony land. Sometimes, I regret to say, this criticism has come from Single Taxers.

To me this seems an absolutely necessary essential of the Fairhope plan; which as I understand it, is to get as near to the Single Tax principle of taxation as the present laws will allow.

Those who are not Single Taxers, and who look at this question from an entirely different standpoint from us, may be pardoned for thinking that this gives one individual an advantage over another; but for a Single Taxer to hold such views seems to me to be like denying his faith.

And both Single Taxer and non-Single Taxer ought to be able to see that as far as the effect on the net revenue of the colony goes, it matters little whether the taxes by the county and state are levied as now, or as they ought to be, only on land values. For the county and state must be supported, and the revenue must be raised from the various subordinate bodies; and it is probable that if the taxes were levied on land values alone, the share that Fairhope would have to pay, would not differ very materially from what it has to pay now, under a system which also taxes improvements; and the net revenue left to Fairhope would still be the same.

The essential thing is that the individual shall pay into the public treasury the full value of the ground he occupies, and that he shall not be penalized for improving the land.

The argument which is often used against this plan, "that sometime some one might come to Fairhope, and seeing the advatages that the plan offers to improvers, might make improvements on so vast a scale that the taxes levied thereon by county and state would bankrupt the Fairhope treasury," is a preposterous one. It wouldn't work that way. I think the best thing that could be wished Fairhope is that such a thing might happen.

Yours truly,

Philadelphia, Pa. HAROLD SUDELL.

M. M. Cope writes: "That is a good one about Carnegie wanting a 'sure thing.' Somehow it seems to me if that was brought to his attention, in just the right way, he would get some light; and perhaps double the Fels gift to the library. Can't some one approach him who has a nice Scotch accent?" We're afraid that Mr. Carnegie is a hopeless case, so far as getting him to see that his wealth was unfairly acquired, or to offer any money for a library at Fairhope on terms that we could afford to accept.

Mr. Fels says in a letter to the editor: "You will be glad to know that taxation of land values here does seem to be making headway, in many directions."

Mrs T O White 10 1 06

State Assessment Board After Local Assessing Board.

The state board on tax assessments provided for by the last legislature, was in Mobile this week, and came down hard on the county road and revenue board. The chairman informed the local board that the state board would expect an increase of fifteen to twenty millions in Mobile county assessments; and "unless you give us this increase, it will be the duty of the state board to return to Mobile and make the raises for you." According to the report in the Register, the chairman of the state board talked very frankly and plainly to the local board. A hasty review of the assessment rolls and late transfers of property had been made and the two compared, showing startling discrepancies.

Property in the country district which was assessed uniformly at $1.50 an acre, having been reduced by the county board from $2.50 to $1.50 since last year's storm, had been sold at prices ranging from $5 to $15. A Government street house assessed at $10,000 was sold for $35,000. Another, assessed at $4000, sold for $14,000. Two valuable pieces of business property on Royal street, adjoining and with about the same frontage, were assessed, one at $25,000 and the other at $50,000; and either piece worth $125,000 to $150,000. One piece of business property was assessed at $125,000, while the cost of construction of the building was estimated at $350,000. Another similar property was assessed at $45,000, while a vacant lot recently sold for the same business brought $200,000. A property in the residence district, assessed at $4500, had recently sold at public outcry for $27,500, with a portion of the property reserved. A tract at the head of Government street which sold for $13,500 is assessed at $800—and the difference, no doubt, practically all land value.

Judge Mitchell, of the board, did not think the assessed values would average above thirty per cent of the real value in the county.

The chairman said that he realized that the matter of raising tax assessments was a delicate one; but when property assessed at $10,000 sells for $100,000, "something must be done." He urged the necessity of the assessor being supplied with proper maps and plats of property in the county to make the assessments upon an equal basis; and he was informed that the county now has a contract for the making of such map, and that it will probably be ready for use by next October.

An interesting item is that the chairman of the state board stated that the board had agreed that assessments throughout the state should be uniform, and that sixty per cent of selling value would be a fair rate. Sixty per cent would be a great improvement, no doubt, over assessments as now returned; but unless the law was amended by the last legislature, it requires assessments at actual value, and the board has no authority to countenance a less rate.

To equalize the returns of property for assessment is an important mattter; but to adopt a just basis for assessments, to wit: values which are created by the people as a whole instead of values which are the result of individual effort, is vastly more important.

Rewarding Those Who Get in the Way of Progress

A recent visitor to Fairhope, now in Mobile, gave Mr. Comings when in the city the other day, a personal experience in collecting unearned increment. He sold certain lots for $33,000, payment to be made at a future—but not distant—date. Payment was not made as per agreement, and six months thereafter he gave notice that the "deal was off." Suit was brought to compel him to accept payment and make the transfer, but he won the suit, and then sold half of the land originally bargained for, to the same parties, for $250,000. Does anybody think that this $250,000 was "earned" or was a proper "reward of industry?" No, it was the reward of getting in the way of industry. It is not strange that those who are thus rewarded for getting in the way should support the policy of which this is a natural result, but it is superlatively strange that it should be supported by those who are its victims. So far as numbers are concerned, the victims are many, to one who profits by the policy, and the proportion of victims to beneficiaries is constantly growing. Every census shows a smaller proportion of land owners to population—and only those land owners whose interests as owners are greater than as users, are beneficiaries; but the victims are among the staunchest supporters of the system.

Soon All Be Georgians.

Pretty soon we shall all be Georgians. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, in an editorial upon the reason why the city of London revolted against its progressive County Council, speaks out like an almost fanatic disciple of Henry George, says the St. Louis Mirror. London wouldn't stand the tax involved in the stupendous improvement that were voted by the Council to transform the filthy ancient town into a modern healthy city. The improvements were needed. All agreed as to that. What was the trouble? Why couldn't London stand the cost last year, $119,500,000, of letting in light and air and letting the people out to larger life? London is the richest city in the world. Why wasn't the money forthcoming? Listen to the Post-Dispatch: "They (the County Council) needed money. And they needed, as a matter of justice as well as policy, to get it from those most able to give it. And yet they overlooked the biggest source of income for the city. The landowners of London, as landowners, pay no more today in local taxes then they did in the seventeenth century. American cities assess values in land annually, or at least with great frequency. The land of Great Britain, including the enormously valuable land on which London is built, has not been valued for the purpose of taxation since the year 1692. The landowners of London have shirked every cent of the taxation which they ought to have paid on account of the tremendous increase in values during a period of over two centuries. This amounts to over a hundred millions of dollars a year lost by the city."

Why lost by the city? Because the city made the money by the mere fact of its growth. This money goes into private pockets. It should go into the public treasury. Tax out of the land, for community benefit, what community activities create, and you tax in accord with natural justice. That value is more than enough to enable any Government to remit all the other taxes now imposed. The Post-Dispatch has the clew. If it follows the clew, it will become a great Georgian paper.

Pretty Suburban Home of the Ewalds.

They Have a Good Garden and Good Words for Fairhope

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ewald, in the Fairhope "suburbs," is one of the neatest and most attractive little homes to be seen anywhere around, and we noted there the other day one of the best home gardens we have seen anywhere. For this we presume the credit must mostly be due to Mrs. Ewald and the boys, for Mr. Ewald has been employed this spring in Mobile, at his trade of painter, only getting home over Sunday. Passing that way the other day and being particularly struck with the rich green of the garden, in spite of the dry weather, we asked young Ovid, or "Speedy" as the boys nickname him, what fertilizer was used, and he said nothing but manure—not a pound of commercial fertilizer. "Speedy" was fixing a pen for his sow and pigs, and we could not but think how much better it was for him to be in Fairhope than in some city—to be overworked in some sweatshop or power-driven factory, or running the streets.

Perhaps we will not offend in quoting Mr. Ewald, who did not come to Fairhope as a Single Taxer, but who told the writer the other day: "I remember that you told me once that you reached the Single Tax through Socialism, and I don't know but I am in a fair way to do the same. I see more and more that the land question is at the bottom of all our social problems." And we shall venture also to quote Mrs. Ewald, who said to the editor's wife, after a meeting where Fairhope and its management had been bitterly assailed: "I tell you I don't like this abuse of Fairhope. It hurts me. We never lived in any place which we liked better than Fairhope, and we never did better anywhere else."

New Depot for Mobile.

The people of Mobile and of all this section which travels through Mobile are rejoicing over the completion of the elegant new passenger station, which was dedicated yesterday afternoon. The old depot has been a hissing and a by-word for many years. The new depot is an ornament to the city, with every modern appliance and convenience. It is located on Beauregard street, just at the head of Royal. It is not, however, strictly a "union depot," as yet, for the L. & N. has not yet arranged to run into it, but will probably to so—or be compelled to by the state board of railroad commissioners.

FAIRHOPE PLANING MILL BURNS.

New Planing Mill Built by Mr. Carlson and Being Operated by Mr. Stimpson, Totally Destroyed by Fire.

The planing mill built by Andrew Carlson was discovered to be on fire a little before five o'clock on last Friday evening, and was speedily reduced to a heap of ashes, with the probable total loss of all its machinery and equipment. The fire is supposed to have started from shavings which were being burned on the windward side of the building. Mr. Stimpson and his men had been, throughout the afternoon, burning shavings which the former owner, Mr. Carlson, had allowed to accumulate on all sides of the building. They thought they had protected against any spread of the fire toward the building, by thoroughly wetting down the shavings between those which were burning and the building, and went into the mill and started up the machinery; but it would seem that sparks must have been carried under the building by the wind, for in a few moments they discovered fire to be burning fiercely under the floor.

An alarm brought the fire-fighting apparatus and volunteer firemen upon the scene in a jiffy, but it was seen at once that there was no hope of saving the building or any of the contents. Mr. Howarth, who jumped for his tools immedi-

ately the alarm was given, did succeed in saving them, but Mr. Stimpson lost even his vest with watch, hanging in the building. It was hardly a minute from the time the alarm was given until the whole structure was ablaze.

The fire was intensely hot. The hand chemicals were first on the scene, but the heat was then so great that no one could get near enough to reach the fire with their streams. The hose was coupled on to the hydrant at the water tower, and a fairly good stream of water thrown from the roof of the old shop across the alley, which furnished protection from the heat; but the only good accomplished was to prevent the spread of the fire northward.

Burning brands fell in the tall dry grass near the Black-Stapleton cottage, and threatened to fire that building, but a bucket brigade with plenty of water from the cistern soon removed the danger in that direction.

Most fortunutely the wind was in the north, and the nearest building on the south was some hundreds of feet distant.

The loss of this fine mill is a severe blow to the whole community The machinery was all new, of the very best and latest patterns, and capable of turning out a great variety of building material. The loss also falls heavily on Mr. Stimpson, who had just purchased the mill of the Fairhope Improvement Co. Fortunately the Improvement Company had placed $1000 insurance on the property immediately on coming into possession of it.

It is some comfort to feel that "it might have been worse." It certainly would have been much worse, had the wind been blowing from the opposite direction; and the community can not but feel somewhat relieved from the fear of fire from such a building in the locality, which was ever present.

NEWS OF THE FRATERNAL HOMEMAKERS SOCIETY.

Mr. Paul Tyner, secretary of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society, writes the editor of the Courier, from the Chicago headquarters, giving a report of a meeting held there on April 9th, at which Dr. Wilson was superseded as president and general manager, and his "conduct and course of action at Fairhope utterly repudiated as being in flagrant violation of the spirit and purpose of the society," etc. Judge Wm. S. Gary of Wheaton, Ill., was elected president, and Frederick Reading of Chicago first vice president and general manager.

Mr. Tyner stated that the new manager would proceed to Mobile in a few days to take charge of the society's property and affairs in that vicinity.

Dr. Wilson some time since transferred his field of operations from Fairhope to Mobile county. Twenty acres of Colony land are still held in the name of the society, with improvements of perhaps $200 to $300 in value and one family is on the ground, whether working for the society or not, we are not advised.

As manager Dr. Wilson was claimed to be grossly incompetent; if not worse, affairs here resulted in a row—with personal assaults and charges and counter charges before the nearby magistrate, Squire du Mont..

The Courier has hitherto refrained from comment upon the society's affairs and would not now presume to question the intentions of the promoters or to fix the responsibility for the conditions existing.

We do feel, however, justified in saying that the society has, in our opinion, undertaken a task which it cannot possibly carry to a successful conclusion, viz: to profitably conduct promiscuous industries, with a promiscuous lot of people on a democratic co-operative basis. Poor management would fail in almost any kind of an undertaking, but there is not the slightest reason to hope that any body of people so thrown together will secure or support a management which can accomplish the task this society has set itself.

We are inclined to think that on this account the Fairhope Corporation would better not have accepted the society as a tenant, as it would be quite certain to be reflected upon more or less by the society's probable failure to realize its hopes; but one anticipated result of its movement hither has been a gain to Fairhope of some desirable citizens, who, seeing the favorable conditions for individual effort under the Fairhope plan, have taken leases in their own names. Mr. Horning is one of these; and Messrs. Jos. Christopher and Albert Oldham, young men, have a small holding where they make their home, though employed now in Mobile. Dr. Gibbons also came through the report on Fairhope made by Dr. Wilson, though not a member of the society.

Later information is to the effect that a meeting was held in Mobile, at which the course of Dr. Wilson was thoroughly approved, Mr. Tyner deposed and Dr. R. A. Hail elected secretary.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

An old friend, E. D. Northrup of Ellicottville, N. Y. writes me as follows: Capt, Lawrence should correspond with my friend Franklin H. Heald of Los Angeles, Cal., another victim of Ataxia Motor, who is recovering through a new system of treatment. Sick bodies and souls seek relief through doctors and preachers instead of potent Dame Nature."

April 17, x x x From the north and north east come letters complaining of the deep snow and the cold, and they tell us that our thus far unusually cold April here in Fairhope is the effect of blizzards north of us. To-day the "healing rain" comes softly down to the thirsty earth—not enough as yet, 9 a. m., to wet the earth down more than an inch, but we hope this is but a beginning.

x x x M. B., an old friend in Philadelphia, writes of a young lady there from Japan who is giving lectures, talks, etc. for the benefit of her school in Tokio. Some years ago when here she raised $8000 for a Bryn Mawr scholarship. Thanks to this generous service there is always one Japanese girl in this college. M. B. says she is doing a great deal for Japanese women. Tell her, Mary, to come South and give her talks and lectures here. Alabama is a great Woman's Club state and I believe that our women, and men too, would be glad to do something for her good work. I would like to have her permanent address.

x x x Mrs. Curtis writes interesting letters from Montreal. In the last she says: "Yes, despite the advice given by all who love us, both here and in Fairhope, we shall return just as soon as we can. We are glad that we came, for we would not have missed knowing Arthur's people for anything; but we cannot endure the climate. Just think! the heaviest snowstorm of the winter we are having to-day. The snow covers everything. Think of our dear Alabama with sunshine nearly all the twelve months of the year. If any of us cared for position or money it would be different; but 'tis only deep, true happiness that we seek, with leisure for doing good to those around us. So why *not* go back to our home. I feel that A. is sure to be a help and a light in Fairhope.

" x x x We had such a delightful time at Rosemount last Friday. One of *our* cousins, who has been abroad for the past three years perfecting her voice, gave us one selection after another the whole evening. How gracious and charming she is, and how she can sing! x x Kingsley (the baby) went step by step up the Rosemount stairs to-day. x x x x He went up fast till near the top, when he began to beg to be helped, but we did not touch him. He is eight months old."

x x x What a luxury to have the "city wate"—pure, cool spring water! Another luxury we enjoy in Fairhope is ice cream of the best quality sent to our doors twice a week by our enterprising truck gardener, M. Houston. His polite little boy brings it on his truck wagon, and he does n't look the least dazed if you order only 5c. worth. If I have company, I am extravagant and invest -ten cents!

x x x Surely I have "hosts of friends," as our editor said in the Courier lately. Letters of sympathy come to me almost every day, many of them with suggestions of treatment. I try all of them that I can. I am much better; but the lameness persists.

x x x A party, after the League last Sunday, went out to see Mr. Horning's fine garden. It is only half a mile, and I limped out there with the aid of Bro. Gibbons' cane. Mr. Horning is one of the most progressive, well-read and enterprising of our new accessions—of any accessions, in fact. His gardens are extensive and well cultivated by the best modern appliances. His strawberries, planted in December, rivaled the finest brought to our market this year. Bro. Bellangee is right: it is nonsense that strawberries do better set out in October. He says November, and even December, I think he claims, are far more propitious months.

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HIS "BIGGEST" NEWS STORY

"The biggest story I ever run across while connected with the New York press slept for 20 hours before a newspaper office in the big city had the slightest hint of it, and it was only 30 miles away," said Captain Oscar Harley, the other day. "About four years ago I was suburban reporter for several New York papers, and also for one of the leading papers of New Jersey, at Morristown. One afternoon a couple of county officials came in from Boonton, a village of 5,000, about ten miles from Morristown, and casually remarked that one Bill Hoar, a diver, had gone down into 60 feet of water to fix the sluice gates and had not come up. I telephoned, Boonton and verified the information. There was a man in armor at the bottom of the reservoir, still alive, and 15,000 people standing on the banks watching him pull at the signal ropes, and not a newspaper in the land knew it! I went to the telegraph office on the jump and told the operator to connect me with every newspaper office in New York city. Surprised at such an order, he hesitated. Then I told him to call up the general manager in New York and I would explain. He did so and as soon as the manager understood the nature of the message he instantly gave me right of way. I shot in what I had and then took the next train for Boonton. Among the constantly increasing throng on the banks were the editors of two daily newspapers at Boonton, and they said they were waiting until the man came up before wiring their story! They were correspondents for the city press just the same as I was.

"When my message reached New York it created excitement in all the offices, you may believe. A special train was chartered for the staff writers, and before daylight artists and reporters were busily at work at the unique scene. It was not the loss of a man's life that made it a great story; but the marvelous character of the situation. There was a man, yet alive, 60 feet below the surface of the water, spasmodically twitching a rope which we all could see and no way to help him.

"A diver from New York went down and reported that Hoar's legs were pinioned under a great wooden ball loaded with lead, which he had been trying to roll against the out-take pipe so as to stop the flow of water. For hours he had been compelled to rest his head on his arms to keep from drowning. The diver could not release him, but he put rocks under Hoar's body so as to relieve him from the painful position of holding his head with his arms.

"A cable was let down and attached around the unfortunate man's breast by the diver. Horses were at the other end and they tugged and tugged, but could not release Hoar from the ball which was pressing his legs against the out-take pipe. Then an engine was coupled to the cable and it broke the cable.

"The crowd stayed night and day watching the uncanny scene. The ball could not be rolled off the prostrate man's legs on account of the tremendous force of the water that was pressing it against him. The only thing to do was to repair and shut the sluice gates, which was finally done, and Hoar was brought to the surface dead.

"I made nearly $500 out of the story, because having been first to report it my stuff was given right of way and most of the work done on it was credited to me. One would think it hardly possible that such an item could remain unknown to the world for 20 hours in a populous district like northern New Jersey, but that was the actual case. The country newspaper men who were on the scene were so deeply interested in the peculiar situation that none of them recalled their position as newspaper correspondents. They were printing, of course, in their little dailies detailed accounts of the affair as it progressed, but none of them seemed to grasp the significance of the story for the daily press.

"But after the newsboys got into the game they made Bill Hoar, who nobody knew a week before, the most famous man for the time being on the American continent."

Also a Critic.

Sir Henry Irving, the English actor, once wanted a white horse to use in one of his scenes, but no white horse that was suitable could be got. At last, the London Globe tells the story, a stage hand advised him to apply to a certain distinguished actor-manager, who, he said, had such a horse.

Sir Henry visited the owner, inspected the horse, and the bargain was concluded, but as an afterthought Sir Henry said he trusted the animal was not fractious.

"Not at all, Sir Henry, I assure you; an excellent horse in every way. Why, I rode him night after night, and all I had to complain of was that he would occasionally yawn when I was on the stage."

'Indeed," said Sir Henry, "a bit of a critic, then, evidently."

ADELE'S ARGUMENT

"I don't know of another single subject about which so many fallacies exist as that of feminine oddities," said Adele. As she said it she looked at her husband in a way that meant she was in the mood for a discussion. So he contradicted her at once, just to oblige.

"You can't deny, my dear, that women are less straightforward than men," he said.

She laughed derisively. "Do you really cling to that old theory?" she asked. "If you do, you have simply accepted what has been handed down to you without ever trying to apply it."

"Apply it for me, if you can," he suggested.

"I can give you a dozen examples," Adele replied, loftily.

"One will do," he answered.

"We'll come back to that," said Adele, after a brief pause. "What I was thinking of particularly was that women are supposed to be vainer than men. As a matter of fact, men are twice as fussy about their appearance as women are, and it takes them twice as long to get ready to go anywhere. Another thing. Women are supposed to be more easily flattered than men, and yet every girl in her teens knows how to flatter a man, and how to pretend that she believes his flatteries."

"Yet you said they were more straightforward than men!"

"Don't evade the point at issue," said Adele, severely. "This is something altogether different. If a girl tells a man that he should never wear anything but brown because it suits him so well he will laugh at the idea of her supposing he gives a thought

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to his clothes and remark, carelessly, 'I really hadn't noticed just what color this suit was; it is the weight of the material that guides my selection.' But, if you observe him from that time on you will notice that everything he buys is brown; and he will continue to be brown until some other girl tells him something else.

"Now, on the other hand," continued Adele, warming to her subject, "if a man tells a girl that she should wear a certain color she is pleased to thank him for his advice and compliments his discrimination until he feels that no one has ever realized before his talent along the line of color



"We'll Come Back to That."

schemes. But if you observe the girl you will see that she has paid absolutely no attention to what he said."

"And that proves—"

"That she is not so open to flattery, therefore she is less vain," said Adele triumphantly.

Her husband knew that she is never quite sure where she is coming out when she argues, so he could well understand her satisfaction in having landed at the point for which she had started. He hadn't the heart to show her the obvious hole in her argument, so he said: "But it isn't very straightforward for that girl to pretend she is impressed and then to ignore the advice altogether."

"What about the man who pretends to scorn the suggestion and then acts on it?"

"That would seem to make them equally at fault," he admitted.

"Oh, it's much worse for the man. He is too conceited to acknowledge that he could take a woman's advice. And another fallacy is that women dress only for each other. Men are more impressed by what a woman is wearing than other women are. I can give you plenty of examples of that in my own experience.

"Women are supposed not to be able to argue, too," continued Adele, "and yet I invariably get the better of you in an argument."

"Invariably," her husband promptly agreed. "But you haven't yet given me those cases which prove that women are more straightforward than men."

"Haven't I? Well, I meant to, but there goes the bell and the Dicksons are coming to play cards. I know I can convince you when I get a chance."

But she has avoided the subject ever since.—Chicago Daily News.

Ira Powell Purchases Liverv.

We are glad to report that Ira Powell, who came down from Philadelphia and took charge of the Fairhope Livery, with a view to its purchase if pleased with Fairhope and the business, is so well pleased in both respects, that he has concluded a purchase of the stable and is planing to become one of us. Mr. Powell has taken hold of the business energetically, has already purchased three new rigs and a couple of new horses, and will add others as he finds them to suit. He is giving his personal attention to every detail of the business and is much encouraged. A well equipped and conducted livery is of importance to every other industry of the community--especially to the boat and to our hotels and restaurants--and we are fortunate in having the business in charge of so capable and energetic a gentleman as Mr. Powell.

Mr. Powell expects his wife to join him here in a few weeks. She has been detained by illness of her mother.

"You Never Miss the Water till the Well Runs Dry."

The temporary break in the service of the steamer Fairhope last week, in order to adjust some of her machinery that had interfered with her economic and efficient work, calls to mind the old adage quoted above. The Fairhope Improvement Co. took advantage of the lull in business just previous to the "potato" season to get ready, so that no interruption in the schedule of the steamer would be liable. Prompt and uninterrupted service must be had at the opening of the summer season, when so many depend on her; and the only way to secure it was to "take time by the forelock." We trust there will be no more delay, and should emergency arise a new boat will be put on to make her run.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

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Mr. Lefevre returned to his home at Louisville, Ky., on Thursday after about a month pleasantly spent at Fairhope.

The Turner Lumber Co. is loading a barge of lumber at Volanta. The Fairhope brought the barge over yesterday.

Cow peas are very high. We have some, but they won't last long. If you are in need of any, come in. Mershon Merchandising Co.

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Ernest Swift, who has taken a homestead in Mobile county, near Saraland, is over for a few days, visiting with his parents.

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Lorenz Thielsen was home between boats on Sunday. He says they are pushing work on the Pleasure Bay, and will soon have her ready for service again.

The McCaffertys of Mobile, who occupied one of Mr. Wolf's cottages last summer, and Mr. Andrews and family, have together rented one of the houses for this season.

Mrs. Dr. Borst was over from Silver Hill the last of last week, looking after the Borst property here. They are all well and up to that time the measles had not broken out at Silver Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. M. Stevens left on Wednesday morning for their home at Adel, Ioa., much to the regret of their many friends. While they sold their cottage here, they are counting on coming back and building again.

Manager and Clerk Pilcher of the Fairhope is distributing some very neat calendars printed for him by the Courier job office. They are good specimens of the printing art.

The Fairhope contestants at the gold medal contest at Citronelle last Friday all acquitted themselves well, but the prize was won by a little Fruitdale Miss, Mildred Westover.

T. E. Clarke of Mobile was over a week ago last Sunday with his wife, and rented the Captain McDermaid cottage for the Summer. He was over again last Sunday with some others looking at cottages.

There will be a lawn party and dance for the benefit of the North River Park school, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon and evening, at the Hogesen home, on the Silver Hill road about four miles east of Fairhope.

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Mr. Lefevre, Mr. Fisher and Otto Went had fine luck fishing at Seacliff wharf on Monday morning. They caught in the neighborhood of 100 among them in a little more than two hours. They were mostly croakers and "spots"—not large, but all edible size and very sweet, nice fish.

Strawberries continue to go to Mobile on the Fairhope, being hauled over from Silver Hill. They are of a good quality and bring fair prices, though the cost of hauling that long distance above what it would cost one living close to the wharf, would itself be quite a nice profit.

In spite of unseasonably cool and dry weather, Mr. Horning out at his "Homecroft" farm, has kept his crops coming by constant care and cultivation and has been furnishing the local market some fine strawberries and excellent vegetables. Mr. Horning is a worker and his place shows it.

C. E. Littlefield was over from Mobile from Tuesday evening to Thursday morning, the first time he has spent a week-day at home for a long time. He has been doing an extensive business in the line of concrete work and general contracting. Henry Clare Littlefield is now employed in the offiice of the Bell Telephone Company at Mobile.

Christian Church, Sunday, Apr. 21, 07.

Morning: Bible School, 9:45. Preaching, 11, (followed by the Lord's Supper.)

Evening: Y. P. S. C. E., 7:00. Preaching, 7:45; Subject, "A Beloved Son." (A character sketch.)

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Alligators in Fairhope.

Sportsmen have been quite successful recently hunting alligators in this vicinity. Some three weeks ago Frank Davis killed one, the skin of which he is now curing. Last Sunday Peter Baer, Frank Davis and Roy Wilson killed an alligator, and on Thursday the most thrilling experience of the season occurred back of New Holland, where Messrs. Davis, Baer and Wilson spotted a big 'gator in a pond and decided to capture it alive.

They finally succeeded in hooking Mr. 'Gator on a gopher hook, and started to drag him half a mile or so to the wagon. There was something doing almost every second, and the three were exhausted when they landed their catch in the wagon.

He is now on exhibition in a pen back of the bakery, and Charlie Wilson says he is going to make a pet of him. The alligator seems to stand confinement well and keeps Charlie hustling to find enough feed for him. Mr. Wilson says an alligator requires several pigs, a dog or two and four pickaninnies every day. If very hungry he will eat billy goats and old hogs, so the food supply is right here in great quantity—if it can be caught.

The 'gator has had many visitors, and when tickled in the ribs with a two-by-four he stands up and swears furiously, to the great delight of the small boys.

Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening, with a full attendance of councilmen and President Brown in the chair.

Following bills allowed:

H. J. Rathje for work on water-works $9 30
John A. Patterson, chgs. on water-works mtls..... 2 55
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and Treasurer instructed to, if possible, send N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co. $100 on account.

Bill of Southern Hardware & Supply Co. for materials claimed to have been furnished water-works was referred to Wm. Stimpson.

Letter from Mr. Webb, Corporation attorney, regarding land title matters pending, and secretary instructed to write Mr. Webb to settle same on best terms he could secure and to accept proposition of Bowen estate to allow $40 for 40 acres of land in sec. 27 conveyed prior to conveyance to Mr. Mann, provided another forty cannot be secured in lieu of it.

The value of improvements remaining on portion of lot 6, block 3, div. 1, surrendered by Dr. C. L. Mershon, was, on motion, fixed at $7.

The motion of previous meeting forbidding a livery stable to be built nearer than 100 feet to Fairhope avenue, was reconsidered, and amended to make the distance 50 ft. instead of 100 feet.

Treasurer read letter from George Fredericks demanding refunding of taxes paid on improvements, and it was moved and carried that same be paid.

Mr. Albright, clerk of waterworks, was directed to have water tower repaired.

Moved and carried that Mr. Stimpson take pipe out of well.

Proposition of F. L. Brown to take all lumber cut under his contract with Corporation, not suited for export at a price netting $2.50 per thousand ft., log scale, was accepted.

A special session of the Council was held on Tuesday evening, to consider two applications for lot 6, block 3, division 1: Mr. Christmann for use for a livery stable, and Ira Powell for residence purposes. A protest was also received against the granting of a lot for a livery stable in that locality.

It was moved and carried that both applications be laid upon the table, and the questions be submitted to a vote of the members and lessees whether or not the Council should be authorized to grant any application for a lot for site of a livery stable, on Fairhope avenue between Bay View avenue and School street, such barn to be either fifty feet back from Fairhope avenue or one hundred feet from same. Such propositions to be voted upon, on Thursday evening, April 18th, and printed ballots to be prepared, as usual.

Moved and carried that the Farmers' Union be requested to pay one dollar a month for use of schoolhouse for meetings.

At the election referred to above, the result was as follows:

First; Yes 7, No 38.
Second; Yes 9, No 33.

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Excursion to Spanish Fort, Sunday, April 21st.

The steamer Fairhope will on Sunday make an excursion from Fairhope to Spanish Fort via Mobile. She will leave Fairhope at the usual week-day hour, 7:20 a. m., arriving at Mobile as usual, leaving Mobile ot 9 a. m., and will then proceed to Spanish Fort. Returning, will arrive at Mobile at 5 p. m., and Fairhope at 6:30. Fare for the round trip from Fairhope or Mobile will be 75 cents, children 50 cents. This will give an exceptionally good opportunity to visit this historic spot, the scene of one of the last battles of the civil war; and the ride up the Spanish and Tensaw rivers amid the marshes will be new and novel to those accustomed only to the trip across the bay.

Eber Jefferson brought into the Courier office, to be placed on exhibition and later put to the test of eating by the Courier force, a cabbage of his growing which tops anything we have noted this spring. It is of the "Alexander surehead" variety and weighs 11½ lb. Mr. Jefferson insists that it has had no especial pampering but has grown in the row with the same treatment as others.

The editor and his wife were treated to a ride by Mr. Powell of the Fairhope Livery, behind one of his good teams, on last Sunday afternoon; and in the course of the road we took a spin over "Greeno Boulevard," recently improved under Dr. Greeno's direction. It extends from just this side of Brown's mill south a distance of two and one quarter miles to a connection with the Battles to Marlow road, and is a good piece of work. A like job ought to be done on the Silver Hill road and other roads out from Fairhope.

Oscar Hall of Bay Minette has rented one of Captain Curran's cottages at Battles, for the season. Mr. Hall was considering taking Rest cottage at Fairhope, and we regret that he got sidetracked. He and his most capable wife and daughters, who have made such a success of "The Inn" at Bay Minette, will conduct a summer hotel on the property rented.

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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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Mrs. Munroe's Interest Unabated.

Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe of Washington, D. C., so pleasantly remembered by most of our people for her visit here, says in a letter to the editor:

"There is hardly a day I do not think of Fairhope and talk of the enterprise and the people and the climate. April has been so perfectly wretched so far, that I would like nothing better than to take wings and fly down to your dear sunny south.

"There is an Alabamian in the same division of the office I am in; and when we get disgusted with the cold and damp air, the strenuous life of the office, and things generally that we don't approve, we console ourselves by talking about Alabama.

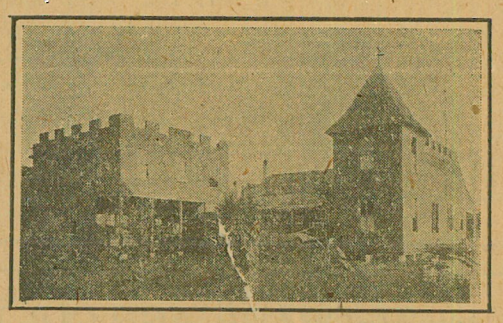
"Please don't think because you do not hear from me, that I have lost one bit of interest in Fairhope and the good people I met while visiting you; for such is not the case. I read with interest every line of your paper, and would not be without it for anything."

Roadside Fruit Trees.

Americans who visit Belgium with observant eyes, and note the rows of fruit trees bordering the public roads, come away impressed with a sense of wasted opportunity in their own country. Just think what an abundance there would now be of fruit of all kinds, as well as of umbrageous beauty everywhere, if the miles of dull, shadeless American roads had been planted with hardy apple, cherry, plum and pear trees! The cost would have been slight, the amount of care required small, the returns, how large! In the neighborhood of towns and cities, also, the abundance of roadside fruit which the boys might be permitted, under slight restrictions, to pick up and eat at will, would have been a protection to private trees, which few persons now attempt to grow on account of the general apprehension that the boys, not the cultivator, would get the fruit.—The Talisman.

Here (if we could get rid of the goats) we might plant Japanese and native persimmons, pecans, sand pears, mulberries, and perhaps other fruit and nut trees which would be practically free from insect pests and diseases.

If you are a friend of "the cause" and the COURIER, you can't manifest it in any better way than to send us in a few new subscribers.



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C. F. Nesbit's Impressions of Fairhope.

EDITOR COURIER:

You have been kind enough to ask my impressions from the visit I paid Fairhope last December:

I am frank to say that I had heard quite a few criticisms of Fairhope and its policy, and I did not go down with any great expectations of seeing a successful demonstration of "good theories." My first thought was whether the location had been wisely selected. My visit absolutely convinced me that the location had been selected with very great wisdom. Healthfulness and beauty of scenery, with a climate that makes living a pleasure and gives one much out of doors and sunshine, seems to be the nearest approach to the ideal given us on this earth. My idea is that you have such a climate and such a location. You have wonderful sunshine and sufficent heat and sufficient rainfall for vegetation. The soil may be deficient in plant food, but this can be supplied, and all modern agriculture concerns itself more with getting first the sunshine and the rain and heat, knowing that it can take care of the soil itself. The future for agricutural industry seems to me good. I traveled about the country surrounding Fairhope considerably. I am satisfied that farmers in that neighborhood are making money. If they can do so, when they buy their own land, my mind has failed to see a single reason why they should not succeed on Colony land, with all the advantages you offer. To say that people cannot succeed on Colony land at agriculture, is simply to condemn all of Baldwin County to failure along that line. And this would be absurd in face of the facts which anyone can discover who visits Baldwin County.

Three things impressed me in Fairhope. First, that everybody was busy, yet nobody was hushed or seemed driven. This gives an impression of thrift, and sanity. I do not know that I ever visited any village, where I was so impressed with these two facts.

The second thing that impressed me was the large number of happy, healthy children. Day after day I was amazed and day after day I was pleased beyond measure at watching the children on your streets, going and coming from school, and playing about their homes, who were strong, well developed, active and intelligent.

The third was the intellectual and social atmosphere. The first evidence I noticed of this was visiting the post office at mail time. It is unusual to see in a small village such a quantity of mail handed to so many people. Your women's clubs, your churches, your different societies and organizations all speak of a community highly developed intellectually and socially.

Now I submit that these are very great things. They are the greatest things in human life, and it is just on these points that our great industrial centers are breaking down and failing.

My judgment would be that Fairhope has passed the experimental stage. You will have your problems to work out and there will be discussions and divisions of opinion, but so long as the animating spirit of the people is noble and true, these things are to be welcomed as evidences that you are very much alive, and very much in earnest. One of the greatest assets of the Colony from a commercial standpoint seems to me your summer and winter visitors. Nor should these be belittled by friends or enemies of the Colony. The visitors to Paris and London every year are counted by the financiers, economists of those cities among the great sources of revenue. Travel and vacation is more and more becoming a necessity of our people. You have advantages to offer that should prove commercially remunerative to your Colony as a whole and to many of your individuals. I expected to see more evidence of pioneer life, but you have practically all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of modern civilization. I believe your title given you by some one "The Pilgrim Fathers of the 20th century" is not beside the mark, and I want to say that I came away from Fairhope with a feeling of thankfulness and pride. You are helping to solve the pressing problem every where, and I believe your people have a large share of pleasure and delight along with the work.

With kind regards to you and all the people in the Colony I had the pleasure of meeting, I am, Very truly yours.

Washington, D. C. C. F. NESBIT.

Notes We Have Stored In Our Mind As We Worked With Our Hands.

Editorial by C. F. Hunnicut in Southern Cultivator.

In current magazines you see much written about "What's Worth the While," and as we have been milking the cows, feeding the hogs, setting out plants, watering the hot-beds, cutting kale and turnip salad, planting seeds and killing "Harlequin bugs" for the last month, our mind has been considering, from a farmer's standpoint, the things which make life "worth the while."

The first is a genuine pleasure in your work. We are sorry for the man who does not love to work—to see the "done work," as Carlyle expresses it, and to feel that either the earth, animals or plants, one or all, must feel better for his efforts; who does not get more and more pleasure in proportion as the work is better done.

The second—it certainly makes "life worth the while" to raise up your children to do good, honst, healthful labor, the tediousness of farm labor, the heat of the sunshine, the constant physical exertion are all good to build bodies and character if it only be alternated with or accompanied with mental development as well, which can and should be the case.

To make farming "worth the while" you must make your land rich. Some orator said the first requisite for a good orator was action; second, action; third action; so with farming—first, manure; second, more manure, and third, more manure. We like to see things grow luxuriously and it requires manure, manure and manure.

Then comes the acquirement of that "judgment," which David Dickson says "rarely or never errs." We are like the poem which says: "The mistakes of our life have been many and likely to be a good many more." But we know men who make crops instead of mistakes. This too is "worth the while."

We think the person who cannot appreciate the dew drops upon the growing sprigs of wheat and oats, as the society woman her diamonds, certainly loses something that's "worth the while."

The farmer who has never felt the glow of satisfaction that alone comes from having plenty of stock around him and the fact that he has ample home-grown food to supply their every need, has missed something that's "worth the while."

It is well "worth the while" to lay aside Sunday clothes, cuffs and collars, and with clothes that comfortably adjust themselves to every movement of the body go forth and work, until the free perspiration comes, which cools the body and carries off all poison from the system; until an appetite comes that gives a relish to all wholesome food; until sleep—"tired nature's sweet restorer"—has been well earned and doubly enjoyed.

The farmer who cannot guide the riding plow, harrow or drill; run the mower, reaper or engine, or in some way feel that he is accomplishing many times the results of mere brute force, is missing what is "worth the while."

The farmer who does not raise many things and feel the combined pleasure thus derived from numerous sources that call upon his aid and respond to his industry, loses that which is "worth the while."

The man who does not learn to discriiminate between that which is essential and not essential, the important and the unimportant, the true and the false, and who does not learn to appreciate and enjoy the simple ways, true

(Concluded on last page.)

Marie Howland

"A Confession Rather than a Gift."

The Christian Standard of Cincinnati, one of the oldest and ablest religious newspapers in the country, contained an exceedingly strong and frank editorial in its issue of April sixth, under the above title. It was in reference to the gifts of John D. Rockefeller, of the notorious Standard Oil Company, to religious and educational institutions.

The article was remarkable, not only in condemning the Rockefeller methods and the acceptance of his gifts as in anywise condoning his offenses, but in its generous recognition of the influence for good of the "prophets of righteousness" outside the churches. It says:

One of the most striking characteristics of the present age is the growing influence of ethical ideas and the insistence by the people generally on the Golden Rule in the settlement of all public questions, so that the pulpit has no monopoly, and hardly any pre-eminence in emphasizing moral issues. As it was in Old Testament days, so to-day prophets of righteousness arise from unexpected quarters, who often put to shame clergymen and priests who are supposed to be especially trained to discern moral issues, and protest against the people partaking in other men's sins. Out of the heart of great cities where Satan's seat is, young men reared in affluence have put behind them the unholy standards of business and society, inherited from their fathers, and allied themselves with the cause of personal, civic and national honesty in the affairs of life. A prophet of righteousness, a preacher in business clothes, is at the head of each of the two big parties, with a hold upon the affections of the people which the mere politician has been unable to break.

That the publicist, rather than the theologian, leads to-day in preaching that righteousness exalteth a nation, but that sin is a reproach to any people, is a most reassuring sign of public health, however hard the situation may bear upon our ecclesiastical leaders. Naturally the Standard, for the glory of the church, would like to see college presidents and missionary secretaries lead in the denunciation of men whose gold is cankered, and whose garments of business are moth-eaten by dishonest practices and oppression. But as it is, we are compelled to say that God's ministry of truth and love would suffer if it were confined to ecclesiastical leaders.

Men who are supposed to give themselves entirely to the ministry of love and truth, should have a clearer spiritual vision and a more unerring ethical sense than their fellows in secular pursuits. But at the present time this does not seem to be the case. It is most instructive, therefore, in this connection, to listen to what Wm. J. Bryan has to say on the meaning of the Rockefeller gift to the cause of "general education."

(Then follows a quotation from Mr. Bryan's Commoner.)

The editor continues:

If it be urged that Mr. Bryan is talking to gain the approval of the people, the case against silent preachers and church leaders is only made the more apparent, and is demonstrating that the publicists and politicians more truly represent the sentiment of the people than church managers.

He quotes from the Saturday Evening Post, moralizing in like strain, and continues:

When a story-paper, a journal whose mission is supposed to be to entertain, preaches after this fashion, we indeed rejoice that Saul is found among the prophets, and praise God that the sense of moral indignation against corporate greed and chicanery is so generally diffused among the Americon people.

Quoting from a representative of an eastern university, who said that his school "will not accept one cent of the $32,000,000 given by John D. Rockefeller for educational purposes, nor will any of his money go to any (eastern) Baptist college, although Mr. Rockefeller himself is a Baptist," this editor closes as follows:

All honor to those staunch Eastern Baptist educators, who in the utterances of Secretary Larsen honor the best tradition of their spiritual ancestors. It is to be sincerely hoped that the Western Baptists will emulate their Eastern brethren in this matter, and that the fear which the secretary implies will not be realized. Only greed for gold could blind any college or missionary manager to the significance of this widely heralded gift, made at the time when the Standard Oil Company is sorely pressed by the investigation of the Government. The ostentatious announcements in the daily press, and the fact that the gift is in suspense in the hands of the general committee of which Mr. Rockefeller's son is a leading spirit, is no incidental feature of this colossal contribution. Surely the American people will not allow the size of the gift to hide from them its ulterior meaning.

If Mr. Rockefeller really desired to benefit society and to do the "greatest good to the greatest number of his fellow-citizens," he would have allowed his gift to wait on the confession of wrong-doing for himself and his company. Such confession would make for righteousness as no possible gift of money, tainted or untainted, could. In acknowledging his sin and determining to lead a new life, Mr. Rockefeller would discover that his confession was greater than all his gifts beside.

No Place Perfect. Don't Expect Too Much Nor Be Discouraged.

"All fields look green at a distance." Don't get discouraged because of too little rain or too much, too hot weather or too cold and get the idea that it is peculiar to your location and elsewhere they do not suffer so. Nature seems prone to throw such obstacles in the way of the agriculturist and no place is free from them. We have just suffered from a slight "drouth" only a few weeks of rainless weather, but a little while back Mr. Gottlieb came up from Tampa and reported that they had had practically no rain down there since last fall and we have heard since that cattle are actually dying from lack of water and feed.

Our cold north winds in late March and early April were quite discouraging to tender vegetation though not absolutely destructive, while a little above us in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, black frosts and ice absolutely killed everything, doing millions of dollars damage; and Monday of this week press dispatches reported a temperature 15 below freezing in Colorado, killing all fruit buds, and doing incalculable damage. There is no "royal road" for the agriculturist anywhere, nor anywhere absolute safety from the frowns of nature.

Here we have the great advantage that the whole year is "growing season." If one crop is destroyed another can be at once planted and we can try again and keep trying. There may be better places. There are many worse and there is none perfect.

Daphne to Have Big Barbecue July Fourth.

Daphne has announced a Mammoth barbecue and celebration for July Fourth, in the interest of the new state normal school, and asks the co-operation of the people of the surrounding country in making it a great success. It has been the custom of Fairhope to celebrate the Fourth, but the Courier suggests that we waive this year, and turn in to help make the celebration at Daphne the greatest in the history of Baldwin County.

What say the people?

More Water Needed For Fire Protection.

Our water supply from our well on the beach is fairly adequate for present needs for ordinary use, but is quite inadequate for any sustained demand on account of a fire. A supply sufficient to keep the pump going at its full capacity indefinitely can undoubtedly be secured by putting down other wells and connecting them with the present well, or in other ways; but Mr. W. S. Baldwin makes a suggestion which strikes us as eminently practical and which ought to be carried out at once. That is to extend a pipe out into the bay so that in case of extraordinary demand on account of fire, the bay could be drawn upon. This could be done at quite a small expense, especially as the Corporation now has a lot of 5 inch pipe in the old uptown well, for which there is no other use, and which would be nearly sufficient.

This is a matter of exceeding importance and the Courier hopes it will be taken up by the Council promptly.

Good Southern Agricultural Paper.

Perhaps the best agricultural journal for the south is the Southern Cultivator, Atlanta, Ga. Published in the south, and its editor a practical southern farmer, it is particularly adapted to the needs of farmers in this section.

While the general principles of farming north and south are the same, of course, the particular methods applicable to on section are often not at all applicable to another and it is just these details that the new farmer in a section most needs.

We particularly recommend the Southern Cultivator to those farming or contemplating farming in this section. An article from the April fifteenth issue, reproduced in this issue, proves the editor to be a true philosopher as well as a practical agriculturist.

The Southern Cultivator is published twice a month. The price is $1.00 a year A favorable clubbing offer enables us to offer it and the Courier both for $1.50. This offer is good to new or renewing subscribers to the Courier, who are not also subscribers to the Southern Cultivator.

Help Advertise Baldwin County.

The Baldwin County Times has with commendable enterprise taken the initiative in an effort to have Baldwin County properly represented at the state fair at Montgomery, this fall, and also at the gulf coast fair to be held at Mobile at a later date. To this end a meeting has been called at Bay Minette for the 27th, (tomorrow.) Colonel R. F. Lester who spoke at Fairhope some time since will be present and speak as well as several other prominent gentlemen.

While cherishing somewhat the feeling that the big land companies will be most benefitted pecuniarily by the advertising and development of the county, the Courier feels that it is a matter of pride and interest to all of us, to have our county and its advantages properly represented.

We will hardly be able to attend tomorrow's meeting but will be glad to do what we can through our columns and otherwise to help in this work.

The Courier has received word from the widow, of the death of J. H. Wells, of East Moriches, New York, which occurred on March 31st. Mr. Wells was an ardent Single Taxer, who never let an opportunity pass for testifying to his faith and seeking the enlightenment of a fellow-wayfarer. He was naturally deeply interested in Fairhope, and had long been a reader of the Courier. He had placed an order with the Courier job office for some cards for Single Tax propaganda, and we were looking for a proof of the same to be returned, when we received the notice of his death. Our most sincere sympathy is extended the wife who survives.

"A Few Words" With Subscribers.

We must have more subscribers to the Courier and we are going to "put it up to you" to help us get them.

We want them for two reasons. One is to reach a larger audience with the message of the paper, and the other, as you will not need to be told, is to increase our revenue.

We are now nicely equipped to get out the paper, with a power cylinder press and folder good for an edition of at least 5,000.

Our principal expense is in getting the paper ready for the press, and on a present circulation of about 1,300 it leaves the margin of cost to revenue entirely too narrow for comfort and safety.

We have a fine clientage of advertisers, many of whom have been with us for years and this source of revenue is capable of expansion, but only at the expense of the reading space. We don't want to trespass on this any more.

We want more room to say the things we want to say and that our friends want to say rather than less.

Clearly "the line of least resistance" to greater usefulness and more revenue is increase of circulation.

If the Courier is worth your reading it is worth your help to get others to read it. "Are you with us?"

Do you realize that the Courier is the only weekly paper primarily and declaredly devoted to the Single Tax published in the United States today? Don't this give it a claim upon you?

Take hold with us and help to spread it far and wide, A little help on your part—and yours—and yours—will do it.

We can't cut the subscription price to present subscribers, but we will make a flat rate for NEW subscribers of 60 cents and accept a club of ten for $5.

We want to publish some responses to this call in next issue.

Let us hear from you. A good report from you will stimulate some one else to activity. "Do it now"—The Publisher-Editor.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

April 23.---My last Letters must have given the impression that we had just had gentle, beneficent showers; that was the 17th. Since then we have had a miniature deluge. But since last evening our norm al blue skies and balmy air with the mercury (4.p.m) at 70 and all nature rejoices after our thorough watering. For three days I was worried over the fate of the just-hatched mocking birds in the top of my tallest pillar of jasmines. It swayed so in the wind, and the rain came down in such torrents. After the storm the library step-ladder was brought out and others standing on the top, five feet from the ground, had seen the birdlings; but when I tried it, I not only had the disagreeable experience of feeling the feet of the ladder sinking into the ground, but at the same time one of the old birds who think they own the whole garden, kept pouncing on my head in a furious manner. No wonder that at length I thought discretion the better part of valor, especially as my lame knee has been rebelling against using that ladder even in the library, for the last two weeks, or more, so I beat an inglorious retreat. In passing I want to call attention to this beautiful jasmine. It is an evergreen with lovely green leaves, the flowers from the bottom to the top are almost a solid mass of white---more, indeed, for there are inner sprays as well as outer ones, and of the sweetest fragrance; delicate, yet the trellis thus covered perfumes the air all about it. It is the star jasmine of China. botanically, the Rhynchospermum jasmonoides. I do not find it even in the Enc. Britannica, which has much information on this flower, notably the fact that the Sambac and the S. paniculata (both of which are in this garden,) are used in China to improve the flavor of tea; ten pounds of the flowers of the latter and forty of the former for 100 lbs. of tea. I do not value the Sambac so highly, though called the most fragrant of the jasmines, because it sheds its Corolla so easily. It drops out of its calyx soon after opening.

It is well known that the oil of the jasmine is even more costly than that of the rose for the reason, perhaps, that it cannot be imitated for the purposes of commerce. Now, the jasmine will grow on very light soil, and no insect so far as I know preys upon any part of the plant. Why should not some enterprising citizen study practically the distilling of attars, especially of this jasmine. The experiment could be made with very little outlay.

April 24 x x x We thank you again, friend E. C. S. for the Literary Digest; the delightful Putnam's Mag., and especially for the Keats-Shelly Memorial which many of our readers will enjoy: and you, friend Revenaugh, for more and more magazines and books. Today comes the March No. of the Annals of the Am. Academy of Political and Social Science with a valuable table of contents on Railway and Traffic Problems; also a Supplement to the Annals containing an exhaustive monograph (fully indexed.) by James Quayle Dealy Ph. D., on Our State Constitutions. x x x We have neglected to say to our generous Boston friend, Louis Prang, who sent us a big chest full of books and hundreds of valuable pictures from his own establishment, that the illustrated volumes of Faust in German is safe and waiting an opportunity to be taken back to Boston as requested. (It was sent by mistake for a copy in English.)

At our last meeting of our Library Association we decided to make ourselves a literary as well as a business organization. This was a very welcome move to me. x x x To the friends who are expecting news of a class here for the study of Theosophy, we should say that the movement is slow on account of the coming election of a president of the T. S. to take the place if the venerable Col. Olcott.

If you are a friend of "the cause" and the Courier, you can't manifest it in any better way than to send us in a few new subscribers.

Captain Lawrence Thanks His Friends.

The Courier has had the pleasure of turning over to Captain George Lawrence since last report $5 remitted by Mr. Bowen (whose subscription for that amount we reported) and also a like sum from a friend in Philadelphia, who does not wish to be further identified than as "a theosophical friend."

The Captain from his sick bed sends the following heartfelt acknowledgement.

"To my dear friends who have generously contributed in my distress, I want to say, may God bless you all. I cannot say more. Without your help I would have suffered greatly. It is indeed a precious thought to me that our great principle which I would like to live to work for, makes such men and women as have answered my plea.

Fraternally your brother.
George A. R. Lawrence.

White-Wash Your Mills Barns and Stables, The Simplest and Best Fire Protection.

Editor Courier:

The industries of Fairhope and vicinity have met some most serious losses of late by the burning of our planing mill, and the combined saw and planing mill at Volanta, and some others not far away in our county. From my experimental knowledge of such things. I think it very safe to say, that if either of the mills near here had been white-washed, at a cost probably of two or three dollars each, they would have been easily saved, with the help that was at hand.

The surface of rough pine boards in a planing mill, and to an extent in a saw mill, soon becomes covered with a fine wood-powder almost as inflammable as if covered over with kerosene oil, or with gun powder, so when a fire starts it flies all over the surface, with almost incredible quickness, and is uncontrollable, while if the surface is coated with the lime and salt of a good coating of white-wash it is almost impossible for fire to run at all, only as the whole thickness of the board is consumed, and thus a newly started fire is easily put out.

I have seen a spark set fire in a crack between boards, in a white washed mill, and burn a hole large enough to run an arm thru and the flame run up along the crack to the roof, and not spread outside the crack two inches wide, when if the boards had been uncovered with the white-wash, it would in the time have spread all over the interior of the building and been utterly uncontrollable.

The same is equally practicable for barns and all uninsured buildings. No one can afford to run the extra risk for the small cost of the white wash, and the waste from our Acetylene gas works makes a ready and splendid quality of white-wash, free to all who ask.

S. H. Comings.

W. H. Biggs wrote from Madison, Neb., Apr. 14. "water that was left in wash-tubs last night and night before was frozen so hard that it could scarcely be broken by stamping with the foot."

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"Come," said the girl with the red pompadour and the straight front figure as she led her caller into the back room at her new boarding house, "let me show you all my Christmas things. See this green petticoat with the lace ruffle? Isn't it a beauty? I have been just dying for one for a year, and now I've got it at last!" and she hugged the rustling ruffles with an ecstatic sigh. "And just look at these long white suede gloves. They reach way above the elbow, dear, and they cost four dollars. And take a glance at this box of silk stockings—all silk, my dear, every thread, and warranted to wear forever. Now just smell this extract. It's a three-ounce bottle, the very newest triumph of the perfumer's art. And here is a duchesse lace handkerchief and a gold bangle and an all-silk umbrella with a sterling handle and a set of honest true sure-enough mink and—"

"But—but—" stammered the other, "who sent you all these things? And how on earth did they know what you needed? And why did they do it, and—"

"Smith & Smith sent some of them," interrupted the red-headed girl, happily, "and Jones company sent others, and Brown & Green sent others—and I paid for them all myself. You see, it was this way, I have been working in this stupid old town for ten years, denying myself everything I really want because it's too expensive, and putting money in the bank and saving up every year for Christmas and then spending all I've saved on a lot of presents and tips and things for others that I couldn't afford for myself I had just a hundred dollars in the bank this year, and I drew $50 of it out to go and buy Christmas presents with, and to distribute round among the boarding house servants in tips. I wasn't looking forward to the holiday season very joyously, because nobody ever sends me anything I want, and I'm so poor and pinched for weeks afterward that the season of good will is only a miserable tragic farce with me.

"Well, I started down to the shop with that money and my list in my pocket. Here's the list now:

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"While I was looking for father's smoking jacket my eye fell on this green silk petticoat. I became fascinated. I went over and examined it. The clerk told me it was ten dollars. I turned madly, sadly but firmly back to those cheap, common old smoking jackets again. But my heart failed me. Suddenly I grasped my courage and my hand bag and shut my eyes and went back and ordered the petticoat sent to me C. O. D. I reflected that if I had a change of heart or my conscience hurt me I could send it back again and say I did not want it. But the madness had got into my blood. I went to look for some black gloves for Aunt Elinor—and I came away with these long white ones. I hunted for cheap handkerchiefs for Cousin Kate and walked out with this duchesse thing. I sought stockings for my oldest sister, Carrie, and came away with this box of silk darlings. I was just about to buy some sachet for my chum Bertha when I saw the extract bottle here done up in a velvet box—and fell. When I got home that night I was horrified to find that I had spent nearly the whole of my hundred. I rushed down to the bank next morning, clinched my teeth, shut my eyes and drew the rest of it out. Then the things began to arrive. Oh, it was glorious; just like the visits of a dozen fairy Santa Clauses and each one bringing what I had most longed for. Every time the doorbell rang my heart went pity-the-folks at home. But I never was so happy in my life. They say virtue is it's own reward, and I believe it. But the rewards of sin and selfishness unconfined, unlimited, unbounded. I never had such a Christmas in my life.

"I sat down and wrote sweet letters of cheer and comfort to all the dear creatures at home. I told them how hard I was working and that I had decided to give no Christmas gifts this season and—"

"But, Jack!" broke in the other, "How did you explain it to Jack?"

"Oh, I picked a quarrel with him. I'll make it up on New Year's and it will be all the sweeter. Anyway, it isn't wise to let a man think you are too fond of him. I believe the watch charm would have been overdoing it, don't you?"

"And the servants!" persisted the other girl. "Won't they make your life torture for a year?"

"Not at all. You see, I was tired of that place, anyhow. So I just stayed there until Christmas was over—and then I moved."

Personal and Local

Captain Charles H. Babb is again in this section, after spending some time at the National Soldiers' Home in Tennessee. He was in Fairhope on Saturday last, and was looking very well. The captain must have said some nice things about Fairhope up at the Soldiers' Home; for we have had several letters of inquiry from there, and there is a prospect of two or three old soldiers' coming down with a view to locating. We are sure no better place for a home for these old servants of their country can be found than here.

Several fields of oats have been cut already. About the best patch we have seen was that of neighbor Swift. We don't think, however, that it was pastured any. That of Mr. Powell, back of the COURIER office looks fine and is in good shape now to cut for feed, and was pastured close during the late winter months, yielding a quantity of splendid green feed at the very time it was most appreciated by stock. The editor's cows pastured on it, and gave milk from which butter was made as golden as any Iowa June butter.

E. F. Good, who formerly resided out in the Euclid neighborhood—now living at Waukee, Ioa., has not lost interest in matters in this vicinity. He renews his subscription, and says: "We do not like to miss a number." We regret to lose good people, for any reason, but we regret more to have them become indifferent toward us.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon of Mobile, formerly of Iowa, came over on Friday evening and remained until Saturday evening, concluding during their stay a purchase of the improvements of F. W. Rose, on Magnolia avenue. Mr. Lyons is a friend of the Lewises, Summers and others of our Fairhope people, and has had in mind for some time acquiring a place in Fairhope when favorable opportunity offered. We do not know when they expect to come over and occupy the place.

The late heavy rains tested pretty thoroughly the plans of the wharf company for taking care of the water on the wharf hill, and demonstrated them to be good. With the further plans of the company carried out and a little attention from time to time, it is evident that the water problem there would give no serious trouble.

The heavy rains recently demonstrated the advantage of having ground neither too flat, in which case the water stands and drowns out growing plants and leaves it hard and inclined to bake when the sun comes out; or too rolling, in which case seeds and plants are washed out and the ground washed and gullied and the fertility carried off.

Dewberries are plenty now and are one of our very best fruits. They grow wild about the woods and especially along fence rows and on "old fields," but well repay cultivation and many people put them out and care for them as they would raspberries or blackberries in the north. They are especially good canned for out of season use. No fruit we have is more appreciated for use in this way by the editor.

Our "April drought" was effectually broken by a series of heavy rains, beginning on Thursday night of last week, and continuing with intervals of cessation until Monday evening. The ground was thoroughly soaked.

Friends of Dr. Cottle and family will be interested to know that they are now living in Los Angeles, Cal., whence they forward their renewal to the COURIER, having by no means lost interest in Fairhope.

Captain George Lawrence returned last week from Bay Minette, where he received considerable benefit from treatment by Dr. Campbell.

Mrs. Finney and daughter, Mrs. Foster, enjoyed a visit last week from their son and brother, A. K. Finney of New Orleans, La.

Another neat calendar job was turned out by the Courier job office last week. It was for the Fairhope Christian church.

Dr. Greeno returned on Monday evening from his trip to Tampa and return via New Orleans.

Miss Frances Gaston is again assisting in the COURIER composing room.

Telephone your orders for wood to VanBavel & Koopman, who will deliver promptly.

A squall on Monday morning just after the Fairhope left the wharf was one of the worst noted on the bay for a good while, though lasting but a short time. The Carney did not stop either at Fairhope or Volanta but headed out into the bay head to the wind for several minutes during the worst of the blow and then proceeded to Montrose. The Fairhope's course was into the teeth of the gale and it made practically no effect upon her. She made her usual time or a little better to Mobile.

Fine sunshiny weather for the last few days.

GIVEN AWAY!

Have you missed it? If so, it is your fault, for with every can of Cacsade baking powder you get some dishes or a chair free—absolutely free. Mrs. Sedinger drew the gold band china tea set of 31 pieces with only one can of this baking powder. We have more baking powder and dishes, so get in before it is too late. Buggy coupon also with every 50c purchase. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Potato Shipping in Progress.

We neglected to note in last issue the opening of the potato shipping season. Mr. Jung, of the North River Park neighborhood, was the first shipper, we believe, shipping on Tuesday, April 16th, 7 barrels, which brought $4.25 a barrel. He made other shipments during the week; and on Thursday Fred Mathison of Fairhope shipped 11 barrels which sold at $4.15 a barrel. The potatoes started off well with the mild early spring, but the crop was later cut short by dry weather and cold north winds.

Recipe for Whitewash.

The following is a tried recipe for making a very excellent whitewash:

1 bushel of lime,
17 pounds of salt,
4 " brown sugar,
6 " whiting,
2 quarts of flour made into a thin paste,
40 gallons of water.

Mix thoroughly and keep well stirred.—Exchange.

Congregational Church Services

will hereafter be held at Masonic hall at the usual hours: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock; Endeavor Society, 6:45 p. m.; evening service 7:30; prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. To all of these we extend a cordial invitation.

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Mr. E. A. Turner Sr., is visiting his sons' mill and logging camp again and is accompanied by his wife.

Mrs. Bessie Call and Nathaniel Mershon are putting in new front fences.

Mrs. Harry Gabel left for Chicago on a visit with her baby, on Wednesday morning.

Some new white goods for ladies' waists just received. Mershon Merchandising Company.

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Treasurer Lyon is now at his desk in the Courier office on Mondays to transact official business.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

From 4 o'clock Sundy morning to Monday evening 5.49 inches of rain fell in Mobile and approximately the same here, no doubt.

Miss Craft, Mrs Christman's sister, who spent the winter with her here, left for her home in Chicago Thursday morning.

Cow peas are very high. We have some, but they won't last long. If you are in need of any, come in. Mershon Merchandising Co.

David Tusing, who was employed at the Turner Lumber Company's mill and at Robertsdale for several weeks, returned to Fairhope on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berglin, son and daughter have moved into Mr. Lefevre's Bay View cottage, which they have leased for a term of six months.

A sill and one of the corner posts of the tower carrying the water-tank having decayed badly, are being renewed under direction of Mr. Jefferson.

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E. L. Williams and wife arrived from Chicago last week and are in one of the Comings cottages. They are prospecting, and we hope will decide to remain.

Mr. Reed of Atlanta, agent for Alabama of the Glens Falls Insurance Company, was in town Friday and Saturday investigating matters connected with the late planing mill fire.

The weather on last Saturday afternoon was fairly favorable for the lawn party and dance at Hogesen's, and it was well attended and a good sum realized for the North River Park school fund.

Mr Heller in jumping a fence to help at the planing mill fire sprained an ankle so severely that he was confined to the house for about ten days, being on the street Tuesday for the first time.

Mrs. J. F. Harrison is the advance guard of Mobilians for the summer of 1907, having moved on Wednesday into the C. K. Brown "Ellyson" cottage which she has rented until October first.

J. W. Arras of Mobile representing the Riley and Bollinger Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. manufacturers of ice making machinery, has been in Fairhope a couple of times consulting with Mr Heller and others about ice machinery.

Engineer De Kalb of the Fairhope laik off about three days this week to be advanced several degrees in the Masonic work. He secured Mr. Edward Nelson of Mobile to take his place, an excellent engineer and agreeable gentleman.

S. G. Lee, Misses Nelle Lee and Julia Long, and George Swift were guests of Robert McDermaid on a trip to Spanish Fort on the McDermaid power yacht Zephine on Wednesday. She made the trip each way in a little over two hours. They had a very enjoyable time and brought back a number of bullets picked up on the old battle ground, as mementoes of the occasion.

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Mrs. John R. Farthing of Marine, Ill. and Mrs. John Thistlewood of Cairo, Ill. left after a week or more spent at the Home Restaurant. They had been spending the winter at Citronelle, and came down to see Fairhope before returning north. They were much pleased.

Orrie Stapleton and family have moved into the recently purchased Black cottage, and his mother, Mrs. Lucy Stapleton, is with them. Mrs. Stapleton, Sr. says she is not satisfied at all away from Fairhope and we hope Mr. Orrie and family will be as well pleased.

Professor C. D. Griffin, of the Boys' Industrial School at Semmes, Mobile County, came over on the Fairhope last Friday evening accompanied by the matron, Mrs. Wolff, and a dozen of the pupils, to remain until Sunday morning, guests of E. Smith and family at their farm home. Several of the pupils were Misses, who attend the school in the afternoon, which added, no doubt, to the pleasure of the occasion for the boys. They were a jolly party and had a good time in spite of the rain which persisted a good part of the time.

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Master "Billy" Getty came down from Saraland last Saturday, to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swift, and attend school for the balance of the term.

W. P. Hoopes writes from Bynum, Md., that it has been "Fairhope winter and worse, ever since I got here." (He left in the latter part of March.) "We have had three snows in the past two weeks and the ground frozen several mornings."

The local Christian Endeavorers on Wednesday evening formally authorized Mr. L. E. Page to extend an invitation to the Southern Alabama District League of Endeavorers, of which he is president, to hold at Fairhope the conference which it proposes to hold in the early summer.

Mr. Williams our late arrival, noted elsewhere, is a doctor of osteopathy, a graduate of the American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, of Chicago, and his wife a graduate in opthalmology and otology. Mrs. Williams is an old acquaintance and friend of the Comings.

Superintendent Lands and Highways Bancroft responded to a numerously signed appeal to abate the nuisance of standing water in the low place east of Section street, by opening up the ditch to draw off the same and took the occasion also to put in a new culvert across the road and grade up to it.

The editor enjoyed a call on Wednesday from L. E. Page who came over on Tuesday evening and remained until Thursday morning. On Wednesday evening he spoke at the church and organized the local endeavorers into a branch of the southern Alabama district league of endeavor societies of which he is the president.

Mrs. Paton and daughter Mrs. Milne, who has been here for several weeks in attendance upon her, left on Thursday morning for Toronto and Montreal, where Mrs. Paton will spend the summer. Her present intention is to return in the fall. Mr. Paton remains here, and the rooms in the Bellangee cottage will be retained until his mother's return.

S. G. Lee reports the Fairhope climate as having quite the desired effect upon him. He came down weakened from a spell of sickness, so that he couldn't walk up town the day of his arrival; but on Wednesday tramped all over and about Spanish Fort, and stood the trip up and back without fatigue. He has also gained several pounds in weight.

Bean shipping is in active progress now and so far the price has been excellent. The first shippers got $2·00 a bushel (only 30 pounds green beans) and they are now getting $1.50. As heretofore shipped by the Fairhope have quite an advantage in being first on the market. Among those shipping are, Messrs. Freeman, Koopman, Steenstra, Vanderwall, Mathison, Jung, Sheldon, Anacker, and Hixon.

C. E. Chrsitman has closed a deal for the Dr. Hail residence on Fairhope avenue and will rebuild the barn on the alley for present use for a livery stable. Mr. Christmann's father will move in soon from Summerdale to engage in the livery stable. They have purchased new horses, which will make them seven in all. So we are to be well supplied in the livery line.

Mr. Frederick Reading, recently elected at Chicago as vice-president and general manager of the Fraternal Homemakers Society, arrived on Tuesday evening and remained until Thursday morning, looking after the society's affairs here. He went from here to Mobile county to get the run of affairs there. Mr. Reading seemed a very pleasant gentleman with quite a reasonable conception of the problems confronting his society. We are not advised as to his decision, if any, regarding future activities of the society here.

Another Rare Treat for the People of Fairhope.

Mr. Sedinger informs us that he has arranged with Miss Margaret Dell Adams, an accomplished public reader, to give Fairhope an evening of her delightful readings, at some time in the early part of May, the exact date of which will be announced definitely in a few days.

Excursion to Spanish Fort Sunday, April 28th.

An all day rain last Sunday prevented the Fairhope from making the billed excursion to Spanish Fort via Mobile; but barring a like hindrance she will make the trip next Sunday. The services as guide, of some one familiar with the old fort will no doubt be secured and it will be a fine opportunity to visit the interesting spot..

The boat will leave Fairhope at the usual morning hour 7:20 and Mobile at 9. a. m. and returning will arrive at Mobile at 5 p. m., Fairhope 6:30 p. m. Fare round trip from either Fairhope or Mobile 75 cents, children 50 cents.

Union Service at Christian Church.

There will be union services in the Christian church Sunday, April 28th, both morning and evening.

As this is Rev. Mr. Breckenridge's closing Sunday, he will preach at the morning service on the subject, "The Soul's Outcry for God." H. G. Sedinger, minister of the Christian church, will preach at the evening services. Everybody is cordially invited to be present at both these services.

All of the services of the day will be at the usual time.

DR. ROWE'S HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Flames Broke Out Today and Quickly Burned the Handsome Home.

We take the Courier from the press to report the burning of the handsome home of Dr. Rowe on Fels avenue.

The Doctor and his daughter Dorothy had left the house to go to Mr. Rose's, not a half hour before. There may have been a few embers left in the kitchen stove, but there was no other fire about the house, and the cause is a mystery.

Miss Gooding, just across the street, gave the alarm on her telephone, and the Mershon team being on hand was pressed into service and the fire apparatus and a good squad of "huskies" made the half mile run in good time.

It was too late, however, to do more than save the adjacent wood house and pigeon lofts, which was done.

Dr. Rowe and Miss Dorothy were all packed up preparatory to leaving for Kansas, in a few days. He had about closed a deal for his place with a Mr. Lowell, of Mobile and expected to pass the papers tomorrow.

The property was insured but the loss above insurance, will be quite heavy.

There was a fire hydrant in the street just opposite the house and sufficient hose, but the pressure from the tank, through the long run of small main, was not very great. Good work was done however, in saving the pigeon lofts, the nearest of which was only about 20 feet distant.

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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, 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 long distance 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Notes We Have Stored In Our Minds as We Worked With Our Hands.

(Continued from first page.)

culture, refined feeling and purity in character, certainly misses that which is most "worth the while."

To cause the earth to yield more and more: to breed better stock and better grain; to plant trees, shrubs and flowers around the home that will not only beautify but impress your identity upon the premises, is also "worth the while."

Some will say, what has all this to do with farming? The making of more corn and cotton? The purpose of a farm is to build a home; the purpose of a home is to build character; the better the character the better the home; the better the home more the farm should yield, and vice versa. The greater yield the better the home should become; the better the home life, the higher the standard of character that should be produced with it. This is the rule however mady exceptions there may be to it.

Monopoly Labor's Greatest Enemy.

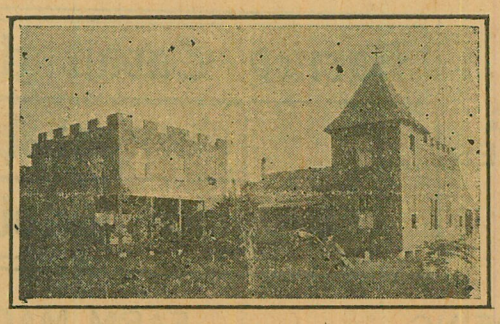
The editor of a prominent daily paper of the Pacific Coast recently made the announcement that: "Labor can not thrive unless it is free."

That is as true as the assertion that no man can live without breathing. But here comes the question: Is labor now free? There can be but one answer, and that is No. Labor is not free, even in this so-called free country of ours. It can never be free until the barriers are removed which now deprive labor from free access to nature's storehouse, which is the Earth. All wealth is produced by the application of labor, the active factor; to land, the passive factor. In the last analysis the source of all things useful produced by mankind is the earth, and he who ignores that fundamental fact fails to touch the cause of involuntary poverty and industrial pandemonium. The remedy, and the only efficient, lasting remedy for social evils that pertain to labor interest is to make nature's storehouse practically free to all alike.

This can be done by simply taxing all natural elements capable of being monopolized as they should be taxed. In other words, taxing them at their actual value, regardless of improvements; and also removing all taxation from labor and the products of labor, so far as individuals are concerned. Then Monopoly, the hideous monster of oppression, will be out of a Job, and Industry be permitted to have all it earns.

RALPH HOYT.

Through Thos. Dunn of Mandeville, La. we learn of the death at that place, on Apr. 6th, of E. E. Thornton, a former Topolobampo colonist, who had been thinking seriously of coming to Fairhope. He was an old soldier, having been Captain of Company L, 12th Indiana Cavalry.



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COMPLIMENTS FOR FAIRHOPE

A Late Visitor Extols Our Climate, Our People, Scenery, Flowers, Sociability; and Our Excellent Low-priced Hotels, etc.

In an interesting little pamphlet entitled "Leadership" issued in April, by the Personal Help Publishing Co., Des Moines, our late visitor, Mr. G. H. Knox, writes very entertainingly of his trip hitherward, extols the importance to business men of occasional vacations and recommends Fairhope as a good place to get away from business cares and "near to nature's heart."

From it we quote:

"There you find rest and peace and quiet. The air is soothing and restful and different from any you ever breathed elsewhere. There is an atmosphere of contentment and delight. To the overworked man from the city it is a haven of rest—A Paradise of peace. It is more than moving into spring. Everything is different and there are many pleasant surprises. The silence of the woods is a surprise. Even though we expect to find spring we are surprised when ushered into it. The foliage is so luxuriant and much of it new to us, and there is such a variety of trees and blossoms and flowers.

"This is in and around Fairhope, which tourists say is the most delightful place to rest in the United States. You can have a room there right in the pines, where there are scattering trees white with bloom, and be called every morning by that "prince of songsters," the mocking bird. The altitude is good—fifty to one hundred and twenty feet, higher than any other point on the coast between New Jersey and the Rio Grande. The water is pure. The climate is not excelled, I think, in this country. The sky is as blue as that above the Rockies, and the stars are brighter far than in the North. There is health for everybody. All out of doors is a sanitarium. The average death rate is about three or four to the thousand, and the inhabitants claim that many of those were dead when they came. In Fairhope there is no dust or smoke or noise, no saloons or jails or crime, no tramps, no beggars, no poverty The people are prosperous and they all have time to be sociable—something we are a little short of in the North. They live close to Nature. They all work in the soil. Their children are as happy as the birds. "Back to the land" is everybody's cry.

"The soil is anything but fertile, but with their system of fertilization they seem to do very well. The land wouldn't be worth five cents a section in Iowa, but I wish we might borrow a few acres of their climate. Fairhope is the location of the famous Single Tax Colony, and they are making a successful demonstration of the practicability of Henry George's theory.

"Because of abundance of wild flowers you would hardiy expect people to cultivate a great variety of tame ones, but they do. There seems to be no exception. Every garden, whether it belongs to the wealthiest white man or to the poorest negro is full of flowers. * * * I counted fifty-two varieties of flowers in bloom in one private garden in Fairhope. In this same garden there are roses in bloom every day in the year. Of course many of our readers have seen all these things and are more familiar with them than we are, but there are many who have not and for my part, while I have seen them before, I would like to go back and see them again. * * * There are many advantages in going to Fairhope. The distance is not great or the car fare exorbitant—a thirty day round trip from Des Moines to Mobile for $25 and then across the bay by boat (fourteen miles) for a quarter. You can get plenty good accomodations—not first class, but good—and good board at the Fairhope Hotel for $8.00 a week. This is a happy surprise to the tourist because a man is robbed in nearly every hotel and livery stable in the cities of the South. This hotel is on a bluff by the Bay and right in the pines—a most delightful and home-like place to stay. Of course Southern Alabama is not Old Mexico or Cuba, but if you cannot go to these places there is nothing more to be said. Our own South is within reach and within reach of so many who don't reach it. Chasing butterflies is better than chasing dollars all the time. A man will live longer by doing both."

Facts Regarding Minneosota Railroads.

An investigating committee appointed by the Minnesota senate reported the following illuminating facts, regarding the railroads of Minnesota as shown by a press dispatch.

St. Paul, Minn., April 22:—Railroad property in Minnesota is valued at $215,000,000 by the Sundberg investigating committee which returned its report to the Minnesota state senate to-day. This is approximately $27,000 a mile. The property is capitalized to the extent of about $400,000,000 or $50,000 a mile on an average.

The net earnings according to the committee findings, averaged over $5,000 a mile last year or 18 per cent on the committee's valuation.

The committee recommends that a "committee or commission of three be empowered to investigate generally into the capitalization of the railroads of Minnesota and the relation stocks and bonds bear to the value thereof and the enactment of such appropriate legislation as the conditions disclosed demand."

A large section of the report is devoted to a drastic review of the Chicago Great Western. This road, it says, "was built by A. B. Stickney who raised funds by acquiring, organizing, reorganizing and harmonizing divers and sundry corporations of Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois."

"The capital stock and funded debt of the railroad is $143,668 per mile and the committee values it at about one-fifth of that or $28,000 a mile."

We would like to see such an investigation made of Alabama railroads.

How Not to Raise Public Revenue.

The South Alabamian publishes an ordinance passed by the city of Jackson, imposing licenses upon various occupations and businesses for the year beginning April first. It is similar to the license ordinances of other Alabama towns and cities, and is exceedingly instructive along the line of how *not* to raise public revenue.

Here are a few of the items: Pedlers, on foot, per week $2.50, per year $10, with horse and wagon, $25 a year; photographers of every kind, per day 50 cents, per year $5; restaurants $2.50 a year; physicians, attorneys, builders and contractors, painters, blacksmiths, coal dealers, milliners, jewelry stores, repair shops, sewing-machine agents, etc. each $5 a year; livery stables $15; lumber or wood teams for hire or hired as such, 10 cts. a day or $5 a year, real estate dealers and architects $10 a year, auctioneers, $10 a month or $100 a year; dancing-masters, $5 a week, $25 a year, and so on, through two columns and a half. Some of these licenses are made necessary by the demand for public revenue, and the failure to get it in the proper way; but some are manifestly intended to be restrictive or prohibitory against the occupations named.

We find that "real estate dealers" are required to pay $10 a year, though these render a useful service in getting those who want to get or dispose of real estate together and do not stand to get a dollar without rendering some service; but look in vain for any requirement of a license from the holders of vacant lots, who profit from every legitimate private or public activity, but—as such lotholders—contribute absolutely nothing to the community in compensation. It is true that they pay some taxes on their lots; but the merchant pays taxes on his building and goods, and the teamster on his team, in addition to the license.

Denominated a measure to provide public revnue, this might better be labeled "a measure to obstruct business and to hinder men from making a living."

Land-Holding Under Lease
Logical End of Single Tax.

Among the quibblers, (as they have seemed to us) against the claim of Fairhope to be in any sense exemplifying the Single Tax theory, are those who contend that Fairhope cannot be so considered, because it has no taxing power, and individuals hold land under leases instead of title deeds. Our claim has been and is, that the essential feature of the Single Tax is "taking land values for public use" and that whether these be taken under the title of "tax" or "rent," is unimportant.

We believe this not only to be correct, but that, had the theory of taking land values for public use, been adopted in the beginning of civilization, (which many who think it impracticable now, profess to regret was not done,) there never would have been any private ownership of land, but of necessity a system of leasing and collecting ground values as rent. Furthermore, it seems to us that this would be the necessary and logical end of the complete application of the Single Tax today.

L. F. C. Garvin of Rhode Island, in an article on the Single Tax, from which we quote elsewhere, says: "When fully applied all ground rental values will go into the public treasuries and land will have no selling price." There could therefore, be no "tax" based upon selling value when there was no selling value. And there being no profit in the mere holding of unused land, it would be allowed to lapse to the state or community, just as land here is surrendered to the Corporation, when the holder decides that he cannot make profitable use of it. And, when surrendered to the community, the simple and natural method for transference from the community to another would-be user, subject to the taking of the annual value by the community, would be by lease.

A Good Magazine, but Not "The Organ" of the Single Tax Movement.

The spring number of the Single Tax Review has reached us, presenting an interesting table of contents for the faithful.

We always enjoy reading the Review, which is ably edited by Mr Miller, but we wish to mildly object to his constant reference to the Review as the "organ of the movement." When and how did the Review acquire the right to so designate itself? So far as the Courier is informed, no body of Single Taxers has ever so designated the Review, nor does any body exist qualified to do so. The Review might be justified in calling itself an organ of the Single Tax movement, though there is room for argument, if even this would not be an unwarranted assumption, but to call itself "the organ" is manifestly so.

A noticeable feature of the current agitation over the railroad question is the commendable effort of railroad managers to get in touch with the people. They pretty thoroughly realize that the "public be damned" attitude can no longer be safely assumed. The managers are taking the wise and commendable course, but abuses have been so flagrant and so long continued in connection with our railway transportation systems that the public has been thoroughly aroused; and now that they are aroused on the subject, we believe that they will be satisfied with nothing else than government ownership. It will not come at once, but it is the only solution and it will come.

If you are a friend of "the cause" and the Courier, you can't manifest it in any better way than to send us in a few new subscribers.

The Single Tax.

Extract from article by Hon. L. F. C. Garvin, ex-governor of Rhode Island, in the Arena.

"The Single Tax means free land. It would derive all public revenue from a tax upon land values, reaching that end by the simple process of exempting from taxation all else. When fully applied all ground rental values will go into the public treasuries, and land will have no selling price. The market price of a house and lot would not exceed the cost of replacing the house; the market price of a street railway would just equal the cost of replacing the tangible assets, such as track, cars and power-houses; so of every other public-service corporation; so of all mines, forests, water courses, water-fronts, and other real estate.

"The doctrine peculiar to the Single Tax is the common ownership of ground rent. Its adherents claim to demonstrate the truth of this underlying principle by the following line of argument. Since man is a land animal his natural right to life embraces and necessitates the equal right to land. If this statement be incorrect, and if an individual can own land, just as he owns a hat or a house, to use, abuse, lock up, destroy at will, or reap the revenue therefrom, then one man may ethically become the owner of all the land, and, by ordering off all others, annihilate the human race. This reductio ad absurdam can only be avoided by admitting the natural and equal right of all to the land.

"Assuming, therefore, that the land was intended for all the people, it follows inevitably that land values are also theirs; for value is given to any piece of land no more by the owner than by any other member of the community. In fact, the value which attaches to land, and which is measured either by its price or by its annual rental value, is created by the community, and should be classed as the earnings of society, just as much as wages are reckoned to be the earnings of the individual."

Carnegie's Magic Lamp.

At the dedication of the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburg recently—an institute made possible by Mr. Carnegie's "generosity"—Mr. Carnegie made a speech in which he said: "I have tried to make myself realize that I have anything to do with it, and have failed. * * * It is true that I gave some pieces of paper, but they do not represent anything in my mind, because I did not part with anything that I can understand. * * * I said to Mrs. Carnegie last night: 'It is like the palace raised in the night by the genii who obeyed Aladdin.' She replied: 'Yes, and you did not even have to rub the lamp.'"

No, Mr. Carnegie did not even have to rub the lamp. The American people not only provided the lamp, but they rubbed it and summoned the genii which worked industriously night and day to take from the providers and rubbers of the lamp their hard earned money, and after taking this money from them turned it over to Mr. Carnegie. The name of this lamp is "protective tariff." But what name shall be given to the people who provided this magic lamp and then rubbed it for Mr. Carnegie's benefit?

There is a series of "comic" pictures running in a number of daily papers that illustrate the trials of a gentleman who is always being buncoed by artful strangers. He is named "Mr. E. Z. Mark." Would that not be a good name to give to the voters of America, who have sweat and toiled to provide Mr. Carnegie with a "magic lamp," and after having provided it work overtime to rub it and pour treasure into the pockets of the gentleman who admits that he "doesn't even have to rub the lamp?"

Some of these days the voters of America will destroy Mr. Carnegie's "magic lamp" and proceed to make one that will, when rubbed, pour treasure into the pockets of the maker and rubbers. —The Commoner.

The tariff has been of great advantage to Mr. Carnegie, as intimated by the Commoner; but far more of his Aladdin-like wealth has come from ownership of raw materials, increasing in value as the need increased of increasing population, and from special privileges in the use of public highways.

Land Values in the Cities

P. J. O'Regan in Progress, Melbourne, Australia, shows from official figures of land values in New Zealand how wrong is the idea, current with many people, that the Single Tax would fall heaviest upon farmers, because they are the largest land holders. Mr. O'Regan's figures show that 1-340 of the land of New Zealand is worth half as much as the value of all the remainder.

"In other words," as he concludes, "while the value of the urban land is to the value of the country land as 21 to 50, the area of the urban land is to that of the country as 19 is to 6,500! Comment on these indisputable facts is superflous. You will find that the same truth holds good everywhere— the unimproved value is greater where population is congregated—that is to say, in the towns. Hence the reason for selling town lots by the foot rather than by the acre, and it is therefore utterly wrong to contend that the taxation of land values implies the taxation of the country at the exemption of the town. That would only be the fact if the tax were levied on area instead of value."

Bay Minette a Municipality

Bay Minette is now a full-fledged legally incorporated town having voted for incorporation by 48 to 8 and elected a set of corporation officials. The following are the elective officers: Mayor, T. C. Hand; Aldermen, Dr. Jos. Hall, J. C. Burns, J. M. Franklin, H. G. Stanmyres and Joe Feminear.

The Times says it has been intimated that the legality of the incorporation election would be tested in the courts, but the sentiment seems so overwhelming in favor of incorporation that we hope no further obstacles will be interposed Here's to the new "city" and hoping it will set an example of progressive municipal government to all Baldwin County towns.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

May 1 * * * This is the first May day evening that I have not had a May basket hung upon my door by the Fairhope children. But they have not given up the pleasant custom for a dear little neighbor of mine—even the "Cherub" of the early "Letters," came for flowers. I asked what flowers and he said: "Roses." Of course I went and cut my fine roses for him gladly. But when the basket had gone I bethought me that I had selected without a grain of discretion, merely following the little neigbor's first thought which was for roses. Now these May baskets are gotten up by the little folks—by the youths and maidens of our Colony. They are constructed of fanc[illegible] paper, bits of silk, baby ribbon, etc., and [illegible]

there are many baskets to be made and hung they must be very small as a rule. I forgot this. I should have filled the collecting basket with small flowers, English violets, verbenas, and especially jasmines, with rosebuds and the smallest roses. Instead, I cut the huge flowers and buds of such roses as the Bridesmaid, Maman Cochet, etc.,

Never mind, little friends. On the next May day, 1908, come again and your old friend will do better—at least if still here and if the precious flowers are still responding to her loving care. Who knows what may happen between this May day and the next!

The Club Corner

Edited by Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings

Owing to the rainy Thursdays during the past month nearly all the club meetings have been omitted. The evening meeting of the Henry George Club and the V. I. C. social were also postponed. A called meeting of the

V. I. C.

was held with Mrs. Powell on the 30th. A committee was appointed to consult with the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church in regard to a "Calico Social" in the near future. Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Brown were elected delegates to the Fifth Thursday Club for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Comings, chairman pro. tem. of the School Garden Committee, reported that the committee had disbanded. As some of the members had moved away and Mr. Freeman could no longer continue the work, this seemed best and they recommended that the V. I. C. take up the work, A School Improvement Committee with Mrs. Powell as chairman was appointed. $15 was reported in the treasury for further work. This was recently received from Mr. and Mrs. Craig of Colorado Springs. $5 offered by Mrs. Craig—for school garden purposes—to the room keeping the neatest stove during the winter. This was divided between the rooms all agreeing that an equal effort had been made, the school voting to leave the money in the hands of the committee for future use. $10 was from Mr. Craig for permanent improvement of the school grounds. In the letter accompanying the gift Mr. Craig speaks of the necessity of beautifying Fairhope Ave., as first impressions of a town are so important. Fairhope has no stauncher friends than Mr. and Mrs. Craig.

The School Garden

has received from various sources and expended on the school grounds a total of $170.90. A full report of most of this expenditure was given last spring. The interest among the pupils is unabated despite the fact that stock sometimes breaks in and destroys their plants, and people passing through, carelessly leave gates open. Let us help in every way we can.

The Arts and Crafts Society

will hold an important meeting on Monday, May 6th at the Gables, to elect a Secretary and delegates to the Fifth Thursday Club. Will members please hand dues for 1907 (40c) to the treasurer, Miss Frances De Coudres, as some money is needed for immediate use.

The Fifth Thursday Club

will hold its regular meeting at the Gables, May 30th. Further notice will be given.

Bay Minette is making an effort to purchase the building in use for its school, but which does not belong to the district but is owned by a private party from whom it is rented.

THE SCHULLERS ARE BACK.

Mrs. Joseph Schuller and children returned to Fairhope on Wednesday evening, and Mr. Schuller is expected within a couple of weeks. Mrs. Schuller and the children are with Mrs. Schuller's mother, Mrs. Zass, at present. The Schullers were the first of our Holland settlers to arrive, and Mr. Schuller's report at one time in the Courier of his success here attracted much attention, being reproduced by Ella Wheeler Wilcox in her letters for the Hearst papers. Later, when the family left, the Courier received a number of inquiries as to why they did so. So we are particularly gratified to have them back. Mr. Schuller is a hard worker, with a nice family, and while he will hardly start in as favorably situated as when he left, we believe he can, in the long run, do better here than elsewhere, if he will stick to it.

Some Good Things Said about Farming.

A clear recognition on the part of the whole, from the highest down to the lowest, that the tillage of the soil is the natural and most desirable occupation for man, to which every other is subsidiary and to which all else must in the end yield, is the first requisite. Here is a draft which we may draw upon the future and know that it will not be dishonored. Here is the occupation in which the millions of the future may find a happy contented lot.—James J. Hill.

W. C. T. U.

Program for the W. C. T. U. meeting with Mrs. C. K. Brown on Thursday, May 9, at 3 p. m.., is as follows:

Singing.....Crusade Psalm
Scripture Lesson.....Mrs. Sedinger
Season of Prayer.....led by Mrs. Finney
Report of Secretary.....Mrs. Parker
Report of Treasurer.....Mrs. Tiffany
"Concentrate".....Mrs. Beckner
Union Signal Readings .....
Mesdames Davis, Gaston, and F. L. Brown
Report of Grand Gold Medal Contest.....
.....Irene Bell
Discussion: The Influence of Contests .....
.....Mrs. Bell
Items of Encouragement.. .....
.....President Mrs C. K. Brown
Talk by District President, Mrs. Hail, and election of Delegates to District convention in Palmetto St. Baptist church, Mobile.
W. C. T. U. Benediction.
All cordially invited to attend.

Fraternal Homemakers Society.

Editor Courier:

You will, I am sure, do the Fraternal Homemakers Society the justice of permitting me to correct a doubtless unintentional error in your issue of April 19th.

If this society was really undertaking to "profitably conduct promiscuous industries with a promiscuous lot of people on a democratic, co-operative basis," you would certainly be justified in your opinion that the undertaking "cannot possibly be carried to a successful conclusion."

This, however, is not an accurate statement of the Fraternal Homemakers' plan. On the contrary, in this co-operative society, as in the great co-operative societies of England, Belgium, Germany, and France, our membership is selected, and in our management the same business principles that have resulted in securing such successful management for European co-operative enterprises are rigidly adhered to. No human institutions are infallible and mistakes may be made occasionally in co-operative as in individual or corporate organizations.

The recent history of the Fraternal Homemakers Society is a clear demonstration that inefficient management in this Society enjoys no royal prerogative or immunity.

You will pardon me if I suggest further that in a "co-operative and democratic" society, such as ours, those charged with responsibility for business management are held to strict accountability in the matter of honesty and efficiency even more jealously than organizations not under democratic control.

We are glad to read such frank and generous appreciation as you express in your paper of the class of citizens for which you acknowledge Fairhope's indebtedness to the Fraternal Homemakers Society. We are very glad indeed to have these members avail themselves of the "favorable conditions for individual effort under the Fairhope plan," which have led them to take leases from your association in their own names.

As we go on, it will become more and more apparent, I believe, that the Fraternal Homemakers Society not only favors individual ownership and enterprise, but also encourages and aids such individual effort by the massed and co-operative capital and influence of its membership. Yours respectfully,

Paul Tyner, Secretary.
70 Dearborn St. Chicago Ill.

Prof. A. T. Burnell and wife, of the Emerson Institute, Mobile, came over on Saturday last and remained until Monday morning, guests of "The Gables." They visit Fairhope occasionally and are much interested in our effort, as most of our people are in their work among the negroes.

In his sermon last Sunday evening Elder Sedinger boldly announced his conviction that the principles upon which Fairhope was founded are just and righteous.

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MEN AND GOSSIP

"Is your husband opposed to the tiniest little bit of personal talk?" asked one matron of another. "If you see an acquaintance three blocks away when you are on the street with him, and say, 'There comes Mary Smith; doesn't she look pretty?' does he clutch you by the arm and say, 'For heaven's sake, don't talk so loud; she'll hear you?' Just as if Mary Smith would be my enemy for life if she heard me say she looked pretty. Does he call you a hopeless gossip if you comment on the fact that Margaret Jones is seen a great deal with young Mr. Atterbury; and make life a burden to you if you dare to whisper that you understand the Browns do not get along well together?"

"Yes," replied the other matron, with a sigh. "Yes, my husband does all of those things. I do not have a happy life because of his prejudices in such matters. Say that an intimate friend of mine comes to see me and we talk in the library, where he apparently is deep in the newspaper. We are immensely interested in our subject, when I hear a faint cough. I look at my husband, and he is gazing reproachfully at me over his paper. He shakes his head severely and I grope around in my mind frantically to see what I have said that has merited his displeasure. Then I remember that I have mentioned the fact that Mrs. Robinson plays bridge every afternoon, or that Mrs. Jones is wearing her last year's tailored frock.

"After my friend goes I receive the most awful lecture about the abyss that is yawning at my feet. I am told that the end of all scandal-mongers is the penetentiary and that there can be no grief to a man like knowing that he has a gossip for a wife.

"Now I take my friends upstairs under the pretense that I have something to show them up there. Before I learned this trick I never had one happy moment with my women acquaintances when Alfred was in the house."

"It amuses me," returned her companion, in anything but an amused manner. "Tell you why. The other evening Ned and one of his friends were talking in the library and I was ostensibly reading in the drawing room. I wish you could have heard their conversation! I listened with deliberate intent, and I distinctly heard them declare that a Mr. Arrowroot could not meet his obligations. Ned said he had indorsed one note for him and had to pay it, and he never intended to indorse another. They said his business would go into the hands of a receiver. They talked also of a Charlie some-body-or-other who was going to the bow-wows by the race-horse route, whatever that may mean. The other man said Charlie was a plunger, but he wasn't in it with his brother Frank and thus the talk went on.

"After the other man had gone I went and sat on the arm of Ned's chair and spoke to him like a mother. 'Do you approve of backbiting, Ned?' I asked sweetly. 'Do you think personal gossip is either right or elevating?'

"He said he did not, and that he was glad I had commenced to see the matter in a proper light.

"'The reason I asked,' I interrupted, 'was because I could not help overhearing some of the unkind things you said about certain friends of yours—how their credit wasn't good, and they bet on race horses and other things of that sort,' but at this, my dear, his ears turned red as anything, and he interrupted my very rudely.

"'Women should not talk about what they do not understand,' he said, 'nor listen to conversations not intended for their ears,' and with that he posted off to bed, raging mad. He has not said anything to me since about my indiscretions of speech; indeed, it is a very good idea to get something like that on your husband; it holds him in check."

Couldn't Fool Him Twice.

The heavy clouds were massing in the west, the lightning was flashing, and the thunder was rumbling ominously.

The fond mother gathered her young hopeful to her, and tried logically to calm his fears.

'There's no danger, dear. God sends the thunder storm to clear the air, water the flowers, and make things cool. You mustn't be frightened. It won't harm you, and everything will be better when it's over."

The little chap listened intently, and when his mother finished he looked at her quizically.

"No, no, mamma," he murmured; "you talk exactly the way you did last week when you took me to the dentist to have that tooth pulled."

Had He Been Napoleon.

Mme. Calve, in an interview that she accorded to a young woman journalist, imputed her success to hard work.

"There are many good voices," she said, "that the world will never hear because their owners are too indolent to develop them.

"It is like the story of the farmer.

"Looking up from his magazine, the farmer said vehemently to his wife one night:

"'Do you know what I'd have done if I had been Napoleon?'

"'Yes,' the woman answered. 'You'd have settled down in Corsica, and spent your life grumbling about bad luck and hard times.'"

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Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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Six-room house with pantry, wash-house, and 8 foot gallery on both sides of the house. The rooms are all on the first floor and are nicely finished. Also large unfinished attic. There is an acre and a half of ground suitable for gardening, also a dozen fig trees, Japanese persimmon trees and grape vines. The place is nicely situated on high ground in full view of the bay. The Colony rent on the ground is $33.00 a year; but any one buying it and not wishing to use so much land could easily dispose of several lots, and thus lessen his rent.
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Personal and Local

Here's one on the COURIER. We announced last week the moving into the Black cottage of "Mr. Orrie Stapleton and family." Comes now Mr. Stapleton, denies having any "family" and alleges that he has been much embarassed by Fairhope ladies coming around to call upon his "wife." The COURIER therefore makes correction by explaining that Mr. Stapleton is wholly unattached to any females save his mother and sister. The error was inexcusable but we plead in extenuation that a most reasonable inference would be that a gentleman of the years and attractions of Mr. Stapleton, would have at least one wife.

Will Dealy and Otto Jung accompanied by the Misses Powell, and taking a moonlight drive on Monday evening, had an exciting experience. When near the pond opposite the corner of the Holland farmers' enclosure, the horse shied at something in the road and stopped, refusing to go on. Investigation revealed an alligator about six feet long. The young men succeeded in killing the animal with pine knots, loaded him into their wagon and were proudly exhibiting him on the streets the next day, The pond near which he was caught is the same from which the other alligator was caught.

Rev. and Mrs. Breckenridge left on Tuesday morning for their home at Prairie du Chieu, Wis., after a winter spent here. Mr. and Mrs. Breckenridge are exceedingly pleasant people and we were glad of the assurance on their leaving that it was quite probable that they might be here again. Mr. Breckenridge assured us that though they had been in many portions of the south and owned property at Hammond, La. that there was none which they liked better than Fairhope. The COURIER follows them north and through it they will keep in touch with local affairs.

President Frank L. Brown and Secretary Gaston being in Mobile together last Saturday, found good excuse to remain over and took in the ball game at Monroe Park, the first professional game that either had seen in over twelve years. Saturday night they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page, at their hospitable home. These worthy people have lost none of their interest in Fairhope and would really be glad if circumstances would permit their making their home here again.

Dr. and Mrs. Borst and children came in from Silver Hill Sunday morning. The doctor returned to Silver Hill on Monday but Mrs. Borst remained over until yesterday.

The Pleasure Bay resumed her place in the Eastern Shore service on Sunday, after having been thoroughly repaired, cleaned and freshly painted.

The Fairhope towed a barge load of lumber from Volanta to Mobile, for the Turner Lumber Co., on Monday, and on Wednesday took 36 barrels of rosin and 10 barrels of turpentine from there for the Stapleton brothers.

A feature of the Sunday evening services at the Christian Church, is the song by the new male quartette composed of Pastor Sedinger and W. E. Sweet, tenors, A. H. Mershon and E. B. Gaston, basses.

The job of repairing the water tower was completed in good shape by Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Williams.

Treasurer Lyon is now at his desk in the COURIER office on Mondays to transact official business.

Note the announcement of change of schedule of the steamer Fairhope and don't get left.

Telephone your orders for wood to VanBavel & Koopman, who will deliver promptly.

Summer Schedule Steamer Fairhope.

Note the change to summer schedule of the steamer Fairhope. Leave Fairhope 7 a. m. instead of 7:20 and Mobile 3:30 p. m instead of 3. Also the two Sunday round trips, beginning next Sunday, May 5th; leaving Fairhope at 7 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. and Mobile 9 a. m. and 6. p. m.

This double daily schedule ought to be appreciated by both Mobilians seeking the pleasure of a long day on this shore and eastern shore people wishing to spend Sunday in the city. The evening round trip from Fairhope will also afford opportunity for a delightful ride on the bay at the pleasantest hour of the day.

GIVEN AWAY!

Have you missed it? If so, it is your fault, for with every can of Cacsade baking powder you get some dishes or a chair free—absolutely free. Mrs. Sedinger drew the gold band china tea set of 31 pieces with only one can of this baking powder. We have more baking powder and dishes, so get in before it is too late. Buggy coupon also with every 50c purchase. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Recipe for Whitewash.

The following is a tried recipe for making a very excellent whitewash:

1 bushel of lime,
17 pounds of salt,
4 " brown sugar,
6 " whiting,
2 quarts of flour made into a thin paste,
40 gallons of water.

Mix thoroughly and keep well stirred.—Exchange.

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.


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OUT-OF-TOWN ORDERS CAREFULLY ATTENDED TO

Personal and Local

The Rice family have moved into the Haworth cottage.

Mrs. Clemens Gerhard has returned to her husband here.

Fresh vegetables every morning at Mershon Merchandising Co.

Dr. Mershon's drug store has been painted outside as well as in.

Summer suits, wash skirts, and gingham petticoats arriving at Mrs. Call's.

Orrie Stapleton is having a neat barn built on his recently acquired property.

Amos H. Wagner of Point Clear was circulating about town this morning.

The Sunday schedule of the steamer Fairhope is effective next Sunday, May 5th.

Fine Baldwin county creamery butter, none better. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Captain Nichols is building a couple of new cottages east of the street at the rear of his other row of cottages.

By special invitation Rev. Sedinger will preach at the Turner mill on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

Whips! Whips! Whips! All kinds and prices. Also a fine line of harness, collars, dust robes, etc. Mershon Merchandising Company.

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Mike Houston, our enterprising colored neighbor-farmer, left at the COURIER office a beet weighing just a trifle less than five pounds in weight. It is very smooth, too, and solid, and we are sure will stand the test of eating all right.

The latest information from the Trenholmes is that they expect to return to Fairhope in September, and have decided not to rent their cottage in the meanwhile. We are glad to hear of their expected return, but regret to know that their cottage will not be for rent this summer, as the demand for houses will be greater than the supply.

Straw hats, straw hats. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Don't forget the dollar waists—and remember we have better ones. Mrs. Call.

T. E. Clarke moved his family over from Mobile on Monday, into the McDermaid cottage.

Mrs. Bertha Mathison has moved into town and is occupying the former Gill cottage on Section street.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

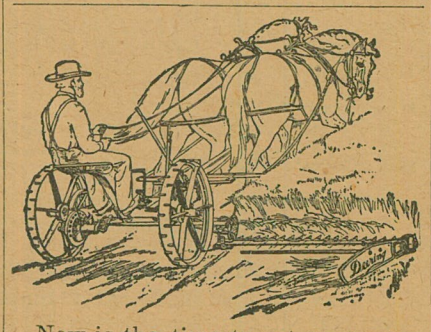
Another shipment of Nola roofing and tar paper just in. Before buying, come and see us. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The Fairhope did not leave a passenger on her first trip under the 7 o'clock schedule, but had to wait a little for some belated, hurrying ones.

The epidemic of measles through which we have been passing seems to have practically run its course. It seriously interfered with the attendance at school during April.

Miss Margaret Dell Adams, reader, will appear at the Christian church on next Thursday evening, May 9. She has a varied repertoire and is very highly recommended as an entertainer. "Popular prices," only 25 cents and 10 cents.

A note from Mr. Kile, who made a visit of inspection recently, announced the shipment of his goods on April 24, and that he and his wife would start for here on Tuesday, the 30th. We are looking for them daily. Later: Mr. and Mrs. Kile arrived last evening.



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E. M. Keller has made a bargain for the former Parker place, more recently occupied by Bruno Van Bavel. Some improvements are now being made upon the buildings, which were damaged by the September storm. Mr. Keller and family have been occupying for several months the H. J. Stemerdink property. We are glad to see them getting a home of their own here.

"I have heard Miss M. Dell Adam frequently and before many different kinds of audiences. She never fails to interest and please. Her range of roles is greater than most readers. She has a charming personality and an originality of interpretation. I consider her one of the best in the field.—N. R. Baker, Assistant Supt. of Education, Mobile, Alabama. At Christan Church, Fairhope, May 9.

A card received from the widow announced the death at St. Louis of our former resident, John Smit, and particulars were received from Mrs. Schuller on her arrival Wednesday evening. Mr. Smit was buried on Sunday last. His health was very poor here, and indications were strong of some serious internal trouble, which proved to be a tumor. He was operated upon, but was so reduced in strength that he could not rally from the shock.

The importance of the water works to the people during the late dry weather is clearly indicated by the falling off in the consumption since the heavy rains have come on. Mr. Massey reports that whereas he was having to pump every day before the rains, now he has to pump only every other day. Quantities of water were hauled away in barrels, in addition to that consumed by the connectors.

The editor's strawberry patch, which began business in February, is still at it and promises to continue throughout all of May, if not longer.

TRUCK SHIPMENTS.

Wharfinger Patterson furnishes us the following figures of shipments of truck this week:

	Bbls. Potatoes	Sacks Beans
Monday	4	8
Tuesday	40	17
Wednesday	57	13
Thursday	49	2
Friday	149	27

Potatoes brought $3.75 a barrel the early part of the week, and beans $1.50 a bushel. Yesterday, Thursday, potatoes brought $3 to $3.35 and beans $1.

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Now Push The Courier.

As we go to press it is too early for responses to begin to come in to our special message to Courier subscribers, in our last issue. They will come—we do not doubt that, but we shall keep the matter before you, "lest you forget."

We announced in last issue a special new subscriber rate of 60c and in clubs of 10 for 50c. Upon further consideration we have decided to withdraw this proposition being assured by friends that any one wanting the paper would be quite willing to pay the regular rate, and to those willing to solicit subscriptions, a commission on subscriptions would be no inducement.

Any subscriptions secured and forwarded under these rates will be accepted, however.

We shall probably offer some premiums, for club-raisers, not as compensation, but more as an expression of appreciation of the publisher, but our appeal to you is as fellow-workers in a common cause.

"Undesirable Citizens" Protest

Local socialists have planned for next Sunday a picnic and mass meeting on the beach at Fairhope and expect a lot of comrades over from Mobile to participate with them.

The special purpose of the occasion will be a protest against President Roosevelt's characterization of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone as "undesirable citizens" on the eve of their trial for their lives in Idaho.

The Courier has not been furnished with particulars, but understands that there will be an interesting program carried out beginning after the arrival of the Fairhope at 10.30 a. m. and continuing until her leaving time returning to Mobile 4:30 p. m.; including a basket dinner at noon, and that all sympathizers are invited.

Trade at Home.

Ten years ago a farmer put his initials on a dollar bill. The next day he went to the nearest town and spent it with a merchant. Before the year was out he got the dollar back. Four times in six years the dollar came back to him for produce and three times he heard of it in the pocket of his neighbors.

The last time he got it back, four years ago, he sent it to a mail order house. He never has seen that dollar since, and never will. That dollar bill will never pay any more school or road tax for him, will never build or brighten any of the homes of the community. He sent it entirely out of the circle of usefulness to himself and his neighbors.

Patronize your local merchant who helps you to pay your taxes, support your schools and churches, and lends a helping hand in times of sickness and trouble.

RECOMMEND MISS ADAMS.

Mr. and Mrs. S H. Comings speak thus favorably of Miss Margaret Dell Adams, reader, who will appear at the Fairhope Christian church on May 9:

"During our late visit to the Citronelle Chautauqua we had the pleasure of listening to Miss Adams several times, and we were each time happily surprised in her ability to entertain and instruct an audience before which she had appeared so many times as she had there; which is always a more difficult affair than when only one or two appearances are made before the same audience.

"We are very glad to have her come to Fairhope, and bespeak for her a good audience, feeling sure she will be highly appreciated by all. It is the sort of recreation, coupled with instruction, that we are glad to have given us.

Christian Church.

Sunday, May 5, 1907.

Bible School, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching Services, 11 a. m. Subject, "In Christ Jesus." (Followed by the Lord's Supper.)

Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m., led by Dr. Mershon.

Night service, 7:45. Subject, "The Other Fellow," (a social study.)

Important School Announcement

Trustee Oswalt requests us to call attention to the fact that May is the last month of the school year, and that it is very important that pupils be on hand every day if they expect to pass into higher grades.

"Miss Margaret Dell Adams did not disappoint her large audience and the program was selected with a view to pleasing many different minds and in each role Miss Adams was equally charming and successful. The Third Reader Class, a character study, won merited applause as the stuttering boy, the sing song girl, the bashful boy, dull boy, the girl who put on "airs" and many others types of the school room were exceedingly well portrayed."—The Whistler, Whistler, Ala. At the Christian church, Fairhope, May 9.

Judge Albright had his first criminal case on Tuesday. It was a case of assault and battery, George Bishop of Barnwell being charged with the offense, committed upon Charlie Lowell. The information was sworn to by L. S. Massey, whose interest in the matter arose from the fact that the offense was committed at his place, while a dance was in progress. Mr. Massey is determined that order shall be maintained about his premises, and had given fair warning that any disturbers would be prosecuted. Mr. Bishop came in like a man, plead guilty, and paid his fine of $10 and costs amounting to $4.35 more. He also assured the judge, who admonished him that he was determined to have order preserved at public gatherings at Fairhope and another offense would be punished much more severely, that no further cause of offense would be given by him.

See here.

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The hotel is furnished throughout with good substantial furniture. A new range has just been put into the kitchen, and there is a good piano in the parlor. The place has been under the management of Mrs. Ferguson & Son the past year and they have had a very successful season. Mrs. Ferguson would be pleased to continue the management if the property should change hands, The rates are $2.00 a day, or $8.00 a week. and in the summer season the hotel is crowded and frequently unable to accommodate all the visitors.. The ground covers two acres, and contains grape vines, pear trees, Japanese persimmons and roses.

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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.

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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 long distance connection.

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EXCURSION TO SPANISH FORT.

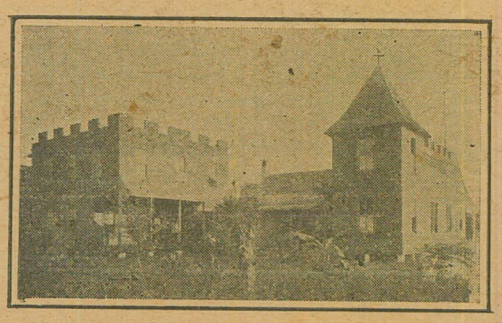
Last Sunday was a delightful day for the steamer Fairhope's excursion to Spanish Fort. There was not a large crowd but those who went enjoyed the day greatly. Captain Roberts showed perfect familarity with the channels and no trouble was experinced on that score though to a landsman there seemed a veritable labyrinth of channels all presenting practically the same appearance. The Fort was arrived at a little after eleven o'clock and the boat remained there until one.

The spot is a picturesque one. A bluff about like that at Fairhope, is crowned by the fort. There are no remains of buildings, if there ever were any, the "fort" having simply consisted of earth works, deep trenches having been dug and the earth thrown up in front. These remain substantially as they were, but are covered thickly over with a forest, which has for the most part, grown up since the war.

Most of the party searched in vain for bullets, to carry away as souvenirs, but some who were better posted on where to look got plenty of them, These were mostly found in fallen trees which were standing at the time of the battles which raged about the fort. A slight swelling of the wood (the "heart" of pine trees, the sap having long ago rotted off) indicated the presence of a bullet which over forty years ago had passed through the sap and been embedded in the enduring heart. One gentleman got 12 or 15 bullets in this way each embedded in a chip of pine, cut from the tree where its presence was shown by the slight swelling referred to. It was interesting to note that these were found at a height of fifteen to twenty feet from the foot of the tree. A number were found in a single tree within this distance of about five feet, showing that there must have been a veritable "storm of shot" but (fortunately we all now think) too high for execution on the opposing troops.

The fort is a part of the site of "Park City," being promoted by Mobile parties, but we didn't "tumble" to the fact that it was a "city" until we were back on the steamer, when we were shown a plat of the city site.

The best part of the excursion was the return trip. Going, we came down the channel from Mobile, turning sharply below the lighthouse and passing close to the right of it on a northeasterly course; but returning the Captain steered north up the Tensas river which we followed some distance, thence, (when we did not know for all rivers looked alike to us) into Raft river, then into Spanish river again, and then into Mobile river three or four miles above the city, and down Mobile river past the mills and shipping to the Mobile wharf. The winding and twisting around through these tortuous channels, with the green wall of luxuriant swamp growth close on either sid , was quite novel and interesting to us who are used only to the trips on the bay.



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A Taste of The Gulf Coast Makes Single Taxer Long For Fairhope.

EDITOR COURIER:

I have just finished reading C. F. Nesbit's "Impressions of Fairhope," and I confess it made me feel as if I wish I were there.

The little taste I got last February of the Gulf Coast climate makes me long for more and I want to see Fairhope for myself. It seems to me you have the ideal place for a winter resort for northern people who have to get away from the cold.

I want to see Fairhope grow in beauty and usefulness. On a small scale she is showing the world what economic principles will do for people. The civilized world is now nearly ready to make a great stride toward justice and civic righteousness, and anything that helps in that direction is worth while.

I see a new earth and a new society. On right and justice founded. Where all shall have and none shall want. Solved shall be the problem of social life. And on the rock of personal worth and honor shall be reared the new earth and the new heaven.

Minneapolis, Minn. C. J. BUELL.

Landlord Gets the Money.

This city's building boom is still on, and there is no cessation of complaint about the steepness of rents. Downtown store-keepers put posters in their windows, announcing that they must move, because they can't "get their's" after the landlord has "got his." We all know this is true. We all know that the first and chief beneficiary of prosperity, is the landlord. Likewise we all know that it is the landlord chiefly, who helps along the hard times that follow prosperity.

As has recently been pointed out in an official report upon the taxation of site values in. Great Britain, the main initial cause of periods of trade depression following periods of prosperity is that check to production which is brought about by the increase in land values which invariably and inevitably results from a period of prosperity. This increase in ground rents is the result of a natural law which determines the growing wealth of a nation to rent; in other words, rent, like a huge sponge, absorbs advancing wealth. The wealth of a nation registers itself in rent. Increasing rent is the increasing charge which capital and labor must pay for the use of the earth. Apart from any theory or theories, it is clear and undeniable that throughout the industrial world speculative advance in ground rent or land values, which includes and controls franchises, invariably precedes a season of commercial depression. That advance in land values is the main cause which brings about depression in trade is scarcely less clear. And it is the only explanation which accounts adequately for these alternate periods in the world of industry and commerce. This being the case, what is plainer than that the landlord above all other men gets from the growth of the community, independent of and quite unrelated to any creative effort of his own, more than his share of the benefit of prosperity? He pockets the wealth that the work of all creates. And this being so, why is it not justice that the community should tax that rent into its own coffers?

The greatest beneficiaries of St. Louis' prosperity are the down-town landlords who have done least in the way of improvement. The Board of Equalization has truly said that these landlords have not been sufficiently taxed on their rental or land value. They profit without labor. They drain the businss community of its profits on barter and manufacture. They should be made to yield up of this what the community earns, not they themselves.

This is Georgeism, and its truth and justice are indisputable by any honest thinker. Rent is a private tax upon labor and upon capital too. It fences off the earth from those who would use it, unless they pay tribute to those who have pre-empted the land. Tax this rent as it should be taxed and all human effort could be left tax-free. This would leave the land open to all, would make work plentiful, would cripple fundamental monopoly, since there is no monopoly that is not based upon engrossing and forestalling of land. Landlordism is the grossest form of privilege. It should therefore be taxed to annihilation.—The Mirror, St.Louis.

Mr. Wolf Takes Issue With Editor.

EDITOR COURIER.

Your editorial on "Landholding under Lease the Logical End of the Single Tax" in your issue of May 3rd astonished me in coming from a professed Single Taxer, for you enunciate and adopt the socialist doctrine of land nationalization. Not only does the Single Taxer repudiate this dogma but it marks one of the divisions between socialism and the Single Tax.

Henry George and every other accepted authority on the Single Tax squarely opposes that proposition. Hon. L. F. C. Garvin accurately states the case in the quotation which you print in the adjoining column as follows: "The doctrine peculiar to the Single Tax is the common ownership" (not of land but) "of ground rent." George never wavered from his purpose to take ground rent by the established and familiar machinery of taxation. In Book VIII, chapter II his position is unmistakably stated. He emphatically objects to governmental landlordism and he quotes and condemns Herbert Spencer's advocacy in "Social Statics" of government ownership and leasing of land. He declares that he would leave the titles of land as at present, adding in italics—"*It is not necessary to confiscate land; it is only necessary to confiscate rent.*" He adds again in italics," "What I therefore propose x x is *to appropriate rent by taxation.*" George antagonized and proposed to abolish landlordism in every form, public and private. This and this only, he explains, is the object of the Single Tax.

In chapter VIII of "The Land Question," George speaks of taking rent by taxation as "The only way, the easy way." He says in objecting to leasing by government, "no complicated laws or complicated machinery are necessary. It is only necessary to tax land up to its full value."

A very little reflection should indicate that government landlordism would involve an increase of bureaucracy and a multiplication of offices which it is one function of the Single Tax to suppress and avoid. Under free competition the law of supply and demand would compel rental values to adjust and declare themselves automatically. The Single Tax is the simplest, cheapest, and most natural method of determining land values and collecting rent. It would avoid the irregularity and corruption that would probably attend the leasing of land and the fixing of rentals by an army of government officials.

If you persist in advocating the leasing of land by government in preference to taxing ground rents into the public coffers I should be happy to publicly debate the question and to demonstrate that Henry George was not a "quibbler." Yours truly,

ALFRED J. WOLF.

REPLY BY EDITOR COURIER.

We cheerfully give space to Mr. Wolf's criticism, but must express our astonishment at his reading into the article criticised something which was not there at all, viz: "advocating the leasing of land by government in preference to taxing ground rents into the public treasury." We did nothing of the kind as a more careful reading of the article will show.

We are somewhat "astonished" also to see Mr. Wolf classing a leasing system as being "socialistic." Certainly socialists would not recognize it as such, for a leasing system implies individual possession and use for private benefit, whereas socialism would have not only common ownership, but common use for common benefit.

Our manifest object was to emphasize the great purpose of the Single Tax, to "take land values for public use." We merely expressed

our opinion, that had the principle of equal rights to the use of the earth—the foundation of the Single Tax—been recognized at the beginning there would have been no private ownership of land; and that if the Single Tax were carried now to its ultimate end, *ownership* of land as now known would eventually cease, not by forcibly dispossessing the land owners, but by taking the profit of ownership, causing them to voluntarily surrender the same.

With the contentions of Mr. George, in favor of the Single Tax, as the simplest and best method of taking land values for the public benefit, *under existing conditions of individual land ownership* we perfectly agree. This because of the "axiom of statesmanship" as stated by Mr. George "that great changes can best be brought about under old forms," *not* that private land ownership is a just or desirable condition.

Says Mr. George, (book VIII, chapter II, the same from which Mr. Wolf quoted:) "We have seen that private property in land has no warrant in justice, but stands condemned as the denial of natural right—a subversion of the law of nature that as social development goes on must condemn the masses of men to a slavery the hardest and most degrading."

Instead of "Henry George and every accepted authority on Single Tax squarely opposing the proposition," (of common ownership and individual use under lease,) Mr. George says: in the same book and chapter quoted from by Mr. Wolf: "We should *satisfy the law of justice.* We should *meet all economic requirements*, by at one stroke abolishing all private titles, declaring all land public property and letting it out to the highest bidders in lots to suit, under such conditions as would sacredly guard the private right to improvements." Obviously a leasehold system.

Instead of condemning Herbert Spencer for advocating such a plan. Mr. George—same book and chapter—quotes him as an eminent authority—contradicting the idea that such a plan would be "a wild impracticable vagary," and says: "but such a plan though perfectly feasible, does not seem to me the best"—and why? Because, as he explains in the next paragraph, it would be—not wrong but—"involve a needless shock to present customs and habits of thought."

Nor did Mr. George, as asserted by Mr. Wolf, propose to "abolish landlordism in every form public and private;" for immediately following his words last quoted by Mr. Wolf, Mr. George said: "In this way the state may become the *universal landlord* without calling herself so."

Really, as an example of the "clinging to the letter" as against the "spirit which giveth life" we do not remember to have noted a more striking instance than Mr. Wolf gives in his article. From out this grand chapter of Mr. George, he has extracted—not the statements of the fundamental principles upon which his philosophy was founded, but sentences and phrases torn from their context, and dealing only with a method for securing a desired result, advanced as the "line of least resistance" under existing conditions of law and custom: belittling the George philosophy by putting all emphasis upon the *method* proposed, rather than the principle underlying it or the purpose sought to be accomplished. We urge those interested in the points raised, to read the entire chapter quoted from, chapter II of book VIII of Progress and Poverty.

As we are not at all advocating a leasing plan as against the plan of taxing land values, we cannot be drawn into any such discussion as Mr. Wolf invites. We would much prefer giving our attention to arguments as to why land values should be taken for public use and the benefits which should flow therefrom, than to disputes over the best method for taking them.

LETTER FROM MRS. JOHNSON.

Still "Lives in Fairhope" Though Absent in the Flesh, Approves Courier Editorial.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I heartily endorse what you say of the need of religious teachers.

The church and every individual Christian should have but one voice, and that to condemn evil everywhere. It is bad enough to have an unjust and un-Christian system, and be forced to suffer or profit by injustice, but to have such an order upheld by the teachers of righteousness is most discouraging.

As I said once while in Fairhope, I still firmly believe, that the effort to establish the Single Tax in Fairhope is a greater Christian work than that of any other organization of which I know, for it is seeking to establish conditions which make it possible for men to be Christians if they want to be, while the churches are simply aiming to make men christians in an environment that compels un-Christian lives.!

The church today is in the position of the animal breeder who hopes to raise fine animals by denying them every condition of food and shelter necessary to their growth. He fails, he is disappointed in the product of his labor. The church fails—is disappointed in the product of its labor. The present lack of regeneration seems appalling considering the fact of nineteen hundred years of effort!

Human beings cannot become spiritual, when the very existence of the body depends upon unrighteous dealing! The religious teachers must address themselves to the task of changing the conditions of industry—the laws under which all must exist.

The laws must make it possible to be just—make it possible to be a Christian in the highest sense of the word. Let the church insist upon common justice in the nation and there will be some hope of reforming the individual.

Once make it possible to be an honest Christian, and it will no longer be necessary for the church to agonize over lost souls. Men will accept salvation gladly for then it will be possible to live consistently. Then one may grow in grace. Industry and business will not interfere with spiritual development.

We all read the Courier regularly with the greatest interest, and really I live in Fairhope a great deal of the time, although my physical being is up here in the woods! I am so glad the pastor of the Christian church is touching the social problems. Every preacher should of course. It is a shame that most of them are either indifferent or cowardly!

I am hoping to come to Fairhope some of these days to stay! I am more interested than ever before in the reforms for which Fairhope exists, and I should be more than happy to be able to spend the rest of my life in helping ever so little in so great a cause.

Marietta L. Johnson, Barnet, Miss.

Tne Philadelphia Single Tax society keeps up its active work by lectures and discussions on Single Tax and allied reform topics every Thursday evening at its hall. The Philadelphia Single Taxers are among the most earnest and able in the United States today.

We have added to our exchange list, an Irish journal, "Sinn Fein" published at Dublin.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

* * * An old and much valued correspondent of Colorado, now of Sacramento Cal., writes about coming to Fairhope with her son, an electrician, to settle here, divining easily that there should soon be demand for his skill and that of others, if we are destined to grow as we hope. She says: "If Fairhope had an electric plant and wanted him, he is capable of taking charge. He can build or repair transformers, take charge of motors, wire houses—in short do everything in that line We have an electric heater that he made here." x x "A Colony like yours ought to make electricity furnish power for every family. Their houses should be lighted by it, their food cooked by it, their machines run by it."

This old friend's sympathy with progress dates from Topolobampo. I recall the substantial presents she sent us from her Colorado dairy. Misfortune has followed her with awful persistency during the last few years, taking away almost every member of her family except this one son. She, no doubt, very greatly needs a change of scene and I dearly love the thought that she might here recover her strength and spirits. I hope it may be written that I am to return some of her help to me when in a strange country. But I will return to this subject again.

x x x Mme Marie Godin wrote me recently from Nimes France where she is still struggling with "documents for a complete life" of her husband, Godin, the founder of the Familistere of Guise. For years this biography has been appearing every month in Le Devoir the organ of the Familistere. I sent her letter to Claude Ferdinand, a French correspondent in Campgaw, N. J. By his reply I see that I am instrumental in the sale of one copy, for he says he must have it as soon as it is published. I am looking forward to the issue of that biography with great interest, and earnestly hope that Mme Godin's strength will prove equal to her great work.

Dr. Clara was just telling me that there is to be a great demand for camphor, it being largely used in making explosives, and suggests our raising it in Fairhope. Why not? It flourishes in this sandy soil near the bay and it is moreover a thing of beauty. One little slip I stuck in the ground under a persimmon tree and forgot all about it, is growing perfectly. We do not begin to know the resources of this soil, climate, and comparative proximity to markets. I believe the satsuma or kid glove orange will pay here as it did at Mr. White's place at Battles three or four miles further down the bay. I have nine little trees, three of them full of fruit for the first time. Then there is the pecan, the peach—when we can keep down the scale—and the precious fig which resists everything—alas! everything but the mocking bird, what shall we do with them? They make us love them even when robbing us. I pondered this matter long in the middle of last night. It was pitch dark, nearly, and yet a mocking bird in my garden was "breaking his throat" with song. I think the solution will be to line our streets with fig trees.

I know there are Cassandras who will swear that Mr. White lost money on his Satsumas; but this I know, he told me personally that every orange he could raise was bespoken by our Mershon Bros. and at a good price.

There is a class of people who seek to degrade and discourage every hope, every effort of others. They pretend to know everything while they really know nothing, their observations, their experience in business, their methods, have led them to sure failure and they spend their time and what is more valuable your time, in trying to show you that the fault lies at the door of everything but one—their own incompetence.

For a long time I thought that cucumbers would not do well here, but the Holland farmers who have joined our Colony settled that question. Comrade Bellangee, also, who has a hedge of fine, thrifty Japanese climbing cucumbers in his front garden. The vines run on stiff brush and are a fine sight from the street. And just across the way from his place, at Mr. Mogg's is the finest, most luxuriant bed of cucumbers I ever saw anywhere. They are a solid mass some 18 inches from the ground, and everywhere the eye could get in among the dense foliage, it perceived cucumbers of every size, all perfect and as green as emeralds. I never saw a better example of lush vegetation. The ground had been thickly spread with stable manure.

A MEETING OF PROTEST.

Against President Roosevelt's Utterances, Regarding Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, before Trial.

At a meeting held at Beach Park, last Sunday afternoon, a vigorous protest was made against the course of President Roosevelt in his utterances regarding Moyer Haywood and Pettibone, officers of the Western Federation of Miners on the eve of their trial for their lives at Boise, Idaho.

The meeting was called by local socialists, but was participated in by many non-socialists who equally resent the president's unwise and unfair utterances.

The steamer Fairhope brought a number of socialists and union labor sympathizers from Mobile, who with many of the local families enjoyed a picnic dinner, at the noon-hour.

W. S, Baldwin presided over the meeting, and the principal speakers were Mr. Williams, lately arrived from Chicago, and Thomas N. Freeman of Fairhope. Mr. T. F. Parker of Pell City Ala, business agent of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, also spoke at length, and at the conclusion of the arranged program, Mr. Gaston asked and secured the platform for a few moments to suggest the Single Tax remedy for the economic ills portrayed by the other speakers.

The following resolutions proposed by E. Q. Norton of Daphne, and supported by him in a brief speech, were adopted without a dissenting vote.

"Whereas, The constitution of the United State and that of every state in the Union provides for and guaranteesto every citizen, among other rights, that of being considered innocent of any charge until proved to the contrary, in a fair, prompt and unprejudiced trial before a jury of his peers,

"And, whereas, The courts have always, heretofore, held that a publication of any opinion or the public expression of any opinion, especially if coming from anyone in an official government position, before the end of the trial of any case before the courts, was prejudicial to the interests of the public and tended to the defeat of justice, and that under such circumstances the courts have judged such premature opinion to be a contempt of court and punishable accordingly.

"Therefore, be it resolved, That it is the sense of the ctizens of this section, here assembled, that in the unlawful kidnapping, imprisonment for over one year and the denial of the right of habeas corpus to the officials of the Western Federation of Miners, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, the rights of every citizen in this country have been menaced, and we hereby express our disapprobation and condemnation:

"Resolved, That in the extreme partisan and uncalled for public expression of opinion of President Roosevelt, as lately given out by him bearing on the character of these three men, who are about to be tried upon charges which involve life and death, the president has flaunted his personal opinions in the face of the courts; sought to defeat the orderly procedure of the trial, and thereby jeopardized the lives of men who have never been regularly charged with any crime, but who have been illegally extradited, unlawfully detained and denied a speedy trial, and whose case will finally be passed upon by the supreme court of the United States, already influenced by the president's statements of his own opinion and prejudice as to the guilt or innocence of those accused men.

"Resolved, that in view of these and similar outrages we hereby register our protest and call upon all lovers of liberty to unite in any practical way to undo the evils already brought upon us, and prevent their future repetition. We express here no opinion as to the guilt or innocence of these accused men; what we here demand is a fair, speedy trial for these and all other citizens whenever legally accused and lawfully arrested. Anything short of this will end in the speedy destruction of all liberty."

While fully sharing the feeling that the president's utterances regarding the officials of the Western Federation of Miners, was unwise and unfortunate, and that he deserves all the condemnation he has received, we consider it also very unfortunate for the cause of the accused men and union labor in general, that professed friends have been guilty of equally unwise utterances. In a protest against extraordinary and unconstitutional proceedings in the securing possession of the prisoners, and in treatment of them since, their friends should and to a very large degree will have the support of fair-minded people of every shade of political and economic belief, but threats of or incitement to violation of law and orderly precedure in their behalf, are even more prejudicial to their interest and equally to be condemned.

On May 3rd the press dispatches reported snow in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri, and temperatures below freezing. Fruit and vegetables which were believed to have escaped fatal results from earlier storms were given up as killed. Generally April seems to have been about the most backward April ever known, and its unseasonable conditions extended over into May.

Push The Courier.

It is still early to expect to hear from friends in response to our appeal for their help in extending the circulation of the Courier, but we shall keep the matter before you.

Geo. W. Patterson, secretary of the Los Angeles' Single Tax club, who is a warm friend of the Courier, says: "If you will send samples to Los Angeles Public Library and Y. M. C. A. and get their agreement to keep the Courier on file if sent them, I will pay for it."

This is a first class idea. The Courier now goes to many libraries, some of which, as notably, the Iowa State Library, Milwaukee Public Library, and John Crerar Library, Chicago, are very careful to keep their file complete and notify us promptly in case one fails to reach them.

H. F. Ring, the well known Houston Single Taxer, lawyer and author sends a new subscription with his renewal.

John Patterson of Fairhope, renews for another year the subscriptions of three eastern friends to whom he has been sending the paper for the past year.

Partly as an added inducement to Single Taxers to devote a little time to an effort in behalf of the paper and partly as an evidence of appreciation of their help, we offer the following premiums;

For a club of five at regular yearly rate—2 half yearly counting as one yearly—we will send prepaid a cloth bound copy of The Life of Henry George, by Henry George Jr. or any dollar book of your selection.

For a club of ten, we will send prepaid a copy of Bolton Hall's "Three Acres and Liberty,"—just out, retailing at $1.75 net, or any book named by you retailing at not more than $1.75.

If you would like to help the paper, but are not so situated that you can do so without compensation, write us for special cash premium offer and sample copies, with list of present subscribers in your city.

The importance of newspaper advertising as an aid to business is shown by recent experience at Butte, Mont. On account of a deadlock between publishers and the typographical union, the papers ceased publication for several weeks. As one result numerous business houses reported a falling off in business of from twenty to thirty per cent. A hint to you Mr. Fairhope Business-man to stimulate your business by judiciala dvertising in the Courier.

Judge Davis, formerly of Creston, Iowa and prominent in Iowa politics, now located at Knoxville, Tenn., visited Professor Bellangee between boats, last Sunday.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

May 6 1907.

Regular meeting Executive Council. All members present but Mr. Patterson, Pres. Brown in chair, Minutes of meetings of April 15 and 16, and reports of members and lessees' special referendum election, April 18, read and approved.

A delegation from Library Association being present to consult with the Council regarding the proposed hall and library building, consideration of this matter was next taken up. Mr. Bancroft for committee on such building, presented and explained a plan, which was on motion approved in general with understanding that it would be submitted for advise of W. L. Price, architect, who had agreed to assist in the matter. This plan called for a hall 40 x 46 with a lobby 12 by 12, and a room 12 x 28 in the front end; and on the other end two rooms about 16 x 36 each, one for a fire proof stack room for the library and the other a reading room.

Moved and carried that the committee on hall rebuilding, Messrs. Comings, N. Mershon, and G. M. Bancroft continue in charge of the matter, to communicate with Mr. Price, get estimates of cost, etc.

Mrs. Comings reported disbandment of School Garden committee, recommending that the V. I. C. take up the work and at the last meeting of the V. I. C. a School Improvement committee had been appointed which would look after this and other matters regarding school.

The following bills were allowed:

H. C. Oswalt, trustee, tuition for Colony pupils in April	$66 05
R. Poortstra, road work	12 50
R. VanderWall, road work	2 50
G. M. Bancroft, road work	13 75
E. B. Gaston, printing envelopes $1.75, notices and ballots for referendum $1.75, 1000 leases, $7.00, postage $1.52	12 02
Wm. Call, services attending court	2 25
E. W. Jefferson, rep. tower	3 95
Mr. Williams, "	2 80
Wm. Stimpson, hauling	25
L. S. Massey, pumping, 1 mo.	11 00

Treasurer's report for April presented as follows:

Monthly Statement--April, 1907.

		Receipts	Disburs.
On hand April 1—			
Certif's..	$125 20		
Whf. Ctfs.	1 05		
Water "	176 15		
Cash	325 15	$627 55	
Rents, 1906		57 70	
Rents, 1907		294 31	
Rent Penalty		6 43	
Water Fund..		73 40	$ 76 73
Land Fund..... ...		13 25	35 00
Telephone		1 50	
Salaries			25 00
Taxes.....			453 89
Schools.....			135 90
Postage and Print'g			28 52
Bal. on hand Apr. 30			
Certif's..	$131 70		
Whf. Ctfs.	1 00		
Water "	176 15		
Cash....	10 25		319 10
		$1074.14	1074.14

Secretary reported collecting $100 from F. L. Brown on stumpage and applying same on N. O. Nelson Mfg Co. bill.

Applications, transfers, and relinquishments of land approved as follows:

Charles D. Fuller, application for blk. 57, div. 4; being 330ft n and s, by 264ft e and w, in se corner of nw ¼ of se¼ of Sec. 17. (Supt. of Lands and highways was directed to show Mr. Fuller his lines)

A. C. Staples, application for w½ lot 11, blk 28, div 2.

Transfer from F. W. Rose to M. L. Lyon, lots 3 and 4, blk 4, div 1.

Transfer from M. V. Mathews to Mrs. Bessie Mathews, s 132ft Jacobs tract.

Surrender by Miss A. G. Herring of a portion of lot 7, blk 4, div 1—portion having been previously surrendered for street.

Surrender by H. L. Dunnell of n ½ of w½ of the nw¼ of the se¼ sec 16.

Moved and carried that some one be appointed to take charge of the building of a men's bath-house to be built on site of the old one and in style like the ladies' bath-house and Messrs Stimpson and Lyon appointed such committee.

Moved and carried that stumpage of wood to boat be made 10c provided not less than 25 cords a month be taken.

Application of P. Y. Albright for membership, presenting transferred certificate of F. W. Rose, was referred to committee composed of Lyon, Pilcher and Bancroft. Committee reported favorably and application was on motion accepted.

Thoughts Turn Back to Fairhope.

FRIEND GASTON: Since leaving Fairhope about a month ago our minds run back almost daily to the pleasant winter we spent in your fine climate, which to us was almost ideal, and the people so friendly. Almost daily we find ourselves making some plans for the next winter in Fairhope.

On our way home we met several families returning home (a little too soon, as we did) from different places along the coast. Two families who wintered at Pensacola, thought they would try Fairhope next winter. We gave them your name, and such inducements as we thought the place could back up.

We wonder how our friends returning north have stood this cold, stormy April. There has been much cold wind and snow, and there is ice on our porch at this noon hour, with a cold, strong wind from the north. I have had to keep close to the base burner. My health is about the same as when I left there. With best wishes for Fairhope and her people, we are

Yours very truly,
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Summer Schedule Steamer Fairhope.

Note the change to summer schedule of the steamer Fairhope. Leave Fairhope 7 a. m. instead of 7:20 and Mobile 3:30 p. m instead of 3. Also the two Sunday round trips, beginning next Sunday, May 5th; leaving Fairhope at 7 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. and Mobile 9 a. m. and 6. p. m.

This double daily schedule ought to be appreciated by both Mobilians seeking the pleasure of a long day on this shore and eastern shore people wishing to spend Sunday in the city. The evening round trip from Fairhope will also afford opportunity for a delightful ride on the bay at the pleasantest hour of the day.

Thanks to Fire Department.

EDITOR COURIER: I wish to extend my sincere thanks and express my hearty appreciation to the Fire Brigade for the prompt and efficient service rendered on the occasion of the burning of my home.

The saving of the outbuildings is directly attributable to their good work and the water service.

Very Sincerely,
W. H. G. Rowe.

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.

The Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department met last week in the COURIER office. The president, Mr. Pilcher, and treasurer, Dr. Mershon, were re-elected; P. Y. Albright was elected secretary, W. E. Sweet chief and A. R. Howarth assistant chief. It was decided to order a half dozen firemen's hats or helmets, a dozen more buckets, and a ¾-inch nozzle for use when connection is made with small mains, in order to get greater force. A committee was also appointed to investigate and report upon cost of a hose cart, the carrying of ladders, pails and chemicals being all that present cart can stand.

O. J. Brown of Tampa, Fla, is here visiting his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Geo W. Clifton. Mr. Brown is a Single Taxer, has been a reader of the COURIER for some time, and is mmch pleased with Fairhope, bearing testimony as so many have done, to finding it better than he had expected. Mr. Brown is a vetern teacher, a graduate of Victoria University, Toronto, Can, and has been engaged for some time in teaching Latin and Greek in Tampa. Mr. Brown is counting upon locating at Fairhope in the not distant future.

Treasurer Lyon is now at his desk in the COURIER office on Mondays to transact official business.

Telephone your orders for wood to VanBavel & Koopman, who will deliver promptly.

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LARGE PLACE NEAR THE BAY.

Six-room house with pantry, wash-house, and 8 foot gallery on both sides of the house. The rooms are all on the first floor and are nicely finished. Also large unfinished attic. There is an acre and a half of ground suitable for gardening, also a dozen fig trees, Japanese persimmon trees and grape vines. The place is nicely situated on high ground in full view of the bay. The Colony rent on the ground is $33.00 a year; but any one buying it and not wishing to use so much land could easily dispose of several lots, and thus lessen his rent.
City water. Price $1200.

OUT IN THE SUBURBS.

Five room house and attic, situated half mile from the post office. Gallery front and back. Cistern with pump in the house, and a well that furnishes the finest water in this vicinity. Four chicken runs. Plenty of fruit trees, including figs, Japanese persimmons, peaches, plums, and white Niagara grapes. Also quarter acre of strawberries from which $60 worth of berries have been marketed this season here in Fairhope. Two acres of ground situated on the highest point in this vicinity, and nicely suited for gardening. Price, $575.

HOUSE WITH STORE ROOM.

Eight room house, five down and three up-stairs, with double gallery in front. A store room adjoins it and is included in the bargain. The rooms are ceiled and nicely finished, and the store room is at present rented and will be sure of a permanent income. There is a good barn, chicken house, shed, and fine well on the place. The lot is 104x208 and is considered the finest garden spot in Fairhope. It is the one spot here where fertilizer is not required. 60 fig trees, four pecan trees, peaches, English walnuts, mulberries and roses. Price, $1400

COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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A single cottage with four rooms, and gallery on two sides, built and finished same as double cottages described above, and situated next door to them. Parlor 15x15, dining room 9x15, kitchen 8x13, and bed room on second floor 11x23 which may be subdivided. Running water, necessary furniture, stove and utensils. Open fire place in parlor.
Price, $500

CENTRALLY LOCATED.

Two-story house, five rooms down and four up-stairs. Gallery on three sides. Good cistern, with pump in kitchen. Well built, and ceiled inside, with hard oil finish. Scuppernong grape arbor and mulberry trees. This is one of the nicest places in Fairhope.
Price, $1200.

SMALL HOUSE.

Three rooms and attic with gallery on two sides. Nicely painted and papered. Large 80 barrel cistern, and plenty of ground for gardening.
Price $400

FOUR ROOM HOUSE.

Two rooms down and two up-stairs, with gallery, near the Bay. Good cistern. Lot 104x210. This place is well finished, furnished, and is a bargain. Situated nicely for both winter and summer. Price, $700.

SMALL COTTAGE.

One story cottage, four rooms, with gallery. Plenty of ground for gardening. Good location. Price, $400.

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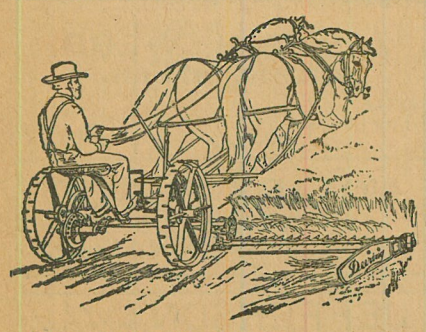
Mrs. Edward Nelson (nee Miss Carrie Betts) was over from Mobile with her baby and spent last week at home, with Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft and Father Knowles.

Mr. Powell wrote from Philadelphia May 4. "We have had an awfully cold, wet April and so far in May. Was snowing last night." The weather so interfered with his vacant lot work that he has practically had to abandon the idea of making a run down to Fairhope, for which he had hoped to find time soon.

Mr. Rathje and the editor did the good Samaritan act yesterday for a poor goat that had in some way got into the Thompson place cistern. The place is not occupied and it just happened that Mr. Rathje heard the poor creature's cries. The editor went down on a rope into the cistern which is a very large one and nearly full, and threw a rope over the animal's head, by which it was drawn up. It had been there no one knows how long and it was a long time before it could stand up. We feel like running a muck against the town goats occasionally, but an individual goat in distress could not be resisted.



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Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Magden arrived from Des Moines last evening. Mrs. Magden, who is a sister of Mrs. A. H. Mershon, Mrs. Littlefield and Mr. Williams, will remain about a month visiting her relatives here, but Mr. Magden will only remain a few days.

The thanks of the community are due judge Albright, who has now in two cases within a couple of weeks, shown that offenders against the "peace and dignity" of the community by fighting, drinking and their usual accompaniments of profanity and obscenity, will not be lightly dismissed when brought before him.

A party of volunteers assisted by others employed by the ladies of the V. I. C., did good work last Saturday in cleaning up the beach about the magnolia tree platform and in blocking up the platform which was badly racked by the high water last fall.

Doctor W. H. G. Rowe and daughter, Dorothy, left on Monday morning for Hutchinson, Kansas, and will be joined there by F. W. Rose and family who expect to leave tomorrow morning. The gentlemen expect to engage together in the publication of a progressive democratic paper, for which there is believed to be a fine opening there and in which they are pledged the active support of prominent and influential democrats. Both gentlemen have had large experience in newspaper work and are qualified to publish a paper which would deserve success. We sincerely hope that such a success will be realized, and that peace, happiness and prosperity will attend them and their families.

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Mrs. Jos. Keller, who has been in very poor health for several months was taken to the hospital in Mobile, for especial study of her case and treatment, and at last reports appeared to be somewhat improved.

Skirts, shirt waist suits, kimonos, etc., are now arriving at Call's.

Pastor Sedinger and family have moved out to the Dr. Borst place. The distance is not greater from the center of town than the Swift cottage lately occupied, and there is more room—not inside but out, which is more important at this season.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell and children, vitited Father Creswell and Miss Minnie over Sunday.

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A Disgraceful Incident.

Much excitement was occasioned on last Friday evening by a liquor crazed young man who ran a muck on the main street of Fairhope. Friends made a vain effort to restrain him and get him out of town, but he finally had to be overpowered and handcuffed and was then, hauled off, still cursing and fighting, in charge of Constable Geo. Cain, to his home a little ways out of town, where it was almost midnight before he quieted down so that the cuffs could be removed. In the morning he was brought into town, where he sought out those who had been particularly offended by his conduct and apologized to them, and was then arraigned before Judge Albright, and, pleading guilty, was fined $25 and costs, which were paid.

Out of regard for the young man, (not a resident of Fairhope) who is very polite and agreeable when sober, and his excellent parents, we shall not give him further unpleasant notoriety by mentioning his name. We are glad to report that he is said to have "sworn off" entirely. We certainly hope he will stick to it.

Miss Adams Delights a Good Audience.

Miss Margaret Dell Adams, reader, gave a very pleasing program at the church last evening, assisted by the new male quartet. In spite of rain almost up to the time of beginning, there was a good attendance, the seats being practically all filled. Miss Adams proved an entertainer of rare merit, fully deserving the good report which had preceded her. A notable feature was the newness and freshness of her selections, very few having ever been heard before at Fairhope, or by Fairhope people elsewhere.

On account of the weather keeping many away who would otherwise have attended, it was arranged to have Miss Adams appear again this (Friday) evening. All who did not get out to hear her last evening should by all means do so this evening; most of those who did will be out again.

See Here.

The Springfield Engraving Co. makes all kinds of cuts or engravings of people, buildings, horses, cows, chickens, labels, letter heads—cuts of everything. Also does all kinds of illustrating and designing. Write them for prices on anything you want made. Springfield Engraving Co., 214½S Sixth St., Springfield, Ill.

Christian Church.

Sunday, May 5, 1907.

Bible School, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching Services, 11 a. m. Subject, "Primitive Christianity." (Followed by the Lord's Supper.)

Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m., led by Dr. Mershon.

Night service, 7:45. Subject, "Undesirable Citizens." (a social study.)

Basket Ball Club Entertained.

Miss Hazel Pilcher entertained the members of the Girls' Basket Ball Club and their friends, Monday night at her home on Magnolia avenue. The guests comprised the younger set of Fairhope's polite society, and the evening was spent in playing flinch and other games. Frances De Coudres and Daphne Brown carried off the prizes in the flinch game. Dainty refreshments were served, and the house was tangled up in a new game called, Spider Web, of which Bessie Littlefield was the prize winner. Those present were: Misses Bessie Littlefield, Frances De Coudres, Celina Roberts, Hazel Williams, Bird Sedinger, Anna Mae Oswalt, Ella Jellison, Daphne Brown, Mary De Coudres, Hazel Pilcher, May Rose Margery Pilcher, and Leah Gaston. Messrs. Paul Molyneux, Cornie Gaston, Ralph Keller, Clayton Baldwin, Jack McCarthy, Jacob Van Bendegom, Don Littlefield, Dr. Sheldon, and P. Y. Albright.

Ice Cream Social At Church.

Under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church, but assisted by many others, an ice cream social was held at the church on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the George Cain family. Mrs. Cain has been an invalid and unable to do anything for about a year and with their family of several small children, and the recent loss of one, they needed assistance which the ladies were kind enough to take this means to secure, and they were sensible enough to accept. It is wanted to have Mrs. Cain placed in a hospital at Mobile for a while for treatment.

The social was generously patronized and a nice sum realized. After the supper a very pleasant little program was given in the auditorium. There were songs by Mr. Will Dealy and Mr. Pilcher and by the "Feegee Funny Four"—Arthur and Will Dealy, Mr. Pilcher and Dr. Sheldon, and the new male quartet; Messrs. Sedinger, W. E. Sweet, A. H. Mershon, and Gaston; and recitations by Mrs. Bancroft Mrs. Beckner and Dr. Sheldon.

Summer residents are coming.

Henry George Club Meetings.

The evening meeting of the Henry George Club which was interfered with by rain when appointed will be held at the Bancroft home on next Tuesday evening, Miss Herring will review chapters 10, 11, and 12 of Natural Taxation to be followed by discussion and a social time. Everybody cordially invited.

On Thursday evening of next week the club will go to Daphne taking their lunch baskets along, and spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Norton. Mrs. Norton will review the 13th and last chapter of Natural Taxation, by Thomas G. Shearman, to which the club has devoted its attention during several months past. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Norton is well known to Fairhopers, the trip will be a pleasant one, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

A poster announcing the summer schedule of the steamer Fairhope and another advertising Cascade baking powder, in Mershon Merchandising Company's store window, are the work of Will Dealy who has an evident talent in this line.

Fresh vegetables every morning at Mershon Merchandising Co.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Comnercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

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A Taste of The Gulf Coast Makes Single Taxer Long For Fairhope.

EDITOR COURIER:

I have just finished reading C. F. Nesbit's "Impressions of Fairhope," and I confess it made me feel as if I wish I were there.

The little taste I got last February of the Gulf Coast climate makes me long for more and I want to see Fairhope for myself. It seems to me you have the ideal place for a winter resort for northern people who have to get away from the cold.

I want to see Fairhope grow in beauty and usefulness. On a small scale she is showing the world what economic principles will do for people. The civilized world is now nearly ready to make a great stride toward justice and civic righteousness, and anything that helps in that direction is worth while.

I see a new earth and a new society. On right and justice founded. Where all shall have and none shall want. Solved shall be the problem of social life. And on the rock of personal worth and honor shall be reared the new earth and the new heaven.

Minneapolis, Minn. C. J. BUELL.

Landlord Gets the Money.

This city's building boom is still on, and there is no cessation of complaint about the steepness of rents. Downtown store-keepers put posters in their windows, announcing that they must move, because they can't "get their's" after the landlord has "got his." We all know this is true. We all know that the first and chief beneficiary of prosperity, is the landlord. Likewise we all know that it is the landlord chiefly, who helps along the hard times that follow prosperity.

As has recently been pointed out in an official report upon the taxation of site values in. Great Britain, the main initial cause of periods of trade depression following periods of prosperity is that check to production which is brought about by the increase in land values which invariably and inevitably results from a period of prosperity. This increase in ground rents is the result of a natural law which determines the growing wealth of a nation to rent; in other words, rent, like a huge sponge, absorbs advancing wealth. The wealth of a nation registers itself in rent. Increasing rent is the increasing charge which capital and labor must pay for the use of the earth. Apart from any theory or theories, it is clear and undeniable that throughout the industrial world speculative advance in ground rent or land values, which includes and controls franchises, invariably precedes a season of commercial depression. That advance in land values is the main cause which brings about depression in trade is scarcely less clear. And it is the only explanation which accounts adequately for these alternate periods in the world of industry and commerce. This being the case, what is plainer than that the landlord above all other men gets from the growth of the community, independent of and quite unrelated to any creative effort of his own, more than his share of the benefit of prosperity? He pockets the wealth that the work of all creates. And this being so, why is it not justice that the community should tax that rent into its own coffers?

The greatest beneficiaries of St. Louis' prosperity are the down-town landlords who have done least in the way of improvement. The Board of Equalization has truly said that these landlords have not been sufficiently taxed on their rental or land value. They profit without labor. They drain the businss community of its profits on barter and manufacture. They should be made to yield up of this what the community earns, not they themselves.

This is Georgeism, and its truth and justice are indisputable by any honest thinker. Rent is a private tax upon labor and upon capital too. It fences off the earth from those who would use it, unless they pay tribute to those who have pre-empted the land. Tax this rent as it should be taxed and all human effort could be left tax-free. This would leave the land open to all, would make work plentiful, would cripple fundamental monopoly, since there is no monopoly that is not based upon engrossing and forestalling of land. Landlordism is the grossest form of privilege. It should therefore be taxed to annihilation.—The Mirror, St. Louis.

Mr. Wolf Takes Issue With Editor.

EDITOR COURIER.

Your editorial on "Landholding under Lease the Logical End of the Single Tax" in your issue of May 3rd astonished me in coming from a professed Single Taxer, for you enunciate and adopt the socialist doctrine of land nationalization. Not only does the Single Taxer repudiate this dogma but it marks one of the divisions between socialism and the Single Tax.

Henry George and every other accepted authority on the Single Tax squarely opposes that proposition. Hon. L. F. C. Garvin accurately states the case in the quotation which you print in the adjoining column as follows: "The doctrine peculiar to the Single Tax is the common ownership" (not of land but) "of ground rent." George never wavered from his purpose to take ground rent by the established and familiar machinery of taxation. In Book VIII, chapter II his position is unmistakably stated. He emphatically objects to governmental landlordism and he quotes and condemns Herbert Spencer's advocacy in "Social Statics" of government ownership and leasing of land. He declares that he would leave the titles of land as at present, adding in italics—"*It is not necessary to confiscate land; it is only necessary to confiscate rent.*" He adds again in italics," "What I therefore propose x x is *to appropriate rent by taxation.*" George antagonized and proposed to abolish landlordism in every form, public and private. This and this only, he explains, is the object of the Single Tax.

In chapter VIII of "The Land Question," George speaks of taking rent by taxation as "The only way, the easy way." He says in objecting to leasing by government, "no complicated laws or complicated machinery are necessary. It is only necessary to tax land up to its full value."

A very little reflection should indicate that government landlordism would involve an increase of bureaucracy and a multiplication of offices which it is one function of the Single Tax to suppress and avoid. Under free competition the law of supply and demand would compel rental values to adjust and declare themselves automatically. The Single Tax is the simplest, cheapest, and most natural method of determining land values and collecting rent. It would avoid the irregularity and corruption that would probably attend the leasing of land and the fixing of rentals by an army of government officials.

If you persist in advocating the leasing of land by government in preference to taxing ground rents into the public coffers I should be happy to publicly debate the question and to demonstrate that Henry George was not a "quibbler." Yours truly,

ALFRED J. WOLF.

REPLY BY EDITOR COURIER.

We cheerfully give space to Mr. Wolf's criticism, but must express our astonishment at his reading into the article criticised something which was not there at all, viz: "advocating the leasing of land by government in preference to taxing ground rents into the public treasury." We did nothing of the kind as a more careful reading of the article will show.

We are somewhat "astonished" also to see Mr. Wolf classing a leasing system as being "socialistic." Certainly socialists would not recognize it as such, for a leasing system implies individual possession and use for private benefit, whereas socialism would have not only common ownership, but common use for common benefit.

Our manifest object was to emphasize the great purpose of the Single Tax, to "take land values for public use." We merely expressed

Proposed Single Tax Conference.

The Manhattan Single Tax Club has issued an invitation to a meeting of Single Taxers at the Union Square Hotel, New York City, on Thursday, May 30th, to summon a general Single Tax Conference to meet in New York on or about Oct, 29th, 1907, the tenth Anniversary of the death of Henry George.

Copies of the invitation have been received by individuals at Fairhope, who have been invited to become members of the Committee on Preliminary Organization.

It will probably be impossible for anyone from Fairhope to attend the preliminary meeting, but the Courier favors the holding of such a general conference and that Fairhope should be properly represented thereat, if such be held.

The committee in its letter says "with six months in which to work, we can, if we will, give an unmistakable reply to the question, "Is the Single Tax Movement dead?"

We would good-naturedly suggest to the committee that in the vicinity of Fairhope immediate answer to this query can be found.

Highways Must be Free From Monopoly.

We are indebted to the passenger department of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad for a copy of an interesting speech by W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, at Memphis, Tenn. In it Mr. Finley defines a railroad as "a business enterprise engaged in the production and sale of transportation." This is what a railroad ought to be, but there is a very common feeling that the chief business of present day railroad promoters is to secure franchises and then use them as a basis for floating as many bonds and stocks as possible, the "producing and selling of transportation" being an entirely secondary matter.

This question of capitalization Mr. Finley asserts to be "one that interests security holders rather than the shipping public" and that "capitalization does not affect rates" * * * It is found that rates have to be so adjusted as to move commodities to competitive markets in competition with the products of rival producing localities etc." Is this not simply another statement of the "all that the traffic will bear" idea? While contending that "capitalization does not affect rates," we note that Mr. Finley, like all other railroad men, is pleading for rates which will yield a fair return upon the capital invested. The people are willing to pay rates which will yield a fair return on the "capital invested," but they seriously object to rates which will pay dividends on water; and that somebody may have actually paid good capital for the water makes no difference to them.

Mr. Finley made a strong statement of the importance of the railways when he said: "It needs no argument to demonstrate to you that in this day of world-wide commerce, the productive capacity, on which depends the prosperity of a community is limited by its ability to reach the markets where its products are in demand." It is well then that the people are awakening, as they are, to a proper appreciation of the vital importance to them of transportation. When they reach the bottom of the question they will see that the highways over which their products must pass to market, railways as well as county dirt roads must be free from any monopolistic exploitation.

This no more means that the people shall not pay for service actually rendered in the making of road beds and furnishing and management of railway equipment than that they should not pay fairly the man who furnishes team and wagon to haul on the county roads, but it means that they shall not give exclusive franchises to build road-beds and operate equipment over certain routes and then pay dividends every year on what such privileges can be capitalized for.

Principle of Single Tax Recognized by Government in Oklahoma Town-Site Sales

The papers reported this week a public auction sale of town lots, at Randlet, Oklahoma; the first of a series of such sales to be conducted by officials of the interior department. The proceeds of this first sale were expected to reach a total of not less than a half million dollars. The proceeds of the sales go to the Indians.

This method is in recognition of the fundamental principle of the Single Tax philosophy, that all are equally entitled to the use of the earth and that, as actual equal holdings are neither practicable nor desired, this equal right can best be realized by sharing equally in the sum paid as the value of the privilege of exclusive possession by individuals. It only needs to be extended to white men as well as red men; to provide for periodical valuations and collections to meet changing conditions not due to individual efforts, and to use the fund realized as a joint fund for common purposes, instead of dividing it and then having to re-collect from individuals on an arbitrary and unjust basis for public needs, to be the iull-fledged Single Tax policy.

It is true these are important details, but with the principle once conceded, the details must eventually follow.

Wholesale Land Frauds Suspected in Colorado.

Sensational disclosures are expected as the result of investigations now being made by a Federal grand jury at Denver, into alleged land frauds. This investigation is said to be especially interesting at this time because it is likely to involve the principal enemies of the Western Federation of miners, whose officers are now on trial at Boise, Idaho—the big mining companies. Investigations made by a previous grand jury have laid the foundation for the belief that wholesale violations of the land laws have resulted in practically all the valuable coal lands of the western states becoming the property of great railroad and other corporations having their headquarters in Wall street.

The president may have to revise his list of "undesirable citizens" as a result of these investigations. But, if all alleged be true, the root of the trouble is not to be found with the "undesirable citizens," who have simply hastened a little beyond the usual course, the gravitation into the hands of a few, of the rich mineral resources which are the rightful heritage of all the people, but in the "undesirable" policy, which permits private monopolization of natural resources. It is essentially a wicked, gambling game, and its evils will not disappear if we should succeed in compelling those who play it to "play fair," which seems impossible with the rich stakes we deliberately set before them.

Improvements in Land System More Important Than Better Farming.

Home and Farm wisely observes that—"The improvement in farming methods is the step that must be taken as the free lands disappear. Heretofore men might move from section to section, merely cultivating the surface of the soil, but as lands increase in value, that is, as the unoccupied lands gradually disappear, it becomes necessary to put a man's mind into his business on the farm as elsewhere."

Home and Farm states a great truth. Increasing land value requires land to be put to better use, in order that its use may be profitable, and individual and community would jointly benefit thereby, but for one great mistake in our land system—by which the mere holder of paper title is allowed to rob the real user of the results of his increased intelligence and more painstaking care. Correct this fatal error, and the law stated by Home and Farm will work blessing only to all. Hold fast this error and progress will be ever accompanied by poverty. The owners of land will, as everywhere else, become an aristocracy preying upon the users whose increased intelligence and industry will avail them nothing as a class.

Bright Educational Prospects.

The Comingses who always enjoy doing things for the growth of Fairhope, have been having some very interesting, and promising correspondence with some very prominent educators of that Athens of the east, Wellesley, Mass, in relation to a "winter camp school" for young ladies.

These people have already established a successful "summer camp school" in Maine, and were contemplating one in some portion of the south, when their attention was called to Fairhope, and their letters show an extremely favorable impression for this place.

They seem to be the type of progressives who will find among us the sort of atmosphere they will enjoy and appreciate.

Miss Lyons who has hosts of warm friends here, is also at work on plans for a "Home school" with all sorts of "Arts and Crafts" among its activities, and we know she has a very superior talent along these lines as well as a most charming personality, and a well established love for Fairhope and enthusiasm for its ideals.

There are yet "school plans" on the horizon, that we will not say anything about until the work of promotion is a little farther developed.

Various rumors are in circulation about boat service to the eastern shore this summer. One, that the Bay Steamship Company will keep the fare up to 50 cents throughout the season—which hardly seems possible, for 12 years ago, when the Carney line had the business all to itself, it made a 25 cent rate during the summer months. Another is that Mr. James Carney has purchased in the east the Little Silver, a larger and said to be faster boat than the Pleasure Bay and will re-enter the eastern shore transportation, which latter hardly seems credible either, for it is pretty generally understood that there is no money in it for anybody as the business is now cut up.

In the May first Southern Cultivator, the editor urges the importance to Southern farmers of the hay crop. Of all hay producing mixtures he says he prefers peas and sorghum, then corn. Then he says he wants to see more grass, red top, Bermuda, Arctic grass, vetch, burr clover, red clover and alfalfa. He says he has been overrun with inquiries as to where cow pea seed could be secured and says, "raise them on your farms." For planting as a soil improver, he says any farmer can afford to pay $4.00 a bushel for peas.

"Under present laws and conditions, it is essential to allow no one to become a member of Fairhope Corporation whose standing and faith as a Single Taxer is at all doubtful." So writes T. J. Werner, an ardent Single Taxer of East Orange, N, J.

TO HAVE ICE PLANT

Contract Closed by Mr. Heller for Six Ton Plant to be Installed at Earliest Moment.

The COURIER has the great pleasure of announcing that Mr. Heller has returned from Columbus, Ga, where he closed a contract for a 6 ton ice plant which will be ready for shipment within ten days.

The plant is entirely new, of the latest and most improved style and will be installed by an expert furnished by the manufacturers just as soon as the necessary building can be erected to house it in.

The two plants in Mobile credited with making the best ice furnished in that city are of the same pattern and from the same concern.

In addition to the six tons daily ice capacity, the plant has a refrigerating capacity equal to two tons more of ice which it is intended to use later for cold storage in connection with a separator for extracting the cream from milk and possibly in course of time a butter making plant.

The installation of a local ice plant, will make possible another industry of the utmost importance to Fairhope and vicinity, dairying; about which we shall have more to say in future issues.

This announcement that we are to have an ice plant is the most important item of development news since that of the purchase of the steamer Fairhope, second, and will be hailed with delight by our friends at home and abroad.

Pertinent Inquiries.

Since the earth was made for man's use, why should a few men be permitted to monopolize it to the detriment and enslavement of all others?

Does mere land ownership ever earn or produce anything useful to mankind?

If land ownership in and of itself never earns or produces anything useful, why should it receive anything?

Was a town or city ever built up by landlordism?

Has land any value other than that which inheres to it by the joint efforts, enterprise and industries of a community?

Should or should not those who produce land values reap the benefits of what they produce?

If taxing land values makes land cheaper and more easily accessible, would it not be wise and just to tax land values for public purposes?

Does the taxing of labor products make them more expensive, and therefore, harder for the people to get?

If so, then why should they be taxed?

Why should labor, the active factor in wealth production, be fined for applying itself to natural elements?

If trade is natural and right, why should men be punished for trading with each other?

If man must earn his living by the sweat of his face, why should human laws place barriers between man and the only thing on which he can sweat so as to earn his bread?

If the proposed one tax on land values would be a blessing to wealthy corporations and individuals, why is it that monopolistic corporations and persons are opposed to such a tax?

If man is endowed with certain inalienable rights, why should he not find out what those rights are and then assert them?

RALPH HOYT.

Success is like sunshine, it brings out the rattlesnakes. Exchange.

ENGLISH LAND REFORM PROGRESS.

Great Meeting at London, of Land Reformers United on Land Value Taxation Measures as First Step. Radical Utterances by Prime Minister.

May issues of both Land Values, "monthly journal of the movement for the Taxation of Land Values," and Land and Labour, "organ of the Land Nationalization movement" bring encouraging news regarding the land reform movement in England. Both quote at length from recent speeches by the premier, Sir Henry Campbell—Bannerman and Mr. Winston Churchill on April 20th, at a great national demonstration arranged by various Housing and Land Reform Associations.

At this demonstration almost every county in England and Wales was represented and no fewer than 150 members of Parlament were on the platform.

The following brief extracts from the prime minister's speech indicate that he realizes the fundamental importance of the reform he advocates:

As I conceive it, our task as reformers is to apply such treatment to the land as will facilitate its opening out for purposes of utility —(Cheers)—and to develop its utility to the utmost. I am not condemning the other subsidiary purposes, harmless and in many respects even advantageous, to which it conduces. But what the State and Parliament, and you and I, ought to keep in mind, is the development of the utility of the land.

x x x Of course, it would be very pleasant if we could affect an absolutely painless remedy. (Laughter.) But I would suggest to those who are attacking us as the enemies of property and reproaching us for our criminal tendencies, that in the first place we do not propose to steal anybody's belongings, not even a goose from off the common, still less the common from under the goose.

x x x I have repeatedly had occasion to say what, as I think, will be the economic effect of the application of the principle of the rating of site values to the problems which harass us in the greater cities. It is undesirable and unjust that there should be a diversion from public to private hands of a large part of the results of the improvements made by the community and of the wealth which has accumulated by the mere fact of the collection of so many human beings within a given space. The more we can command this publicly-created wealth, the better it will be for us.

I appeal to the forces of public opinion in the towns to help us in solving the rural question no less than their own immediate and pressing problem. Legislation cannot create new forces. It can only hope to guide, direct, and stimulate forces already in existence or awaiting to be born, and I hope we shall do something to secure fair play for the great economic forces which have become clogged in these ancient and archaic systems of ours with results which have been mischievous to the prosperity of our native land.

I look behind the material aspect to the character and spirit of the people, for in helping to free the land we shall be helping to raise the people. (Cheers.) Happy shall we be, if to us it is given to disperse the cloud of gloom which has settled over our villages, to enable the peasantry to lift up their heads and call their souls their own—(cheers)—by giving them some foothold where they will no longer be tied men, but free. Happy shall we be if before our day is over we see brightness and colour and pleasant homes for the people in our cities, and vigorous, well-nourished children playing in the gardens of our cities instead of the dismal and sunless streets which are too often the only play-ground open to them; and to achieve these blessings you and I are resolved—I see it in the enthusiasm of this meeting —without haste, but without rest, to press forward on the crusade of land reform. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list. Here are some friends who have been heard from-

Geo. Q. Thornton, St Louis, accompanies his own renewal with a new subscription of a friend. If only every subscriber would do this our list would go upward with a bound.

Dr. S. Solis Cohen, the well known Philadelphia physician subscribes for the COURIER two years to the University of P nnsylvania, his city.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George", or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three Acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

The Montgomery Advertiser, probably Alabama's most influential newspaper, had a profusely illustrated page write-up of Fairhope in its issue of Sunday, May twelfth. The writer of the article showed quite a clear conception of the principles and policies of our Colony and presented the advantages and attractions of our town in excellent style.

F. W. Stalker, formerly with the Baldwin Times and well known at Fairhope, sends a subscription for the COURIER from Kissimmee, Fla, where he now is. He says, he is "well and doing well but has not lost interest in Fairhope and wants to keep posted on what is being done."

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Thompson Property Changes Hands.

Mr. D. W. Terry of Meridian, Mississippi, arrived in town on the Sunday evening steamer, and on Monday presented a bill of sale for the Thompson place improvements and transfer of the lease to the lots. On Monday evening, at a special meeting of the Council, the transfer was approved and at the same time a transfer of the east lot, containing the dwelling, from Mr. Terry to our Mr. Jos. H. Williams, a deal consummated during the day. Mr. Terry holds one lot, which he may improve, or which may be secured as a site for the proposed new hall and library building, as it is the location favored by many.

This centrally located property has been in such disrepair since the storm that it has been quite an eyesore, and all will be glad to hear that it will, as soon as may be, be put in order. Mr. Terry is a prominent man at Meridian, and expects to bring his family down and stay a month or more during the summer.

By the acquisition of a portion of this property Mr. Williams becomes somewhat more of "a fixture" than he could be considered while holding no property here.

The Thompson's, who have been living at Meridian since leaving Fairhope, will, it is reported, return to DesMoines. Mrs. Hummel's health has been very poor of late.

Good Potato Report.

Louis Barkley, out on Colony land in section fifteen, has reported the best Irish potato crop, reported to the COURIER this season. He planted one sack, two bushels, on one third of an acre, using 525 lbs. of Increscent brand dissolved bone fertilizer. From this small patch he dug 17 barrels of potatoes. He shipped on May 4 and got $2.75 a barrel at Mobile. Had he shipped 2 or 3 days earlier he would have received $3.25 a bbl. The crop was grown on new land which had borne only one crop and that cow peas, preceding and was kept thoroughly cultivated.

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.

Personal and Local

Archibald Crosbie is looking well this spring, and so is his garden. The credit for the good looks of the garden is wholly due to Mr. Crosbie (so far as human effort is concerned) and the credit for his good looks is largely due, no doubt, to his work in the garden and the good vegetable food it yields him. He had one of his cabbages at the Mershon Merchandising Company's store on Saturday, which weighed 12½ pounds.

Mr. Horning's place certainly shows for the work that he has put and is putting upon it, and he is daily marketing fine vegetables and strawberries from it. He was in the COURIER office the other day with a basket of products which he was delivering to fill an order. The strawberries were "a sight to behold" and so fragrant they filled the room with their odor. They were the excelsior variety, and he said were coming on better than at any time. He picked fifteen quarts that day, from shipped in plants set out in the winter mind you. Berries of the quality of Mr. Horning's never go begging and now bring 12½ cents a quart, though we have been having strawberries for over three months and for weeks past dew-berries, which grow wild in all directions, have been abundant.

Mrs. M. E. Page was a caller at the COURIER office on Monday, renewing her subscription. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Murdock of Chicago, who arrived last week, bringing with her Mrs. Page's mother, Mrs. A. J. Lehr of Kendalville, Indiana. Both of the newcomers are delighted with Baldwin county. Mrs. Lehr expects to remain and make her home with her daughter, and Mrs. Murdock looks forward to making her home here later. Mr. and Mrs. Page are among the most famous gardeners in this vicinity, and the editor has long been promising himself a trip out to their place.

Mr. Bancroft remarked one evening last week that he was "feeling good, because he had managed to get his oat crop harvested and in between showers." The same evening we had a letter from Mr, Mogg, who had just "got his oats in" up at Lake Geneva, Wis—but he had just got his in the ground, quite a difference. After Mr. Mogg got his oats in a snow storm stopped further out-door work, giving him opportunity to write us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Strattan left on Monday morning for their former home, Kewanee, Illinois, where business demands their attention at this time. They expect to be back sometime before July first. The COURIER will follow them and their friends will wish them a pleasant visit and safe return.

Mr. Lowell of Mobile who had concluded a bargain with Dr. Rowe for his Fairhope property and was at the boat to meet him the morning after the fire, ready to close up the deal, has not given up the idea of having a place at Fairhope but has other negotiations on.

Reimer Poortstra reports that he has a half acre of tomatoes which are very fine. He has some ripe now. Asked what fertilizer he used, he said "manure." Reimer has two acres of early sweet potatoes which are running vigorously and nearly cover the ground.

Treasurer Lyon is now at his desk in the COURIER office on Mondays to transact official business.

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The Charlie Wilson alligator succumbed to injuries sustained when he was captured. While we do not understand that Charlie developed any real affection for his pet (or the pet for him) he was a good drawing card, and he mourns his loss.

Mrs. Howland tells us that her sister, Mrs. Stockbridge, who was here with her husband for some time and then returned to her home in New Hampshire, is seriously thinking that she made a mistake in doing so, and may return.

Mrs. Norman Staat and children and her brother Peter Baer have returned to their Chicago home after a stay of over four months. They were delighted with Fairhope and promised to come again and bring other friends with them.

Dr. Rowe secured a very prompt adjustment of the loss on his property, insured through the agency of Jno. W. Scheible & Co., Mobile—advertisers in the COURIER—and the full amount was paid over within a week of the loss.

C. K. Brown has had his little cottage, which stood close to the street, moved back a little ways, which will be much better both for it and the adjoining cottage, whose view it obstructed.

Mr. Stimpson's brother "Jim" who was here for some time, years ago, keeps up his subscription to the COURIER having just again renewed his subscription. He is at Greenville Miss.

Mr. Dennis Smith, a bar pilot, was over on Sunday, and while here rented the Ames cottage for the summer, through the Albright & Gaston agency.

John Shermer of Battles was an appreciated caller at the COURIER office last Saturday, and left a dollar for renewal of his subscription for another year.

Colonel Jones, on the Smith place, shipped a couple of crates of tomatoes to Mobile on Tuesday morning, the first of the season.

Henry Clare Littlefield and wife were over visiting their numerous Fairhope relatives and friends last Sunday.

Will Call spent Sunday with his family, coming over on the Sunday morning boat and returning Monday morning.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

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Six-room house with pantry, wash-house, and 8 foot gallery on both sides of the house. The rooms are all on the first floor and are nicely finished. Also large unfinished attic. There is an acre and a half of ground suitable for gardening, also a dozen fig trees, Japanese persimmon trees and grape vines. The place is nicely situated on high ground in full view of the bay. The Colony rent on the ground is $33.00 a year; but any one buying it and not wishing to use so much land could easily dispose of several lots, and thus lessen his rent.
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OUT IN THE SUBURBS.

Five room house and attic, situated half mile from the post office. Gallery front and back. Cistern with pump in the house, and a well that furnishes the finest water in this vicinity. Four chicken runs. Plenty of fruit trees, including figs, Japanese persimmons, peaches, plums, and white Niagara grapes. Also quarter acre of strawberries from which $60 worth of berries have been marketed this season here in Fairhope. Two acres of ground situated on the highest point in this vicinity, and nicely suited for gardening. Price, $575.

HOUSE WITH STORE ROOM.

Eight room house, five down and three up-stairs, with double gallery in front. A store room adjoins it and is included in the bargain. The rooms are ceiled and nicely finished, and the store room is at present rented and will be sure of a permanent income. There is a good barn, chicken house, shed, and fine well on the place. The lot is 104x208 and is considered the finest garden spot in Fairhope. It is the one spot here where fertilizer is not required. 60 fig trees, four pecan trees, peaches, English walnuts, mulberries and roses. Price, $1400

COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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A single cottage with four rooms, and gallery on two sides, built and finished same as double cottages described above, and situated next door to them. Parlor 15x15, dining room 9x15, kitchen 8x13, and bed room on second floor 11x23 which may be subdivided. Running water, necessary furniture, stove and utensils. Open fire place in parlor.
Price, $500

CENTRALLY LOCATED.

Two-story house, five rooms down and four up-stairs. Gallery on three sides. Good cistern, with pump in kitchen. Well built, and ceiled inside, with hard oil finish. Scuppernong grape arbor and mulberry trees. This is one of the nicest places in Fairhope.
Price, $1200.

SMALL HOUSE.

Three rooms and attic with gallery on two sides. Nicely painted and papered. Large 80 barrel cistern, and plenty of ground for gardening.
Price $400

FOUR ROOM HOUSE.

Two rooms down and two up-stairs, with gallery, near the Bay. Good cistern. Lot 104x210. This place is well finished, furnished, and is a bargain. Situated nicely for both winter and summer. Price, $700.

SMALL COTTAGE.

One story cottage, four rooms, with gallery. Plenty of ground for gardening. Good location. Price, $400.

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Fifteen acres of ground well located on the main road. House, lumber for barn, water, and plenty of fruit trees. The land has been under cultivation for some years and is in good condition. Price, $550.

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A FINE GARDEN SPOT.

Five room house, three down and two up-stairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.

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Mr. Grant Magden left for Iowa, on Tuesday morning after a short visit.

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Grapes are large enough to stew now and make an excellent sauce, tasting almost exactly like gooseberries.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Capt. Jos. W. Lawrence has secured the contract for rebuilding the Robinson-Brown wharf and bath-house.

Mr. C. W. Lyon, purchaser of the Rose place, was over on Monday evening, returning to Mobile on Tuesday morning.

The McGuire family has moved into one of the Captain Nichols cottages for the summer. They spent last summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Kile have moved into the Richards—Bellangee cottage on Magnolia avenue and may purchase the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton are looking forward to the establishment of a cannery here, being thoroughly familiar with that business.

A nice large shipment of granite ware just received. Well, how is the price? Very cheap indeed. If you don't believe it we can prove it to you if you will come and see us. Mershon Merchandising Company.

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Another big shipment of moulding and shingles for the Builder's Supply Co. Call on Will Stimpson when you need anything in the building line.

The Henry George Club meeting appointed for Tuesday evening was prevented by rain—the second time it has been appointed and interfered with by rain.

It is reported that Mr. Thomas Wilson will resume the butcher business in a few days, and run several wagons to supply the demand along the shore.

Mrs. Jos. Keller is reported to be growing worse at the hospital at Mobile and very anxious to be brought home. No hope is held out by the physicians of her recovery.

Yes, we are still giving out buggy coupons. Don't be late, but come right along, and for every 50c you spend, don't forget to call for your coupon. Mershon Merch. Co.

Among Tuesday's passengers on the Fairhope were Frank Troup and C. M. Nelson of Point Clear. Many people from below, come regularly to Fairhope now to save time and money by taking the steamer Fairhope.

Among the home-grown vegetables now plentiful upon the local market are potatoes, beans, peas, beets, onions, turnips, cabbage, and cucumbers, with tomatoes just beginning to come in and sweet corn about ready.

Rain on Wednesday and threatening weather up almost to boat time on Thursday morning deterred many ladies from attending the Henry George Club picnic with the Nortons at Daphne yesterday. The following attended: Mesdames Bancroft, F. L. Brown, Pilcher, Howland, Coleman. Misses Gould and Herring. Messrs. Coleman, Wood, Baldwin and Williams.

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Frank Scanlan has been shipping some of the best potatoes which have been shipped from Fairhope this season. Capt. McDermaid selected a barrel of his potatoes and had them shipped to him at Rockford, Illinois.

Tuesday next, May 20, the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias meet in Mobile. The steamer Fairhope will carry the Fairhope Pythians over to the conclave at special rates. There is to be a fine parade of the Knights on Tuesday at 10 a. m.

The Girls Athletic Club has added base ball and croquet to their sports. They have also ordered a tennis outfit which is expected soon. The club now numbers twelve members. In the winter the membership was eighteen, but a number have gone north.

Having been on a business trip for about a month, and having been in conference with the best tailors in the south, my tailor shop is open again for business. Call and see what I can do for you in the way of an up to date suit or pants.—Geo. Steenstra.

On next Sunday, the 19th, the Str. Caloosa will make an excursion from Daphne down the bay and up Fish river, stopping at Fairhope going and coming. She will touch at Fairhope going at 8:00 a. m., and returning about 6 p. m. Round trip fare, 75c.

A sale has just been consummated of the Manteuffel improvements and transfer of leasehold, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Clifton, late arrivals from Tampa, Fla., who are occupying the Rolland Curtis cottage at present. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton will continue to occupy the Curtis cottage for the remainder of their lease and in the meantime, according to a tip received by the COURIER their newly purchased property will be rented to Henry Gunnison who will be married at an early date to Miss Maggie Gabel.

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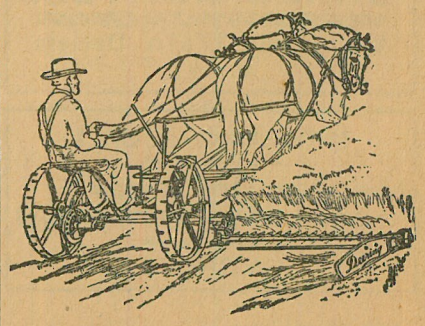

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The Misses Powell and the Messrs. Dealy attended the Knights of Pythias ball at Magnolia Springs on last Saturday evening, and on Sunday joined a launch party to Palmetto Beach, returning home Monday morning. They were entertained while there by our former Fairhope residents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

By the courtesy of Pastor Sedinger and his official board, and at the request of a number of local Grand Army comrades, Dr. W. C. Gibbons will deliver a memorial address on Sunday, the 26th, in the Christian church, at the hour for morning service. There will be special music, and everybody, old soldier comrades particularly, is invited to attend.

W. A. Baldwin was in town interviewing the Colony treasurer Wednesday. He reports that with the addition of the boiler of the burned Volanta mill to the Point Clear mill, which he is now operating, they have about doubled its capacity. He and his family are now living in a cottage upon the Point Clear hotel grounds but they do not like the lower shore as well as the higher ground at Volanta and Fairhope.

Thursday's Register contained a half column write-up of the marriage of Paris Henry Fredricks, to Miss Flossie Agnes Legge, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Legge, which occured on last Tuesday eyening. It was a church wedding being solemnized at the First Christian Church, by Rev. Claude E. Hill. The couple left almost immediately after the ceremony for Oklahoma, where they will make their home.

News has been received by friends of the death of Mr. W. H. Summers, which occured near Marshalltown, Iowa, on Tuesday the 7th instant. Mr. Summers has been failing perceptibly for a long time and when he and Mrs. Summers left here a few weeks ago none expected to see him again. Mr. and Mrs. Summers were warm friends of Fairhope and the many friends here will sympathize deeply with the widow in her loneliness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sumner left on Wednesday morning for their summer home (we will not say "their home," for Fairhope is as much their home now, measured by time spent in it), at Geneva, Ohio. Though they did not come here Single Taxers, Fairhope has today no warmer or more loyal friends than they, and their many friends here will wish them a pleasant summer on the shore of Lake Erie and a safe return early in the fall, to Fairhope.

George Lawrence, Captain George Lawrence's eldest son, who has been the main bread-winner of the family, is now down with the measles, which has been through the whole family save and excepting only Captain George. This great amount of illness in addition to the Captain's affliction, has been very hard upon them all, and they need all the help their friends can render financially and otherwise. The Captain is in a very weak and nervous condition, and as he is unable to read with any comfort, time hangs very heavy upon his hands. He would greatly appreciate having any friends who can spare the time, call upon him.

Mr. Sedinger reports word from friends at their late home in North Alabama that late frosts and heavy storms have practically ruined the prospects for a cotton crop in that region. It is not only late to plant there, but seed is now exceedingly difficult to get. The prospect is for a short crop of cotton and high prices. It will be well for our farmers in this vicinity to plant cotton on the ground from which they are taking their potatoes and beans. Amos H. Wagner, it will be remembered, said, in an article in the COURIER of March 22. "My opinion, based on my experience, is that if you plant cotton any time in the month of May, after a crop of Irish potatoes, you can raise more cotton with less work than you can by planting in April in the regular way." And he added that if he was late getting out his Irish potatoes he would risk planting cotton up to June 15.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council held a short special session on the beach on Thursday morning.

The principal business was the consideration of a site for the new ice plant, which was agreed upon as just to the north of the water works plant close up under the bluff. Mr. Heller's application was accepted for a site three 30x90 feet.

Rent on the same was fixed for this year at the rate of $30 per annum.

It was also moved and carried that Mr. Heller might have the use of well and be furnished wood equivalent to that now required to pump water for the Corporation water system, if he will do the pumping.

See Here.

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To any lawful officer of said County, GREETING;

WHEREAS William Stimpson hath complained on oath to me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said County, that John Mensinger is justly indebted to him in the sum of $46.40, and the said William Stimpson having made affidavit, you are hereby commanded to attach so much of the estate of said John Mensinger as will be of value to satisfy the said debts and costs, according to the complaint; and such estate, unless replevined so as to secure that the same be liable to further proceedings thereon, to be had before me on the 29th day of May, A. D., 1907, when and where you must make known how you have executed this writ.

WITNESS my hand, this 6th day of May, 1907. P. Y. ALBRIGHT, (L. S.)
Justice of the Peace.

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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The council met in special session on Monday evening, with all members present but Mr. Patterson.

Transfer from J. W. Thompson to Cora Thompson, to D. W. Terry, of lots 1 and 2 block 6, division 1 was approved. Also of D. W. Terry to J. H. Williams, of lot 2, block 6, division 1.

Proposition of Mrs. Mann to connect one of her properties on Fairhope Ave, with water main, was on motion accepted.

Mr. Albright, water clerk, stated that Capt. Nichols was negotiating for extension of water main across his ground and placing of hydrants for fire protection. It was moved and carried that a proposition be made Capt. Nichols that he may connect with the water system and have use of same for fire protection if he will lay 2 inch main across his land, Corporation to have the privilege of continuing the same to supply consumers beyond.

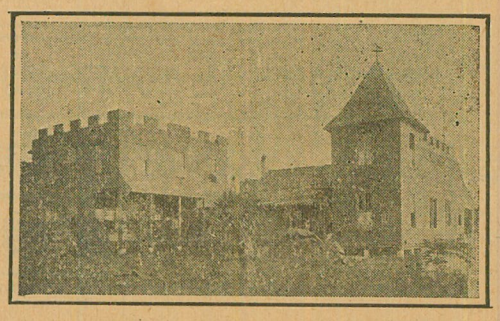
Secretary stated that Mr. Lowell of Mobile, had in mind getting out an illustrated booklet on Fairhope and wanted Corporation to take four pages in same at $25 each payable in lumber. It was moved and carried that Corporation could not at present make any appropriation for such purpose, though would heartily approve the undertaking if Mr. Lowell felt able to go ahead with it.

Bill for taking pipe out of old well, Wm: Stimpson $8.00, Mr. Williams and Frank Wheeler, each $5.25, was allowed.

"A piece of property changed hands out in Frankford a short time ago, the purchase price of which shows how values have changed in this part of the country," said a real estate man whose office is located in the northern section of the city. "This was a farm," he continued, "which was bought from the Indians about 140 years ago for a gallon of bad whisky and several strings of beads. Since the original sale it has remained in the family of the first purchaser, or the immediate connection, until a few weeks ago, when it was sold for $24,000. The liquor originally paid for it might cost on the market $1."—Philadelphia Record.

Fairhope has been selected as the place for the first convention of the Southern Alabama District Union of Christian Endeavorers, which will be held some time in June. We trust the whole town regardless of religious affiliations will join the local church in entertaining the visiting delegates in a manner which will make them remember Fairhope long and pleasantly.

Don't let an opportunity pass to recommend the COURIER to your progressive friends and, if possible, secure their subscriptions.



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English Land Reformers Encouraged.

We mentioned in last issue the great meeting held in London under the auspices of various land and housing reform societies of Great Britain, and quoted at some length the radical speech thereat of the prime minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Land Values said editorially of the meeting:

"Saturday, April 20th, 1907, will long remain a red-letter day in the calendar of all earnest Land Reformers. For the first time in the history of Great Britain, a Government supported by an overwhelming majority both inside and outside the House of Commons, led and inspired by the most radical Prime Minister the country has ever possessed, have stepped into the public arena to urge the people to resolve 'without haste, but without rest to step forward on the crusade of land reform.'

"Above all others, our devoted co-workers in every part of the British Empire, aye, of the world, have reason to be satisfied and encouraged. For not only the speeches, which we give in another column, but also the attitude of the somewhat critical, though enthusiastic, audience that assembled to listen to them, unmistakably revealed the growing conviction that it is in the Separate Valuation and Taxation of Land Values that the key to the coming land crusade is alone to be found. Both at the luncheon which preceded the great meeting at the Drury Lane Theatre and at the meeting itself, it was the references to this plank in the Government programme, and to the promised Valuation Bill on which all Land Reformers are now united, that alone aroused the enthusiasm of the eager listeners, who for the most part cheered every point made regarding it before it was well uttered. All else was comparatively coldly received.

x x x "We appreciate to the full that, to use the inspiring words of the Prime Minister, 'Our task as reformers is to apply such treatment to the land as to facilitate its opening out for purposes of utility, and to develop its utility to the utmost.' And we know, as it is fairly videnthe knows, and as the vast majority of his audience showed that they realized, that no other step within the field of practical politics will promote this half as effectively as the Taxation of Land Values which will at once put an end to all witholding of land from its fullest and best uses.

"We appreciate also the full truth and meaning of Winston Churchill's forcible words, that 'There are only two ways in which people can acquire wealth. There is production, and there is plunder. Production is always beneficial. Plunder is always pernicious, and its proceeds are always monopolized by a few or consumed in the mere struggle for possession.' And we cordially welcome his declaration that 'We are here to range ourselves definitely on the side of production, and to eliminate plunder as an element in our social economic system.' This has been our attitude during the whole course of our existence, though we have seldom expressed it so bluntly."

The Mobile Register quotes an appeal from F. W. Fitzpatrick, for better protection of cities from fire, in which he advances the novel suggestion that taxation for municipal purposes be made less on incombustible than on combustible buildings. This is a recognition of the fact that taxation may be used to discourage the undesirable or dangerous things and that exemption from taxation will encourage the production of desirable things. Single Taxers have long understood this fully and stand for absolute freedom from taxation—local, internal revenue, or tariff—of all the legitimate and desirable products of human labor. They are the only ones, by the way, who know where the necessary revenue can be had, if this be done—from the land values which are not the product of individual industry and which, if taken for public purposes, will discourage no useful activity but rather discourage the greatest of all public nuisances, the vacant lot and land nuisance.

Eckerts "Commoner" Hereafter to be Issued Monthly.

On May third the Commoner, of Rochester, Pa., completed its tenth volume as a weekly issue and announced that henceforth it would cease to appear as a weekly journal and be issued monthly. We shall miss the weekly visits of the Commoner, for it has been among the most appreciated of our exchanges. Charles R. Eckert, the editor, we know from personal contact and reading his editorials, to be one of the noble souls of earth; young, highly endowed, favorably circumstanced, he has made the people's cause his cause. He is a member of the Single Tax Corporation and will be remembered by many for a visit made here in company with Mr. Jos. C. Campbell, some years ago.

Concluding his anniversary announcement he says: "The land question is the great economic question of our time. It is not the only question, nor the only evil with which the body politic is affected. But all natural monopolies are founded upon the monopoly of the land, and argue as we will and propose remedies as we may, the fact remains, that ultimately and finally the land monopoly must be destroyed if we would bring economic freedom to the laboring masses. There is no escaping this vital truth. This fact is clear to the Commoner. It has been clear to us during the decade that the paper was published. And it is against the monopoly of the land that our attacks are primarily directed. We believe in free trade, free land and free men, but we cannot have free men until we have free trade and free land.

"We are not prepared to say when our cherished aim shall come to pass. That is not our business. It may be in our time, and then again it may not be while memory of any of us remains. But whether it comes soon or late, the duty of proclaiming the truth and fighting the battles of the people in our feeble way, confronts us. And this duty we shall endeavor to fulfill to the best of our ability. And fulfilling it we have our reward."

SINGLE TAXERS STRONG STATEMENT

To Civic Committee, on Vacant Lot and Bill-Board Nuisances of Los Angeles.

Geo. W. Patterson, secretary of the Los Angeles Single Tax Club, sends us the following copy of a communication addressed to the chairman of the Bill-board Committee of the Civic Association of Los Angeles:

Dear Madam:

It is with much interest that we have watched your fight against the disgraceful bill-board.

Herewith find three pictures on the subject which we trust may help some. The first is a front view of the N. E, Corner of Pico and Hill, showing the usual disgrace in front of vacant lots, also the apparently carefully planned traps or openings between signs for the hold-up man to enter and exit through.

The second is the rear view of the bill-boards, etc, as the S. W. Corner of Grand and Pico, showing a feature, which perhaps you have not thought of, viz, the muddy, weed-grown, tin-can-strewn, rubbish dump, which most of these same outlandish bill-boards so kindly hide.

The third picture is of the Pacific Electric building, acknowledged by all to be a credit to the city, and erected in spite of the exceedingly heavy annual fine imposed upon its owners by our foolish system of taxing industry instead of opportunity or special privilege.

Please note, there are no blazing signboards surrounding the P. E. building lot, nor any other well-improved property in the city.

It seems to us that you are endeavoring to prune off a little limb of the great civic evil by attacking the natural crops on vacant lots, instead of turning your guns on the cause—the vacant lot.

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"SOUTH'S AMAZING PROSPERITY"

Bears in Land Speculation The Seeds of Its Own Destruction.

The Courier is in receipt of a copy of a pamphlet entitled: "The South's Amazing Progress" by Richard H. Edmunds, of the Manufacturers' Record. It contains much to justify its title. The South's preeminence in cotton production, its timber and water powers, its vast coal and iron deposits, its rice and general farming interests; the rapid expansion of its cotton manufactures, etc, etc, are all duly exploited. But all through the article appears —strongest evidence to the writer evidently, as to the world in general, of prosperity, but recognized by the Single Taxer as the most sinister menace to that same prosperity—statements of rapid and enormous increases in land values.

Abram S. Hewitt is quoted as saying some years ago: "The Almighty made the coal and ore in the earth, and though man is using it up with great rapidity, I cannot find that the Almighty is creating any new supplies." Mr. Hewitt probably did not see, and the writer in the article in question evidently did not, the other truth which ought to be self-evident, that men, the creatures of that same "Almighty" are equal inheritors of his bounties and that a system which permits a few to monopolize them, is morally wicked and economically unsound. Pennsylvania's 15,000 square square miles of bituminous coal fields are quoted as valued at $100 to $1,500 or more an acre, and West Virginia's 17,280 square miles "selling at from $25 and $30 to $75 and $150 an acre, but intrinsically worth just as much per acre as Pennsylvania's and certain in the near future to stand on a parity in selling price." Which will mean just that much of a dead weight upon "prosperity" in the mining of coal and manufacture of iron and that much unearned wealth poured into the laps of forestallers.

Instances of actual rapid increases in land values are given as follows:

"Land which was selling at less than $5 an acre 10 years ago now commands from $100 to $200 an acre. * * * Throughout the rice belt, where land could be had 15 years ago at from 25 cents to 50 cents an acre, prices have advanced to from $12 to $15 for unimproved land up to $40 and $50, and in many cases more for improved property. * * * Ten years ago a New York real-estate agent secured an option on 100,000 acres of cypress timber land in Louisiana at 60 cents an acre. In vain he tried to find a purchaser. The same land would command $50 an acre today. About 14 or 15 years ago a leading lawyer at Charleston, W. Va., sold for 40 cents an acre, 30,000 acres of Pocahontas coal property, and felt that he was doing well; today $150 an acre would not buy it. Two years ago the owners of an Alabama coal property sought to find a buyer at $1,500,000; they have since refused to accept $7,000,000, For an iron-ore property in the same State costing $50,000 four years ago, with $50,000 expended in improvements, over $1,400,000 has been refused. An ex-governor of Maryland 10 years ago bought 140,000 acres of timber land in Alabama for $1.25 an acre. He still holds it, though it is worth $20 an acre now. These are typical cases, of which hundreds could be given, but the advance which they indicate his only begun. For every instance which the last 10 years have shown of great profits through the increased value of timber and mineral lands there will be a hundred during the next ten. The well-located coal property at $25 or $30 today is a surer investment than was the $10 land 10 years ago, because progress already made guarantees a development many times as rapid as could then be foreseen."

The kind of prosperity which manifests itself increased tribute to individuals, simply for permission to produce, contains within itself the certain seeds of its own destruction, and the strangest thing of it all is that people cannot or will not see it. Every few years in the past a like condition has brought about the inevitable result. Land values have gone up by leaps and bounds, until land no longer could be used profitably at the prices demanded; panic has succeeded prosperity and the acute stage been followed by a varying period of practical stagnation, during which land values have retracted until a margin of profit could again be seen, when a like period of speculation began again, feebly at first. but rapidly gaining in force and frenzy. But the mass seems to learn nothing by experience.

A condition of prosperity—yes, increasing prosperity—is the natural condition, as increasing numbers of people bring increasing advantages of cooperation, and human genius achieves new triumphs over the forces of nature. And increasing land values are also a natural accompaniment of increasing population and prosperity. If taken as the means (and the only one) of equalizing opportunity of access to the use of natural resources and providing the fund for common needs, the increasing land values will constitute no obstruction to production nor menace to prosperity.

Standard Oil Officially Reported a Monopoly, Founded Chiefly on Unlawful Railway Discrimination.

We have had many unofficial reports that Standard Oil was a monopoly and guilty of all sorts, not only of unethical but illegal practices. Recently an Ohio grand jury found the Company guilty of accepting rebates in some 1400 counts, occurring in its shipments at a few points only and for quite a limited period.

Additional confirmation of its character as a monopoly and lawless commercial freebooter is afforded in the report of Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, of which a portion has been made public.

The report alleges that the history of Standard Oil interests "shows throughout the past twenty-three years a monopolization of the petoleum industry of a country, a deliberate destruction of competition and a consequent ownership of that industry by less than a dozen men, who have reaped enormous profits therefrom, largely through abuse of the transportation facilities."

"Scandalous railway discriminations and other unlawful devices" are given as the means through which has been secured an "exclusive domination of the petroleum industry."

The report points out that the monopoly enjoyed by the company does not rest on the ownership of the source of the oil supply, which amounts to about one-sixth of the total. But, "that its growth and present power rests primarily on the control of the transportation facilities."

The report should be a powerful argument for government ownership of railways and pipe lines. The government postal service is by no means above criticism, but nobody suspects that Standard Oil has been getting any unfair advantages over its competitors by secret and unlawful rebates in its mail business. The transportation of people and merchandise is of vastly more importance and every argument for a government mail service is equally good for government transportation of persons and commodities.

Bolton Hall Urges People to Think.

Editor Courier:

Most people, don't think. Many can't and the rest won't. As Dan Beard says: "It hurts the head to think: try it and see."

Now the greatest function of a newspaper is to help people to see that things which on the surface appear to affect them in one way, really affect them in another. Taxation is a case in point. The small tax payers are prone to join in taxing vacant land according to law, i, e., valuing the "unimproved,' lot at the same rate as the adjoining lot which is "improved" by a $2,000,000 business block. In their picayune way the small men are trying the same game as the big fellows, holding land out of use until the improvements of others shall greatly increase the value of their individual holdings.

The fact that their immediate interest will suffer, if land values are taxed regardless of whether they are used or unused, blinds them to the fact that their larger interest will be much advanced. The newspaper has no higher function than to combat such short-sightedness.

To force valuable land into use by taxing vacant land at its full value,, makes it an expensive luxury to hold it out of use. It is the most advantageous thing that could be done by what the cartoonist is pleased to call the "Common People."

It would lower rents and continue to lower them, it would lower the price of land and continue to lower it.

The short-sighted citizen of small means fears that the land owner will force him to pay the increased taxes by raising the rent. He won't because he can't. The landlord systematically charges all the rent he can possibly get.

If the little man looked further ahead he would see that to force hundreds of vacant, or practically vacant lots, in the business districts, and in the residential districts, and in the suburban districts, into full use, will be to force the owners into competition to get tenants. At present rents and prices are kept up by not building fast enough to force them down.

To the man who rents, and to the man who would like to own the land he uses, enforcing the present laws requiring the taxation of vacant lots at the same ratio as the improved lots in that location, is of the greatest advantage. The speculator who figures on getting ten per cent of the actual price of his house out of the yearly rents, will find that the increased expenses necessary to keep his property in use will just about be balanced by his share of the increased general prosperity. For, after all, as long as monopoly in land exists, the largest per cent, of any increase in prosperity goes to the landlord.

New York City, Bolton Hall.

The Courier acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a lecture on the Single Tax by Prof. J. G. H. Buck, on Sunday, May 19th, at the famous Pastoriza Single Tax Log Cabin, Houston, Texas. This occasion was by way of celebration of the gift by Mr. Pastoriza of the cabin building and the lot upon which it stands to the Houston Single Tax League. We would have enjoyed greatly being with the Houston friends on the occasion had it been possible.

Accident bulletin, No. 22, just issued by the Commerce Commission, reports that 20,944 persons were killed or injured by the railroads of the United States in the first three months of 1907. There were 2,226 collisions. How much longer may the people be expected to tolerate a management so destructive of human life and equally as incompetent in the handling of the reight traffic of the country.

A Struggle Up Hill With Wheels Locked.

Mr. Carnegie in a recent article in the London Review of Reviews not only calls attention to the great inequality in the distribtion of wealth, but admits that it exists because our laws give to individuals enormous values which are created, not by individuals but by the growth and progress of the community.

To-day our progress is a struggle uphill with the wheels locked. The Single Tax would throw off the brakes. Two and a half centuries ago Manhattan Island sold for $24. To-day the bulk of the hundreds of millions of ground rent flows to the pockets of 20 families. In other words, when the business men of New York furnish the capital and labor furnishes the work, forming a partnership for the production of wealth, fabulous millions are demanded before the wheels of industry can move. Yet laborand capital produce all these values.

If the intelligent, warm-hearted and well meaning people of this country who are chained in industrial slavery only realized what they are missing by not grasping the philosophy of Henry George they would fly to its revelation as an uncaged eagle soars to the mountains. —W. L. Ross, in Philadelphia North American.

The Fairhope Courier.

It is gratifying to perceive the continuous evidence of growth and progress in the Fairhope COURIER, which has long and faithfully been the champion of Single Tax doctrines and all good reforms worthy of space in such a paper.

The COURIER is in some respects a model paper of its character, and one which its numerous readers can at all times recommend.

The fact is that Fairhope is steadily working its way into the minds and admiration of the people of the United States—Single Tax and all. It is gratifying to know that Single Tax sentiments are now steadlly working their way into scores of places, large and small, and thousands of intelligent people here and there are "seeing the cat" so plainly as to be throwing their influence along with that of leading Henry George veterans.

These facts should inspire every honest citizen to aid in showing the necessity of Equal Rights For All and Special Privileges For None.

Los Angeles, RALPH HOYT.

The Sedinger Birthdays Celebrated.

Last Friday was the birthday of Pastor Sedinger and Tuesday was Mrs. Sedinger's birthday. The members of the male quartette of which Mr. Sedinger is a member, and their wives and Doctor and Mrs. Mershon (the latter serving the quartette frequently as accompanist) were invited out to spend the evening with the pastor and his wife on Friday evening. Mr Sedinger was quietly arranging for a surprise on Mrs. Sedinger on Tuesday evening, but those whom he took into his confidence made it a surprise on him too, by having the affair come off on Monday evening. The worthy pastor and his wife were invited in to town to supper, and when they were permitted to go home, they found the house in possession of a jolly party. Coffee, cocoa and cake were liberally served by the surprisers, after which Mr. F. O. White in a neat speech presented with the compliments of the assembly a handsome and durable set of table cutlery, the pastor responding in a very pleasing manner.

A lot of people never hear opportunity knocking because they are themselves too busy 'knocking" other people.

Memorial Day to Be Observed May 30.

At a meeting held at the COURIER office on Tuesday evening, on initiative of L. E. Ames and S. D. Yarnelle (respectively veterans of the Civil war and Spanish-American wars), arrangements were made for the proper celebration of Memorial Day on the date observed throughout the northern and western states, May 30. The following program is furnished the COURIER by the committee:

Assemble at COURIER office at 9:30 o'clock a. m.
March to cemetery in column as follows:
Children with flowers.
Veterans and Sons of Veterans.
Public.

AT THE CEMETERY.

Short address by Dr. H. S. Greeno.
Song.
Salute to the Dead and decoration of graves, under direction of Comrade L. E. Ames.
Tribute to Unknown Dead, E. G. Dougherty.
Song.
Recitation, "Blue and Gray,"
Miss Annie Mae Oswalt.
Oration by Dr. W. C. Gibbons, orator of the day.

Mr. Bell Purchases Goddard Poultry Stock and Equipment.

G. W. Bell has purchased the chicken business belonging to Mr. Goddard and has already taken possession of the property and removed it to his home place down Section street. The sale included 500 chickens, 9 colony brooders, 2 incubators, chicken houses and runs. All Mr. Goddard's business will be turned over to Mr. Bell, including feed and contracts. Mr. Bell took practically everything except 150 chickens which were bought by Mr. Brown of Daphne. An ad. in the COURIER brought the purchasers almost immediately.

Mr. Goddard will remain in Fairhope for a month or more and then go north and go into business. He has not yet determined where to locate.

Speaking of the chicken business, Mr. Goddard said he was very well satisfied with his experience, and leaves it only because of business arrangements elsewhere. He sold broilers for 35 cents in Mobile nearly all winter.

Personal and Local.

Today is the closing day of school with a short program of exercises at the school house followed by a picnic on the beach.

Dr. and Mrs. Howe and Mr. Card drove back to Magnolia Springs after the Massey ball last evening. Mrs. Thomas, Miss Breed and Miss Howe remained over and are guests of Mrs. Powell and daughters.

Miss Celina Roberts entertained the members of the basket ball club and their friends, at her home Friday evening last week. Amusing games were indulged in, telling ghost stories and songs, followed by delicious refreshments.

A fast and furious game of basket ball was played on the grounds by moonlight on Wednesday evening, between the "reds" and "greens", in which the "reds" were victorious by a narrow margin of two. The girls are becoming quite proficient in this healthful and exhilarating pastime. Another game will be played this evening.

Mr. Massey's Thursday evening dance at the Pavilion, last evening, was one of the most successful in a long time. There was a nice crowd, excellent music by a four piece band from Mobile, and the best of order. Among those from out of town present were Dr and Mrs. Howe, Miss Howe, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Rae Breed, and Mr. Card, of Magnolia Springs.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list. Here are some friends who have been heard from-

Friend M. V. Watros now at Enid, Oklahama sends $2.00 for renewal of his own subscription and to send the COURIER a year to any public library we think advisable. His many friends will be interested in knowing that he adds: "Am slowly but surely getting my affairs in shape to go back home and the day cannot come too quick to suit yours truly!"

P. Y. Albright, Fairhope, subscribes for two local friends who are not on the list but whom he wants to read the paper.

R. F. Powell sends in 2 new subscriptions rom Philadelphia and promises more.

C. Nelson, Brooklyn, renewing his subscription says: "I will try and get you a new subscriber or two."

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George", or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three Acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

* * * You ask—why I do not write more about the Progressive League. It is lack of time to do all that should be done, and then the uncertainty as to what I should choose. The League is flourishing and there is a good attendance as a rule. At the last meeting I attended, Mr. Paton read a good paper on competition and the law of supply and demand. During the discussion that followed I had the rare opportunity of a tilt with Miss Herring; rare because we are generally in accord. This time she stood up there before the platform, dressed in white; head and torso covered, more or less, with flowers, and declared against competition as the greatest of evils, and causing monopoly instead of preventing it. Taking the stand I tried to show that with equal opportunities to the natural resources of the earth, the struggle for existence would be reduced to the minimum and what we call "cut-throat" competition would give place to mere friendly emulation in which those engaged in the same industry might enjoy each other's success. Illustrating, I said, in substance, that we would suppose she and I were both engaged, individually, in raising fine flowers for the market, and that there was a demand for all that we could raise; and further, that for the raising of perfect flowers a certain kind of fertilizer was absolutely necessary, and that she by some scheme of privilege had got control of that fertilizer and could make it cost me twice as much to raise my flowers as it did hers. I must "get even" with her or I should be ruined. I no longer desire her success, for it means the destruction of my means of life. The bitterest competition is born, and under its evil spell I might, under cover of night, perhaps, go over and spray her flowers with some deadly mixture that would prevent their sale! That is a crude illustration, but it is in spirit what goes on all over the world, where monopoly causes an unequal struggle for bread.

Why is it that we all tell white lies when we fall and our friends run to pick us up asking if we are hurt? As a rule we like making light of the matter unless it is very serious. The other day I was on the Pleasure Bay when she broke her rope trying to land at the first wharf in Daphne. The shock was sufficient to send me, my satchel, umbrella and book—of course I had a book—careening around over the deck promiscuously. Some of the deckhands, or somebody, came to help me up, but I was already on my feet and assured them that I was all right; but the fact is that I have not wholly recovered from that shock yet! I was of the party who were to attend the Henry George Club at the Norton home in Daphne, but I went up the day preceding, so they were not witness to my mishap. As a rule our people, let me not say "Americans," laugh at such mishaps. but who ever saw a French person or any other decently bred foreigner do such a thing? To the former at least it would be rudeness inexpressible. An astrologist once said to me: "Have you not remarked that some people are always meeting with accidents while nothing of such nature happens to others?" I had, of course, and attributed it to the fact that some were more endowed with the phrenological faculty we call "caution" than others are. But he labored to show me that the cause of that endowment was the relative position of the heavenly bodies at the moment of birth. It must be that planets and suns act and react upon each other; that every being as indeed every grain of sand, is subject to cosmic influence, but—he went on with his horoscope-making just the same, despite my doubting. * * *

Useless to declare we were most graciously entertained by the Nortons. Their hospitality reminds the traveler of Spanish hospitality which invites you formally to "casa sua" (your own house) an ultra, brief and very gracious way of saying "make yourself perfectly at home in my house."

The Henry George Club reunion was very enjoyable. Miss Herring was to review the two chapters of Shearman's Natural Taxation preceding the last one. She was not adequately prepared, but graciously confessed her inability to manage the subject, and hoped that by having certain questions answered she might learn more about it. She showed keen interest in the question which is more than can be said of some of us to whom this discussion of Natural Taxation is prolix and somewhat "hard" but if we have not covered ourselves with glory in the attack, we have made brilliant sallies here and there; Mrs. Norton, very notably, who was prepared with an able written review of the last chapter which I hope will be published in the COURIER, or in Mr. Norton's paper, the Standard.

Fourteen sat down to the picnic lunch, Henry George Coleman, a tot of three years or so, saving us from the dire calamity of being thirteen at table! The menu consisted of hot chicken-pie and gravy, made by Mrs. Norton; sandwiches, potato salad, creamed potato, a pot of baked beans, cake of different kinds, bananas, fig preserves, jellies, and coffee with cream. After lunch, and a rapid co-operative putting the dining room in order and washing the dishes, we returned to the hall and then to the library, where we had conversation, recitations, etc., until time for the five o'clock boat. We had one new colonist with us, Mr. E. L. Williams, a socialist, who is a ready and good public speaker, as he showed in his address before the League on the 12th at the Magnolia picnic stand.

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A Trip to the Country.

The editor and wife enjoyed a call one day recently on Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Page, who live on the Lecraft ferry road about three miles out. We mentioned them last week as having the reputation of being among the best gardeners about, and a visit convinced us that the reputation was fully deserved. "There is a reason" —several of them, in fact, as usual, but one particular reason—and that is that they have not spread out over a lot more land than they can make good use of. This is a mistake which is apparent all along the road. Mr. Page is an old man in years—but young in feelings and in capacity for work. He was at the head of an extensive manufacturing plant in Chicago years ago, but was at that time an enthusiastic florist and horticulturist, and had large greenhouses at his suburban home. The first thing which strikes one's attention approaching the place, is the long rose arbor extending from the gate to the house, a distance of 60 or 80 feet, as neatly built and kept up as if it were the approach to a city florist's greenhouses, and with neat benches occasionally to sit on and enjoy the shade and the flowers. The garden abounded in seasonable vegetables, the large number of chickens were housed and cared for in most approved style, every tool and implement was in order and where it could be found instantly, and every atom of value for fertilizer whether from house, barn, chicken yards or pig pens, was scrupulously saved and put "where it would do the most good." We were not inquisitive, but don't presume that Mr. and Mrs. Page rely wholly upon their little farm for their living; it was evident, however, that it was supplying most of their necessary wants, and very evident that they were getting value received in their enjoyment, not only of the fruits of their labor, but of the work itself.

Mr. and Mrs. Page are delighted with Baldwin county, as are Mrs. Page's mother and her daughter, lately arrived.

To Take in the Transportation Question.

How long did it take Senator La-Follette to tell the U. S. Senate some of the primary facts as to railroad?

His speech took three days and the arguments and votes on the same took six days more.

Get that speech from Washington and read it all for yourself!

Can I compress it into a few lines?

No, sir. It is all much too solid meat.

Here are one or two facts he states:

In 1904 the total actual value of all railroads in the United States was $5,000,000,000.

They were capitalized at $13,000,000,000.

Their net earnings were $685,205,467, or 13. 7 per cent of their real value.

"If 5 per cent is a fair rate, the railroads are charging annually at least $385,000,000, more than is fair and reasonable, or nearly 20 per cent of their total gross charges. This excess amounts to $481 per capita."

Where does all this coin extorted from the common people go?

It goes to pay interest and dividends on the $8,000,000,000, of water —bonds and stocks.

What became of this water?

It was poured into the coffers of such Napoleons of finance as Rockefeller, Morgan, Harriman, and others.

What did they do to earn or deserve it?

Manipulated markets! Cleverly juggled dollars!—Edward Berwick in Pacific Fruit World.

Fifth Thursday Club Meeting Next Thursday.

The Fifth Thursday Club will hold an open meeting at "The Gables" May 30, at 3 p. m. The special order will be

"AN HOUR WITH FAVORITE POETS."

Piano duet, Misses Frances Gaston and Ola Powell.

Mrs. Brown will give a sketch of the life of John G. Whittier, which will be followed by quotations by those desiring.

Mrs. Gibbons, sketch of James Russel Lowell; quotations.

Dr. Clara Atkinson, Oliver Wendell Holmes; quotations.

Reading of letters on "Education" by Mrs. Comings.

Miss Herring, sketch from chosen author.

Miss Gould, Bret Harte; quotations.

Piano duet, Mrs. Pilcher and Miss Hazel Pilcher.

Ice cream and cake served to those desiring it.

Ladies are especially invited.

M. H. BROWN, Sec.

Divine Services at Turner Lumber Co.'s Mill.

EDITOR COURIER:—At the Turner Lumber Co.'s mill on last Sabbath at 3 p. m. a small but appreciative audience met the Rev. Mr. Sedinger and gave close attention to his exposition of God's Holy Word.

Mr. Sedinger is a devout Christian man and his hands should be upheld in the glorious work he has undertaken for the Master. His text on this occasion was taken from James, 1st chapter, and his manner of handling his subject showed his ability to nobly fill the position God has chosen him to fill. Come again —the seed sown here may answer the question "Will there be any stars in my crown?" "T."

Memorial Service On Sunday.

On next Sunday morning at the usual hour of morning service there will be a special memorial service under the auspices of the local veterens of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the church.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons will deliver the memorial address and all may be assured that it will be an eloquent and appropriate one for the doctor has officiated many times in a like capacity. There will be special music and everybody, old soldier comrades particularly, invited to attend.

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.

String beans which dropped to as low as 60 cents a bushel on the Mobile market, are up again to $1.25, which indicates that there was no reason for them going so low except that the Mobile buyers thought they carred compel, the farmers to accept that for them.

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To any lawful officer of said County, GREETING:

WHEREAS William Stimpson hath complained on oath to me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said County, that John Mensinger is justly indebted to him in the sum of $46.40, and the said William Stimpson having made affidavit, you are hereby commanded to attach so much of the estate of said John Mensinger as will be of value to satisfy the said debts and costs, according to the complaint; and such estate, unless replevined so as to secure that the same be liable to further proceedings thereon, to be had before me on the 29th day of May, A. D., 1907, when and where you must make known how you have executed this writ.

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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 has been 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.

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Single Taxers' Strong Statement.

(Continued from 1st page.)

The Constitution of each of the states prohibits local option in taxation, hence if a man improves a lot he is annually fined for so doing, but the more disgraceful in appearance he keeps his lot, the less is he taxed. Please think on this great truth. Is this common sense? If not, why continue this? If a man employs labor and stimulates the building industries by putting up a good house, he has done a good thing, and as a reward from the community benefitted, he is fined, not once, as is the thief, but semi-annually.

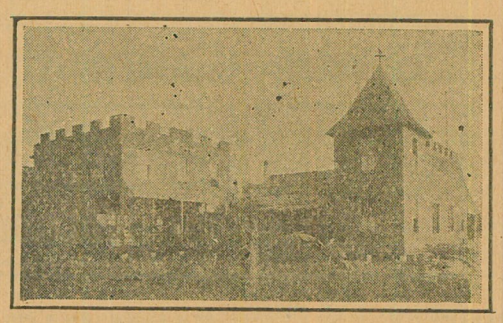
Usually things are supposed to be licensed, taxed or fined, to encourage or reduce them (often secretly to create a monopoly.) What is the object of this semi-annual fine against the man who does the thing we want him to do most? And why this rebate (practically) to the dog in the manger, who holds valuable opportunities out of use, constantly raising the selling price of land?

The disgraceful vacant lot has the same benefits from the community as the well improved one; the same surroundings, city lights, water, gas, transportation, pavement, fire and police protection. It costs the city as much, why should it not return as much? If it did, it could not be held idle, awaiting the necessities of later comers, and growing a crop of eyesores in the meantime.

True land ownership is impossible. No title now in existence is good in justice, not one can be traced to the producer of land, and all in this part of the country were recently written in blood or fraud. How long does it take an invalid title to become valid? What would we think of the birds owning the air and sunshine, the fish owning the water? Or do we expect to negotiate with real estate agents for our mansions in the sky? These things are the free gifts of nature to all to use, and not to own and disinherit all who are hereafter to be born.

The fact that a poor widow may have invested her all in land does not give her a right to it, many a poor widow bought slaves with all she had before the sixties. The custom has changed now, as land ownership is an easier and more effective method of slavery, and the custom will soon change again, as straws in many places show which way the wind is. Improvements are being exempted from taxation in many places, and that is the secret of New Zealand's wonderful progress. Why try to tax that which everyone knows cannot be taxed equitably. We know that if the government, local, county, state and national, took the full rental value of land, which it creates, and stopped this ridiculous system of encouraging perjury and discouraging thrift and industry, it would have all it requires, the vacant lot would be forced into use, and the land gambler put out of business. Go to the root of this evil, and see how quickly the bill-board will fade, with most of the social and economic evils of the day. Let us try to show the people this light, get the state constitution changed, also direct primaries, equal suffrage, initiative and referendum, recall, imperative mandate and other good things. Strike at the root and we are with you. All other reforms only increase the valne of land.

Respectfully submitted.
Los Angeles Single Tax Club,
Geo. W. Patterson, Sec.



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The Problem Over and Over Again.

A letter from Laredo, Texas, to the New York Sun, tells of the enormous crops of Bermuda Onions grown in that section. About 1,500 car loads of onions were shipped out of the district, more than 500 cars being shipped from Laredo alone. The net profits are claimed to run from $300 to $700 a season. One man claimed to have gathered and sold from five acres $9,312 worth of onions in four years.

Two particularly interesting facts appear from the report. One is that the land upon which these valuable crops were grown, was considered practically valueless until its especial adaptability for growing onions was discovered. The other is that an immediate effect of the demonstration of this fact, was the boosting of land values enormously.

Says the writer of the article:

"Before the discovery was made that Bermuda onions could be grown successfully in this region the land was looked upon as practically worthless. Land could have been bought for $1 or $2 an acre, and back from the river the value of land ranged from 25 cents to 50 cents an acre, Onion growing land around here brings $100 an acre now."

Here is the problem of "progress and poverty" over again and it must be iterated and reiterated by those who see it until the world sees it.

Between the man who would apply his labor to the earth to produce onions or anything else to supply his own wants or the wants of others, rises the holder of the paper title, to demand everything above a bare subsistence as rent or selling price. And not only does this useless parasite—as land owner merely—increase his demands to keep pace with demonstrated opportunities inherent in the soil but he even anticipates possible discoveries and demands.

Billy Radcliffe, president of the Ohio Single Tax League, and one of the best street campaigners in the country, is in an active campaign speaking on the streets of Cleveland every noon and evening, for Mayor Johnson's low fare and fair taxation measures.

No Pretense With Middleton Guardian

The radical Middleton (Eng) Guardian, while fully approving the measures for the separate valuation and taxation of land values, upon which English reformers are united as the next step, protests against the pretence by some that the landlords are not to be interfered with. Says the Guardian:

"Let us have done with this hypocrisy. We deny that any such thing as "property rights" exists in the mere holding of land. If it did the government would be no more justified in interfering with landlords than they would be in taking possession of a banker's strong room or robbing a shopkeeper's till. x x x The fact is land belongs to an entirely different category altogether to that which properly distinguishes property. The latter is wealth, consisting of natural products that have been secured, moved, combined, separated, or in other ways modified by human exertion, so as to fit them for the gratification of human desires. That cannot be said of land; it is not wealth, and the possession of it it consequence of our civilization, is but an acknowledgment in favour of certain persons of an exclusive right to its use, enabling them to command a share of the wealth produced by others. A careful discrimination must therefore be made by the nation, and, having arrived at that, the so-called "property rights" will be shown to not exist at all."

There are many indications that our top-heavy prosperity is tottering for its fall. From Washington comes the report, apparently authentic, that the president is going to let up on his declarations against and prosecutions of the trusts and combines which have been hailed with such satisfaction by the country. That he will make no further attempt to punish them for past offenses, but will simply endeavor to see that they are "good" in the future. It is also reported that the Secretary of the Treasury holds himself in readiness to support the market with all the available resources of the treasury, should emergency arise. The president will undoubtedly make a strenuous effort to prevent the storm breaking during his administration and he may be able to tide it over and bequeath it to his sucesssor—especially if he be a democrat. But come it must, for our so-called "prosperity" is founded on speculation and spoiliation and cannot possibly endure.

Another strong indication of the early termination of this era of comparative "prosperity" is the increasing tension between the forces of organized capital and organized labor. Union Labor is insistent in its demands to share in the prosperity, by higher wages to at least keep pace with the increased cost of living, and employers are determined to resist their demands. The president of the National Association of Manufacturers has called for a fund of $500,000 a year for the next three years to fight the demands of organized labor and he will probably get it.

A DANIEL TO JUDGMENT.

Toledo's Radical Mayor, Successor to "Golden Rule Jones," Vetoes License Ordinance and Gives Strong Reasons for Doing So.

Brand Whitlock, Toledo's radical mayor, worthy successor to "Golden Rule Jones" has vetoed a license ordinance prepared by the city council.

We would like to publish his message in full, but the following extracts will show that Toledo's mayor has some broad and sound views, not only on taxation, but on ethics, and the ability and courage to state them. It is a cheering fact that such a man should be the mayor of one of Ohio's chief cities. He said in part:

When devised for the purpose of raising revenue, licenses may be invariably classified thus.

1. As a forcible seizure of a part of the proceeds of some immoral, disreputable or questionable occupation;
2. As a tax on industry or pleasure;
3. As a discrimination against, or in favor of, some particular class of people.

If an occupation is immoral or disreputable, it is immoral or disreputable for the city to seize a part of the proceeds of such occupation. If the business is immoral, the city ought not to tolerate, or to say the least, it ought not to recognize it and make it legal.

Wrong to Levy on industry

Again, it is wrong to levy a tax on industry. Whenever cities do this, they always select an industry that is carried on by a small, uninfluential and poor class, which has no one to represent it and cannot hire lawyers either to protect its property from spoliation or appropriation, or to secure for it special privileges. Such a class are the peddlers, for instance; their business is petty, of course, and it lacks dignity; but it is their business, nevertheless, and it is oftentimes as honest as many larger and more pretentious undertakings, and simply because peddlers are poor and without such influence is no excuse for assaulting them with a law and violently taking away their property. It seems to me it is not only wrong, but cowardly to do so, even if governments have done so in the past, by devising laws for the benefit of the powerful and rich and the deprivation of the weak and poor. The present revenues of the city are insufficient, as we all know; this is not the fault of the council or of the city itself; it is simply because the laws have been made for the protection of those who, under its cover, have seized the proceeds of the labor of others, and not content with this, must put on those others the burden of supporting the very government that thus favors them. We should not tax the weakness of the little fellow; we should tax the strength of the big fellow, that is, make the big fellow pay taxes on his surplus and privileges. In every game, except the game of law, it is the strong and not the weak who are handicapped.

No Right to Tax Pleasure

Nor is it right to tax pleasure. It is an old, puritanical notion that it is wicked to be happy and that gaiety should be discouraged. I have no sympathy with this belief. The city should encourage real, wholesome pleasure and do its best to make the conditions of life such that all people could be happy.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSES.

Interesting Exercises at School House, Followed by Picnic on Bay Front, Enrollment During Year Largest in History of School.

The Fairhope public school closed on last Friday its most successful year's work.

The closing exercises began Friday morning, with oral public examinations by Miss Clements, of classes in sixth grade reading, seventh grade United States History, first high school grade in American literature and second high school grade in geology.

At 10 a. m. a very pleasing program was rendered in the south room, under direction of Mrs. Sweet, consisting of songs and recitations.

After the conclusion of the program adjournment was taken to the bay front, down near the Walker place, where the children, with many of the parents and others, enjoyed a picnic dinner. The afternoon was then spent in ball playing—in which both boys and girls participated—and in other sports.

The attendance of the past year has been the largest in the history of the school, the enrollment reaching about 125. The classes have ranged from primary to second year high school. The attendance was so large during the winter months, that an assistant was required, Miss Hazel Pilcher filling the position very acceptably.

The attendance will undoubtedly be larger next year and another grade, at least, have to be added, if our children are not to have to go away from home to school. And another teacher will be needed and an additional room be imperative. We cannot begin to plan too soon for supplying these needs. One encouraging thing is that the school fund will no doubt be materially increased next year from the increased appropriations made for schools by the last legislature. It is hardly likely however, that it will even provide full payment for the teachers.

Good school facilities are not only necessary for the education of our children, but one of the greatest attractions to bring people hither, and we must be willing to sacrifice, if need be, to secure them.

Memorial Day Observed.

May 30th, observed as memorial day throughout the United States, especially the northern states, was duly observed at Fairhope, on yesterday, for the first time, under the auspices of our local G. A. R. men.

It had been planned to have the exercises at the cemetery, but on account of threat of rain, it was thought best to have them at the Church. The program of exercises was as follows:

Song, "America" choir and audience.
Address, Dr. H. S. Greeno.
Reading, Extract from Lincoln's Gettysburg.
Address, E. B. Gaston.
Song, "Columbia," Mr. Gaston and choir.
Address, "Unknown Dead," E. G. Dougherty.
Recitation, "The Blue and the Gray,"
Annie Mae Oswalt.
Address, Dr. W. C. Gibbons.
Song, "Tenting Tonight."
Mr. Gaston and choir.

Immediately after the conclusion of the exercises at the church the veterans and public marched to the cemetery where the graves of the old soldiers buried there were decorated with beautiful flowers—and one grave for the unknown dead.

The following members of the Grand Army of the Republic participated on the occasion.

L. E. Ames, Dr. H. S. Greeno, J. M. Beckner, Dr. W. C. Gibbons, Moses Louselle, D. K. Hassler, L. S. Massey, Harvey Sumption, Frank Mc Cloud and E. A. Jones. Father Knowles was prevented from attending by temporary illness.

Spanish War veterans were represented by Messrs. E. G. Dougherty, and S. D. Yarnelle.

The following are the Union veterans buried in the Fairhope cemetery. J. O. Jones, Sanford E. Reese, Alvarez E. Richardson, Alfred L. Thrall. So far as known there is but one Confederate veteran, John J. Gilmore.

Unjust or inadequate systems of finance, transportation or exchange, are absolutely powerless to hamper us to the extent that we are consumers of what we produce. Oppressive express or freight rates or dishonest commission men affect us not on the potatoes, cabbage, chickens, eggs, milk, butter, berries or other food stuffs that we grow and consume at home. Moral: Produce as much of the necessary subsistence of yourself and family as possible. A chance at the earth is of course necessary. That Fairhope exists to help you get.

One trouble with wage earners, who seek economic independence by becoming their own employers and producing wealth directly from the soil, is that they often do not realize that they have "made anything" unless they get money for it. They are accustomed to getting their wage, at the end of the week or month, and immediately expending it for groceries, garden products, milk, butter, eggs, etc. etc., and do not realize that when they have produced a cabbage, a chicken, a dozen eggs, a gallon of milk or a pound of butter for their own use, they have really got the equivalent of the wages they used to spend for these things. Another trouble with the man who has been accustomed to being an employe of some one else is that he lacks the ability to keep himself employed. Accustomed to working under the direction of some one else, he lacks ability to plan his work for days and weeks in the future, as farm work must be planned, and to wait for returns until a crop can be grown and harvested. We believe it is in these respects that the man who has been brought up on a farm has the advantage of the wage worker more even than in the knowledge of agricultural methods acquired.

To the claim of the president of the United Railroads of San Francisco, that he could not afford to pay $3 a day to his overworked motormen and conductors, the Star retorts: "he could afford $200,000 to bribe Abe Ruef and his officials", as Ruef has confessed that he did do. In the light of the exposures regarding watered stock issues and vast corruption funds of public service corporations, it is no wonder that employes and the public, are exceedingly skeptical regarding the assertion of the managers of such corporations that they "can't afford" lower fares, or decent wages to their employes.

We have had another quite severe wind storm, and some unseasonably cool weather, but we note that Kentucky reported about the same date, frost over the larger part of the state, the coldest weather ever known there at this season of the year, and a temperature down nearly to freezing, the same date in Cleveland. The season seems to be a remarkable one throughout the country.

Sunshine Philosophy.

If you've got a trouble brewing
Pass it up,
Just relieve your soul from stewing
Pass it up,
You have other things to settle,
And you need the precious metal,
In the process of pursuing
Pass it up.

Let the sunshine of contentment,
Cheer each day,
Do not count much on resentment
That's not the way,
You will need the strength to conquer,
Just hold on a little longer,
Make it known that you're a winner
Come to stay.

Use a little antiseptic
Pass it on,
Try to kill the germs of trouble
Just for fun.
The world will be your debtor,
And there's no way any better,
Than to scatter heavens blessing,
Or have it done.

F. O. White.

Mason's St. John's Day Celebration.

Greeno Lodge, A. F. & A. M. is arranging for a grand celebration of St. John's Day, Tuesday, June, 25th. The celebration will be at Daphne this year. Last year it was held at Beach Hotel, Battles, and was one of the most largely attended picnics ever held in the county.

A number of eloquent speakers will deliver addresses, interspersed with music and recitations. The Fairhope Band has been engaged for the occasion. To accomodate the large number of masons and friends who are expected to attend from Mobile, the Steamer Fairhope will leave Mobile for Daphne at 9:30 a. m. and will run up from Fairhope on her arrival in the evening and take the party back to the city.

The Price Of a Soul.

I believe that the day will come in this country when we shall not have as many men who will sell their souls to make grand larceny possible. Perhaps some day it will not be less disgraceful for a lawyer to assist in a gigantic robbery than for a highwayman to go out and hold up a wayfarer.

Wm. Jennings Bryan.

A eloquent memorial address was delivered at the church on last Sunday morning by Dr. W. C. Gibbons. A number of old soldier comrades of the Civil War, occupied front seats and the Spanish-American veterans were represented by Messrs. Dougherty and Yarnelle. The choir rendered a number of patriotic airs, Miss. Goldie Tiffany sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and Mr. Gaston "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" with choir and audience joining in the chorus of each.

Mr. Frank Mc Cloud of Magnolia Springs was over on Thursday, to attend the Memorial services and decoration of soldiers graves. He declared our modest program to be one of the most pleasing and satisfactory he had ever witnessed. Mr. Mc Cloud is a reader of the Courier and favored this office with a call. He seems also, connected with us in a way, for he is the father of the wife of our Mr. E. C. Wolcott, now living at Warren, Ohio, but whom we count on having with us again some day.

Death of Frederick Wm. Chapman.

Frederick Wm. Chapman, was discovered dead in his bed on last Saturday morning, at the home of himself and sister, Miss Altona Chapman.

Mr. Chapman had been as is well known, in poor health for years, and had been noticeably weak and despondent for several days, though his condition was not considered serious. The discovery of his death was made by Mr. Armitage and Mr. Gaston. Mr. Armitage who occupies a room in the cottage arose as usual in the morning, and sometime after called Mr. Chapman at the door of his room, but receiving no answer and the door being open looked in, seeing Mr. Chapman lying upon the bed.

Stepping across the street he called Mr. Gaston, and together they made examination and found the body cold and stiff, death having evidently occured several hours earlier.

The funeral services were held on Sunday morning from the residence Dr. W. C. Gibbons officiating, and Rev. G. W. Wood also speaking. Music was rendered by a choir consisting of Mr. and Mrs, Sweet, Mrs. C. L, Mershon and Mr. Gaston –(other mention of the funeral, in Mrs. Howland's letters.)

Fredrick Wm. Chapman, eldest son of the well known New York artist, F. A. Chapman, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y, Nov. 2nd, 1859. He inherited marked artistic abilities from his father, which owing to his sickly childhood and youth, were never fully developed. He early engaged in teaching, and manifested an aptitude for that profession that would have made him eminent in it, had he not been handicapped all his life by nervous derangement caused by a serious injury to the brain sustained in early childhood, from the effects of which he never fully recovered, which rendered self control difficult at times, and long continued effort in any pursuit impossible. He taught school for several years in Brooklyn during his youth and early manhood, though frequently interrupted by illness; was teacher of languages in the family of Dr. Ansel Kilmer during his stay in Binghamton New York until called home by the serious illness of his father, and assisted Mr. Braam in the George Academy during the sessions of that institution.

While in Brooklyn he sang in the choir of St. Stephens and St. Thomas Episcopal churches, the latter a surpliced choir, and was a member of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Society chorus, under the leadership of Theo. Thomas, which exacted a high degree of musical culture from its members, but the musical education, received from his sister enabled him to meet all demands. He learned type setting in the office of the Liberty Register, Liberty, N. Y. where he was frequently called upon to do editorial work, and though hampered by near sightedness has done considerable typographical work on the COURIER since he came to Fairhope, having been steadily employed there for the last six months until within a short time of his death.

His literary abilities were of a high order, as evinced in his scholarly Local Nature Notes, which have been published from time to time in the COURIER and the Standard, and in numerous thoughtful and forceful contributions to magazines and other periodicals which have appeared of late years. He was one of the speakers at the last Single Tax Banquet held in Mobile in 1899; and was a regular attendant at the Progressive League of Fairhope and a frequent and welcome participant in its exercises.

Though baptized in infancy into the New Church (Swedenborgian) he had no sectarian bias and affiliated readily with any denomination where he thought he could be useful. He took an active part in organizing and conducting the Congregational church of Fairhope, during the period of its existence. Of late years he has been much interested in Theosophical studies.

His ideals were lofty, and in youth he was ambitious and enthusiastic, but a morbid self depreciation inherited from his father, and a tendency to melancholy inherited from his paternal grandmother who died of melancholia, together with his uncertain physical powers which were apt to fail him just when most needed, made him liable to periods of deep depression when life was hardly endurable. While the literary work for which he was best fitted, was not without honor, it was wholly without profit financially, and he found himself compelled to engage in much bodily drudgery to which he was ill adapted, in order to meet the exigencies of daily life which became at last too heavy to be borne.

He came to Fairhope, Aug, 1st. 1897, having therefore been a resident for nearly ten years.

Editor Mr. and Mrs. Norton of the Standard, were the recipients of a gift of dozen handsome plates, from the members of the North Shore Club, the special occasion being the thirty-first anniversary of their wedding.

The Steamer Caloosa has been withdrawn from the Daphne-Mobile service, and, at the earnest solicitation of Daphne merchants, who were immediately given notice of an advance in freight rates by the Bay Steamship Co., the Fairhope is making a couple of trips a week with Daphne freight going up there after making her usual run to Fairhope.

It is reported that Mobile is to have a Rochdale Cooperative store. John Hakason, a building contractor of Mobile, and holder of a Fairhope bay front lot, is president of the association.

Bryan's Commoner is ably championing the Initiative and Referendum, as Mr. Bryan is doing in his speeches. The Commoner of May 17th, reproduced a strong article written by Herbert S. Bigelow, for the Ohio Direct Legislation League.

I congratulate you on the growth and improvement of the COURIER and also of the Colony. I hope it will continue to prosper for your own reward and as a practical example and proof.

Pittsburg Pa., J. D. McDade.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list. Here are some friends whom we have heard from since last issue.

Treasurer Lyon adds four names to the list to receive the paper six months each.

R. F. Powell sends another list of six months subscribers and orders three extra copies of each issue to his own address for June, July and August.

E. E. Revenaugh, Detroit, sends a new subscription for his mother and for anyone in Baldwin county, we think it advisable to send to.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

Mrs. Powell and daughters, Miss Frances Gaston, Dr. Sheldon and Mr. Heller, drove over to Magnolia Springs, on Tuesday, intending to camp out for two or three days, but owing to the weather and other conditions, the intention to camp out was abandoned and Mrs. Powell and Dr. Sheldon returned Tuesday night, leaving the young ladies in care of Mrs. W. B. Thomas. On Tuesday evening the party attended a dance in their honor, at Magnolia hall, and on Wednesday they were guests at a delightful launch party, on Dr. Howe's fast and handsome launch; the party including Dr. and Mrs. Howe, and little daughter Marion, Miss Howe, Mrs. Thomas, the Misses Powell, Miss Gaston, Mr. Heller and Arthur Dealy. The Fairhope party, save Mr. Dealy, took launch down Magnolia river in the early morning Thursday, and caught the Baldwin, for Point Clear, where Mr. Ira Powell met them and brought them up home.

Mr. Barnhart was a caller at the COURIER office on yesterday with Mr. Frank Cazalas, of Mobile, sheriff of Mobile county and an uncle of Mrs. Barnhart, who was visiting the family. Mr. Cazalas was much pleased with Fairhope and is seriously considering taking a lot and building him a summer home here.

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A Trip in the Fairhope Suburbs.

By the kindness of Reimer Poortstra, who placed his horse and wagon at our disposal for the purpose, the editor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Freeman and their guest for the day Mrs. Edelman of Mobile, enjoyed a delightful visit on Sunday afternoon in the Fairhope suburbs. Our first objective point was Mr. Poortstra's own place. Here we were most cordially greeted by Mr. Poortstra and his wife who took pleasure in showing us over their well kept little farm.

Here we found everything doing well—except the weeds. There were Irish potatoes, an acre or more, ripe and ready for digging to be sold on the local market, free of charge for barrels, freight or wharfage—after the main crop had been shipped away. There were sweet potatoes, about 5 acres of them, some with the vines nearly covering the ground already and which ought to bring $2.00 a bus. along the beach, to our summer residents, when big enough to eat, and which, unlike Irish potatoes, if the early market fails to be satisfactory, will grow until frost, if not dug. There was a half acre of tomatoes, vines rich deep dark green, exceedingly thrifty, full of tomatoes, some ripe, a most cheering sight; cucumbers in all stages, muskmelons nearly ready to turn, watermelons as big as one's two fists; and miscellaneous garden truck in ample variety.

Then there were the goats, a number of milk goats in the yard, many other goats ranging outside. Some of the nannies had udders better than many a piny woods cow. One which had been milking for some time was regularly giving two quarts of milk a day. There were plenty of chickens too, to furnish eggs for home use and some for the market every week. There was a field of several acres newly cleared and broken to be planted a little later in Irish potatoes for a fall crop.

After a thorough and very satisfactory inspection outside, we were invited into the house where we talked "crops" and indulged in light refreshments, both liquid and solid.

We would observe that Mr. Poortstra is located in section 22, about two and one half miles from the center of town. This land is among the best in the Colony domain. It is of excellent quality and the rent is only 35 cents an acre. There is over 500 acres of the same kind in the same section open for lease.

Leaving Mr. Poortstra's we went east and north, entering at a gate south of Mr. Vanderwall's, the 160 acres in section 15, which a number of Hollanders have enclosed in a common fence. Mr. Vander Wall has twenty acres of beautiful land always kept in the best of condition and his house and barn present quite an attractive appearance. His crops of corn, rice and cotton looked well, and peeping from his mow above the stable we thought we noted sheaves of rice from last year's crop—though it may have been oats of this year's crop, cut recently. We stopped and talked a few minutes with Mr. Vander Wall, and Mr. Freeman, who is a southern farmer, you know, as well as a lecturer on economic and educational lines, gave him an exhibition which seemed highly appreciated, of how to "chop cotton." The ground was in such fine condition that "Farmer Freeman" could hardly relinquish the hoe to proceed with the trip.

Leaving Mr. Vander Wall's we passed close by the Steenstra home where several of the neighboring Holland women and Mr. John Van Bavel were having a comfortable and social time under the broad roofed, but unfloored veranda, which looked very cool and inviting.

Turning west we passed through the center of the 160 acres on the common road, and out of the tract through the gate by Mr. Koopman's. Here on one side, is Mr. Hagstrom's ten acres, where some excellent corn was seen, and on the other "Ever green Farm," which Mr. Powell is having put in shape for a model farm which he plans to conduct upon it. This is a tract of 40 acres, of which thirty acres has been cleared and broken.

Coming on in past the pleasant home of the Braam's on one side and Busy Bee Poultry Farm on the other; past Wm. Brown's, Dunnell's, Hoopes', "the Fraternal Homemaker's Society" and Dealy's, we stopped at the hospitable Bancroft home. Here we found Father Knowles alone at home, and were shown through the pleasant house, and through the flourishing garden. Then we came on a little further and dropped into President Brown's, where we found Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft too. Here we had the pleasure of some exquisite music on the piano by Mrs. Edelman. After a short stay, as the evening shades were falling. we came on into our pleasant village, having greatly enjoyed the trip, and gained new faith in Baldwin county, as a place for pleasant homes and profitable agriculture.

Southern Districr Convention W. C. T. U.

The sixth convention of the Southern District W. C. T. U., is to meet in the Palmetto St. Baptist church, Mobile, Thursday, June 6, at 9.30 a. m. Everyone is invited to attend. We are to take our lunch and eat in the Sunday-school room of the church. Take Charleston St. car on Royal St. Miss May Russell, state lecturer of Mississippi, is the convention speaker, and the program will be largely from Mobile speakers. Miss Mildred Westover of Fruitdale, who won the grand gold medal at Citronelle Chautauqua, will speak.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

May 26.—This morning Mr. Gaston stopped on his way to the office to say: "Did you know that poor Fred Chapman is dead?" It was a great shock to me and to his many friends, though it can hardly be said that any of them were very intimate friends of his, or that we had any strong influence over him. Life to him had no attractions. I often scolded him because, with all his classic learning, he could not be sufficiently a philosopher to set himself in tune with his little home, with the great efforts of his devoted sister, and with his share of the opportunities to serve his kind. He was kind, obliging, and he enjoyed most of all the things at his command, this library of which he was a constant patron. But can it be said that he enjoyed anything when he really found "all the uses of this world flat, stale and unprofitable?" He never spoke evil of anyone, and the children seemed to get nearer to him than we older ones could, the boys especially, and of these one of the sons of Comrade Molyneux, I think he most admired. I remember his speaking of him as a "little gentleman."

Calm and peaceful looked this comrade as he lay among the flowers with which we decked his coffin and afterward his grave. And to many of us, as to me, I am sure the thought came that he deserved the peace and calm that would not come to him in his handicapped struggle with life. Handicapped not merely by being different from his kind, and so out of sympathy with them, but from physical weaknesses, notably of the eyes, which necessitated his wearing reading glasses with lenses of extraordinary thickness.

As for myself, I am certain I never refused any of the few favors he asked of me, and I sincerely loved and respected him; and yet I am haunted by a conscience that tells me that I might have done more to lighten the burdens of his sad life. Alas! is not this one of the keenest of our sorrows for the dead. Did we not all feel this when the minister, the eloquent Mr. Gibbons, urged us to be kinder to the living—to bring our flowers to the altar of life not less than to the graves of our dead.

May 27. A terrible electric storm visited us this morning before day. It was with one of the greatest efforts that I ever made in my life that I got the many windows and doors closed while it was possible to close them. I was entirely alone in the house, and the situation, bringing up freshly the horrors of our September hurricane, was alarming. All movable things on the verandas flew and leaped and danced in the wind, and I heard my great pines laboring and wrestling while the thunder roared and the lightning flashed almost incessantly at the many windows and glass doors of the cottage. I had hurried on my rain coat, after closing the house, and there I stood stock still in the dining-room, determined to rush out at the first sign of the falling of the house. But I am assured that there was no danger, the storm seeming worse from my being alone. However, the great pine spared last September went down this time. It stood as near to the kitchen door as the one that fell at that time did to the front steps. And neither fell on the house! This one broke off about thirty feet from the ground, dropped across the huge bamboo clump, onto the big China-berry tree, breaking off the top, and then went smashing down my best walk, badly breaking down the great bridesmaid rose, and one of the largest cape jasmines. Only one other pine fell, and a large plum tree in the orchard; but that was one blown down in the big storm and righted some time later; but it was doing well and had quite a crop of fruit on it. It looks as if it were not going to mind a little thing like having its roots up-turned! Every ripe mulberry was on the ground this morning, but plenty more are coming on. By the way, what a delicious fruit is the Stubbs mulberry. I do wonder that we have a single family without one. It bears so profusely, almost unfailingly, is not troubled with pests, makes delicious pies, puddings, and dumplings, is fine uncooked, and makes preserves of the deepest color and richness. Moreover, it is a handsome shade tree, and one in the chicken yard is valuable as food and I think as medicine, also, for fowls.

May 28.—The day is perfect. How all nature laughs at our fears and calamities. What does one little world, more or less, matter to her?

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

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Six-room house with pantry, wash-house, and 8 foot gallery on both sides of the house. The rooms are all on the first floor and are nicely finished. Also large unfinished attic. There is an acre and a half of ground suitable for gardening, also a dozen fig trees, Japanese persimmon trees and grape vines. The place is nicely situated on high ground in full view of the bay. The Colony rent on the ground is $33.00 a year; but any one buying it and not wishing to use so much land could easily dispose of several lots, and thus lessen his rent.
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Mr. J. B. Clark and family are with us for another season, having moved yesterday into one of Capt. Nichol's beach cottages.

Miss Nelle Lee and her friend, Miss De Long, left this morning for her other home at DesMoines, after a pleasant stay of six months.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams, late arrivals from Chicago, have purchased the Geo. Frederick improvements and will occupy the place as a home.

Mrs. George Cain was taken to the hospital at Mobile, on Tuesday morning where she will next week undergo an operation which it is hoped will result in great improvment to her health. She stood the trip over very well. Mr. Cain has secured a position in Mobile, so that he can be near her while she is there.

Mr. Tony Klump reports having planted ten sacks of seed from which he shipped 164 barrels of potatoes, for which he received an average of $3.75 a barrel.—The Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and daughter, of Mobile, who occupied a part of Mr. Mogg's handsome cottage last summer are in it again, having come over for the summer this week

What is the use to go to Mobile for your garments if you can have them made on this side of the bay just as good for less money? Go to George Steenstra for your clothing.

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Mrs. S. E. Carrol and Mrs. R. H. Humphrey of Mobile moved over yesterday and will occupy the Dr. Brown cottage for the summer.

What is the use of going to Mobile for your garments when you can have them made on this side of the bay, just as good for less money? Go to Geo. Steenstra for your clothing.

Live Oak Camp No. 208 W. O. W. will hold a memorial service at the Yancy grave yard, Daphne, Sunday June 9 at 3:30 p. m. The public is invited and all Woodmen especially.

The Fairhope ran up to Daphne on Tuesday evening with a big lot of freight for Randall & Son and some for other parties and put on 6000 ft. of deals which she took to Mobile on Wednesday morning.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes! Just received a big assortment of Ladies,' Men's and Children's Shoes and Oxfords. Come and make your selection before they are picked over. Mathews, in his Cozy Corner.

Mrs. McCarthy and son Jack left Wednesday morning, taking Mallory steamer from Mobile on Thursday to join Mr. McCarthy, who is now at Mansfield, Mass., where he has gone into business. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy like Fairhope, however, and it is quite like they will return in the not distant future.

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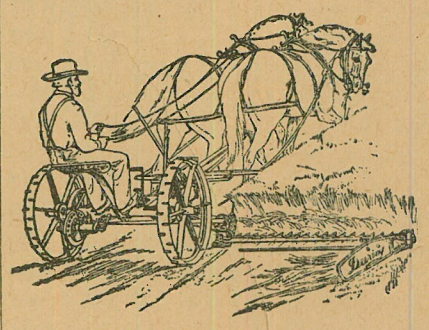

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A severe wind and electrical storm visited this section on Monday morning between one and two oclock. For a little while the wind blew about as hard it is generally believed as in the storm of last September, but it only lasted about fifteen minutes and the rain was not heavy.

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Simon Vander Meulen, an early resident of Fairhope, now justice of the peace in Mobile, was in Fairhope a day or two this week visiting our Hollander contingent—himself a Hollander by birth—and the town in general. "Van" is looking well and prosperous.

The Bay Steamship Co. has announced its summer schedule, leaving Mobile at 3:30 p. m. instead of 3, as effective tomorrow June 1, and two round trips of the Pleasure Bay on Sunday, leaving Mobile 9:15 a. m. and again in the afternoon; also a summer fare of 35 cents.

Mr. Arthur Mershon, our popular merchant, has been quite ill for several days, with an attack of acute stomach trouble, to which he is subject occasionally. He is somewhat improved at this writing, but will be unable to resume business for some time.

Mr. Fred Stites called one day this week, and subscribed for the COURIER for his father Empire Stites late a Fairhope resident, now living at Williamsburg Mich. Mr. Fred Stites said his wife was anxious to come to Fairhope to live and they will probably be looking for a place here ere long.

Captain Silas Lawrence sustained quite a painful injury during the wind storm early Monday morning. His north door was open when the storm came up. It opens outward and was hooked back and when the aged Captain unhooked it and pulled it up so the northwest wind caught it, it was blown shut with great violence, striking him on the side of the head a blow which knocked him senseless for a time. He was on the street yesterday and his ear was black and blue where the door struck him.

F. M. Mathews, wife, and Mrs. Mathews' sister, Miss Rucker, arrived from Searles, Alabama, last evening. Mr. Mathews is a nephew of our "cozy corner" merchant, M. V. Mathews. They would like to become permanent residents of Fairhope, if Mr. Mathews can find suitable employment here. He has had several years experience as coal miner, and more recently as hoisting engineer at one of the big mines near Birmingham, but is also a mechanic and a painter. He is a pleasant and intelligent young man and we hope will find it possible to stay with us.

Dr W. C. Mason the popular young dental surgeon, has resumed his practice at Daphne and Fairhope and will hereafter be at Fairhope on Thursday and Friday of each week. During his absence of some months past, he completed his course at the Atlanta Dental College, graduating there in April. This was really a "post graduate" course for him, as he had passed successfully all examinations the preceding year, but had not put in the requisite time to enable him to be graduated. While taking this last course he also had the advantage of practice in the office of one of Atlanta's most famous dentists.

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The ladies of the V. I. C. and Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will join in a unique affair at the Massey Pavilion, on next Friday evening, June 7th.

Beginning at 7:30 o'clock will be a short program of music and recitations after which refreshments will be served according to the following:

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Admission will be free, supper 15 cents.

Rules and regulations: All ladies to wear calico gowns, also requested to bring half a pound of carefully cut carpet rags each. All gentlemen to wear calico ties and requested to bring thimbles.

Fines will be imposed for the following: Any lady who fails to wear a calico gown, ten cents; any lady who fails to bring half a pound of carefully cut carpet rags, ten cents; any gentleman who fails to wear a calico tie, twenty-five cents; any gentleman who fails to bring a thimble, five cents.

P. S.—There will be for sale, cheap, cunning calico conveniences that will be a constant comfort.

N. B.—Any person who sits in a corner and refuses to converse will be fined five cents.

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.

The Steamer Fairhope brought over nearly 80 passengers on Sunday morning and had over 90 passengers back in the evening.

To Whom It May Concern.

Fraternal Homemakers Society, Home Office, 70 Dearborn St., Chicago, May 25, 1907:

In pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Trustees, adopted this day, the public is notified that Dr. Chambers Wilson has no official connection with the Fraternal Homemakers Society, and that the Society will not be responsible for any representations made by him, or for any liabilities he may contract WM. S. GARY, PRES. PAUL TYNER, SEC.

State of Alabama }
Baldwin Co. }

Before P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace.
William Stimpson vs. John Mensenga.

Whereas William Stimpson as plaintiff in above stated cause has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said state and county, on the sixth day of May 1907, and returnable to me on the 19th day of June, 1907, at Courier Office in said county, against the estate of the said John Mensinger, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $46.40 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by Frank Davis special coustable for said county by levying on the following as the property of the said John Mensinger, towit: N½ of N.W. ¼, S.E. ¼, Sec. 15 Tp. 6 S, Range 2 East, Baldwin Co. Ala. the same being 20 acres, together with all the improvements on said land more particlarly described as follows: one two room house and kitchen, one farm wagon, one chicken house, one barn, one cow stable, one well also S.½ N. W. ¼. S. E. ¼. Sec. 15 Tp 6. S. Range 2 E. Baldwin Co. Ala., the same being 20 acres known as the Smit place together with all improvements thereon, trees, fencing, and clearing, and whereas it appears that the said John Mensinger is a non resident of the state of Alabama and his residence unknown.

Now, therefore, the said John Mensinger is hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand, this 31st day of May 1907. P, Y. Albright.
Justice of the Peace,
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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 has been 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 long distance 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, 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.

A DANIEL TO JUDGMENT.

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Wrong to Discriminate between Classes.

Again, where licenses discriminate against or in favor of some particular class, they are wrong. We have no right to help one class by discouraging another class. All classes and all persons should be equal before the law, not only in theory, but in fact.

Ordinance Violates all Principles.

I respectfully submit, then, that the present ordinance violates all of these principles. It seeks to raise revenue; it burdens industry and discourages pleasure, and, by making discriminations that are unfair, would harass and dishearten large numbers of people who are already too greatly harassed and disheartened by economic conditions, and I cannot be a party to laying any more burdens upon them.

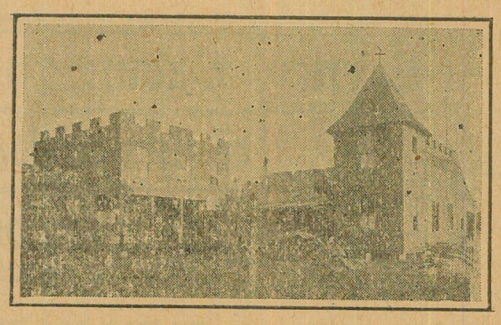
The ordinance imposes a tax of $5 upon peddlers who have push-carts. Here again is an attempt to raise revenue, and in doing it we select the smallest and probably the poorest and most uninfluential class of business men. It cannot be for the sole purpose of regulation, because we charge the owners of automobiles, who certainly offend more than these humble peddlers, and are much more able to pay, a fee of $2, and we do not license. that is, tax street cars at all. We give away absolutely free privileges in the streets which huge public service corporations coin into millions, and let them go practically free, and then charge a lame man what to him is a big sum for pushing a fish cart over the cobble stones.

Revenue System Unscientific and Unfair.

Our revenue system is now confused, unscientific and unfair; let us not add to the confusion by superimposing another kind of tax. Until we reach a state of social development in which we shall find ourselves honest enough and courageous enough to tax land, franchises, and all legal privileges at their proper value, let us, at least, lay no more burdens on the common, unprivileged people.

Interesting Facts from Wharf Figures.

Mr. Patterson furnishes us figures from his wharf books from which some interesting facts are deduced. One is that the receipts from Jan. 1 to May 20 of this year have been 37 per cent. greater than for the corresponding period of last year. This is attributable, in our opinion, very largely to the operation of the new steamer Fairhope direct between Fairhope and Mobile. The receipts of this period of 1907 were not, however, as great as for the like period of 1905—when the old steamer Fairhope was in commission. The larger part of the excess in the 1905 period can be accounted for in the truck shipments of three weeks, which were much heavier in 1905 than they have been since. The receipts for the early part of that year were also swelled liberally by the large amount of building material imported during the early part of 1905, on account of the especial building activity of the Fairhope Improvement Co. and the shortness of the local lumber supply, which this year is ample. Eliminating these factors, we think the present year will show an increase in general business over any previous year.



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Increase of Land Values Greater than Increased Value of Labor Products.

The Farmers Advocate quotes a mechanic who complains about the great increase in the cost of living, which, while he is getting about a ten per cent increase in wages leaves him worse off than before and who says that he is "going to farming." When he undertakes to do that he will find that the price of land, the first thing necessary to "a farm" has gone soaring even worse than the prices of the articles he is consuming. We believe we noted recently something in the Advocate about the rapid increase of land values in Kansas.

And there is this difference about increasing prices of land and of labor products, that, while the latter tends to increase production and thus to reduce prices, the former cannot do likewise, for land is a fixed quantity. On the contrary it tends to make those who have land hold it the tighter, thus, in effect, decreasing the available supply.

FAIRHOPE ALABAMA.
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The essential principle of the Garden City is public ownership of the land for the common benefit. Fairhope, Alabama, U. S. A. is a Garden City with no specialization in gardens. But Fairhope carries the root idea out more thoroughly than does the Letchworth Garden City, for it does not pay any interest, dividend or profit to its promoters. Thus the whole of the land rent, not the rent, less 4 per cent on capital cost, is available for the public benefit.

Save for its exceptional prosperity Fairhope is said not to differ in outward appearance from other towns, though it is "a town with a purpose." The Corporation or Company owns all the land and receives all the rent. Out of this it pays all taxes on land, improvements and personal property. The balance is spent on roads, school, library, parks, baths, etc. The Corporation owned a wharf, but this was destroyed by a storm. It is now being rebuilt by a company of citizens, who will hand it over to the Corporation as soon as its cost has been paid out of the profits. The Corporation also owns the water supply. In practice the Single Tax leads to the development of municipal life on socialist lines. Garden City and Fairhope alike have their lessons for both Single Taxer and Socialist. We shall be giad to put our readers in touch with the literature of Fairhope.

London England, —The Pioneer.

New Uses For Alcohol.

In Germany every farmer has his own alcohol still, and the prevention of their illicit use seems to have been compassed without diffculty. Potatoes—which in that country, owing to the use of potash, which abounds, as a fertilizer, yield enormously—are the principal source of alcoholic supply, which also is so cheap that it has come into very wide use. It furnishes most of the light and runs all the motors.

When its use is fully developed it promises to revolutionize farm life. There is no smoke or dirt, for the stove burns alcohol, and no lamps to clean, for its use keeps them clean. Going from the house to the barn, we find threshing and fanning machines, corn shellers and cutters, the pumps for water supply, the milking machine, all run by alcohol. So, too, of churns, apple and hay presses, and separators, taking most of the heavy drudgery off the house wife, and enabling the farmer, by using traction plows and other machinery, to get on almost without help. And fortunate for him it is that it is coming to be so, for it has grown to be almost impossible to get enough farm labor. A farmer, if he finds it more convenient, can g nerate electricity enough from a central plant to run all his machinery.

Topeka, Kans. Advocate.

A Prayer For Landlords.

The following prayer was included in the "Primer or Book of Common Prayer, needful for the use of all Christians. Authorized and set forth by order of King Edward VI, series, 1553."

The text is copied from a work in the library in the Church House, 12th and Walnut Sts. Philadelphia, entitled, "The Two Liturgies with other Documents." Published by the Parker Society, 1844.

"The earth is thine (O Lord) and all that is contained therein, notwithstanding thou hast given possession thereof to the children of men to pass over the time of their short pilgrimage in this vale of misery. We heartily pray Thee to send Thy Holy Spirit into the hearts of them that possess the grounds and pastures of the earth that they, remembering themselves to be Thy tenants, may not rack or stretch out the rents of their house or land, nor yet take unreasonable fines or moneys, after the manner of covetous worldlings but so let them out that the inhabitants thereof may be able to pay the rents and to live and assist their families and remember the poor. Give them grace also to consider that they are but strangers and pilgrims in this world having here no dwelling-place but seeking one to come: that they, remembering the short continuance of life may be content with that which is sufficient and not join house to house and land to land to the impoverishment of others, but so behave themselves in letting their tenements, lands and pastures, that after this life they may be received into everlasting habitation. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."

LANDHOLDING UNDER LEASE

Further Discussed by a Correspondent. Position of Courier Approved.

EDITOR COURIER:

I see in the COURIER of May 10th. that Mr. Alfred J. Wolf takes issue with you on the question of "land holding under lease" as against taxation of land values. Your answer to Mr. Wolf's criticism is right on every point and I do not wish to add anything to your argument, but as I also was struck with "astonishment" at Mr. Wolf's conception of the ideal purpose of the Single Tax, I wish to throw some light on the whole question. He says. "George antagonized and proposed to abolish landlordism in every form, public (?) and private. I wish to show that public landlordism is an absurdity, and government landlordism impossible in a democracy. It is often said by Single Taxers that "taking the annual value, or rental value of land in lieu of all other taxes is really not a tax at all, but rent, i. e. ground rent. Now, it seems plain, that where land is rented it is under lease whether in form so or not. Under the Single Tax this rent is not less nor more than the actual, annual use value of the ground site, which value is determined by free competition among all users of land for its possession and the rent to be collected in the most economical way, viz. taxed into the public treasury. Is not this a kind of "leasing of land by the government" under the form of taxation? If not I wish to know wherein lies the difference. It is true that an arbitrary system of lease may be adopted by a government and exorbitant rent fixed by corrupt officials, but not under a truly democratic government. In such case the fault would not be in the system of leasing ground sites, but in the peculiar manner in which it would be applied and made use of. The Single Tax applied by an oligarchy for the maintainance of an idle class instead of for public improvements would be as bad as the present system of taxation. This would be what Mr. Wolf speaks of as "government landlordism." But under a democratic form of government I cannot conceive of government landlordism, because the people are the government and their own lords. If the government is not truly democratic that is another issue. How, then, can the collection of ground rents under lease, by the people and for the people, be termed "government landlordism?"

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THE LAND AND LABOR PROBLEMS.

Elias Deemer Makes $750,000 Profit in a Year on Mississippi Land, but Worries over Serious "Labor Problem."

A special correspondent at Washington of the Mobile Register, wrote his paper of an interview with Elias Deemer of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, seen by the correspondent while on his way home from Miss:ssippi, where he had large land interests. Said Mr. Deemer, according to the correspondent:

"Somewhat more than a year ago I purchased a tract of fine timber land, about fifty thousand acres altogether, in Neshoba county. To-day I would not care to sell that tract at a cent less than thirty dollars an acre, although none of it cost half that much an acre. Not far from my property a sale was lately made of eighty thousand acres for four million dollars, which was at the rate of fifty dollars an acre. It hasn't been many years since two dollars an acre would have been held a good price for a vast amount of land in Mississippi.

"The only serious problem in Mississippi is labor. I found a great desire on the part of the white people to get Italian and Austrian immigrants, who are deemed more reliable and more efficient than the blacks. I was unable to get negroes in the construction of several railroads to lumber camps, and had to get some Austrians from New York city, who are reported to be giving excellent satisfaction."

There is a great deal in the "point of view." No doubt the "labor problem,' is somewhat serious from Mr. Deemer's standpoint. He wants to get reliable, capable workers, to build his railroads, for about $1.50 a day (maximum) and board themselves.

It seems to him perfectly right and proper that he should reap an absolutely unearned increase of over $750,000 in a little more than a year, in the increased value of his land; but he looks upon it as a serious "labor problem" when workmen, whom he wants to create actual wealth for him by the exercise of their brains and muscles, are disposed to insist upon a slight increase in pay, or prove indifferent or incompetent workers under such conditions of living as are inseparable from such inadequate pay.

His admitted profit in this one instance alone, is equal to the total earnings for 300 working days, at $1.50 a day, of an army of 1666 men. If one fifth of their time was lost, by bad weather and other circumstances beyond their control, and $5 a week be allowed for food, clothing and every expense of every nature, per man, his increased profit on the one transaction given, would equal the savings for a like period of 7,500 men.

There is a "labor problem" indeed, in Mississippi and everywhere else, Mr. Deemer, and its most "serious" factor is that under our laws you and others are enabled to reap such enormous sums for merely getting in the way of those who want to labor.

L. H. Read is still shipping cannas from this place, both by mail and express, several hundred going almost daily. There is talk now of adding other bulbs, as well as a large collection of roses, and establishing a regular mail order house at Fruitdale; that they can be raised here in profusion at a small cost, the climate and soil being especially adapted to them, has been demonstrated.

—Fruitdale Herald.

The Citronelle Call publishes an ordinance making it unlawful for stock to run at large in that town—which makes us rather envious of the dignity arrived at by that enterprising burg.

The Club Corner

Edited by MRS. LYDIA J. NEWCOMB COMINGS

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met on the ninth, with the president. After the opening exercises, Mrs. Beckner gave "Concentration," which was well read and to the point; followed by Mrs Gaston, who read "A Unique Service;" and Mrs. Minnie Brown, who read "Temperance Sentiment in Japan." Miss Irene Bell gave an account of her trip to Citronelle to contest at the Chautauqua for the Grand Gold Medal. She was accompanied by Lawrence Barnhart, Uhlma Hail and Alfred Shepherd, who also contested. The medal was won by a young lady from Fruitdale; but all agreed the judges were in a difficult position, and a number said there should have been eight medals instead of one.

Mrs. Jessie Bell read a paper on "The Influence of Contests," saying in part: "The emulation caused by a number working together for the same object, has a wonderful influence, causing them to do their best; and as a rule, the contestants are very good judges themselves as to which one wins, and are perfectly satisfied to let the winner receive the medal. The contestants submit to a great deal more drilling and preparation, and commit to memory longer and more difficult selections than they otherwise would, thus developing the memory and learning the art of oratory, while gaining the ability to address an audience. As all recitations must be temperance selections, the moral value of these contests is incalculable, and they teach such temperance lessons as can be taught in no other way."

Mrs. Hail, district president, spoke of work for Baldwin County and the district convention. Mrs. C. K. Brown read a paper on "Encouragements." A light lunch was served in honor of Mr. C. K. Brown's seventy-fourth birthday. The meeting closed with the W. C. T. U. benediction.

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met in Dapne with Mrs. E. Q. Norton, who is one of the charter members. Although the weather was threatening in the morning, the day proved to be ideal, some of the party going on the boat, others driving. The regular meeting was held at 10 a. m., when Miss Herring gave an oral review of Chapters 11 and 12, and Mrs. Norton a written review of Chapter 13 of Natural Taxation, this closing the year's study. All members are now expected to prepare a paper on Taxation, as the rounding out of the winter's work. These are to be handed in at the June meeting, and the one judged to be the best is to be published in the COURIER.

After a picnic lunch served in the dining room, Mrs. Pilcher entertained the company with several fine piano solos. Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Bancroft recited in their usual happy manner. Dr. Williams sang, and Mr. Norton and Mr. Coleman delighted the audience with their readings. Altogether it was an unusually pleasant meeting, the only outing in which the club has indulged this year.

The most important work perhaps of the

Viilage Improvement Club

this month has been the appointment of a School Improvement Committee, the School Garden Committee having recently disbanded, recommending that the V. I. C. take up the work. This is in harmony with the school improvement associations formed throughout the state under the auspices of the women's federated clubs. Another much needed work is the beautifying of Fairhope Avenue, and already old stumps are being removed in preparation for further work.

On Friday evening of this week there is to be a Calico Carnival, where all will have an opportunity for relaxation and fun such as is not often afforded to the people of Fairhope. The School Improvement Committee expect to give a unique and delightful entertainment soon, to raise funds for improving the school grounds. On Tuesday night of this week a supper was served to the men who assisted in building the bath house destroyed by the September storm. These are always pleasant occasions, when there is plenty of good cheer, and an overabundance of good things to eat. The ladies of Fairhope are generous providers.

The Fifth Thursday Club

met at the Cables on the thirtieth, the large rooms being well filled. Though the weather was threatening in the morning, the afternoon was very pleasant, and something over forty ladies were present. Fifth Thursdays are somewhat erratic in occurrence, and this was the first meeting since January. Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

President. Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings
Vice President..... Mrs. Clara M. Gaston
Secretary..... Mrs. Minnie Brown
Treasurer.....Mrs. Delia K. Bancroft

Resolutions were adopted favoring the school bills now before the senate and legislature. These provide that the rural school shall have the same supervision as the city school. The county superintendent, to be elected by a board of trustees, who are elected by the people, must hold a first-grade certificate and give all his time to the work, receiving a salary, as city superintendents now do. These bills were accompanied by letters from State Superintendent Gunnels and from the education committee of the federated clubs, requesting their endorsement.

The literary program was a very entertaining "Hour with the Poets." Mrs. Minnie Brown gave a brief sketch of John G. Whittier, reading one or two of his poems, others following with quotations. Dr. Atkinson spoke of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Miss Gould of Bret Harte; and Miss Herring read a paper on Walt Whitman, which she had prepared for the annual meeting of the Walt Whitman Fellowship in New York city, and which was read there the same afternoon. Mrs. Pilcher and Miss Hazel Pilcher rendered a piano duet, and the Misses Frances and Mary De Coudres sang very sweetly, Mrs. Stersic accompanying them.

Ice cream was served, and once more we felt that the Fifth Thursday Club had justified itself as a needed part of our club life.

Gustav Buscher, the young Swiss who visited Fairhope a couple of years ago, writes on receipt of COURIERS: "Dear Mr. Gaston; Thank you for sending me the FAIRHOPE COURIER. Glad to see that your colony is still prospering. I wish well to Fairhope, and hope to hear from you later on."

We note in the Citronelle Call that a sawmill company located near there had in use a traction engine hauling lumber from the mill to Citronelle. It was guaranteed to haul 10,000 feet, and with that amount loaded on four wagons went along all right until a soft spot was struck. The engine went over, but one wagon went down and was practically pulled to pieces by the engine. The mill burned just after the engine demonstrated its ability to do the work cut out for it.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE PEOPLE OF FAIRHOPE AND VICINITY REGARDING TRANSPORTATION.

It would be presumptuous to offer any argument upon the importance of transportation to our or any town, for you already recognize it as second only to the land question.

There are some matters however in connection with the present transportation situation, about which we deem it pertinent to address you.

Every one familiar with Fairhope history knows of the gallant effort to secure her direct steamer service, at reduced rates, through the first steamer *Fairhope*. Nothing was ever done by or for Fairhope, of so great actual advantage to her people, or which did so much to fix her in the proud place she occupies among the plucky and progressive towns of South Alabama.

If any had become unmindful of the service rendered by the first *Fairhope* they were soon brought to a painful realization of it, when the gallant little steamer was burned, in November 1905.

Immediately we dropped back to the old tedious trip along the shore, nearly doubling the time in transit, and, as soon as the Bay Steamship Company forced Mr. Carney into a sale of the *Carney* and a contract to keep out of the Eastern Shore transportation business, the old winter rate of 50 cents each way was resumed and freight rates sharply advanced.

Under these conditions and with the opening of the summer season of 1906, a strong effort was made by local business men and others having the interest of the community most deeply at heart, to get the Bay Steamship Company to run one of its steamers direct to Fairhope in the evening and then down to Battles and Pt. Clear, and in the morning come up from Pt. Clear and Battles and go direct from Fairhope to the city. It was stated that such a schedule would be satisfactory to Fairhope, and that if it were adopted there would be no effort made to get another Fairhope steamer. As is well known this offer was declined without thanks.

The Bay Steamship Company thought that the money could not be found to put on another Fairhope boat and that it could just as well get the Fairhope business and leave it a "way station" on its route, from North Wharf to Mobile along with the half dozen other wharves served on this route. But Point Clear, where the principal stockholders of the company have their summer homes and other interests, was given a direct boat, as usual, though it had another boat, the *Baldwin*.

At this juncture the Fairhope Improvement Company, of which many local citizens are stockholders, along with other gentlemen, not residents, but deeply interested in the prosperity of our town, came to the rescue.

A steamer was purchased and at great expense rebuilt to meet the special requirements of the trade. This work was done at home by Fairhope mechanics, from lumber cut, planed and otherwise shaped, in Fairhope mills—and so well done as to further add to Fairhopers' reputation as people who "do things" and do them well.

Since about January first the new steamer *Fairhope* has been giving Fairhope the best service enjoyed by any town or the Eastern Shore. Freight rates have been materially reduced, passenger fares have been cut in half, goods consigned in care of the steamer, have been brought over with freight, or express and cartage charges advanced; orders have been delivered free for local merchants and others, and in every way the steamer management has served the interests of its "home port" to the best of its ability. The boat has been manned as far as possible by residents of Fairhope and a large part of her fuel has been purchased at home, thus giving employment to Fairhope people and keeping at home hundreds of dollars monthly which, if paid to an outside transportation company would have been wholly lost to the town.

How important to the prosperity of Fairhope has been the operation of the steamer *Fairhope*, may be partly judged by the increase in business done over Fairhope wharf, which was shown in a recent issue of the COURIER to have been about 37 per cent greater for the first five months of 1907 than the corresponding months of 1906.

With very few exceptions the people have shown their appreciation of this service by their exclusive patronage of the steamer operated in their interest.

This liberal patronage has excited the envy of the opposition company, and word has gone out that the *Fairhope* must be driven out of the trade.

Announcement has been made that beginning Saturday June 8, the steamer *Pleasure Bay* will be operated direct between Fairhope and Mobile, on the schedule which was refused before the *Fairhope* was put into commission.

The obvious object is to get enough of the *Fairhope's* business to render her operation unprofitable and thus get her out of the way.

It is up to the people of Fairhope and vicinity to say whether this palpable plot—really a plot against them as much as their steamer, shall succeed. It lies wholly with them.

It can only succeed if they are shortsighted enough to withdraw any of their patronage from their own boat and give it to the opposition.

A boat can be operated in the interests of Fairhope only if it gets ALL the Fairhope business. The diversion of a small share of the trade will mean a losing business for the direct boat.

While the Fairhope Improvement Company might be—has been—willing to face a small loss in the hope of building up a profitable business, it could not be expected to continue at a loss when the loss was due to indifference and lack of support of the people whom the boat was serving. Your own experience with the opposition company when you were thought to be helpless, and the more recent experience of Daphne, leave no excuse for any one being deceived by temporary advantages offered or promises made for the future.

Will you act with an intelligent eye to your own interests?

Respectfully Yours,

THE FAIRHOPE IMPROVEMENT CO.

P. S. It is impossible in the conduct of any business to avoid unintentional offense. In any grievance now existing—if there be any such—or which may arise, the steamer management will be perfectly willing to submit the same to arbitration in the customary manner.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list. Here are some friends whom we have heard from since last issue.

W. L. Ross, Philadelphia, renews his own subscription for two years and says: "I think the paper is continually improving. It is always interesting and instructive." He mentions certain hoped for conditions which would enable him to do so, and adds: "I want to help the COURIER. It deserves it."

W. B. Dubois, Bayonne, N. J., offers to send the public library of his town, if it will receive and file the same.

Mrs. Bemis and Miss Clements, of Fairhope, each hand in a subscription of a friend.

Mr. Powell sends in a club of 6 secured at the Women's Single Tax League conference and the meeting at New York, in regard to calling a national Single Tax conference, of which he writes interestingly but too late for insertion in this issue.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

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No Subject More Important than Taxation.

EDITOR COURIER:

There is no subject of more vital importance to the progress of the human race than the subject of taxation.

There are only two things that can be taxed. These two things are man and the earth he lives on. Therefore labor-values and land values are the only two things upon which taxes are or can be imposed. That taxes are essential to the administration of government is undeniably true; and that something must be taxed is directly apparent.

The right thing to tax is monopoly, the wrong thing to tax is labor; because government sustains monopoly, and labor sustains itself. Not only does labor do this, but as taxes are now levied it sustains the government, which in turn supports monopolies of every sort. These monopolies exercise taxing power, sustained as they are by the government; and besides being robbed by government in public taxes, the workers are robbed by the monopolies in private taxes. This is the reason the workers of the world are kept forever poor. This in turn fosters land speculation, which greatly lessens opportunities for labor. This also gluts the labor market, reduces wages and is a fruitful cause of strikes, which in turn are put down by the strong arm of the government.

The real reason we have a labor question is because the earth, the gift of the common Father to His children is held at a prohibitive price. The small portion that is used is artificially high in price, which means high rents while the rest is kept out of the market for speculation. This is the chief cause of poverty among the workers.

Why should wealth-production and poverty be always associated? Nature gives nothing to idleness. Why should the worker be poor and the idler rich? It is because men are rewarded, not in proportion to what they do, but in proportion to what they monopolize.

Divorce government from monopoly, and the latter falls. Separate labor from land and humanity dies. This is what the land speculator tries to do. The workingman's real enemy is the land speculator not the capitalist.

No evil can be remedied by finding fault with it. The remedy must be discovered and applied. Heroic remedies alone will suffice.

Since the evil has been and is now largely due to unscientific taxation, what more sensible plan could be suggested than to place the burden of government where it properly and justly belongs. Tax land values. Leave labor entirely free from taxation.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present, Vice President Paton in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Following bills allowed.

E. B. Gaston, postage in May,	$1 40
E. B. Gaston 1 coil of wire purchased for telephone...	3 65
W. S. Baldwin, work on well	2 00
G. W. Bell, work on well....	1 00
L. S. Massey, pumping, May,	11 00
H. C. Oswalt, Trustee, tuition May.....	76 95

Secretary instructed to request a statement of collections for tuition, and school expense from Mr. Oswalt.

Transfer from Mrs. Bertha Manteuffel to John A. Patterson, of south 5 acres of Manteuffel tract, was approved.

Transfer from Geo. Fredericks to Evan L. Williams of east 23 ft. of lot 2 blk, 6 div 1, (as described in lease of Fredericks) approved.

Communication read from Dr. Q. J. Brown, complaining of water from Fels Ave. running across his and Mrs. Robinson's premises, washing away bluff, etc. Superintendent of Lands and Highways directed to remedy the condition complained of.

Attention being called to the fact that stairway from beach on south side of Stack's gulley, was in unsafe condition, it was ordered that same be removed, there not being sufficient need for it to justify expense of rebuilding it.

Mr. Pilcher stated that in his opinion there should be a stairway to bluff, near pump house, to enable pedestrians to get up hill and be out of the way of teams. Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Pilcher appointed a committee to consider the matter, with power to act but without incurring any expense chargeable to the Corporation.

Supt. Lands and Highways directed to see that foot-bridge across gully was repaired.

Moved and carried that no more colored excursions from Mobile, be permitted the use of wharf and grounds.

Moved and carried that repairs to telephones and water fixtures must be made by individual users at their own expense.

Mr. Albright, water clerk, directed to see that waste of water in sprinkling streets, was prevented.

Moved and carried that warrant be drawn for $100 to cover draft of N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co. (same having been paid in by Mr. Brown on stumpage).

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.

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The W. C. T. U. will meet at 3 p. m. on Thursday, June 13th. with Mrs. C. K. Brown.

The following program will be rendered.

Devotional exercises by President.

Singing.

Reports of secretary treasurer

Symposium, Echoes of District convention.

Paper, Race Suicide and the Death Roll, Mrs. Shepherd.

Contests and Civic Reform, Mrs. Bell.

Solo, Ulhma Hail.

Legioners Reform Work, Mrs. Parker.

Continued Progress in Georgia, and up to date news, Mrs. C. K. Brown.

All are invited to come.

Personal and Local

Mrs. Bemis returned on last Thursday evening from a stay of several weeks with Mrs. Getty at Saraland, Mobile county.

Fred Sweet left on Wednesday for Illinois, whither he was called by business demanding his attention. He did not know how long he would be away, but said he would get back as soon as possible.

The case of Wm. Stimpson vs. George Steenstra, to recover for the use of seeder and tried before Judge Albright on Friday of last week, resulted in a decision for the defendant.

Mr. H. G. Colman of Kalamazoo, Mich. who made many friends on his visit here the last two winters to his friends, the Comingses, died very suddenly one day last week at his home.

Mrs. Comings reports a long and interesting letter from Mrs. Isabelle Schindler, now at Newton Centre, Mass. Mrs. Schindler has lost none of her interest in Fairhope and is in close touch with the parties at Wellesley, Mass. who are considering a wtnter camp school for girls here.

James E. Gaston, eldest son of the editor and wife, returned on last Friday evening from attendance at the Polytechnic Institute, Auburn. James made excellent progress in his studies and found time to grow in stature so amazingly, that his friends had to look twice to recognize him. He is a trifle taller than his father.

On account of unpromising weather, the Fairhope did not have enough excursionists for Ft. Morgan to justify making the trip as advertised, last Sunday, but came over from Mobile at the usual hour, with the largest Sunday crowd of the season, so far. There must have been over 100 each way, beside which the Pleasure Bay had a good many Fairhope passengers. The crowd included a delegation from the Seamen's Bethel, of Mobile, which picknicked down by Mr. Olsen's, most of them if not all, being Scandinavians.

Fred Sweet, locally known as a carpenter is also an expert sheep shearer, and put in two or three weeks recently shearing for the Stapleton Brothers and others. He broke all local records in shearing, by shearing 85 sheep in three hours, though he says he can with everything favorable shear 100 and has sheared 110. He is having calls from other parties as far away even, as Bay Minette.

The children of the Christian church Sunday School gave a most pleasing Childrens' Day program on last Sunday evening. The exercise by the "little tots," under direction of their teacher, Mrs. Grace Page was exceedingly clever and the young ladies' drill was very pretty. The boys did not get through their drill so well but came out strong in their singing. The songs and recitations were all well rendered. We have a notably fine lot of children in Fairhope and it is quite surprising to visitors to see how many there are of them when they are massed on such occasions.

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To Whom It May Concern.

Fraternal Homemakers Society, Home Office, 70 Dearborn St., Chicago, May 25, 1907:

In pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Trustees, adopted this day, the public is notified that Dr. Chambers Wilson has no official connection with the Fraternal Homemakers Society, and that the Society will not be responsible for any representations made by him, or for any liabilities he may contract. WM. S. GARY, PRES. PAUL TYNER, SEC.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

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Five room house, three down and two upstairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.

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A. H. Mershon is still confined to his home, though improving.

Chas. Wilson, the baker, has a grocer's ice box for sale cheap.

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Mrs. Dewey Wheeler and son left this morning to spend the summer in the north.

A few ripe figs have been reported—the first to our knowledge were picked by Dr. Atkinson.

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Mrs. Perkins returned on Monday from a visit of two weeks with her parents in Pensacola, Fla.

The Mathews store and Rest Cottage have been connected with the Corporation-Home Telephone system.

Mrs. Magden left for her home in Des Moines, on Tuesday morning after a pleasant visit with her numerous relatives here.

A nice large shipment of granite ware just received. Well, how is the price? Very cheap indeed. If you don't believe it we can prove it if you will call and see us. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon, came over on wednesday evening to occupy for a few weeks the Rose cottage recently purchased by them.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mann left early in the week for Gladbrook, Iowa, where Mr Mann has extensive interests and where they expect to spend the summer.

Mrs. Miller niece of Mr. and Mrs. Swift, arrived with her daughter, on Thursday evening, to visit them for a month or more. Ernest Swift came over with them.

Rolland Curtis has received word in a letter from his mother that she and the Trenholmes expect to return to Fairhope very shortly--before the 15th of the present month.

The Messrs. Christmann have got up their big barn on the rear end of the Hail lot. The side walls had had just been gotten up when the big blow came up, and damage to the amount of about $50 was done.

The St. Francis street Methodist Sunday school, of Mobile, picnicked at Fairhope on Thursday, about 300 strong. The day was a delightful one—though warm—and they seemed to have a very nice time.

Prof. Brown left on Wednesday of last week for his present home at Tampa, Fla. after a pleasent visit here with his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton. He took the steamer Manteo back and Mr. Clffton has heard from to the effect that he enjoyed his trip very much.

We failed to note in last issue a most important item of news in the birth of a fine girl to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barkley, their first born and the first grandchild on both sides of the family. This interesting event occurred May 29. Mother and child are doing exceedingly well and 'Grandpa'' Littlefield shows a noticeable increase of dignity.

P. Y. Albright will discuss the subject of mutual fire insurance at the Progressive League Sunday afternoon June 9th. There is a suggestion to organize the defunct Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Baldwin County, and the purpose of the discussion is to feel the sentiment of the community regarding the matter. The farmers are urged to be present, and all others who think they have ideas on the subject.

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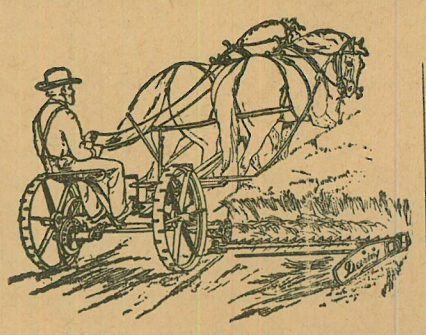

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Volunteers Do Good Work on Rebuilding Bath House

A fine crew of volunteers turned out on Tuesday to work on the new men's bath house; and when quitting time came, there was much to show for their efforts. The committee in charge, Messrs. Stimpson and Lyon, had got the piling in and the floor laid, and everything was in readiness to work all who came on getting up the walls, partitions, rafters, sheeting etc. There were fully twenty at work during the day, many of whom put in the full day.

Some are deserving of special mention—but lest we might overlook some equally deserving as others mentioned, we shall not venture to name any. They were working, we know, not for notoriety, but *results*. Sometimes those who do work on such enterprises for the common good, lose much of the satisfaction they ought to feel, for thinking of others equally to be benefited, who have not done their part. This is a great mistake. Instead of feeling vexed at those who are not disposed to do their part (or who may appear so: sometimes they want to help, but cannot), we ought really to feel sorry for them; for they cannot enjoy benefits for which they are indebted to others, as those can who have helped to secure them.

Though the "eight-hour day" pretty generally prevails at Fairhope, it was about six o'clock before these volunteers were willing to quit, and then only when the ladies of the V. I. C. called them to supper at the platform under the magnolia. Here was plenty of good cheer and good eating indeed, and "lots" left when all had eaten.

The call is out again for volunteers for tomorrow, Saturday; and if those who could not get out Tuesday will turn out tomorrow, the job can be finished.

Ice Plant Not to be Installed for This Season.

On account of unanticipated obstacles, which wh ich would make it impossible for him to get his plant in operation in time for much of this season's business, Mr. Heller, has, we regret to say, postponed the installation of his ice plant until next season.

This news will be recieved with great regret by our people here and our friends abroad, but is regretted by none more than Mr. Heller

He has made a substantial cash payment upon the plant and ran over to Columbus, Ga. where it was being made, the early part of the week, and secured the consent of the manufacturers to the withholding of delivery until he is ready to install it for next season's trade.

Instead of being in any way discouraged over the outlook for a profitable business for an ice plant, Mr. Heller is now inclined to think that his six ton plant is too small, and that the delay may be fortunate in enabling him to plan for a larger plant.

Preparing for the Y. P. S. C. E. Convention.

At the church on Tuesday evening commitees were appointed and other arrangements made for the coming convention of the Southern Alabama District Union of the Y. P. S. C. E., which is to be held here on June Thirteenth and fourteenth. The number who will come is quite uncertain but probably in the neighborhood of 100, Miss Effie Mershon is chairman of the committee on entertainment and will be assisted by six other young ladies.

Messers Heller, Sedinger, White and Gaston, were appointed a reception commitee to meet and welcome the visitors.

At the Christian Church, Suuday, June 9.

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m.
Evening Services, 8 p. m., subject "Fools in General."

N. B. At the morning vices the minister will reply to a letter received by himself, in criticism of the position of the Christian church.

Wanted

An orphan boy about the size of a man, barefooted, with his father's shoes on, cross-eyed at the back of his neck and his hair cut curly, to carry two railroad tunnels and a bundle of bung holes, and sweep wind off of the Fairhope court house and earn money enough to buy a pair of Oxfords from Mathews at his Cozy Corner.

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State of Alabama } Before P. Y. Albright,
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William Stimpson
vs.
John Mensinger.

Whereas William Stimpson as plaintiff in above stated cause has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said state and county, on the sixth day of May 1907, and returnable to me on the 19th day of June, 1907, at Courier Office in said county, against the estate of the said John Mensinger, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $46.40 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by Frank Davis special coustable for said county by levying on the following as the property of the said John Mensinger, towit: N½ of N.W. ¼, S.E. ¼, Sec. 15 Tp. 6 S, Range 2 East, Baldwin Co. Ala. the same being 20 acres, together with all the improvements on said land more particlarly described as follows: one two room house and kitchen, one farm wagon, one chicken house, one barn, one cow stable, one well also S.½ N. W. ¼. S. E. ¼. Sec. 15 Tp 6. S. Range 2 E. Baldwin Co. Ala., the same being 20 acres known as the Smit place together with all improvements thereon, trees, fencing, and clearing, and whereas it appears that the said John Mensinger is a non resident of the state of Alabama and his residence unknown.

Now, therefore, the said John Mensinger is hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 31st day of May 1907. P. Y. Albright.
Justice of the Peace,
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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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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 has been 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

LANDHOLDING UNDER LEASE

(Continued from 1st. page.)

At least where the government i. e. the people themselves, own all the public utilities, such ownership cannot properly be termed landlordism, or monopoly, in the same sense in which these terms are usually understood. Landlordism and monopoly are terms conveying the idea of domination and oppression, and where the people are their own lords and own the public utilities this idea is absurd.

Although Henry George speaks of the State (under Single Tax") as the "universal landlord," he evidently does not place it in the same category with our present landlords, but rather as a servant of the Lord of all the Earth for the administration of perfect justice.

We Single Taxers are fighting land monopoly and all other monopolies and we should therefore clearly understand the nature of monopolies and whether such or not.

Taken in that sense, of a harmful nature, public utilities owned by the State cannot be called monopolies, and for that reason, under a democratic government there cannot be any "public landlordism" or "public monopolies." The Postal system is not a monopoly and nobody calls it such, because it is a proper function of the government. But if the government engage in and control industries of a private nature, going beyond its proper sphere of operation, it encroaches upon the rights of individuals and creates government monopolies. For this reason there may be government monopolies of private industries, but not of public utilities. And vice versa there may be private monopolies of public utilities, but not private monopolies of private industries. What seem to be monopolies of industries by corporations or trusts, are really monopolies of land or natural resources from which these industries exist. I realize that there are some certain exceptions to this rule, such as where the government grants certain special privileges by law not per se depending on access to land, such as licenses to sell liquor, etc, but where the people rule it is up to them to see to it that no special privileges be granted. As a rule, with the fall of land monopoly by the application of the Single Tax, all other so called monopolies will fall; and whether we call it rent or tax, under lease or under deed holding, the principle is the same and when applied under the same conditions it will bring the same result.

Yours truly,

Nucla, Colo. Gunnar Nauman.

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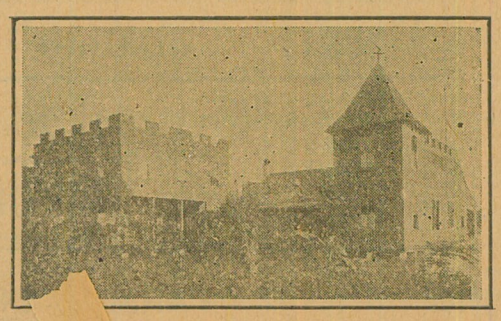

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The New York World Comes Out for the Single Tax Principle

Leading Conservative Metropolitan Newspaper Flatly Proposes the Adoption of Henry George's Theory of Land Value Taxation.

The New York World, one of the world's greatest newspapers, declared the true doctrine as to wealth and Taxation, in an editorial from which we quote as follows:

"A flood of new schemes accompanies the annual January farce of personal assessments. Every year at great expense the tax commissioners compile a guess at the owners of personal property in New York city, and give public notice that their assessments must be sworn off or the tax will be collected.

"The annual invitation to perjury is repeated this year in the usual farcical manner. Last year the tentative personal assessment was $3,492,015,682. Nine-tenths of this was sworn off, and most of the other tenth was mistakenly assessed, and is represented by revenue bonds instead of cash.

The three men who own the public franchises of New York city do not appear on the personal tax roll at all. Thomas F. Ryan retains a legal residence in Virginia; Mr. Anthony N. Brady in Albany and August Belmont out on Long Island. James Stillman is assessed for $100,000, all the Rockefellers for less than $3,000,000 and J. Pierpont Morgan for $400,000. Andrew Carnegie is assessed at $5,000,000, although he owns $300,000,000 5 per cent Steel Trust bonds, not to mention other personal property.

"To meet this iniquitous condition the special tax commission has reported an elaborate system of remedies which for absurdity, injustice and ignorance of fundamental economic principles would be hard to match at a cranks' convention. They propose an income tax beginning with incomes of $500, a tax on the gross earnings of public service corporations, a tax on savings bank deposits and a habitation tax.

"The distinguished members of this commission should be sent back to school to learn primary economics.

"There are two great classes of wealth: One wealth created by the community and the other wealth produced or created by individual effort.

"Wealth created by the community has two forms—THE VALUE OF LAND AND THE VALUE OF PUBLIC FRANCHISES. The value of land depends upon the density of population and the earning power of the people who live there. In a sparsely settled community the value of land is low. In a city the value of land is high in almost geometric ratio to the population. In like manner with public franchises. The right to supply gas or electricity or transportation or telephones is like land—valuable in proportion to the density of population.

"That other form of wealth which is produced by individual labor is approximately of the same value everywhere. The difference in the value of a barrel of flour or a ham or a suit of clothes or a thousand bricks between one place and another is merely the cost of transporting them. But an acre of ground cannot be transported from anywhere else to Broadway or Wall street, and a street car franchise cannot be shipped like a crate of chickens.

"It follows from this distinction that since taxation is for the benefit of the community its burden should be borne by the wealth which the community has collectively created; that is, by a land tax and a franchise tax.

To tax incomes of $500 up would relieve the great landlords and the traction trinity at the expense of the wage earners. To impose a habitation tax based on rental values would divert taxation from the landlord to the tenant. To tax savings bank deposits would punish individual thrift.

"If personal property taxes are not to be collected, better abolish them and obviate the perjury they breed.

In the mean time might it not be advisable to divert this ingenuity from new forms of taxation to an energetic effort first to make the public service corporations pay the $30,000,000 of back taxes which they owe, and henceforth to assess every public franchise at its full value and all the holdings of the Astors, Goelets, Trinity Corporation and the other great landlords of New York at their full value and make them pay their taxes in like manner with little tax-payers?

"It will be time enough to tax savings bank depositors, rents and wage earnings when every just penny has been exacted from those whose riches have not come from any good service rendered by them."

Commenting on the declaration of the World, the Johnstown Democrat says:

"In the above editorial the World practically commits itself to the Single Tax, which has been demonstrated in theory over and over again to be the scientific system of taxation. It is just and equitable to everybody, and cannot be evaded.

"As this tax would fall on land, not according to its area, but in proportion to its value, which is an entirely different proposition, it is clearly evident that the burden would not fall upon the farmers, as many mistakenly suppose, but upon the large cities and towns, where land values are much higher.

"A single lot in the financial district of New York is worth more than whole counties of farming land in some states.

"A franchise is a right of way granted by the government for a railroad, telegraph, telephone, gas, electric light, or other public service corporation; and its full value would be assessed under the Single Tax.

"The one overshadowing benefit, however, that would follow the adoption of the Single Tax, is the abolition of involuntary poverty by the opening of unlimited opportunities for the employment of labor and capital, due to the fact that land speculators and monopolists would find it unprofitable to hold valuable vacant land out of use for a rise in values.

"Land values are created by all the people, belong to the entire community, and should be used to defray the expense of government, to the exclusion of all other forms of taxation, which the experience of centuries has proven are unjust and inequitable.

"Taxes should be levied, not in proportion to the person's ability to pay, but in accordance with the benefits conferred by government. The value of these benefits is invariably measured by the value of the land in any community."

Great Value of Bermuda Grass.

The Southern Cultivator is a strong advocate of Bermuda grass pastures, and, we are sure, gives good advice when it urges farmers to at least have small pastures of it.

Analysis shows Bermuda to be one of the most nutritious grasses that grows. It laughs at the sun and when once fairly established will stand almost unlimited tramping—indeed, seems to flourish best when the ground is well solidified about it.

One objection to it has been that it is very sensitive to frost, and thus yields no pasturage during the winter; but now that it has been learned that burr clover sown on it in the fall will take root and make pasturage during the winter, dying down when hot weather brings on the Bermuda again, this objection has less weight. Hogs and poultry are exceedingly fond of it and will get much of their living off of it, as well as horses, sheep and cattle. It is preeminently the pasture grass of the South.

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The Wage System Not the Natural and True System.

The Montgomery Advertiser quotes a Judge J. A. P. Campbell, a "distinguished Missippian," as follows:

The key to greatly increased prosperity for our country is the establishment of the wage system. It is the natural and true one of all. The natural course for him who has no land or desire for it, no team, no supplies needful for the business, is to furnish labor to him who has these things and wants labor. The land owner and laborer are complements of each other—the one finding what he lacks in the other.

We don't share the feeling of some against the "wage system," but we can't agree with the "distinguished Mississippian" that it is "the natural and true one." The natural and true one, it seems to us, is for the workers to apply their labor to the earth and get the product as their reward. "The land owner and laborer are complements of each other" just exactly as the flea and the dog are the "complements of each other." The laborer is necessary to the "prosperity" of the land owner, and the dog to that of the flea; but the converse is not at all true. In speaking of the "land owner" we refer, of course, to the owner of land only. To the extent that the land owner is the owner also of teams, tools and supplies, and offers labor employment in the use of them, he does render reciprocal service; but as land owner only, he is as much a parasite as the tapeworm or the flea.

"The key to greatly increased prosperity" for the people who work, is therefore the elimination of the land owner—or rather the *system* of land owning. The land owner is all right as an individual. He is only to be eliminated as a land-lord.

One More Example. Socialism Fails to Distinguish Between Things Unlike.

The Chicago Socialist tells interestingly of a lot in Chicago—southwest corner of Congress street and Wabash avenue, upon which are being erected the first improvements ever put upon it, save the miserable hovel of a hermit. According to the Socialist: "This ground would not sell for $10 a few years before the great fire. It is now valued, including the buildings upon it, at about $1,000,000 due to the increase of population and of the surroundings not at all to its owner." The buildings being estimated at 500,000, this leaves a like sum for the land value.

This is not at all an extraordinary case of unearned increment. Chicago affords many more extraordinary.

It is only one more example of what is going on all the time, everywhere, the rewarding of drones at the expense of workers under our present land system.

And let us suggest to the Socialist that here is the root cause of the conditions against which socialism contends, and that its great error is in failing to discriminate in its demand for the "common ownership of the means of production," between land and machinery, though totally different in nature and attributes. The owner of a $10 lot could in a little more than 30 years reap a half million of increasing land value, without effort of his own or of any one else upon the land in question, but a factory—building and machinery—worth a half million at the beginning of a like period and left uncared for, would today be hardly worth more than the cost of its removal even if not swept out of existence by fire or other extraordinary casualty.

The strength of the Single Tax is in its simplicity and in striking at the root of economic evil. The weakness of socialism is its complexity and its confusing of things totally different.

According to a recent report from Washington the Southern Pacific railroad was given years ago a grant of 3,000,000 acres of valuable land, by the government, with the understanding that it would be sold for homesteads at $3 an acre; but much of it has been sold at $15 an acre, and the company now refuses to sell the remainder at any price. Meanwhile the development of the vast territory is being held up and business on the Pacific slope suffers. E. H. Harriman is at the head of the Southern Pacific now, and this is only another of the practices for which Roosevelt roundly censures him, but about which he does nothing.

Important School Meeting.

All parents, guardians and friends of Fairhope District School, No. 51, are requested to be present at a school meeting to be held at the school house on Friday, June 21, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of hearing a report upon the last school year and arranging for the next.

Respectfully,
H. C. OSWALT,
Trustee.

"I greatly admire the fine beginning you have made in Alabama, and certainly approve your methods as Single Taxers. If there is anything I have entire confidence in, it is the Single Tax principle, and to see it carried out in your practical way is to me a treat and a pleasure. I am sure that what you are doing is of great benefit to the race of men on earth, and will be imitated by them to their advantage. I hope that you will grow and prosper in every way, to the satisfaction of all concerned in the excellent settlement in Baldwin county."—ALBERT S. CAMPBELL, Mumford, N. Y.

Experts are reported to have traced many of the recent appalling railroad accidents to defective rails, and laid the responsibility chiefly upon the steel trust. The editor of the Scientific American has made a personal investigation and finds that since the steel trust was formed, the rail mills have not only ceased accepting specifications furnished by the railroads but have ceased guaranteeing their own rails.

The following message on a postal card has been received: "On my honeymoon. Please send the COURIER to—" street number given at Newark, N. J., but no name signed. We are glad our subscriber remembers the COURIER and wants it even amid the delights of his honeymoon, but sorry he failed to sign his name. Here's congratulations to him and his bride, whoever they are.

FAIRHOPE MISTRESS OF THE FLEET.

Steamer Fairhope Proves the Fastest of Eastern Shore Fleet and is Loyally Supported by Her Home People.

Interest in the announced contest of the Bay Steamship Company for a larger share of the Fairhope business, by running the Pleasure Bay direct for Fairhope on the same schedule as the steamer Fairhope, attracted many to the bay front on last Saturday evening to see the finish of the first race of the vessels for this port.

When they first came in sight the Pleasure Bay, being so much larger, looked as if she might be in the lead. As they came nearer however, it was seen that the gallant little home steamer was well in the lead. As she came on with the black smoke pouring from her funnel, a big wave breaking at her bow, and her upper deck well loaded with passengers, she presented a beautiful sight; and as she ran alongside the wharf, she was greeted with three rousing cheers from the assembled crowd. She was about three quarters of a mile ahead of the Pleasure Bay and, cutting loose from the dock at Mobile last, had passed both the Pleasure Bay and Carney and secured a good lead before leaving the channel.

On this trip the Fairhope had a good freight and 98 passengers, including a party of about 30, whom she took on down to Point Clear, returning with them to Mobile at 10.30 p. m. The Pleasure Bay landing some minutes later, had three passengers and no freight.

Naturally all loyal Fairhopers were elated over the performance of the home steamer and joined with the officers and crew in congratulations over the event.

Great interest was manifested in the contest of the two boats not only aboard them and at Fairhope, but all along the shore and in Mobile Passengers on the Carney bound for Daphne, and on the Baldwin bound for Point Clear, were especially interested spectators and the victory of the Fairhope was chronicled under big heads in the Mobile papers. It was a big advertisement for the steamer and the town.

Since Saturday evening the Pleasure Bay has delayed leaving Mobile, until several minutes after the Fairhope nad left, and there have no more such exciting races, until last evening, when the Fairhope was pocketed by a big ocean freighter, which a tug pulled out into the stream in front of her just as she was ready to cast off, detaining her several minutes. In spite of this handicap, the Fairhope passed both of the big boats before leaving the channel, and reached Fairhope several minutes ahead of the Pleasure Bay.

The Fairhope's patrons are standing loyally by her and the rival boat is getting so little business here that it is hardly believed her managers will long continue the present schedule—especially as the people of Point Clear, who have for years had a direct boat in the summer, are complaining greatly.

Y. P. S. C. E. Convention.

The first convention of the Southern District Union of Y. P. S. C. E. opened last evening at the Christian church, and is in session as we write, About 40 delegates came over on the steamers yesterday and some others are expected this evening, though the convention closes with tonight's session.

A threatening storm which came up suddenly, just at the time for the evening session, prevented some from coming and delayed th

beginning of the exercises somewhat, but the church was well filled and an interesting program carried out.

A short devotional service was conducted by Mr. Wm. L. Heller, in the absence of Dr. C. B. Fowlkes of Citronelle. President F. L. Brown of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, welcomed the delegates in behalf of the community telling them something of the features which distinguished Fairhope from all other towns, and how it, like the C. E. society, was working for human betterment, upon the plan of making it easy for people to do right and hard for them to do wrong. Dr. Mershon was on the program to extend the welcome in behalf of the church and C. E. Society but being unavoidally detained his place was taken by the pastor. Mr. L. E. Page, president of the Southern District Union, responded happily in behalf of the organization. The Fairhope male quartette sang, "Onward and Upward," and the main address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Edmunds Bennett D. D. rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Mobile. Dr. Bennett is a fluent and eloquent speaker and made a strong plea for greater spirituality feeling and enthusiasm in religious work A song and a short season of hand shaking and general socialibilty completed the first session.

Mr. Chubb Differs From Courier.

Editor Courier:

On reading your article on "Landholding under Lease the Logical End of the Single Tax," I proposed to make reply; but the execution of my purpose was delayed until Mr. Wolf's letter appeared, and I am glad to see that your theory of land nationalization as the goal toward which the Single Tax is to lead, has not been allowed to pass unchallenged.

In your reply to Mr. Wolf you unduly emphasize Mr. George's commendation of taxation as the method of appropriating ground rent least disturbing to present institutions and modes of thought. Though the greater ease with which it could be established was used by him as an argument in favor of the Single Tax, as compared with land nationalization, this was secondary to his main contention that the Single Tax will be simpler and and more effective as a permanent institution.

The leasing system assumes that land is property, and merely transfers the title to this property, together with all the tyrannical power that goes with it, from the individual to the government; its advocates assuming, of course, that the people will retain control of the government. The truth is that land is not property at all, neither of the individual, nor of the community as a whole, and the function of government is simply to secure equal rights to its use and enjoyment. This was clearly seen by Henry George, who says in the Perplexed Philosopher, page 48, "Society does not grant, and cannot equitably withold from any individual the use of the land. That right exists before society, and independently of society, belonging at birth to each individual, and ceasing only with his death. Society itself has no original right to the use of the land. What right it has with regard to the use of land is simply that which is derived from and necessary to the determination of the rights of the individuals who compose it. That is to say, the function of society with regard to the use of land only begins where individual rights clash, and is to secure equality between those clashing rights of individuals." And on page 91 he says "I am not even a land nationalizationist, as the English and German and Australian land nationalizationists well know. I have never advocated the taking of land by the state, further than needed for public use; still less the working of land by the state."

The leasing system may, perhaps, be found advantageous in the case of mineral land, where the Single Tax seems more difficult of application; but this will not come about as the logical end of the Single Tax. It is more probable that, as the Single Tax principle becomes more clearly understood, it will be found practicable in this case too.

Toronto Junction, Can. S. J. Chubb.

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Don't forget that the circulation of the Courier *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

The Nebraska Independent of Lincoln, one of the ablest of western radical journals, with pronounced leaning toward the Single Tax, has consolidated with another paper, dropped its radicalism, and become a farm journal, under the name of the Independent Farmer.

Geo. W. Clifton wrote his home paper, the Easton Pennsylvania Sunday Call, about his residence here and sent a copy of the Montgomery Advertiser containing a write up of our town, which led the Call to give us a fine editorial notice, nearly a column in length. This should be a hint to other Fairhope residents as to how they could help get Fairhope and its policies wider publicity.

With two steamers running direct to Fairhope and a third stopping here on its trip along the shore, Fairhope has by far the best facilities of Eastern Shore towns.

The advertising Fairhope is getting from the effort of the Bay Steamship Company to get her business, is worth hundreds of dollars to the town.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

The Library has been presented with a valuable work: the History of Iowa from the earliest times to the present century, by Benjamin F. Gue. It is profusely illustrated; and the fourth volume is wholly devoted to notable people of Iowa, with their portraits. Moreover, this work is preserved in an elegant little cabinet with door and handle on the top for carrying, skilfully made by the donor, Mr. Staples himself. Parting with this valuable bit of personal property shows the devotion of this friend to the library and to the colony. Mr. Staples is a gentleman of much experience, well preserved at the age of seventy, and an ardent single-taxer. He has settled here in a nice comfortable cottage on Fels Avenue, which he built almost wholly with his own hands. His house is kept by Mrs. Wickersham, an old Iowa friend. I had a pleasant tho impromptu visit there a few days ago, and was much pleased with the fine garden, the small model poultry establishment, and, especially, with the reminiscences of the host. On leaving, a neighbor, Mr. Barber, brought me a box of fine strawberries, gathered from his own garden, no doubt; but he did not give me time to ask, or to thank him, even.

* * * On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of attending a musical rehearsal at the Fairhope House, given by or else in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vredenburg. I cannot express my admiration of Mr. Vredenburg's violin playing. He handles the instrument like a true master, which he is in fact; and his bowing is as able and as graceful as any I ever witnessed. Mrs. Vredenburg accompanied him on the piano with rare skill. Miss Helen Vredenburg and Miss Olive White gave us a piano duet, and each of them a solo; Mr. Gibbons recited a poem in negro dialect, as did also Dr. Sheldon. Of course the latter was comical, and it was greatly applauded, as are all his recitations. This was an original composition. Mr. Ferguson recited a very witty story from Harpers' Magazine about a "peppery" Irishman and a "canny Scotsman." It was well done and much applauded.

Wm. L. Hall, government forestry expert, declares that in fifteen years the timber supply east of the Mississippi river will have become exhausted.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters.

June 11.—There is so much that will interest our readers in the following letter from the sister of our dear Fred Chapman, that I venture to offer it to the COURIER, though I feel that it greatly overestimates myself. If I had known that Mrs. Hough wished specially to meet me while I was North, I would certainly have made an opportunity to meet her.

MY DEAR MRS. HOWLAND:

Although it has never yet been my pleasure to meet you, yet as one who has followed with unceasing interest my brother Fred's career during his residence at Fairhope, I want to thank you for your kind words of tribute to his memory, which appear in the COURIER that reached me last night. On last Friday evening as I r turned home from business, I found a letter from my sister apprising me of the sad news. I feel almost as if I knew you, not only from reading your "Letters" in the COURIER, but also from the fact that my brother made continual mention of you in his letters to me, and from the many kind and neighborly offices which he recorded having received from you. I am sure that you can have no reason to reproach yourself with any "sin of omission" as far as he is concerned. He spoke of you not only as his nearest neighbor, but as one of his most valued friends; and very early in his correspondence, I recognized with pleasure the fact that the society and kindly interest, suggestions and assistance of "Mrs. Howland" did very much to brighten his life at Fairhope. I had hoped that I might have so arranged it as to meet you when you came north last year; and should you ever make another visit to New York, or conveniently for yourself near New York I would be most happy to have an opportunity to make your acquaintance, and to entertain you at my home, if your plans would permit. I shall always feel an interest in Fairhope, from the fact that it was for so many years my brother's home, and that it is now the resting place of his mortal remains; and anyone who has known and been kind to him must ever be an object of interest and warm regard to me.

Yours most sincerely,
Emily H. Hough.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

June 12.—One of the trials, I may say the agonies of being librarian in a town having so many friends and admirers as Fairhope, is seeing the best current literature of the world unread, unexamined, some of it scarcely taken from the wrapper before the following number arrives. Aside from the leading magazines, four or five of which, notably Harper's, Putnam's, Everbody's, The Theosophical Review, The Theosophist, (from India)—(and a dozen others almost so) there are the splendid weeklies, The Public, Collier's, the Mirror, The Literary Digest, The Christian Herald, Wiltshire's, the best education journa's, poultry journals, etc., etc., - I spread these out on the library table, latest numbers uppermost, surrounding an immense boquet in a towering vase, freshly gathered. When the patrons come on Tuesdays and Fridays, aside from the few who always borrow the magazines, this excellent literature is almost untouched. There is a lack of roominess to the reading-room; a lack of breadth, and comfortable lounging chairs on the veranda which lack we shall eliminate when we get our new library. We are sure of the site, now I believe, and the Library Committee are working earnestly. Sometime we shall begin to see real progress. Ah, how I long to see the walls of our library taking shape! With a roomy, comfortable reading-room where the reader can be in the silence necessary to literary work or amusement, more patrons will acquire the habit of resorting to their library for reading, rest, and for spiritual healing of the bruises made by the "carking cares" of life. For this rest and healing I know nothing so efiective as the silent, cool alcove of a great library. Ours may not be great, except as compared to this, but it will have the other requisites.

NOTICE

Non Residents on Corporation Lands to Pay for Use of Bath House

Attention of parties not residing on Fairhope Corporation land, is called to the fact that the Corporation bath-houses are intended only for the free use of residents upon Corporation land, their friends and casual visitors.

Persons residing in the vicinity not on Corporation land, are expected to pay for the privilege of using the bath-houses, the merely nominal sum of 50 cents per person for the season, which may be paid to the secretary or treasurer.

One of the best gardens we have noted, is that of Mr. Rathje, back of the store. We mentioned his peas earlier in the season, which were the finest seen anywhere about. His potatoes also were very fine, and he planted common white stock-out of the store. He did not use an ounce of commercial fertilizer on them, nor on anything else in the garden. We presume Mr. Rothje has more food stuff for home consumption, on his little back lot, only 52 feet wide--with a store building in front and barn lot in the rear, than a majority of the farmers with twenty acres and upwards.

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Personal and Local

A few muskmelons are in the market.

Will Call spent Sunday at home with his family.

Charlie Wilson has put in a soda fountain at the bakery.

Tomatoes and corn are now plentiful in the local market.

James Gaston went to work on Monday morning at the Brown mill.

Orrie Stapleton has added a kitchen and rear gallery to his premises.

T. N. Freeman has been "under the weather" for some time, but is better.

Still having a few strawberries from the same vines which were bearing in January and February.

Mrs. W. T. Bishop and children are visiting Mrs. Bishop's father, Mr. Andy Winn, east of Fish river.

The Trenholmes and Mrs. Curtis were to start from Montreal to Fairhope today, and should be here by the eighteenth.

Mrs. Edward Nelson—nee Carrie Betts—came over on Sunday with her baby from Mobile, for a short visit with the Bancrofts.

Mr. Williams is having his recent purchase the Thompson property repaired and painted and making it an ornament to the street.

The interior of the Christian Church has been greatly improved in appearance, the work being done by the pastor with the assistance of Mr. Barnhart.

Mr. Vredenburg returned late last week, from Bristol Tenn. where he is an instructor in music at Sullius college, and will spend the summer at home with his family.

The Fairhope Livery did quite a flourishing business on the occasion of the Methodist Sunday-school excursion last week in driving excursionists about the town and environs.

The household goods of C. J. Madson of Silverhill passed through Fairhope on Tuesday, and were shipped to Mobile, where Mr. Madson will reside and work at his trade, that of a carpenter, having rented his farm.

We neglected to note the departure of the excellent De Coudres family, who, have moved to Mobile, after a couple of years' residence at Fairhope. They went to the city for more advanced school facilites for their daughters.

Tom Lowell has made arrangements with Mr. Walter Bishop whereby he has taken full charge of the local meat trade within the shop and from the wagon. Mr. Lowell will also handle ice, receiving the same from Mobile in ton lots.

With the men's bath house completed, we are better fixed for bathing facilities than ever before. The new house is a duplicate of the ladies' house, having sixteen rooms, the two thus containing thirty-two rooms. There ought to be more, but we can get along very well for this season.

Card of Thanks.

To the dear friends who came so promptly to my relief in my recent sore affliction, with their tender ministrations, their warm sympathies and beautiful floral tributes, I desire to express my heartfelt and lasting thanks and appreciation.

ALTONA A. CHAPMAN.

To Whom It May Concern.

Fraternal Homemakers Society, Home Office, 70 Dearborn St., Chicago, May 25, 1907:

In pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Trustees, adopted this day, the public is notified that Dr. Chambers Wilson has no official connection with the Fraternal Homemakers Society, and that the Society will not be responsible for any representations made by him, or for any liabilities he may contract. WM. S. GARY, PRES. PAUL TYNER, SEC.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

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Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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Five room house, three down and two upstairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100 barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.
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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 has been 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 long distance connection.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Some Notable Books

We have been favored of late with some new books that seem worthy of more than a passing notice.

First were two books from that great philosopher of living things, Luther Burbank of California. One was his catalogue and description of the wonderful new thornless and fruit bearing Cactus, which he has with almost miraculous skill and patience developed from the worthless and prickly Cacti of the deserts. It is now a fine fruit bearing and valuable forage plant, entirely free from thorns, that will make habitable thousands and millions of acres of now desert lands, thus being equivalent to the discovery of a new continent for the abode of man and herds.

The other and no doubt the most important, is his new work on "The Training of the Human Plant" which ought to be an epoch marking work for every school in the land.

In its terse pages he adds his great name to our long contention for handicraft training to accompany or precede mental training, and utters a most telling warning against the prevalent custom of premature memory work in all our schools, before the mind and brain is old enough to do hard-thinking without injury. (in a private letter he even goes to greater extremes than he thot safe in a printed page).

The every page is full of inspiring suggestions for all who have to do with building children's minds, and characters.

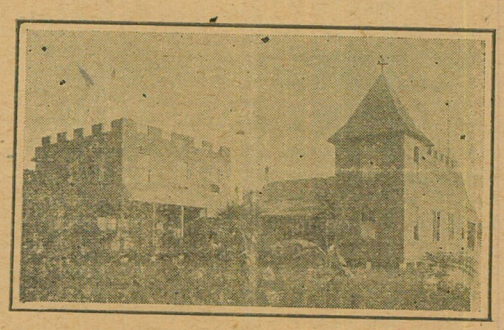
And last but not least, that most intense work of Brand Whitlock "The Turn of the Balance", in which he pictures our paganish, hideous penal system, that ought to make every American hide his head in shame and horror.

Not since Dicken's scathing pictures of the old English "debtors prisons" and all their injustices, has the curtain been drawn on such a picture of cruel wickedness, as is here so vividly shown to be a part and portion of our penal system, from the common justice courts to our highest tribunals, and all our jails and prisons are not at all reformatories, but really simply schools of crime and degradation, a curse to all connected with them, instead of what should be a system of mercy and reform, a place for society to atone in part for the wrong an unjust system has done for an unfortunate people.

If this livid picture of wrong, and injustice, shame and corruption, does not start a radical revolution, it will indicate, that the American peolpe have sunk too low for hope of recovery, a concusion we are tempted to arrive at, many times during the last years of so called "muck raking".

We were well acquainted with a grand man in a high position as penal officer, who resigned his place rather than be a party to such wrong and injustice, as was a part of his official duty (?). And the tendency has been downwards rather than better since, as so terribly shown in this truth telling portrayal.

S. H. COMINGS.



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God is no respecter of persons, and his bounties cannot be engrossed or monopolized by any number of men, or class, except at the expense of so much suffering, sin, and misery. It is no mere land question, no bread and butter question, that brings Single Taxers out into the fight in the political arena. What we are organized for is the overthrow of political and social injustice, solely with a view to intellectual, moral, and spiritual salvation. We may talk and preach and sing ourselves into ectasies of adoration over the glory and promise of the Christian ideal, as we have been doing for ages, around creeds and new enthusiasms in the passion for humanity, but it is all in vain unless we are prepared to recognize and fulfill the law of social righteousness. It is in the nature of things that justice must prevail among men not only as individuals but as a community before we can get any measure of spiritual advancement, and this is just the one thing that those who speak so much and so loudly from the high places of public opinion ignore.

It is ours to continue the battle so well begun in this new crusade. We object to poverty, to the poverty created by unjust laws; laws that compel one man to pay another for leave to toil on mother earth, and which drive men and women and children everywhere into utter destitution and ruin. We know and we say truly that it is the greatest folly and a waste of time and energy to look in any direction for spiritual regeneration so long as laws exist which directly and hourly produce this poverty, Food and clothing and shelter men must have before any appeal to their higher nature can be successfully made; and so long as millions are compelled to devote so much of their time and intellect to this question of how to maintain themselves on the bare necessaries of life, what hope is there for the coming of the Kingdom. This is the question which is facing society today—how to bring our laws and institutions into harmony with God's justice, and it will not do to set this question aside as mere politics. If the heart of man is to be reached it must be under conditions of freedom and opportunity to make for the higher life. Christian endeavor and economic slavery as expressed in the social condition of the people, cannot work together for the spiritual emancipation of the race. These are opposing forces at war with each other and sooner or later one of them has got to go under.

More on the Leasing System.

Two weeks ago we published a letter from a correspondent supporting the position of the COURIER in regard to land leasing and the Single Tax and last week we published one from our good friend, Mr. Chubb, upon the other side of the proposition.

As we said previously we do not care to enter into any extended controversy over the matter, for there are matters of so much more importance to occupy our columns. The COURIER has sought to show that the fundamental principle of the Single Tax is that all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth and that the only way to secure that right is to take land values for public use. The COURIER fully and wholly approves of the Single Tax method of taking land values by taxation under present conditions. We simply expressed the opinion that had the principle of equal right to the use of the earth been recognized in the beginning, there would have been no private ownership of land, but that the simple and natural method of individual possession would have been under lease; and, that if the full rental value of land be taken in taxation, the selling value, the basis for taxation, would disappear and unused land be voluntarily surrendered to the government.

It seems to us that Mr. Chubb, who usually writes with great force and clearness, is quite mistaken in saying that "the leasing system assumes that land is property, and merely taansfers the title to property etc." That is true of the private ownership and taking land values by taxation proposition, rather than the leasing system.

We quite agree that "land is not (rightfully) property at all," and under a leasing system no "title" would pass, simply a privilege of exclusive possession, on payment for the benefit of all equally entitled by natural right to such possession, of the value of the privilege.

There would thus be no "tyrranical power" exercised either by government or individual, but both parties would be acting in harmony with the principles of right so well stated by Mr. Chubb.

His quotation from Mr George, neither taken alone or with its context has any direct bearing upon the proposition presented by us. The English and German "land nationalizationists" to whom he referred, advocated the buying out of landlords, and though Mr. George "never advocated the taking of land by the state," he distinctly stated as quoted by us in our earlier article that to do so and directly administer the same by government, would "satisfy the law of justice,, and "meet all economic requirements."

Land Monopoly the Parent Monopoly

Edward McHugh in Westminister Review.

"Poverty is due to the fact that man's labor is divorced from the land. In order to abolish poverty, therefore, the natural right of each man to obtain access to, and apply his labor to the land, must be fully and freely recognized.

"Land monopoly is the parent monopoly. Granted private property in the land, and the ultimate effect must necessarily be the monopolization by the few of the wealth and capital produced by labor from the land. For, so long as the land is the subject of a close monopoly, it is clear that the monopolists are in a position to claim from labor the whole of its product save a bare subsistence wage.

"Therefore, to solve social and industrial problems, and establish equal freedom, we must destroy land monopoly.

"Our maxim should be--Tax nothing made by man. When the value of land is taxed, no man is taxed. The value of land is not due to the labor of any one man; it arises from the presence of the population, from the collective enterprise and industry of the people as a whole, and from public expenditure upon public improvements and public services. It is, in a word, created by the whole community, and, therefore, belongs of right to the whole community, and forms the just and natural source of public revenue.

"If we would solve the poverty problem, then, we must untax trade and industry and tax instead, monopoly and privilege."

I don't know that anyone has called attention to the fact that the taxing of land values is a most excellent thing in itself—even were the proceeds all thrown into the sea—inasmuch as it would open up land to occupation, thus increasing the wealth of the country, giving employment, and raising wages. How much more so, then, when the resulting revenue is all expended for the benefit of the community, returning in fact all that they have paid in the form of remuneration for public services performed.—Evacustes a Phipson in Land Values.

The Christian Endeavor convention closed on last Friday evening with an eloquent address by Rev. Claude E. Hill of Mobile. There was a short business session in the morning on Friday, and a short afternoon sessson, after which adjournment was taken to the beach, where the delegates enjoyed themselves in various ways. At five o'clock most of them, accompanied by many of the home people took advantage of the Fairhope's trip up to Daphne and had a delightful little excursion along our beautiful shore, supper being served en route. The departing delegates expressed themselves freely as to the delightful and profitable time they had enjoyed.

Lessee Sees Benefits of Fairhope Policy.

A resident upon Fairhope land, whom we sometimes suspect of not thoroughly understanding the Single Tax, and who is a free critic of "the management"(?) was yet quoted to us recently as having expressed himself strongly as to the advantages to himself and other lessees under the Colony plan.

He cited the advantage to himself, with limited means, of not having to sink any of it in land, but having it all available for improvements and working capital. His rent he admitted was trifling, scarcely more than his taxes would be if he owned the land—not as much if he returned it at anything like what people were having to pay for similar land.

His appreciation of benefits accruing from the Colony policy had been enhanced, he explained, by a little trip off of Colony land, visiting a neighborhood not far from Fairhope, and which the early settlers doubtless thought would soon outstrip our town. He found here a number of places apparently abandoned, fences falling down, orchards being destroyed by goats, pine and persimmon thickets growing up in the fields.

The history of several of these places, secured from neighbors, was similar. This place had been developed by Mr. A. He had sold out at a loss to Mr. B. and gone away. Mr. B. had mortgaged the place to Dr. So-and So, and finally given up and let the mortgagee take the place, and it was now held by him. The present holder didn't care to expend money in keeping the premises in repair, as he relied upon the land as his security and counted on its increase to bring him eventually a good interest on his investment.

Our party saw that this policy was detrimental, first to the man who wanted land for use, as he had at the outset to put a lot of money in the land or assume a mortgage upon it and pay interest, with a chance that the mortgagee would take both the land and the improvements he might put upon it.

Second, he saw that it was detrimental to the community, for it encouraged the holding of land and letting of improvements go to decay.

He contrasted this with Fairhope, where, while it might be less easy to get in debt, because land could not be given for security, there was less need of debt because no purchase price was required to get possession of land. He saw that a man who wanted to find a purchaser had twice the number of possible purchasers, because only the value of the improvements was necessary to make a deal.

He further saw that the man who did loan money on improved properties in Fairhope, if he had to take them over, realizing that his security was in the improvements, was at once an eager seeker for a purchaser for the improvements, and in the meantime found it to his interest to keep them in repair.

Our Topsy-turvy Economic System.

A friend sends a copy of the La Junta Col. Tribune with an item marked referring to a sale of four residence lots for $2,000 "spot cash," which less than two years before, the seller bought for $700.

In the Minersville Pa. Free Press, we note also mention of a real estate deal of which it says: "The purchase price is said to have been $16,000 which is a striking example of how Sunbury street property values have risen within the past few years, for three years ago Donahue paid $6,500 for the property." These are simply instances of what is quite the usual rule in growing towns east or west and are reported without any apparent recognition of their bearing upon the great problems confronting society. Viewed from the Single Tax standpoint they are examples of our topsyturvy economic system which rewards idleness and obstructs industry, which confers unearned wealth upon some, with the inevitable accompaniment of undeserved poverty upon others; and which, enriching some individuals at the expense of the community, robs others of the products of their labor, to meet the community expenses.

Interesting Letter From Cleveland.

Mr. George Cartwright, for a short time a resident of Fairhope now living at Cleveland writes the Courier thus interestingly from that city.

"It gives me pleasure to enclose you herewith a picture of "The best Mayor of the best governed city in America," and would ask you to reciprocate by extending my expiration date on your list for another year.

"Cleveland is preparing for a struggle this November which will I am confident make the American people sit up and take notice as they have not done since the bugles blew the last call to arms. It will be, however, a struggle at the ballot box.

"With about thirteen miles of street railway in operation during the five months of the year when people do not ride for pleasure the local street monopoly has been given a black eye. It has been absolutely demonstrated that a street railway can be built, costing not to exceed $50,000 a mile and operated at a 3 cent fare to earn a margin over 6 per cent on its cost after paying operating expenses and allowing for depreciation. The margin in this case to be used as a sinking fund to take over the stock of the road on which the city holds an option to purchase at 110 when the state laws are sufficiently free from predatory influence to permit municipal ownership.

"At first glance this may look like a side issue, but we must not forget it is a delivering over to the people of the seventh city of the union of the most valuable land in their city and while credit must be given all who aid, Mayor Johnson is the moving spirit that never tires and never for a day lets up. After six years litigation and fighting through the courts of some forty injunction suits, we now anticipate a fire from the massed batteries of plutocracy turned on in full force, not only the street railways of other cities that fear the effect of what is being done here but the banks that hold their securities. They are, however, whipped before they start and they might as well line up and accept the conditions of the new era where the first step seems to be to secure to the people the value of public lands, i. e., the streets; equal access to the use of all the earth will follow shortly.

With kind remembrances to all the Fairhope friends in which Mrs. Cartwright heartily joins and wishing continued success to your good work, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Geo. Cartwright.

Progress Reported on Hall and Library Building.

Plans for the library and hall are rapidly taking definite shape and progress can be reported.

At a meeting of the library association held at the Gables last Saturday evening the Thompson site at the corner of Fairhope ave. and Church St. was declared by resolution, to be the choice of the association.

Matters of detail of grading, building material and superintending were thoroughly discussed and recommendations along these lines were made to the building committee and council.

The treasurer reported that he had a cash balance on hand of $185.30

The committee on subscriptions to the library fund reported that a canvass of the town for subscriptions and additions to the membership roll had resulted very successfully, the people of Fairhope having responded gladly In response to letters soliciting funds from members of the Corporation and lessees who were non residents, many subscriptions had also been received.

The people of Fairhope have subscribed so far	$ 313 30
Outside subscriptions	209 00
Mr. Fels's subscription	1000 00
Total	$1522 30

In addition to this many have volunteered labor.

Mr. T. E. Mann of Gladbrook Iowa, subscribed $25.00 payable in yearly payments of $5.00, a form of subscription which the Association would recommend to other of the outside friends as a splendid method of subscription.

Membership in the Association costs but $1.00 a year and membership and subscriptions are solicited from all the friends of the Colony.

Subscriptions can be forwarded to J. S. Paton, treasurer.

Single Tax Poet Appreciates Courier.

Editor Courier:

I am glad to see that Fairhope continues to prosper. I very much enjoyed your editorial on Ella Wheeler Wilcox's disappointment in Fairhope. Your standpoint is certainly the rational and courageous one, and true to life. We are only a "little band of sinners," at best, and even a well grounded belief in the Single Tax will not transform us all at once into white winged angels.

Frances M. Milne.

Mr. Packard, who edits "North and South," an attractive publication issued monthly by the L. & N. R. R. and devoted to the advantages and development of territory contiguous to its lines, was a caller at the Courier office on Thursday morning. He has now in preparation a special Baldwin county number, and, of course, such would be quite incomplete without something about Fairhope, as Mr. Packard fully appreciated. In the course of our pleasant talk Mr. Packard stated that he had read Progress and Poverty, and declared that it was well worth reading from a literary standpoint, being one of the choicest pieces of writing in the English language. Mr. Packard was accompanied by Mr. Sapp, manager of a shippers' association operating east of Fish river, which it is claimed has helped materially in getting good prices for the farmers' produce this season.

The Courier understands that a petition for an election to vote upon the incorporation of Fairhope is being circulated. We do not know where the required number of "qualified electors, who are also householders and free-holders" as provided by law can be secured, but believe incorporation would be an excellent idea. While the legislature was in session the writer wrote to our senator and representative urging an amendment to the law striking out the words "and free-holders" and requiring for petitioners only to be qualified electors and house holders. Incorporation would give the town several much desired powers not now possessed, and would make it

possible not only to turn over to the municipality several vexing duties now falling upon the Colony Corporation but would secure some contribution for the public benefit from property-owners outside the Colony who are now wholly relieved. We know that some think it would jeopardize the Colony's position but that is absurd. The legal status of the Corporation is that of a landlord which will not be affected in the slightest by incorporation.

The Pleasure Bay is "going through the motions" regularly but the Fairhope continues to do the business between Fairhope and Mobile. The P. B. occasionally has four or five passengers, but more often she has one or two and quite often none. How the management can expect to get any worth while share of the business with a slower boat and a higher fare is a mystery. In the meantime the Baldwin, painted and repaired, is running direct between Zundells and Point Clear and Mobile, and getting the bulk of the business below. One good thing the P. B. is doing for us, that is to bring the mail, which we get an hour earlier on that account.

It was decided at the recent conference in New York City to hold a National Single Tax conference after the November elections, probably in the latter part of that month. A committee of fifteen was appointed to fix the date and place and make all necessary arrangements. There was considerable opposition to the holding of a conference, Henry George and Robert Baker being among the most prominent opponents.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

We are becoming a club town—women's clubs, especially. You, my friend, Marie Poutz, who are something of a club woman, should have been present at a late session of the Fifth Thursday club. It met at the beautiful home of the president, Mrs. Comings who is a charming and able entertainer and presider. Do you not remember that we held a Theosophical inquiry meeting on her veranda, and that we put out the gas because the full moon was all-sufficient? This Fifth Thursday occurs rather erratically, one might say. For example, if the first Thursday occur on the seventh there will be but three fifth Thursdays as I count them; while if it occur on January the first and it be Leap year, there will be six, and the last will occur on December thirty-first. Our young friends can amuse themselves in verifying this statement. The program on this occasion was very interesting; but as it is the legitimate business of the "Club Corner" to report it I will not say more. x x x Twice I have asked Mr. Rathje to show me his garden, the place that was Robac's! It is only one lot and it is marvelous the variety and perfection of his experiments. He has proven that he can make red clover and white clover grow well. Of course the patches are small. His red clover was sowed with oats to see if the oats might shade the clover and tide it over the hot season, while the oats, dying down, would serve as fertilizer. He is quite pleased with the result. Luxuriant growth, even lush luxuriance, is the rule. The sweet corn is simply perfect and also the potatoes, being dug now; tomatoes full of fruit and not a sign of blight. A bed of celery plants about eight inches high, is fine. The two rows of strawberries are very green, tall and covering the soil except a very narrow strip between the rows. In that little lot Mrs. Rathje has a flower bed. I noticed fine sweet peas, feverfew, mint, geraniums. I do not suppose I have enumerated much more than two thirds of the contents of that garden! They keep a store and have not time to make everything in perfect order, so crowded is it. This is to be mentioned: a fine young red Astrachan apple tree with several bunches of perfect apples. Mrs. R. kindly gave me one for Mrs. Cope who was to take tea with me that day. Not an ounce of commercial fertilizer has been used on that lot. There is a horse and a small poultry yard. This shows that we need more cattle. I think no commercial fertilizer can quite equal well-rotted stable manure where the soil needs humus; but I do not know. I am told that green crops turned under make humus faster than anything. Mr. Henderson the famous seedsman and florist says in his "Gardening for Profit" that he uses 75 tons of stable manure to the acre! Think what crops we could raise here (of the products that love this soil, anyway,) with such fertilizing as that! Mr. Stimpson told me the other day that this is a great forage region and he knows. Gradually we are increasing our stock and improving it wonderfully. I believe the good cow, fed on our home grown feed, is the secret of our success. We have one dairy at Silver Hill If I could walk so far I would go out there and tell you about it. I have never had a taste of the butter they make there for it is always sold before I get to our Mershon's big store.

x x x Our much esteemed Mrs. Cope left this a. m. She is the only real member of the old, the original Theosophical Society, that has ever visited Fairhope except Mr. Unger, so far as I know, and of course we tried to meet as often as we could. She has won many friends here, and Mrs. Call Sr. is inconsolable to lose her from her house. Alice even carried her flowers from the Pines, and walked to the steamer with her. She told me that she may return here and build her a cottage. She lives with a daughter in Atlanta, her only child.

x x x I want to tell you of my new garden hose and, the struggle our good Mr. Lyon has had trying to "build" me a hose rack not only because of his late attacks of asthma (happily cured now, we trust, without his having to return to the dry atmosphere of Colorado,) but because he had to construct the reel out of his brain, never having seen one, or, not having taken notice of its mechanism. But this, and our late picnic excursion to Daphne on the Fairhope must "wait over."

Thanks to The Standard, Plumas, Manitoba, for recent complimentary notice of Fairhope.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Here are some "encouragements" received since last issue.

Thos. P. Beggs of Brooklyn, with his renewal remits for another subscriber whose name he says he will send later on. He also says he looks forward to making his home here.

Wm. Mortimer remits for three subscribers at Homestead and Pittsburg, Pa., whose subscriptions he originally secured and whose renewals he looked after.

One new subscription forwarded from Cincinnati, by Dan Kiefer.

Mr. Vredenburg sends the paper a year to the public library at Lincoln, Ill.

R. F. Powell sends another list of three, and Mr. Dix sends a new one from Philadelphia.

Our new Mr. Mathews hands in a new name and is trying to get others of his friends at Searles, Ala., to subscribe.

Miss Chapman subscribes for two friends.

The librarian of the Bayonne N. J. Public Library writes that "the Fairhope COURIER to be sent us through the kindness of Mr. W. B. Dubois will be placed on file as soon as received."

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

The Farmers' Union Guide, organ of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union has been removed from Pell City, to Birmingham and changed from a four page newspaper to a sixteen page weekly magazine.

Rev. Gardner L. Tucker of Houma, La., one of the Colony's and the COURIER's best friends renewing his subscription, says he has been talking Single Tax out there, and hopes something may come of it.

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FAIRHOPE A WINNER.

Little Single-Tax Vessel Passed Two Other Bay Boats in Good Race.

(From Mobile Daily Herald)

The boat races and song and story have not passed entirely out of history. There are still boat races, and more boat races. Last Saturday there was one to Fairhope which was worth the while; and there was another yesterday afternoon to Fairhope that was well worth the seeing.

At the regular time of sailing yesterday afternoon the three boats, Fairhope, Carney and Pleasure Bay, got away about the same time—the Fairhope dropping in considerably behind owing to the movement of a cotton steamer. The little Fairhope, however, made up the loss, catching the other two just below the Kansas City docks. At this time the Carney and the Pleasure Bay were standing abreast, the Fairhope having to pass to port. The Pleasure Bay made a shoot across the flats, cutting the course by three-quarters of a mile, but the Fairhope followed the regular course and won by about a mile.

These afternoon and trip races are getting to be a regular thing, and are looked forward to with a great deal of interest by those who love the water, and sport.

The Barbecue on July Fourth At Daphne.

(From the Standard.)

The preparations for the entertainment of visitors at Daphne on the Fourth are going on rapidly, and promise complete success. The steamers of the Bay Shore Co. and Caloosa and Fairhope will make trips to this point, the latter steamer giving a grand fire works display in the evening. Characteristic of all that Fairhope people do, they do not content themselves with simply giving up their celebration at their own place, but have turned in to make the celebration here a success. In addition to the steamer Fairhope's participation, the Indians from that place and the Red Men from Mobile, under the command of Chief Davol, will hold a grand powwow and war dance on the Daphne grounds and engage in a battle with mounted cowboys. The delegation of Red Men who are expected to come from Mobile will be likely to side with the Fairhope Indians if there is any fighting going on.

There will be baseball, pole walking over the water, high diving, swimming matches, tub races and other water sports, the details of which will be given later.

Let everyone come to the barbecue on the Fourth and have the time of their lives, at the same time aiding the State Normal School.

There will be dancing in the new pavilion all day and way into the night. There will be special deputies appointed by Sheriff Booth, and perfect order will be maintained. No liquor will be sold on the grounds, and any one bringing in any will be promptly arrested. The pistol toter will not be tolerated.

Personal and Local

Ernest Swift spent last Sunday at home.

Miss Ella Jellison spent last week with Mrs. Edward Nelson in Mobile.

The Caloosa is being thoroughly overhauled and will soon be in commission again.

The Worthington family of Mobile, moved into one of Captain Nichols' cottages on Monday.

Dr. Gibbons and wife moved into their new cottage on Magnolia Ave. the first of the week.

Messrs. Baldwin and Bell are putting down a well for Mr. Schrackengast, near John I. Gables'.

Mr. J. H. Wienand and family, who occupied one of Mr. Wolf's cottages last summer, are occupying one again this season.

Mrs. L. E. Page remained over from the Christian Endeavor convention, until Tuesday [illegible] visiting her daughter Mrs. F. L. Brown.

Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Schuerman, and little Mary Louise were over Sunday. They will move over soon and occupy the Lyon-Rose cottage.

For prompt and satisfactory service to Mobile, use the Home Telephone Company's lines, either from "Central" or any Corporation phone.

Mrs. Zurhorst was quite painfully injured by a fall of plastering from the ceiling, and was confined to her bed for a time but is practically recovered.

Mrs. John McCafferty and family of Mobile have taken one of the Wolf cottages for the season, and have as their guest Miss Mamie Redding of Montgomery.

We understand that the Zurhorsts have received word from Mr. Lefevre at Louisville, that he is seriously considering coming to Fairhope to live; we hope he will decide to do so.

The Fairhope brought over about 75 passengers on Sunday morning and took about the same number back. The Pleasure Bay had perhaps a dozen and the Carney also had a few for Fairhope.

The Grays have moved from the Haworth cottage into the Lefevre on Fels Ave. and Mr. Phinney has rented the Haworth cottage for a daughter who will occupy it with her family soon.

Two Bogue familes, from Mobile are occupying cottages at Fairhope this summer, one in the Nelle Lee cottage and the other in one of the Swift cottages. They are very much pleased with Fairhope, preferring it to Daphne, where they have previously summered for several seasons.

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Rev. Father Carri, of Mobile held mass at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albright on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. There were 35 present. There is considerable talk of building a Catholic church at Fairhope.

With three steamers landing in quick succession, a couple of naptha launches, a schooner and two or three other pleasure yachts, anchored near the pier head, the bay front presented an animated scene on Sunday.

The danger of assuming that a planned event will actually come to pass was brought home to the Courier when it announced last week that Mr. Fred Berglin and family "left" for Green Bay Wisc. on "this" (Friday) morning. They expected to do so but changed their minds and did not leave until Tuesday of this week.

Capt. Frank Midget, has rented the C. K. Brown Bay View avenue cottage which his family of ten will occupy for the summer, He is a bay pilot. His home at Navy Cove was destroyed by the last September storm. There is quite a movement of pilots, toward Fairhope. They have learned to value high ground for their homes.

Capt. J. G. Foster, so long in command of the steamer Fairhope, and later of the Caloosa is now in command of one of the Bay Steamship Company's boats. Last week he took the steamer Liberty from the wharf in Mobile to the Red Bluff, above Baldwin's store, on Fish river, in three hours and one-half, which is good sailing.—Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baldwin are enjoying a visit from their son, Prof. I. C. Baldwin and his wife, who arrived last week from Ulysses, Neb. Professor Baldwin was principal of the Ulysses public school last year. He would like to remain in the south if a favorable position can be secured, which is quite likely, as there is a great demand for good teachers.

The church was well filled on Monday evening for the double silver oratorical contest, the contestants in which with their subjects were given in last issue. All the contestants did well and gave the judges, Mrs. Wilkes, Mrs. Harrison and Prof. I. C. Baldwin, a difficult task to judge between them. Miss Bird Sedinger was awarded the medal in the young ladies' contest, and Master Volney Mathison for the boys. Dr. Gibbons presented the medals. The remaining six young ladies (eliminating the winner) will contest again at the Miller school house on Sunday afternoon.

The Home Telephone Company has completed the reconstruction of its lines between Mobile and Daphne, Fairhope and other Eastern Shore points, and is now giving first-class service over the same. These lines have been constructed in the very best manner known, and no expense has been spared in providing lines and equipment which would give uninterrupted and satisfactory service. There are two circuits between Mobile and Fairhope, one a trunk line, wholly for messages originating at or below Fairhope. Connection can now be secured just as quickly with Home subscribers in Mobile and conversation carried on as easily and distinctly as between neighbors in Fairhope.

To Whom It May Concern.

Fraternal Homemakers Society, Home Office, 70 Dearborn St., Chicago, May 25, 1907:

In pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Trustees, adopted this day, the public is notified that Dr. Chambers Wilson has no official connection with the Fraternal Homemakers Society, and that the Society will not be responsible for any representations made by him, or for any liabilities he may contract. WM. S. GARY, PRES. PAUL TYNER, SEC.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

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COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

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Mr. Vredenburg left on Tuesday morning for a short business trip along the Mississippi coast.

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We have received our new Perfection Oil Stoves. Come in and see them. Mershon Merchandising Co.

L. E. Camp has gone to Oklahoma and Mr. Freeman gets his lots and improvements down Section street.

The Village Improvement Club meets with the president, Mrs. R. F. Powell, on Thursday of next week.

There is considerable building activity about Battles and Point Clear this summer and the Brown mill is furnishing much of the lumber. A good deal of the building is replacing the bath houses which were swept away last September.

Make your arrangements to go to Daphne on the Glorious Fourth and help make a grand success of their celebration.

Mrs. Ned Dougherty's father, Mr. L. N. Jackman of Elgin, Ill., arrived last evening for a visit with the Doughertys.

Mrs. G. E. Crawford of Mobile, is occupying one of the Swift cottages for a few weeks and has a merry party of guests.

F. O. White has taken a position for awhile with the Merchants Grocer Co., a new wholesale grocery house in Mobile.

Mrs. Gurley and little daughter were guests of the F. L. Browns and Pages, from Thursday of last week to Tuesday of this.

Mrs. Percy Gill, who attended the Christian Endeavor convention last week, has rented the Mrs. Mann cottage for the season.

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We have just recieved a shipment of wire fencing made with electric weld. Come and examine it, there is none better made.

Mr. Hall, of Mobile, has rented the west cottage at The Gables and will be over with his family to occupy it on Saturday evening.

Miss Daphne Brown, accompanied her grandmother, Mrs. L. E. Page on her return to Mobile Tuesday, to spend a few days in the city.

The beautiful moonlight evenings attract many to the beach and the laughter and splashing of bathers can be heard well into the night.

Mr. Carroll whose family is summering in the Dr. Q. J. Brown cottage is the manager of the C. D. Kenny Co. tea and coffee house in Mobile.

Fairhope will furnish the following contestants for the gold medal oratorical contest at Daphne on July 4th. Misses Bird Sedinger, Louise Barnhart, and Bertha Parker, and Masters Clayton Baldwin and Volney Mathison, with the winners at the contest to be held at the Miller school-house Sunday.

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An interesting bit of testimony in the Stimpson—Mensenga case, was that the latter had not in fact removed his residence from Fairhope, but was only away temporarily and had recently written regarding his return.

Mr. Carlson has come back from his trip and decided to remain here. He went as far west as the Pacific coast and would have been glad to remain at San Francisco but for the strenuous labor conditions there, having his life threatened, he says, if he went to work. He will work in Mobile at present.

Mr. Jackman, Mrs. Dougherty's father who arrived last evening, said a week before leaving he had to wear his overcoat to the office, and the day he came through Chicago, the papers reported seven people picked up dead in various parts of the city from the effects of the heat, and a long list of prostrations. He found the weather much more comfortable after leaving St. Louis, and the ride across the bay on the Fairhope the best part of the trip.

A much needed improvement is being made to the living rooms above the wharf ware-house, in the shape of a dormer window in the east. Another should be put in the west.

Thursday was little Jesse Stimpson's ninth birthday and his mama helped him and a lot of his little friends to enjoy it by a picnic party on the beach. The little ones had a royal time from 3 to 7.

Jos. Schuller has moved into the Thrall property. He has made a bargain with Dr. Hail for the purchase of it, the doctor claiming authority from the Fraternal Homemakers' Society to dispose of it.

The steamer Fairhope has three excursions billed for next week. On Tuesday, the 25th, she goes to Daphne from Mobile with the Masons to attend the St. John's day picnic. On Wednesday she brings the Broad St. Methodist church Sunday-school of Mobile to Fairhope for a picnic and on Thursday the Mobile First Christian church Sunday-school.

Alpine

The bay is clearing up rapidly, bathing is delightful, and fishing is improving.

Mrs. Bessie Call had her premises connected with the water mains on Wednesday.

Frank Davis has succeeded Tom Lowell in charge of the Bishop meat market and ice business.

Thomas Wilson of "Bighead" shipped 500 melons to Mobile on Monday by Phil Denton's sloop Stranger.

The Fairhope went up to Daphne again on Tuesday evening with a big bunch of freight for Daphne merchants.

Both the Fairhope House and the Gables have arranged for free transportation to and from the wharf for their guests.

The Christian Endeavorers held their meeting at the Magnolia platform on the beach last Sunday, and had a good attendance.

People who want to be dressed up to date and for a reasonable price, and want to have solid material should go to the Fairhope Tailor.

Mrs. Cope left for Atlanta on Wednesday morning, having long outstayed her expected time when she came, and promising to return for good.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gooding were down from Vinegar Bend to visit Mr. Gooding's mother and sister, leaving on the Sunday evening steamer.

Mrs. Swift and Mrs. Miller and daughter, left on Tuesday morning to spend several days with Mrs. Swift's daughter, Mrs. Getty, at Saraland, Mobile county.

James Gaston resumed work at the saw mill on Thursday morning after being off for about a week on account of a sore hand. He is working at the turning lathe.

Having completed its lines along the shore the Home Telephone company has we understand laid off its construction gang, and will not undertake any new work at present.

Mr. George Steenstra, our local tailor, reports his business increasing quite encouragingly. He has had several customers lately from Point Clear, and one from Volanta, as well as home customers.

Some one trespassed upon Dr. Atkinson's vineyard and robbed it of nearly all the small crop of grapes upon it this season. We should like to see such miscreants caught in the act and appropriately punished.

Mr. Ruge is erecting a store building on the corner of his lot, Fairhope avenue and School street, in which he expects to carry a stock of leather and leather goods including shoes and some lines of other merchandise. He has had many years of experience in the leather goods line especially. He knows good leather when he sees it. Knows where it can be bought and what it ought to be bought for.

Wm. Stimpson secured a verdict against John Mensenga in the trial before Justice Albright on Wednesday evening. Justice Vander Meulen was over from Mobile and represented the defendant as attorney.

Reimer Poortstra has been shipping tomatoes to Mobile for some time and on Wednesday went over with a shipment of about 70 bushels of Irish potatoes, which brought 90 cents a bushel in the Mobile market.

A suggestion: When going down to the bay front park for a picnic, take along a pailful—or more—of Bermuda grass sods, and plant them in favorable spots. If a few would do this we would soon have a beautiful sod over the sand.

The Fairhope is scheduled to give a grand fire works display on the evening of the Fourth, off of Daphne. If this is equal—and no doubt it will be superior—to the display from the Fairhope first two years ago, it will be a beautiful sight.

Boys, when tempted to rob someone's melon patch or vineyard, just think how you would feel if you or your parents had been to great trouble and expense in producing such a crop for sale or home consumption, and someone robbed your patch.

Mr. D. W. Terry came down from Meridian on Tuesday evening to make arrangements for a visit of his family here. On Thursday he met in Mobile Mrs. Terry and their four daughters. They will occupy the south "Gables" cottage and take their meals at the big house. Mr. Terry will divide his time between Fairhope and Mississippi.

Messrs. Eyster and Montgomery closed the deal for The Gables and took possession on Saturday evening. They are advertising in the Mobile papers and Montgomery Advertiser, and, we understand, are having many inquiries from prospective guests. Having an office in Mobile, where the gentleman can be personally seen, is a great advantage.

Mr. Simmers of Mobile, who is so much appreciated as an entertainer at Fairhope, has organized a very fine male quartet, and writes Mr. Stimpson that the quartet would come over and give us an entertainment for any public purpose, without charge, further than expense and entertaiment. This is a generous proposition and should be accepted for an entertainment for the benefit of the hall and library building.

NOTICE.

Cascade baking powder is the stuff; 40 cents per can and you get a prize with every can and also 2 buggy coupons with each can. If you are anxious to know who will get the buggy (and perhaps it will be you) come and buy some baking powder, as it must go before we can know who gets the buggy.

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Trenholmes and Mrs. Curtis Return.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Trenholme and baby, and Mrs. Curtis got back to Fairhope Sunday evening, coming over on the last trip of the Fairhope.

They were delighted to get back and were cordially greeted by their many friends.

It is, of course, a great pleasure to us to know that Fairhope had taken so deep a hold upon their affections that they "couldn't stay away." We need them, too, and hope that they may never again be tempted away. At the last meeting of the Library Association it voted to recommend that Mr. Trenholme be placed in charge of the building of the new hall and library, so, if the Council approves and the matter of location and plan are promptly decided, he will soon have a job quite to his liking.

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From Fairhope, Ala., a chestnut sorrel mare about 15 hands high. If found notify L. E. Carroll, care C. D. Kenny Co, Mobile, Ala.

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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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

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Who Owns the Earth?

EDITOR COURIER:

Nobody owns it. The world is a production of an Almighty Power for the use of all mankind. That being the case, no one human being has any right to monopolize the earth or any portion of it. The humblest being on earth is as much entitled to use its resources and cultivate its natural products as the most wealthy of his fellow inhabitants. These are facts which no person can possibly deny without promulgating a baldfaced falsehood. If any reader of these facts really doubts the statement he should carefully peruse that wonderful pamphlet "Thy Kingdom Come", from the pen and brain of Henry George. The arguments and all portions of the production are absolutely so irrefutable as to put to shame any man or woman who may attempt to deny them.

Every sound minded human being must admit that one of God's children has the same natural right as any other. Then why the innumerable claims of individuals to supreme ownership, regardless of others? It is a hollow mockery, a gross swindle, and one of the worst frauds ever known in the history of this queer world.

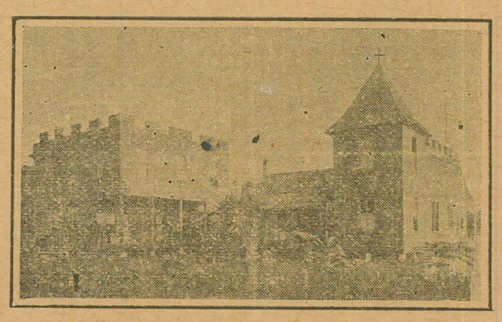
But since it is impossible for a portion of the world's inhabitants to monopolize the bounties of Nature, there is a way in which all of earth's population can be equally able to share the bounties needful for the continuance of life, liberty and happiness. This is by each land holder paying into the public fund a fair compensation for the special privilege he or she may hold. That is equity, it is fairness, it is absolute justice.

Los Angeles, Cal. Ralph Hoyt.

The Standard last week quoted from a letter to the editor from its Magnolia correspondent in which he spoke thus kindly of Fairhope: "While they may be always ready to disagree with each other and all the world on matters ethical and economic, they surely can unite in making it pleasant for the strangers within their gates. And taking the manner in which the memorial exercises were conducted, the music, singing, speaking and reading altogether stamp them as an intellectual people. My only regret is that I could not stay longer with them.

E. T. Molyneux of "Lone Oak" is raising his corn this season by the "Williamson method" of discouraging the growth of stalk by withholding all fertilizer and cultivation until nearly ready to form the ear and then pushing the growth of the ear by fertilization and late cultivation. Results will be awaited with interest.

From Montpelier, France, is reported a demonstration by from 400,000 to 600,000 wine-growers, demanding that the government stop the widespread adulteration of wine.



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Mobile after Vacant Lot Nuisances.

Mobile has waked up to the fact that vacant city lots are very much inclined to become nuisances, and the council has passed an ordinance as follows:

Section 447. Every person owning, agent for, or possessing a vacant lot shall fence it with a good substantial board fence. Such owner, possessor or agent shall fill or cleanse and clear such lot off whenever so directed by the city authorities, of which five days notice shall be given, under penalty of $5, and $5 for every day the neglect or refusal continues after notice. The mayor is authorized to have any lot enclosed whenever, in his judgment, it will become a nuisance.

Section 926. It is the duty of the tenant of every piece of property to keep the sidewalk in front thereof free from grass and weeds, except as otherwise provided, under penalty not to exceed $5 for each offense.

This is a very crude and unsatisfactory way of treating the vacant lot nuisance, but we are glad to see this recognition of the fact that vacant lots are nuisances.

The scientific way of treating the nuisance is to at the same time discourage the holding of lots vacant and encourage the putting of them to use by taxing lots, vacant or improved, up to their full value, and excepting improvements from taxation.

What's the Matter With Alabama?

From the Fruitdale Herald.

What is the matter with Alabama? Twenty years ago it was supposed that Kansas was only good for grazing purposes and sunflowers, when some enterprising jayhawker set up the cry, "What's the matter with Kansas?" They took up the cry and went to experimenting and today it is one of the great agricultural states, with fine well improved farms, and her banks full of deposits. Many have thought southern Alabama, was suited only for cotton, turpentine, lumber and live stock grazing, but it is now proven that her lands can be made to produce two good crops in one season, and truck farms are made to yield profits of from $100.00 to $300.00 per acre. The dairy business is coming to the front, large orchards of figs, Japan persimmons and pecans are made highly profitable, and these and many other advantages, chief of which is her fine warm healthy climate and her cheap lands beautifully situated, a land of sunshine and ever blooming flowers, brings us back to the heading. "What's the matter with Alabama?"

C. J. Buell on Land Leasing.

EDITOR COURIER:

I was especially pleased with Mr. S. J. Chubb's article in the last COURIER. I remember when I first read Henry George's "Perplexed Philosopher" I thought he had made the clearest presentation of the problem of the relation of the state to the land that I had ever seen in print.

I take it for granted that all Single Taxers stand on the principle that the state exists for the benefit of the individual man and woman, and not that the individual exists for the state.

As George says, the right to hold and to use land is the natural inherent right of each and every individual and is in no way dependent on the state. The state cannot justly grant nor withhold. The state has just two functions, or duties, in this connection, 1—to protect the individual in his right to hold and use the land he has located on, to see to it that no one infringes that right; and 2—to collect from the holder, at regular periods, the fair value of the land; for, while the right to hold and use land, is an individual right, the right to the ground rent, or annual land value, is a right that belongs to the community, not necessarily the state, as we usually employ the term, but to the community—to the natural social unit in which the individual lives and works and enjoys social benefits. And while all Single Taxers recognize the right of the community to the land value, the machinery for its collection must be so adjusted as not to encroach upon any of the natural inherent rights of the individual. As George says, the individual precedes society, and all social rights and functions must accomodate themselves to the fundamental rights of the individual. *No system of land leasing can stand this test. If the state may rightfully lease it may withhold.* Neither may the state justly withhold any land from occupancy by individuals except such as the people in their corporate capacity are actually using for common purposes.

All tyranny has resulted from the state—the government so called—getting the false notion that it was the master instead of the servant of the people.

No government may justly exercise a single power that has not been granted by the governed—and no majority of the governed may justly grant any single power that each individual might not justly exercise in the absence of government.

Sincerely yours,

St. Paul, C. J. Buell.

The town of Dannevirke, New Zealand, voted in May on the taxation of unimproved land values and carried the measure by a vote of 308 to 94.

Editor's Reply to Mr. Buell.

In the article by Mr. Buell in this issue, the Courier excepts only to the statements thus enclosed *—*

These are simple assertions on Mr. Buell's part, wholly unsupported by anything preceding or following. It seems to us that a leasing system is just the system which does conform to the principles which Mr. Buell so clearly lays down. Webster defines "lease" as "let for hire." The "hire" if the Single Tax principle be understood and followed will be the real annual value of the privilege of exclusive individual possession; and if paid to the community for the common benefit, the principle stated by Mr. Buell is fully complied with.

Nor does it follow as Mr. Buell asserts, that "if the state may rightfully lease it may rightfully withhold." He might just as logically say. "If the state may rightfully tax land values, it may rightfully refrain from taxing land values".

Whether the possession of land be under nominal ownership or by lease, the duty of the "state," the "community" or the people collectively by whatever name called, is the twofold one stated by Mr. Buell, to secure to individuals their rights to the use of the earth and to the collectivity its right to the fund which must necessarily be taken to secure the equal rights of the individuals. It can neither grant nor withhold rights to land except in furtherance of this dual duty.

The Evil of the Trusts Due to Monopoly.

Extract From "The Evolution of the Trust" by John Moody, in May Arena.

"Self-preservation is the first law of nature," and in his most primitive state man is bound to develop a capacity for preserving his physical life before he does anything else. He must feed and clothe himself. Until he can get a living he can do little else, and the history of the vast majority of mankind from the most primitive times to this hour is really little else than a history of the struggle for material existence.

But under unobstructed natural law, men can and do always get a living. and they can and do develop from a lower to a higher state. They do this first through primitive labor. They apply themselves to the work of producing consumable things from the soil. These things they either consume themselves or exchange for other consumable things, thus bringing trade into existence. Some things they store up for future use and these they call wealth; others they store up to use in creating more wealth, and these they call capital. Capital is purely and simply stored-up labor. It is something which has been produced or brought into being and made of value by the combined forces of land and labor—the sentient labor of the hands or brain. The three factors of wealth production are land, labor

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THE UNIVERSAL CAUSE.

For the Courier.

The cause of labor rightly viewed,
Transcends all class, includes all good:
Against its sway no right can strive,
And with its sway no wrong survive.

Say, you who ask why labor should
Be rated thus, so understood,
What can, but labor's hand, supply
All that you take, all that you buy?

The God of nature truly gives,
Without reserve, to each who lives,
An equal right to freely use
The treasures of that store profuse.

But 'tis to labor you must turn,
To dig or delve, to blast or burn:
In vain aspire to aught secure,
Without the power of labor.

MORAL.

If you would compass greatest good,
And favor human brotherhood,
Come! join the league for labor's cause,
The single-tax reform of laws!

Pittsburg, Pa. J. D. McDADE.

Hurrah for Bay Minette! Its City Council has passed ordinances prohibiting goats and hogs from running at large within the corporate limits. This will be a strong temptation to Fairhope to follow suit.

On March 20, the Berlin, Germany, Council voted 65 for to 54 against to tax land on the basis of its selling value.

On June twenty-second dispatches from Chicago announced that at a meeting there of the presidents of leading western and transcontinental railroads it had been decided to "bow to the inevitable" and reduce passenger fares to two cents a mile beginning July 1, throughout the country. We hope it is true, though we have seen no notice over the signature of any railroad passsenger agent of any reduction.

From the Inter-nation, Boston, we are favored with two small tracts, reprints from articles appearing in its columns. One on "Railroad rates and Tariff Rates," makes a plea for tariff revision and argues with some strength against the unjust discriminations of the tariff, contrasting them with the discriminations of railroads and declaring the former much the more serious and deserving of priority in the campaigns of the president, and the consideration of the national legislature. We agree with its statements, except that we would have tariff revision and railroad legislation concurrently considered and would revise the tariff by abolishing it. The other pamphlet is entitled "The Attack on Railroad Capitalizations" by Frederick J. Whiting, and is valuable as showing the shallowness and superficiality of defenders of private ownership of public highways, and the right to capitalize the value of monopoly privileges.

The writer like so many more of his class, parades the inequality mental, moral and physical between individuals, which everybody recognizes, and then assumes this as a basis for denying equality of natural opportunities. His article is as full of logical and economic absurdities as might be expected from one who because some men eat more than others, denies their equal right to satisfy their hunger.

John B. Middleton devotes a large part of an article upon "The Single Tax," contributed to the June number of the Westminster Review, to Fairhope and to urging the establishment of a similar colony in England.

Editor and Wife Spend Sunday in Country.

The Editor and wife enjoyed a delightful restful day on Sunday with the F. L. Brown and Bancroft families at the beautiful country home of the latter. Mr. Bancroft came in with "Dot" and the two seated buggy and took us out about 10 o'clock. About noon the Browns came over with an ice cream freezer full of ice cream and joined us all at dinner. This was a feast good enough for an editor, a preacher or anybody else, and was largely the products of the home garden and farm. Of these there was corn, potatoes, tomatoes, beans, chicken, jelly, cream, muskmelons and doubtless other things which now escape us, with home made ice-cr am and cake to finish.

The Bancroft cement block house is always delightfully cool—at least we have never seen it otherwise. The thick double walls shut out the heat largely and there is almost always a delightful breeze out there.

After dinner we looked over the garden and farm which were in splendid order and demonstrated most conclusively the productiveness of Baldwin county soil when encouraged with good cultivation and proper fertilizing.

The four acres of asparagus was clean and thrifty and promising well for a paying crop for shipment next spring.

In the garden was abundance of potatoes, tomatoes, beans, okra, squash, cucumbers muskmelons, watermelons, etc., to draw upon for home use and some to sell. Some acres of corn were fine—good enough for Iowa. Planted in rows four feet apart and stalks 12 to 18 inches apart in the row, the most of the stalks had two good ears each. It was fertilized with stable manure broadcasted and a little commercial fertilizer in the drill.

A delightful shower came up soon after noon and the rain fell steadily for a half hour or more, so that water stood in the roads all afternoon. The writer was congratulating himself on its much needed effect on his garden down town, but alas, when we got home we found that it had barely sprinkled there.

During the afternoon Messrs. Bancroft Brown and the writer took a drive out past Yarnelle's and Braam's, down by Mathison's to Poortstra's stopping to look over the latter's place described in a former issue of the COURIER.

Mr Vander Wall was at Mr. Poortstra's and went with us over to his own place where we admired his clean and flourishing fields. We then came in past Bruno Van Bavel's and Koopman's corn fields about which we had heard much.

We found this corn well worth a much longer trip to see and apparently a full demonstration of the value of the "Williamson Method" of corn culture.

This is a matter of so much importance that we shall reserve our report upon it for a separate article in next issue.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

June 25, '07.---In the last of this series we ended with a promise to tell you more about the new hose for watering the garden, and more about garden-hose reels. The hose is all right, and it is an inexpressible delight at sunrise or at sunset to spray your thirsty garden soil, wash the leaves of your choice plants and cool the air of your garden. How much sprinkling have I not done with a watering pot! This method is satisfactory for a garden of a few square feet, and when your plants are low enough to permit your sprinkling over the tops of them; only, as soon as you get fairly started you must return to the pump for more water. But with a garden hose connected with your hydrant, you have your far-carrying stream for the tops of your high trellises and pillars, and by a slight turn of your nozzle you have a fine or coarse shower or spray as you wish. As to the reel it refuses to behave as a self-respecting mechanism ought, and it is to be superceded by a better one.

x x x Two days ago I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Bellangee's up town garden at Mrs. Call's, his daughter's place. It is purely a vegetable garden with a few pears on large trees. For healthy, vigorous growth it takes the lead. Like Mr. Rathje's it is only one lot, but it settles the question whether fine truck gardens are possible in Fairhope as Mr. Freeman and others have maintained. To be sure, both these experimenters use plenty of stable manure, and nothing else. As I said last week, I believe that the good cow fed on home grown feed, is the secret of our success with this soil. Comrade Staples whose place I wrote about in a recent issue, is a Jersey herdsman who has raised fine stock and means soon to take a larger farm and raise Jersey cows. I used to attend the meetings of our Agriculturial society, but ceased after awhile thinking I could not spare the time. I mean to resume and see what I can learn. Seeing such gardens as I have lately, makes the little efforts I have made at the Pines seem insignificant. They take high rank, however in flower raising. But something has been gained. I have found out how to "grow" fine cucumbers, and, for the first time, some large Lima beans, which so far as I know, nobody attempts. I have never seen them in the vegetable market at Mershon's. By the way, how vastly has that market display improved. A little while ago a "measley" little lot of musk melons and cantaloupes was all unless they came from outside. Now our Hollander gardeners and others, bring in the finest specimens. There is an enterprising green worm that preys on the sweet pulp of the cantaloupe. I thought mine had escaped, but yesterday I had to take off several and give them to the hens. Several days ago I put a canna leaf under every melon then of any size, and I am able to report that only one of these was bored into, and the hole was on the upper side, when usually it is on the under side. I also tried the banana leaf and a little bed of pine needles, and will report any real success. The main thing to remember is that vigorous growth prevents insects from making any headway with their burrowing and gnawing and puncturing places to deposit their eggs, though I think I have never seen sweet corn vigorous enough to prevent the ravages of the corn worm. Well I remember how we fought the corn moth in South Jersey! The instruction from Washington was to set shallow pans of sweetened water around a little torch, and a device was sold extensively which would protect the flame from the wind. In the mornings we never failed to find myriads of the moths singed and drowned. That moth is very fond of sweet drinks, and of course like all its family, was attracted by the flame. This plan was effective, but like all of those preventatives cannot be largely so except through co-operation. Of what use for me to carefully exterminate all the "Colorado" beetles on my potatoes with Paris green when my neighbor lets his increase and multiply? We are slowly learning that co-operation is the only way the world can make progress, Man struggling alone is a poor weak creature from the say-

whose hand is against all outside of himself and his mate, to the civilizee whose ideal is the far-separated, inconvenient, isolated home.

Wharf Company Makes Rules.

So much complaint had been made about the obstructing of passengers by solicitors of hotels and liveries at the pierhead and by livery teams at the shore end of the wharf, that the Wharf Company on Thursday promulgated the following rules:

(1) That persons soliciting business for hotels and liveries, or carrying of baggage, must remain on the east side of the warehouse at pierhead when the boats are discharging passengers, and not obstruct the movements of passengers there or elsewhere on the wharf; and they or any other persons refusing to observe this order or to clear the way when requested so to do by the wharfinger or clerk of the steamer, will be forbidden the use of the wharf.

(2) That livery teams must not be left standing nearer than thirty feet to the inner wharf warehouse, and must leave a roadway unobstructed to and from the warehouse and car.

Orrie Stapleton Buys Bishop Butcher Business.

Another change has been made in the butcher shop next door to the COURIER office and this time one which promises to be permanent.

Mr. Orrie Stapleton has purchased the buildings and business from Mr. Bishop and will take possession about the first of the month.

Mr. Stapleton is to the business born, you might say, and has the reputation of being one of the best judges of stock and handlers of meat in Baldwin county.

He has been planning to get into business at Fairhope for several years. We believe he will conduct his business in a way to deserve the trade of the community and if so, he will get the biggest share of it, at least, for the people of Fairhope are very much inclined, as they should be, to patronize their home institutions. There is generally a good reason when they fail to do so.

Personal and Local.

The girls of the G. A. C. went to Daphne on a picnic on Thursday.

Miss Frances De Coudres is over from Mobile, visiting Miss Hazel Pilcher.

Miss Leah Gaston visited Miss Lillie Turner at Belforest for three or four days this week.

As we go to press Mrs. Joseph Keller is very low and expected to pass away at almost any moment.

These hot, sunshiny days the unwary picnicker, bather, or yachtsman, gets sun-burned to a crisp.

The Misses Cooper of Bay Minette, visiting relatives at Daphne, attended the Massey dance on Thursday evening.

Frank Stone, Esq, the popular attorney of Bay Minette was in Fairhope on business on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Riedeman of Citronelle is a guest of Dr. Atkinson. She is looking for some of her people to come down for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany will move back into the Blank cottage, corner Magnolia avenue and Section street, about July first.

Mr. J. Clay Berry of Selma is visiting James Gaston, whose roommate he was at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, at Auburn.

Dr. and Mrs. Woodruff of Mobile who have so many friends at Fairhope will probably spend a portion of July at the Fairhope Hotel.

A bridal couple, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis, of St. Paul, Minn., were Sunday guests of the Fairhope Hotel as were also a number of Mobilians.

There was the largest attendance of the season at the dance at the Massey pavilion last evening. The music was good, the floor fine, and the best of order was maintained.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page came over on the excursion yesterday and while here Mr. Page gave the COURIER job-office an order for printing and made a contract for advertising in the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hidox of Dallas Texas, were over Sunday guests of the Fairhope house and arranged to return within a week with Mrs. Hidox's mother and stay two or three months.

When over with the Sunday school excursion yesterday, Rev. C. E. Hill tried to engage for August the cottage occupied by his family last season, but was too late as the cottage was already rented.

The Albright and Gaston agency has found tenants recently for the following properties: The Gables, the Lefevere cottage, Haworth cottage, two Kimball cottages, the Blank cottage, Mrs. Mann cottage, Rest cottage, Ames cottage, Brown cottage, Borst property, and made sales of the Frederick and Carlson places.

An announcement pleasing in some respects to Fairhopers and not at all so in others, is that Mr. L. E. Page and son, E. L. Page have together purchased the well-known restaurant and cafe, known as "Smith's Cosy Corner," on Conti and St. Emanuel streets, Mobile. Mr. L. E. Page took possession on Thursday, the 20th and E. L. Page will go over on Monday next to take hold with him. Mrs. Page however and Lyman will not go over at present, but will spend the summer at their pleasant little home here. This announcement will be received with pleasure in that it will mean a particularly pleasant and agreeable place for Fairhopers to refresh the inner man when in Mobile, but it will not be at all pleasing that we are to lose Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Page, whom we had come to look upon as fixtures. We predict that the Cozy Corner will become headquarters for Fairhopers and other Eastern shore people when in the city. as indeed it already is to a large extent. The many friends of the Pages will wish them great success in the undertaking.

L. N. Jackman, Mrs. Daugherty's father, has purchased of the Fairhope Improvement Co. (through Albright and Gaston) the Carlson farm of 40 acres in section 28, about three miles from town. The Dougherty cottage and lots go to the Improvement Company as a part of the consideration and as soon as the Carlson premises can be put in repair the Dougherties will move out there. We are sorry to lose the Dougherties from town and not at all sure that it is a wise move for them, though that is for them to say not us. Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty are ardent friends of the Colony and its policy and would have no misgivings of a home on Colony land, but our proposition is a new one to Mr. Jackman and he has the common feeling of preference for ownership. The deal will mean a vacancy soon in the COURIER office and the publisher would be glad to hear from a good Single Taxer who is an all round printer and who would like to come to Fairhope to live.

Single Tax Printer Wanted.

A good all round printer, who would like to come to Fairhope, to live, may "learn something to his advantage" by addressing the publisher of this paper.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

The same people who insist upon a tariff to keep the "pauper-made" goods of Europe from competition with goods made by American workmen are clamorous for immigration bureaus to recruit those same "pauper laborers" for transportation to this country, when American laborers are disposed to insist upon sharing in the "unparalleled prosperity" about which they hear and read so much.

Have'nt you friends whose subscriptions to the COURIER you could get for the asking?

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening, June 17, with all members present but Mr. Patterson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Motion of a previous meeting to do away with the steps to beach, was on motion reconsidered, and, it being stated that the steps were a great convenience to the people living in that neighborhood and that a number had volunteered to contribute toward having them rebuilt, it was moved and carried that the superintendent of lands and highways be instructed to collect subscriptions offered and rebuild the steps.

Bill of Wm. Stimpson for time and expense in effecting settlement with Southern Supply Company, was allowed, $2.

Bill of G. M. Bancroft for $2.12 for road work was allowed; also H. J. Rathje, same, 75c.

Secretary was instructed to draw orders for monthly bills of Home Telephone Company, on O. K. by superintendent of telephones.

Committee on rebuilding bath-house reported as follows;

Fairhope, Ala., June 17, '07.
To the Executive Council:

Gentlemen:—At your request we undertook the matter of rebuilding the men's bath-house, and with the liberal support of the citizens the work has been completed, without expense to the Corporation. Hoping the same to be satisfactory, we beg to be discharged.

Yours Truly,
(Signed) Wm. Stimpson,
T. P. Lyon,
Committee.

The report of the committee was accepted and committee discharged.

Any one interested can see detailed report of receipts and expenditures by calling on Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Paton reported for Library Association that at a meeting of the association it again expressed its preference for the Thompson lot. That work should be begun as soon as possible and recommended that Mr. Trenholme be put in charge of the work.

Mr. Fels Practical Suggestion.

In a recent letter from Mr. Fels, he urges cooperation among farmers and gardeners of Fairhope in getting manure from Mobile. He says: "What is to prevent the Fairhope people co-operatively sending the proper man to visit every stable in Mobile and manufacturing establishments that have by-products fit for enriching the land, and buying up the stuff in common. It could be loaded in barges and towed behind the Fairhope to Fairhope and there divided pro rata among those who co-operate in the matter."

Mr. Fels suggests for Fairhope a plan he has been instrumental in applying elsewhere with fine results.

On his suggestion the Russian Jew colonists in New Jersey thus secured hundreds of car-loads of manure in Philadelphia and shipped it to their stations to be divided up and hauled away by the co-operators.

His farm labor colonies in England pursue the same policy in barging manure from London.

Mr. E. Smith told us on Monday evening of this week, that he was offered, for the simple hauling of it away, at least 120 loads of manure from one stable in Mobile, and doubtless almost any amount could be secured by a canvas by the proper man. To enable this to be handled with rapidity and economy a short low wharf should be built out to the north of the pavilion where there is sufficient water at a fair tide to float a light draft barge to within a few feet of the shore, and so teams could be driven along side the barge and the manure loaded directly into the wagons.

We should give our Mr. Duintjer the credit, we think, of first strenuously urging this plan which he elaborated in an article published in the COURIER two or three years ago.

A New Single Tax Pamphlet.

"How to Become Your own Landlord Without Cost."

Fred Burgdroff of Cleveland, O. has published a new Single Tax Tract entitled as above, which is well designed to arrest attention and convince the reader of the foolishness and inequity of our present taxing system and the equity and sufficiency of the Single Tax.

The Single Tax Review for Janurary said of it.

"We know of no more forcible and effective Single Tax tract for propaganda than: "How to become your own landlord without cost."

"Told as it is in simple language with no waste of words, this tract deserves to have a wide circulation.

"We think the force in the pamphlet is in that its author lets the reader draw an imaginary line through the community and then draws a pen-picture of what commercial and industrial effects it will produce by taxing on one side of this line only and that which is provided by nature—land—in accordance to its value. Also what conditions would prevail on the other side where nothing is taxed but what is produced and consumed. Thus separating and contrasting things the reader cannot help seeing the truth."

It contains 32 pages 9x6 inches. Price 10 cents but it will be mailed free of charge to the readers of the Fairhope COURIER for a mailing stamp or to the limit of 10 copies to 10 separate addresses with a stamp for each. This saves you re-mailing for distribution. Address,

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It might be added that it contains 142 short Single Tax paragraphs some of which are exceptionally original and striking.

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Artistic Work of C. E. Littlefield Complimented.

C. E. Littlefield has received many compliments upon the artistic character of the concrete construction work he has been doing in Mobile.

In a recent letter from Ole K. Olsen, civil and mechanical engineer, of New Orleans, to Mr. Littlefield, he refers thus to Mr. Littlefield's work as reported to him by his representative:

Mr. Tapp tells me about the great amount of ornamental work which you have done in Mobile and assures me of the perfect beauty of this work, and that he has not anywhere North or East seen its equal.

I should be glad indeed to see this and will take the pleasure of calling upon you if I get over to Mobile some of these days, as it is so seldom we get a chance to see really good work in these lines in this part of the country.

An aged friend of the COURIER is J. B. Radway, 82 years, an inmate of the Masonic Home, Burlington, N. J. He says. "I want to keep in touch with your Colony for the little while I live. I think the COURIER grows more valuable with almost every number. Its influence is expanding in a remarkable degree." Mr. Radway's material wants are well supplied but he sadly lacks congenial company from the intellectual standpoint. He cannot find among the sixty odd inmates a single soul that will read the COURIER or is concerned about the great problems which so interest him. Fortunately however, in the midst of his narrow immediate environment he can look out over the world and see the substantial progress that is being made in many directions and this gives him hope and courage. Mr. Radway shall receive the COURIER with the publisher's compliments during his remaining years, and it will strive to bring all the encouragement possible to him and others who are hoping and working for the better day.

Personal and Local

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon entertained over Sunday their son A. M. Lyon, wife and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Gross, all of Mobile. Mr. Lyon Jr. is a salesman for the Merchants Grocery Co. of Mobile and "makes" this territory occasionally. He took a team from here on Monday morning, for interior points, returning to Mobile by rail.

The Massey's "did business" between the morning and afternoon boats Sunday. They served thirty two dinners besides lunches and quantities of soft drinks, ice cream etc., Their bathing suits too, were in great demand.

Levi B. Wells, our former townsman and still a holder of property in Fairhope, was here from Sunday morning to Tuesday morning, looking after his interests here. His home is now at Zanesville, Ohio.

Wanted:--A white woman to do house-work and to stay on the place. A good home for the right party. Address Mrs. Loretta Chamblin, 257 N. Joachim St. Mobile.

At the silver medal contest at the Miller schoolhouse on Sunday afternoon, Miss Annie Freeman won the prize for the girls and Master Don Littlefield for the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coleman and children left on Sunday evening for an extended visit with relatives in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

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A Bargain in a Home.

Owing to a desire to be with their children, who are all in the North, in their declining years, an aged couple have decided to return North, and have placed in our hands for sale their pleasant home in Fairhope. The property consists of a one-story house with four nice-sized rooms, kitchen off of rear porch, and detached kitchen, six rooms in all; porch full width of house in front, and rear porch same—except for kitchen taken off it; good wood-house; large, deep cistern with filter and pump and sink. The main house is weatherboarded and ceiled, painted within and without, and has double floor. There are two lots, each 66x132, in fine cultivation, well fenced, with about twenty fruit trees coming into bearing; strawberry and asparagus beds, etc. Everything in A1 order. Lots well located, rent to the Corporation only $10 for the two lots.

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FOUR ROOM HOUSE.

Two rooms down and two up-stairs, with gallery, near the Bay. Good cistern. Lot 104x210. This place is well finished, furnished, and is a bargain. Situated nicely for both winter and summer. Price, $700.

COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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Five room house, three down and two up-stairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100 barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.
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Make your arrangements to go to Daphne on the Glorious Fourth and help make a grand success of their celebration.

Mr. Louie Cazalas, son of Sheriff Cazalas of Mobile, with his wife and baby boy have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart this week.

Mrs. George Cain left the hospital on last Sunday and is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Standard, in Mobile, somewhat improved, but still in a critical condition.

Mrs. T. W. Williams and family, will occupy the Mrs. Mann cottage during July. Mr. Williams is an inspector in harbor channel work and will only be able to be over occasionally.

Catholic services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albright Sunday, June 30, at 8 a. m. Father Carri will say mass. All Catholics and non-Catholics are cordially invited to be present.

Having bought an interest in the Franz Tailoring Company, corner St. Emanuel and Dauphin streets, Mobile, I hope my customers in and around Fairhope will patronize me at my new place. Geo. Steenstra, Tailor.

In a letter from Mrs. Ila Coutant, now at Lander Wyo. under date of June 17th, she says: "We still have cold weather here and are using coal in two stoves, The children have all had measles and I have had quite a siege."

The Broad St. Methodist church Sunday-school, of Mobile picknicked in Fairhope beach park on Wednesday. There were about 130 of them. The Fairhope brought them over, arriving about 10:30 and took them back, leaving at 6 p. m.

The Sunday school of the First Christian church of Mobile picnicked at Fairhope on Thursday. There were 110 checked on to the boat, and they were about the most orderly and agreeable crowd of picnickers who have been over, this season.

Mrs. Dr. Borst was in town Saturday with the two little boys and while here one of the boys fell off the pierhead into the bay but was promptly rescued by young Milton Ewald who jumped right in after him without waiting to take off his clothes.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Lilian Earle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gass of Mobile and Fairhope, to Joseph Hooper Hobson, which will be solemnized at the Gass Mobile residence on Wednesday, July third, at eight o'clock.

P. O. Inspector Lemen checked up the Fairhope post office on Monday evening, and on Tuesday took a Fairhope Livery team for a three days' drive, inspecting the offices at Battles, Point Clear, Marlow, Magnolia Springs, Bon Secour and Daphne.

The following merchants will close their stores all day, July 4:

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M. V. Mathews,
Mr. Rathje,
Mershon Merchandising Co.

People will please govern themselves accordingly.

The members of the Fairhope male quartet, going out to the home of one of the members, Mr. Will Sweet, to practice Thursday evening, took their wives along and had a most pleasant evening singing and visiting. Ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Sweet.

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Wm. L. Heller left on Thursday planning, we understand, to spend the summer and early fall at his home in Lancaster, New York near Buffalo, and return next winter or early spring, in ample time to get his ice plant up and ready for the next summer season. Mr. Heller's enthusiasm for Fairhope has not abated a particle, but rather increased as a result of his stay here and we expect him to be one of our most useful citizens.

George Steenstra our local tailor, has purchased an interest in the Franz Tailoring Company located at the corner of Dauphin and St. Emanuel streets Mobile and will go to Mobile on Monday to take up his work there. We are sorry to have Mr. Steenstra remove his business from Fairhope, though merchant tailoring has not been one of the businesses which we had hoped to see made profitable in a town the size of ours. Mr. Steenstra is a good tailor and we hope will meet with all the success anticipated in Mobile. His customers in and around Fairhope should hunt him up in the new location. Mrs. Steenstra will not go to Mobile for the present, but will spend the summer here.

NOTICE.

Cascade baking powder is the stuff; 40 cents per can and you get a prize with every can and also 2 buggy coupons with each can. If you are anxious to know who will get the buggy (and perhaps it will be you) come and buy some baking powder, as it must go before we can know who gets the buggy.

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St. John's Day at Daphne.

The Masons' St. John's Day picnic at Daphne on Tuesday was much of a success though circumstances combined to prevent the attendance from being as large as at last year's picnic and to keep away some of the speakers who had been announced.

Much regret was felt over the inability of Rabbi Moses and Messrs. Bloch and Rickarby, of Mobile, and Judge Smith of Bay Minette, to attend and address the meeting though eloquent speakers were found as substitutes.

Dr. Greeno of Fairhope, made the opening address and there were addresses also by Rev. H. R. Walker, Dr. J. H. McCormick and R. L. Douglas of Mobile, and Dr. J. A. B. Lovett in charge of the establisment of the new normal school at Daphne.

There was abundance of good cheer and a fine social time enjoyed.

Fourth of July Schedule of the Steamer Fairhope.

Leave Fairhope for Mobile 7 a. m. as usual.

Leave Mobile for Daphne and Fairhope 9 a. m.

Leave Fairhope for Daphne 10:45 a. m.

Leave Daphne for Mobile 5:30 p. m.

Leave Mobile for Daphne and Fairhope 6:45 p. m.

Christian Church Services.

The pastor desires to make the coming Sunday a sort of "rallying day" at the Christian church, and a large attendance of the members and friends of the church is hoped for at the sessions.

The pastor's subject in the morning will be "Living and Giving." In the evening the time will be largely occupied with a special musical program consisting of solo, duet and quartet numbers, with hymns by the choir and congregation.

AUCTION.

A big auction sale will be pulled off at M. V. Mathews' store on Saturday, July 6th, 1907. I have a lot of odds and ends that I bought at a big bargain, and I will sell them without reserve at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, from 3 to 6 p. m., July 6th. Come all and buy. M. V. MATHEWS.

The Pleasure Bay and Carney had big crowds on their trips Sunday.

Mr. Lyon says he counted 75 bathers in the water at one time Sunday.

Removed—Mrs. Perry, the dressmaker, to North Section St., between Messrs. Bell and Freeman.

Plenty of time yet for cow peas—one of the most valuable crops which can be grown in this country.

FOR SALE—Cow and Calf, Buggy and Lumber Shed. Captain George Lawrence offers for sale at a bargain the lumber shed on the beach with lease running to Feb. next, a good cow and calf, and a second-and buggy. Will take $75 for all for a ompt sale to one party.

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A WOMAN'S ANSWER

By LLEWELLYN LORD

Darkness was settling over the city. The wind blew, and the snow fell in little whirls, yet a lone little woman braved the cold and storm to walk along the beach. The houses were near at hand. She was in no danger, perhaps, yet it was an odd place for a promenade at that hour.

The little woman walked slowly, pausing now and then to look at the breakers as they rolled up, rattling the shore ice musically, and then flowing back again into the lake.

She started at the sound of footsteps and fled lightly toward the nearest house.

"Alice!"

She stopped instantly and stood poised like a bird ready for flight until he came up with her.

"You," she ejaculated.

"You," he exclaimed.

"I was startled for a moment," she explained, with distant politeness. "I thought you were in Cuba."

"I came home yesterday. I have been away for three years."

"O, have you? How quickly the time passes," she said with studied carelessness. "Is it really three years since you went away?"

"It is odd that we should meet here again—at this hour, Alice. Have you forgotten that it was here—three years ago this evening—we parted? That was a stormy evening, I remember."

"We came down here to see the waves, perhaps? I really do not remember about it." She whirled her muff in her hand.

"You cared so little, then?" he asked.

"For the waves? O, they were not important. But it is growing late, now. I must go in." She did not move.

"Good-by," he said sadly.

"Good-by," she murmured.

"Alice, how did you happen to be here?" he asked.

"Three years ago? Why, I came to see the waves, didn't I?"

"But to-day?"

"O, I just happened to be here—I was looking for a ship." She rested her cheek against her muff. "Did you bring your wife with you from Cuba?"

"It is my misfortune not to have a wife," he said, laughing bitterly.

"O," she said. "Well, I must go. Good-by."

"Good-by, Alice."

Neither moved.

"You are married, I suppose," he suggested, looking carefully at the dim surface of the lake.

"O, no; the idea!" She laughed nervously. "Well, I must go. Good-by."

"Good-by, Alice."

This time she turned. She really took one step.

"Alice," he cried, beseechingly.

She paused and looked at him timidly.

"I said that I never would ask you again—but to find you here, at this spot—where I came to say farewell to your memory—the old longing that I never have been able to kill comes upon me with double force. Alice, if I should ask you again to-night to be my wife—"

"Alice!" called a gentle voice from the house.

"Yes, mamma, I am coming."

"Would you refuse me again?"

"Did I refuse you before, Edwin?"

"Yes, certainly. You said that—well 'tis no matter. The last three years have been the most wretched that I ever spent in my life. I have sworn never to ask you again, but I do, now. Will you be my wife?"

"Yes," she said.

In one bound he was at her side, and she was clasped in his arms.

"I ought never to forgive you," she said at last. "If you had not run to Cuba so hurriedly you might have learned three years ago that the first 'no' means yes. I have been so lonely—I thought you never would come back."

"Alice!" called the voice from the house in gentle warning.

"Coming, mamma," she cried.

They clasped hands and ran to the house together.

Fourth of July Schedule.

The Fourth of July schedule of the steamer Fairhope seems well designed to accommodate the greatest number of people. On the morning trip from Mobile to Daphne, the boat will come on down to Fairhope, which will accommodate those from this vicinity wanting to attend the celebration, but not desiring to go as early as seven o'clock, when the Carney passes up.

The trip back from Mobile in the evening via Daphne, when the Fairhope will make her great display of fireworks off Daphne (which will no doubt be one of the features of the celebration), will enable Fairhopers to stay at Daphne until after the fireworks display, and then get home comfortably and in good time

Cottage Near Bay Front for Sale

We are authorized to offer the Mrs. Mann cottage at the "turn of the road," Fairhope Avenue, the one lately occupied by the De Coudres family. This is a very desirably located cottage, near the bay, with four rooms on ground floor and large attic room: porches front and rear; good cistern.

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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.

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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 has been 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 long distance connection.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

The Evil of the Trusts Due To Monopoly.

Extract from "The Evolution of the Trnst" by John Moody, in May Arena.

(Continued from first page.)

and capital; land being the primary passive factor, labor applied to land directly or indirectly being the active factor; and capital being simply stored-up labor

Land, labor and capital being the three producers of wealth, (capital being stored-up labor) is it not logical enough, that while men can get a living of some sort without access to capital, they cannot get it without access, directly or indirectly, to land? Give me all the land in the world and you can have all the capital and all the created wealth, and with all your possessions I will be in a position to force you either to pay me tribute or make you starve to death, assuming, of course, that I have the physical power to carry out my legal privilege which is embraced in the ownership of the land, In other words, I will have the right to charge you in rent all the wealth you possess in exchange for giving you the privilege to live upon and use the surface of the earth. But give me all the wealth and capital in the world and you retain the soil, and if you see fit you can order me off the earth or else make me pay in rent all of my possessions and perhaps all of my labor for the privilege of existing upon the soil. But if, on the other hand, you take away all my capital, all my wealth, but leave me free to use my body and mind and give me equal access with others to the use of the earth, then I can snap my fingers at you, and the primary problem of the struggle for existence becomes for me no more the heartrending and pressing question which it is today for all peoples and in all civilized countries.

It is not because of the "iron heel of capital" that there is a trust question. Capital is a good thing and a harmless thing. It is like labor; it is a producer of wealth and in itself is harmless. Were there no other factor to be reckoned with in the trust than capital there would be no so-called trust question and people would not fear those great aggregations nor feel injurious influences from them any more than they now feel injurious effects from the growth of a church or library or other institution of the kind. Capital and labor are fundamentally one; there is no conflict between them and essentially never can be—but "capital and labor clash because they are both robbed alike by their common enemy, monopoly." Monopoly is the overpowering factor in the trust question and it is by searching for and finding out this element that our problem can best be solved.

The Single Tax is in operation in Ireland—except the tax goes into the wrong box. Land values there, as elsewhere, are created by the presence of the population. The rent, or Single Tax, is determined by the competition of the tenants. The improvements are his which he can sell or bequeath.

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Last Sunday brought the banner crowd of pleasure and comfort seekers to Fairhope. The Fairhope brought 125 passengers, and the Pleasure Bay 50, beside those coming on several small pleasure boats. There must have been about 200—and some people think we are away out of the world.

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The Distant Glory.

Always just beyond somewhere
Rarest, fairest flowers blow;
Over by the foothills there
All the brightest poppies glow.
See how splendid they appear.
Mark how quickly they are spread.
Only poor ones blossom here
Let us cull the ones ahead,

All the dearest joys we seek
In the future somewhere lie---
In tomorrow or next week
Or the far off by-and-by;
Yet the pleasures of today,
Poor and petty as they are,
Ah, how glorious were they
When we saw them from afar.

Always out beyond somewhere
Lie the joys that are supreme;
Present blessings ne'er compare
With the ones of which we dream.
Still, perhaps 'tis better so;
Who would dare or who achieve
If the scenes to which we go
Seemed as poor as those we leave?
—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

Much sport has been had at the expense of the Cleveland Leader because of a reference to the "Late Bolton Hall" of whom the Leader said, he "was a good man who did good deeds, but was a bit ahead of his time. He was something of a visionary, still he had his practical side and this was displayed in his advocacy of farming for the poor of the cities." Life, New York, to which Bolton Hall is frequently a contributor wrote very amusingly of the Leader's blunder and in a letter to Life, Mr. Hall said: "It is too bad to call me "the late Bolton Hall" when I am so far "ahead of my time" that I died ahead of it. I suppose its worse to be a visionary than a ghost."

Bolton's hosts of friends are only too glad that he is yet above ground and in the fight for human rights and brotherhood with all his wonted power and vigor" though pleased that the Leader thinking him dead was moved to speak well of him.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

June 26---What I said about the splendid magazine literature of our Library being unread was not without effect. Many spoke of it and one, Mrs, Katharine Boisselier of St. Louis, noting what magazines were omitted from my list, promptly sent Scribner's, McClure's and the Century for June with promise of the July numbers, also. To her we also owe the brilliant weekly, the Mirror, of St. Louis. Mrs. Boisselier proposes to come to Fairhope "in the near future."

Our friends who are interested in the history of co-operation should not fail to read the co-operative news department of the Arena which is edited by the secretary of the Co-operative Association of America. It contains news and reports of some thirty different important co-operative associations in this country: Those of the N. O. Nelson Co. are interesting to us, especially, for Mr. Nelson is a friend of Fairhope. The profits of his enormous business are shared not only with with his employes but also with his customers. These were last year given their choice of cash or shares, as their part of the profits of the business, and only a twenty-fifth part took cash, and these only because they had gone out of business.

The report of the Danish Creamery Association of Fresno, Cal. is interesting to us because so many believe that creameries in the South will not "pay." Fresno is only about four degrees further north than Baldwin Co, and there a creamery with all modern machinery appliances, has grown in ten years to the payment of yearly dividends of $200,000. All we need is ice at a reasonable rate, and knowledge of the business. A friend tells me of a new process of making ice so superior to all others as to drive them all from the field. From the fact that the patent is mortgaged for $12,000 it would seem that there is "something in it," I am trying to find out more about it.

ROOSEVELT—SINGLE TAXER.

From Mirror St. Louis.

Is the President a Single Taxer? Let him speak for himself. "The mineral fuels of the Eastern United States have already passed into the hands of large private owners, and those of the West are rapidly following. This should not be, for such mineral resources belong in a peculiar degree to the whole people.". . . This is the Single Tax doctrine: "the land for the people." Applied only to as yet ungrabbed public land it means absolutely nothing if the same logic does not apply to all the land of the country. For every rood of land belongs to all the people as surely as do those as yet unpreempted mineral and oil lands, and the 300,000,000 acres of grazing land. And all the people are entitled to get their share out of all the land in use by taxing it so as to render the taxing of anything else unnecessary. The President may not know he's a Single Taxer, or Georgian, but he "makes a noise" like one who "sees the cat." It would not surprise us any day to see him "come out for the cause." When he's ready, the columns of the Mirror are open to him.

Hampers Industry and Increases Prices of Necessities.

EDITOR COURIER:

Our present system of taxation hampers industry, that is, it tends to prevent men from making a living.

First. It increases the price which consumers have to pay for the necessities of life. Second: It closes against men opportunities for employment, which nature offers them.

I suppose it will be generally admitted that the price of a commodity is determined by the cost of production.

A tax on the processes or materials of production, on the business, the machinery, the building, or the stock of the manufacturer, merchant, farmer etc., must be added to the price and collected from the consumer.

This diminishes or keeps down the quanitty of commodities produced, thus increases prices. While on the other hand the streams of men seeking employment grow greater and greater all the time. Wages fall or fail to rise as they should rise with the development of the arts and sciences. This is the conclusive folly of our present system of taxation. This is exemplified on every hand.

A tax on the value of land has a contrary effect. It is a tax on speculation; not a tax on production. It tends to destroy speculation; not production. A tax on the value of land is not a tax on land; but a tax on the value which attaches to land. Such a tax if levied as near the full rent as possible; would tend to decrease the number of idle lots in the business districts, residential disiricts and suburban districts. Also the vast number of acres containing valuable ores; such a tax would decrease the number of idle farms, and bring the isolated farmer of today nearer the cities, and the people in crowded cities could get nearer the farmer.

If such a tax were levied there would be no use in holding land idle. Profit in holding land idle would be a thing of the past. All the unused or half used land of the country that has any value would be thrown open to labor; thus increasing production.

Philadelphia Pa. Chas. D. Ryan.

MR. DUINTJER WRITES REGARDING FERTILIZER FROM MOBILE.

EDITOR COURIRR:

Regarding Mr. Fels' practical suggestion in the COURIER of June 28, I would like to say that I am to-day still more convinced of the splendid results which can be obtained from

(Concluded on 8th page.)

We are pleased to see Ella Wheeler Wilcox again writing for the Hearst papers and urging the people to study the Single Tax as a remedy for existing evils.

The Mobile agent of the M. & O. says he knows nothing of the general reduction of fare to two cents, by the railroad managers which was recently reported in the newspapers.

Don't say that we can't raise anything in this country without fertilizer, Mr. Beckner planted seven rows of potatoes 70 feet long, 4 feet apart, absolutely without fertilizer of any kind, and dug four bushels of fairly good sized potatoes. This was a trifle less than one-twenty-second of an acre, and figures out a yield of about 90 bushels to the acre.

The editorial columns of the Johnstown Pa. Democrat, daily and weekly editions, contain about the best Single Tax matter which comes to our notice. Warren Worth Bailey, the editor, is one of the best writers in the movement, and it is strong proof of the place the Single Tax philosophy has won in the popular mind that a daily, outspokenly and persistently advocating it, can be maintained with apparent profit in Pennsylvania.

Your local merchant stands ready to duplicate every offer so seductively set forth in the catalogue of the mail order houses of the East and West, and will trump every trick the mail order houses ever played if you will put down spot cash and accept the same kind of goods as these mail order firms furnish you with, and upon which no reputable manufacturer will put his name. In patronizing these mail order houses you are helping to break up your retail merchants, as every dollar that is sent out of the town is doing an injury to your local merchant. You should stand by your home firms. These mail order houses do not contribute one cent in the way of improving your town and they do not pay any tax to help defray the expenses of the city government.—South Alabamian.

When Uncle Sam distributed God's land in Oklahoma, the craving for land was so fierce that, as soon as the signal was given, the crowd rushed in, eager to select the best sections, trampling down the weak and the women like hogs do when a pail of swill is set before them. This disgusting spectacle seems to have even affected Uncle Sam, for, when he in 1904 distributed 2,412 quarter sections in South Dakota, he resorted to a lottery plan, trespassing on his own made laws. There were 103,000 persons on the spot registering for a chance. The sure winners of $1,030,000 were the railroads, figuring $10 a person. Now how much wiser a plan it would be for Uncle Sam to speak thus: Anyone may locate here; fence in as much land as he sees fit, for his exclusive use and for perpetual time, or as long as he pays an annual rent, the amount of which is measured and decided annually by the desirability or value of each particular piece of land, with privilege of transfer or abandoning it, this rent to be distributed pro rata among all members of a community that may have settled there.—Exchange.

Geo. H. Taylor, one of the Courier's subscribers, contributes pointed pungent paragraphs to the Rocky Ford, Colo., Enterprise, under the caption: "Ginger Snaps by G. H. T."

Mr. Heller Writes of Fairhope.

Dear Editor Courier:

After four years' absence from Fairhope one cannot help but be impressed with the substantial evidences of steady growth. The waterworks, telephones, new wharf, new boat, the great increase in buildings and population, all point to its steady advance. Fairhope has stood well all the storms whether natural or brain.

It is needless to mention the advantages of natural location, climate and delightful society; the sturdy, healthy, happy children, and the exceptional intellectual breadth of the community. These all have been commented upon by whosoever visited Fairhope. Fairhope is bound to grow; for its delightful climate will draw more and more from those who are seeking alleviation from the cold winter winds of the north or the hot sun and absence of breeze in the south land. The absence of speculative land value will receive its fullest appreciation when the next panic, which will soon sweep over this country, comes. This panic will shake the country as no previous panic has ever done, because the present expansion and the inflation of values are enormously beyond anything ever dreamed of before.

Then the value of the principles for which Fairhope stands, will be more appreciated and realized by many who are now content because prosperity feeds them well; and Fairhope will stand forth as a great educational force for the true progress of humanity. In traveling I have met men whose attention has been called to the movement for freedom by the existence of the Fairhope colony, and who because of interest aroused thoughtfully read Henry George, and as a result became convinced that the "remedy for democracy is more democracy."

When we consider the heroic efforts of those who for the high and holy purpose of exemplifying to mankind the true principles of economic freedom left all behind them and plunged into a wilderness with an absence of all material comforts, and who through all the vicissitudes and bitterness and differences have stood true to the faith, our hearts must be stirred with the thought that Fairhope thus founded and held to its course through storm and stress must prove a blessing to mankind for

"What good gifts have my brothers but came
By search and strife and loving sacrifice?"

Wm. L. Heller.

G. B. Auvil has an acre of beans this year which has brought him $140.00 over and above the cost of seed and fertilizer, and yet we have heard people say you could not make anything trucking in this country. It is true they can not, until they stop "croaking" and exercise good judgment as well as muscle. We can give a fair list of names of men who have netted from $100 to $300 per acre from their land this year, in spite of the extreme wet and cool spring, and they will raise a full crop on the same piece of land. Fruitdale Herald.

H. P. Numsen of Baltimore, Md., was a pleasant caller at the Courier office today. Mr. Numsen is a son of George N. Numsen, a prominent citizen of Baltimore who is also an ardent Single Taxer and has been for years a reader of the Courier. Mr. Numsen, Jr., is a representative of the famous Cudahy Packing Company. Knowing he was in the vicinity of Mobile, his father wanted him to be sure and see Fairhope and call upon the editor of the Courier.

A GLORIOUS FOURTH

Great Celebration at Daphne in Honor Jointly of the Day and the Securing of the $10-000.00 School Fund.

Great Crowd Present.—Governor Comer and Other Distinguished Men Were Present and Made Addresses.

The Fourth was Daphne's day this year. And was made the occasion, not only of a patriotic celebration befitting the day, but of a jollification over the completing of the $10,000 subscription required by the legislature as a condition precedent to the making effective of its appropriation of $2,500 for maintenance for the first year.

The celebration was held in a beautiful magnolia shaded grove a little to the south of the town.

The day before people began arriving by land and water. The handsome revenue Cutter, Winona came over on the evening of the 3rd. with the Govenor and other distinguished persons. The Fairhope, Pleasure Bay and Carney all made morning trips from Mobile, loaded to their limit and the Fairhope after landing her Mobile passengers came on down to Fairhope and took up nearly her capacity, touching also at Volanta and Montrose. The Baldwin also brought a crowd from Palmetto Beach, Zundells' and Point Clear, and the Carney took many on her morning trip up the shore.

Estimates of the number of people on the ground varied greatly. The Courier's guess would be 3000 to 4000.

There were no exercises in the morning save the W. C. T. U. Gold Medal Contest, under charge of Mrs. Jessie H. Bell, of Fairhope, District Superintendent of contest work and with the following participants all of Fairhope; Bertha Parker, Volney Mathison, Annie L. Freeman, Louise Barnhart, Clayton Baldwin and Miss Bird Sedinger. Under many difficulties the contestants acquitted themselves well. The medal was won by Miss Sedinger. Mrs. Cordie B. Read of Fruitdale, state superintendent of contest work, made a short address praising the contestants, and the medal was presented by Prof. Blount, a prominent educator.

Following the contest came the only bit of amusement beside dancing provided for the crowd, so far as we noted; that was an invasion of the grounds by Fairhope Indians and cow-boys and the noisy if not fierce sham battle in which they engaged. It was quite picturesque though the number engaged on either side was disappointing.

Dinner then engaged almost unanimous attention. Many brought their lunch baskets (and congratulated themselves that they did so.) For those however who came unprepared, there was the barbecued meat, wagon loads of bread, barrels of pickles, and coffee, lemonade, and other drinkables—none intoxicating.

Seven beef animals and five sheep, (according to the Courier's informant) were sacrificed for the occasion. A trench about a yard deep and fifty feet long was dug and filled with coals from wood burned in it and over these the meat was roasted, not whole, however, but in quarters and sides, turned with pitch forks. It was then carried to long tables within a roped enclosure, where men with sharp kni

carved it into convenient slices and served it out with bread and pickles.

Shortly after noon, the Governor's "official bugler" a lad of about ten years, sounded a bugle call, which drew the crowd to the speakers stand, where the formal exercises of the day were carried out, with Hon. S. C. Jenkins, Baldwin County's representative in the state legislature presiding. Rev. D. A. Planck, of Mobile, on behalf of the school trustees, assured the Govenor of the securing of the $10,000 required by the legislature, congratulated the people of Daphne and Baldwin County and Dr. Lovett in particular, on the completion of the great task undertaken, paid an eloquent tribute to education and urged the duty of the state, having become responsible for the proposed institution by the small appropriation made, to follow it up with others, and put it upon the same footing as the similar institutions of the state. Governor Comer responded in a happy view, told pleasantly of the effective campaign urged for the school by the Baldwin County people, and how the matter had certainly been clinched by the previous visit of himself and members of the legislature to Daphne where they had become convinced from personal observation of its superior advantages for such an institution. He also paid high tribute to education as the greatest force for progress and prosperity, and commended the legislature for its liberal appropriations for the educational institutions of the state as well as for its course in general which he said had been pursued with an eye to serving the interests of the people. Speeches were also made by Probate Judge J. H. Smith, Hon. Walter D. Seeds, Dr. J. A. B. Lovett, Hon. W. F. Tebbetts, Dr. W. J. Mason, and others.

Rain came up (as usual on Fourth of July) soon after the speaking commenced and speakers and audience were repeatedly driven to shelter—such as could be found—greatly interfering with the carrying out of the speaking program.

Fortunately however the clouds cleared away in time for the warm sunshine to dry out the wet clothes of the people before night fall, or hundreds had to await the trips of the bay fsteamers until a late hour, to get home

The Fairhope was announced to leave for Mobile at 5:30 the first of the fleet, but at 4:30 as there was her full limit aboard anxious to go, she steamed off for Mobile and returning took another load over at 7:30.

This made the wait much longer than expected for the Fairhope people to get back home as it was nearly 11 o'clock before the steamer was ready to come to Fairhope.

On the last trip of the Fairhope back from Mobile to Daphne a very nice display of fire works was made from the boat, but it being very difficult to judge accurately of the distance the boat was from the shore at night, the fire works were touched off while the boat was too far out for the best effect.

The day passed off quietly at Fairhope, our town, which twelve years ago inaugurated the celebration of the first Fourth of July in its history, and which has celebrated almost every year since, waived its celebration this year on account of the Daphne celebration and a large crowd of Fairhope people went to Daphne.

Most of the Mobilians summering here preferred to spend the day here, and were joined by a good many of their friends here, and several parties of Fairhope people picknicked on the beach.

The Fairhope brought over a considerable number on her morning trip via Daphne and the Pleasure Bay landed a number on her like trip.

Opposes "Meddling," Private or Official.

Our good friend, Louis Le Saulnier of Red Bud, Illinois, rightly appreciates that much of our trouble is caused by meddlers—official more than private, the interfering with people in matters which are truly none of other people's business. In a late letter he says:

EDITOR COURIER:

Enclosed check for $1 is to renew my subscription. Every COUTIER I ever received was placed where I thought it would be understood. It affords me great pleasure to be able to point out the best way to get government revenue, and I seldom forget to add:

If you love liberty and peace—the real, don't meddle, but strive for wisdom—the ideal. Meddlesome legislation, upheld by ignorant, indifferent and meddlesome officials and people, has made our crushing monpolies possible. No wonder they try to continue in power by all means foul. That officials can be found to commit crimes in the name of law and for the sake of a little money, certainly does not mean general prosperity. National and legislative meddling produces troubles on a large scale. My aim is to show this big club of official meddling so it can be seen as easily as the neighbor's club.

Yours truly

LOUIS LESAULNIER.

Geo. H. Taylor writing in the Rocky Ford Col. Enterprise about the late land convention at Denver, characterizes it no doubt rightly as a scheme of big land monopolists to discredit President Roosevelt's efforts to conserve the interests of the people in the natural resources of the west. Roosevelt and his policies were ably represented and the convention was not much of a success along the lines planned by the promoters.

The ladies of the V. I. C. are arranging for a concert at the Church next Thursday evening for the benefit of the new hall and library building. With the Mobile talent available to help, an especially good program is expected. Further particulars will be furnished by bills later. Make no other arrangements to interfere with your own attendance or that of any one else.

Single Tax Printer Wanted.

A good all round printer, who would like to come to Fairhope, to live, may "learn something to his advantage" by addressing the publisher of this paper.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Friends of the paper are becoming increasingly interested in the effort to increase its circulation and uselulness and are giving us much encouragement.

R. F. Powell, who has sent in a number of subscriptions, has devised an excellent plan to which he proposes to work and has secured the promise of others to do so.

Miss Chapman has handed in a couple of additional names.

Fred Burgdorff of Cleveland sends the renewal of some subscriptions in his city which he originally secured.

Mr. Wm. L. Heller before leaving Fairhope subscribed for a club of five.

J. S. Paton of Fairhope adds 2 names to the list for 6 months each.

Walter H. Beecher of Norwood O. sends 3 new names with his own renewal.

Bolton Smith of Memphis and Geo. Knowles of Fairhope have added one new name each and others have reported that they are at work.

R. E. Lowe, Brunswick, Me., renewing his subscription for two years says; "I congratulate you on the much improved appearance of your paper."

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

The same people who insist upon a tariff to keep the "pauper-made" goods of Europe from competition with goods made by American workmen are clamorous for immigration bureaus to recruit those same "pauper laborers" for transportation to this country, when American laborers are disposed to insist upon sharing in the "unparalleled prosperity" about which they hear and read so much.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening with Councilman Lyon, Stimpson and Pilcher present, Vice president Paton in the chair. Later, President Brown and Mr. Bancroft came in. Minutes of June 17 were read and approved.

Bill allowed for J. Bellangee for work on water works department 30 cents.

Bill of P. J. Albright for services as water clerk was referred back to him for itemization.

Treasurer instructed to meet draft of N. O. Nelson Mfg Co. for $100.

Miss Clements addressed Council stating that she and Mrs. F. L. Brown, had been appointed by the V. I. C. as a committee to appear before Council and ask its feeling toward an effort to secure aid from state treasury in adding an additional room to the school house.

It was moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to take the matter under advisement and report its recommendations. Chairman appointed as such committee Oswalt, Stimpson and Trenholme.

Consideration of Library- Hall plans taken up. Mr. Trenholme being present and submitting plans prepared by him. Secretary read letter from Mr. Fels to Mrs. Comings with note to himself in which Mr. Fels signified his willingness to renew his subscription of $1000 provided the building were properly designed for the dual purpose needed, were built of other material than wood and completed by Jan. 1, 1908.

Mr. Trenholme's suggested method of construction was with timber frame with exterior covered with metal lath and cement plaster, interior to be finished with plaster or metal ceiling and roof to be metal or fire proof composition roofing.

Mr. Brown thought that a brick building could be built almost as cheaply.

A motion prevailed that a building committee be appointed of which Mr. Trenholme should be a member to submit floor plans and suggested methods of construction, provided same can be figured within $2000 to Mr. Fels and ask his approval of plans and state necessity of having his subscription at command of the building committee before work is begun.

Chair appointed Messrs. Pilcher and Stimpson, with Mr. Trenholme as such committee.

Application of A. C. Staples for east half of lot 21, block 28, div. 2 granted.

Transfer from L. E. Camp to T. N Freeman of Lot 1, block 3, div. 4, and street between said lot and Mrs. Freeman's lot on the north was approved.

It was moved and carried to offer a reward of $5 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any persons guilty of committing a nuisance about the bath houses, or interfering with water-works equipment or any other property of the Corporation and Secretary instructed to post notice accordingly.

Moved and carried that Mr. Patterson be instructed to keep bath houses in order.

Secretary called attention to desire of Mr. Keller to have street opened through S. E. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of 17 but no action was taken.

Communication received from F. L. Horning asking reduction on rent on his 10 acre holding.

It was moved and carried that same be laid on the table as not in order at this time.

The Council held a short special session on Tuesday evening, allowed Mr. Massey's bill for $11.00 for pumping in June, and voted to authorize the Wharf Co. to purchase the Captain Lawrence lumber-shed and administer the same as a part of the wharf at a cost of $50.00 the rent due on the ground to be paid out of the same and the lease surrendered to the Corporation.

SPLENDID CORN FIELDS

On Farms of B. Van Bavel and K. Koopman, Fairhope.

The editor in his report in last issue of a little trip to the Fairhope suburbs, promised fuller information about the splendid corn fields of Bruno Van Bavel and K. Koopman.

They were planted, cultivated and fertilized according to the "Williamson method" about which so much has been published in the last couple of years.

The Williamson "theory" is that corn in this country inclines to go too much to stalk and the "method" is to withhold all cultivation and fertilizing until the stalk is thoroughly stunted and then by liberal fertilizing and thorough cultivation, stimulate the growth of ear, which is the main purpose for which corn is grown.

Mr. Van Bavel followed this method the most closely and his corn presents the most striking contrast of dwarfed stalks and good sized, well filled ears though Mr. Koopman's with larger stalks, will, no doubt, yield also more corn.

The difference in treatment was that Mr. Koopman made a small application of fertilizer at time of planting, while Mr. Van Bavel did not.

Mr. Koopman furnishes the following details of his crop.

Planted 26th of March using 100 lbs. each of phosphate and kainit in drill; planted with Planet Jr. hand drill; rows six feet apart, corn plants 6 to 8 inches apart in rows. When corn was about one foot high, gave first cultivation, applying on the sides of rows, 200 pounds of same mixture first used. About a week before it began to tassel applied 100 lbs. of cotton seed meal, 50 lbs. phosphate and 50 lbs. kainit; and after tasseling, applied 175 lbs sulphate of ammonia. The total fertilizer applied was 775 pounds, cost-

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This corn will now average about 8 ft. tall, and is very heavily eared, many stalks having 2 ears. A couple of rows were planted much thicker, the stalks being as thick as the fingers on one's hand and these too are well eared. Just what this corn will "make" is now a matter of speculation of course. The writer, used to seeing corn checked in rows 3½ ft. by 3 ft. is hardly able to judge with any accuracy. We think it will certainly go 60 bushels, some think as high even as 100 bushels.

Mr. Van Bavel used no fertilizer at planting, but used the same quantity at later applications. His stalks are not more than six feet tall and about the thickness of one's finger, but are well eared, though the ears are not as large as Mr. Koopman's. The contrast between the full ears down close to the ground and the delicate little stalks is striking.

Another item of this method which both men followed, is planting in deep furrows and, in successive cultivations throwing the dirt to the plants until at final cultivation the ground is left level. This gives the corn ability to withstand dry weather and to stand up against the strong breezes which are apt to accompany our spring and summer showers.

Cowpeas are now planted between the corn rows. And the cowpea crop alone ought to be worth more than twice the value of the fertilizer used, as well as itself a good fertilizer.

We advise everyone who is interested in farming in Baldwin county to see these fields. Messrs. Koopman and Van Bavel will be glad at any time to show them to visitors and explain their methods.

They are located two miles and a quarter east of the business center on the Silver Hill road.

A Correction.

Andrew G. Carlson writes the COURIER thus from Mobile under date of June 26.

"Regarding your statement in last week's COURIER will say that in the first place I have returned but not to Fairhope, and only on a visit to my family; further that I never entered San Francisco and as a consequence not had any trouble with the labor conditions there, nor was my life endangered on account of scabbing. I should regard this as a great courtesy if you will kindly correct your statement."

The COURIER believed its information regarding Mr. Carlson to be reliable, but gladly gives space to his correction.

Personal and Local

The tug El Rio brought a party of about twenty over from Mobile on Sunday morning, arriving a little ahead of the Fairhope.

Mrs. J. J. Hughes and daughters Mrs. C. Schuerman and Miss Josie Hughes, and granddaughter, little Marie Louise Schuerman, arrived on Tuesday evening for their summer visit to Fairhope occupying the Lyon cottage. They are among our regular summer residents and think Fairhope "the only" summer resort.

In response to the request of many Mobile business men who were sure a late boat would accommodate many Mobilians who would like to spend some time on the Eastern Shore, but find it impossible to get away as early as 3:30, the steamer Fairhope began on Wednesday returning to Mobile after arrival on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, and leaving Mobile at 6:45 p. m.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

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A Bargain in a Home.

Owing to a desire to be with their children, who are all in the North, in their declining years, an aged couple have decided to return North, and have placed in our hands for sale their pleasant home in Fairhope. The property consists of a one-story house with four nice-sized rooms, kitchen off of rear porch, and detached kitchen, six rooms in all; porch full width of house in front, and rear porch same—except for kitchen taken off it; good wood-house; large, deep cistern with filter and pump and sink. The main house is weatherboarded and ceiled, painted within and without, and has double floor. There are two lots, each 66x132, in fine cultivation, well fenced, with about twenty fruit trees coming into bearing; strawberry and asparagus beds, etc. Everything in A1 order. Lots well located, rent to the Corporation only $10 for the two lots.

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Two-story house, five rooms down and four up-stairs. Gallery on three sides. Good cistern, with pump in kitchen. Well built, and ceiled inside, with hard oil finish. Scuppernong grape arbor and mulberry trees. This is one of the nicest places in Fairhope. Price, $1200.

FOUR ROOM HOUSE.

Two rooms down and two up-stairs, with gallery, near the Bay. Good cistern. Lot 104x210. This place is well finished, furnished, and is a bargain. Situated nicely for both winter and summer. Price, $700.

COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
Prices, $1,300 and $1,400

A FINE GARDEN SPOT.

Five room house, three down and two up-stairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.
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A writer in the South Alabamian claims that tobacco dust will drive away fleas.

Mrs. P. Y. Albright left for Pittsburg yesterday to be away for four months, probably.

E. A. Turner, Sr, visited his sons of the Turner Lumber Company at the camp this week.

Mrs. Millie Littlegreen has succeeded Mr. Perry, as central in the home telephone office.

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Mr. D. W. Terry has been here several days with his family and is talking some of building.

Harry Brav, of Mobile, is spend- the week at Fairhope while his wife is on a visit to St. Louis.

Practically every cottage in town is now occupied and a number more near the bay front could be rented.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

We have received our new Perfection Oil Stoves. Come in and see them. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Orrie Stapleton and T. J. Lowell of Fairhope were chief assistants in serving the Barbcued meat at Daphne.

Eugene Wilson, who now has his papers as marine engineer, acted as second engineer on the Fairhope on the Fourth.

It was a tired and sleepy crowd which got back to Fairhope just a little before midnight last night on the Fairhope.

E. M. Keller was marketing some fine canteloupes of his own growing today among them being one which weighed 10 pounds.

Miss Viola Scanlan has succeeded Miss Helen Swanson as central in the Bell telephone office. Miss Swanson expects to go north soon.

Ned Dougherty has a fine mare and new buggy and harness, and is in a hurry to get out to the new farm to show us all how good a farmer he is.

"The smile that won't come off" is the kind the people wear who take their sick clocks and watches to Wheeler. Good tools—skill and experience.

Miss Ivy Powell entertained a few of her friends at her home on Church St. on last Friday evening. The evening was passed very pleasantly with games and music.

The announcement in last issue of Mr, George Steenstra's going to Mobile to go into business, was a little premature. His plans did not go through and he is still with us.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. C. K. Brown Thursday, July 11, at 3 p. m. Subject: Recent Prohibition Victories as reported by the liquor men. All are invited to come.

That there may be no misunderstanding among my customers, I announce that my tailor shop is open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. every day. See me about summer garments now. George Steenstra.

Mr. Phinney came over on Tuesday evening wih his daughter, Mrs. Jernigan, and her son, and saw them settled for three months in the Miss Haworth cottage, which he engaged a couple af weeks ago.

Mr. J. C. Berry left for his home in Selma on Wenesday morning, after a week's visit with his friend James Gaston. He expects to return however in a few days and to "work" Mohile and Baldwin counties for a gasoline lighting system of which he has the agency for these counties. He took several orders while here.

On Friday evening Mrs. Eyster entertained a number of her friends at "The Gables." Those present were the Misses Powell the Misses Terry the Misses Midget and Mrs. Pilcher and Messrs. Dealy, Sheldon Molyneux and Dr. Mason.

The Christman livery and Orrie Stapleton, butcher, have been added to the list of corporation telephone users this week, making the total to date 21, a very good showing for a town the size of Fairhope and demonstrating how its policy regarding this public service benefits its citizens.

Ira Powell of the Fairhope Livery is weeding out his old horses and vehicles and adding new ones and getting his equipment into a high state of efficiency. An example of his enterprise was in having a team down to meet tne Fairhope on its arrival at midnight, on the night of the Fourth.

W. P. Hoopes writes from Bynum Md. "I appreciate the Courier more than when at Fairhope as it is my principal medium for for news. It and the news I get from friends makes me homesick. Our warm weather only began a couple of weeks ago and everything has been very late. Corn and tender garden things have hardly grown at all until within the past two weeks, though the weather has been favorable for potatoes, oats, wheat and rye. My regards to all my friends you may chance to see."

N. Mershon has an orange tree at his home place which is so loaded with fruit that branches are already having to be propped up. It is not a Satsuma but a good sized sweet orange tree about 16 feet tall. When our first party of colonists arrived in Baldwin County twelve years ago last November, there were many such trees loaded with fruit of de-

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licious quality which we bought at $0.80 to $1.00 a hundred. The same winter a heavy freeze felled the trees to the ground, and there have been two or three winters since which have done the same thing.

The service at the Christian Church on last Sunday evening was principally a song service. There were duets by Mrs. Bertha Mershon and Mrs Sweet and by Miss Goldie Tiffany and Mrs. Toft,a number by a mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Mershon and Messrs. Sweet and A. H. Mershon, a couple of numbers by the male quartet, Messrs. Sedinger, Sweet, A. H. Mershon, and Gaston; and Mr. J. H. Wiepand beautifully rendered "The Holy City". The congregational singing was also a feature.

James Gaston and his friend J. C. Berry of Selma, and Arthur Richardson when out sailing on Monday got their boat tipped over opposite the mouth of Rock Creek. They got a good ducking and spilled all their effects over board, all of which were recovered by diving, save one of Mr. Berry's shoes.

JULY WEATHER.

Interesting Information Compiled by the Mobile Weather Bureau from Records of Thirty-Six Years.

The following data covering the month of July for a period of 36 years have been compiled from the weather Bureau records at Mobile. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, forthe above period of years,but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions this month.

Temperature— Mean or normal temperature 81 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1877 with an average of 85; the coldest month was that af 1882 with an average of 79; he highest temperature was 103 on July 12, 1901. the lowest tempeature was 64 on July 6, 1882.

Precipitation — (Rain or melted snow)—Average for the month, 6.78 inches; average number of days .01 of an inch or more, 15; the greatest monthly precipitation was 14.43 inches in 1892, the least montly precipitation was 2.65 inches in 1902; the greatest amount of paecipitation recorded in 24 consecutive hours was 3.26 inches on July 17, 1896.
Albert Ashenberger.

Death of Mrs. Jos. W. Keller.

Mrs. Jos. W. Keller, whose serious illness has been mentioned in the Courier, passed away on last Sunday evening, June 30th.

Mrs. Keller whose maiden name was Sarah Mericle, was born Nov. 18, 1801, in Perry Co. Ohio and was therefore in her 66th year, at the time of her death. She was married to Jos. W. Keller, in Ohio in 1859 at the age o 18; and they had trod the path of life together for nearly 50 years.

Nine children were born to them of which seven are yet living, two having died in infancy. Of these her daughters, Miss Pearl, who lives at home and has been the main stay in the care of her mother, Mrs. Kimmel whose home is in Kansas, and sons M. V. and E. M. who live here with their families, were at her bedside when the end came as was also Mrs. Chas. Keller, of Bay Minette.

The funeral services were held at the church, the pastor, Rev. H. G. Sedinger officiating, at 4:30 p. m. Monday, and the remains laid away in the Fairhope cemetery.

Mrs. Keller came to Fairhope with her husband, a little over five years ago and her home has since been here. She was a person of much vigor and energy, of lively and cheerful temperament and had seemed to enjoy excellent health until a few months before her death.

Miss Pearl Keller, the youngest daughter, who had been unremitting in her care of her mother, collapsed after the burden was lifted from her and has been quite ill, though somewhat improved at this writing.

The Courier voices the sincere sympathy of the community to the mourning husband and other relatives in there loss and at their request returns their thanks to the friends and neighbors who extended sympathy and assistance in their affliction.

NOTICE.

Cascade baking powder is the stuff; 40 cents per can and you get a prize with every can and also 2 buggy coupons with each can. If you are anxious to know who will get the buggy (and perhaps it will be you) come and buy some baking powder, as it must go before we can know who gets the buggy.

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New Church Service.

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A single cottage with four rooms, and gallery on two sides, built and finished same as double cottages described above, and situated next door to them. Parlor 15x15, dining room 9x15, kitchen 8x13, and bed room on second floor 11x23 which may be subdivided. Running water, necessary furniture, stove and utensils. Open fire place in parlor.
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We are authorized to offer the Mrs. Mann cottage at the "turn of the road," Fairhope Avenue, the one lately occupied by the De Coudres family. This is a very desirably located cottage, near the bay, with four rooms on ground floor and large attic room: porches front and rear; good cistern.
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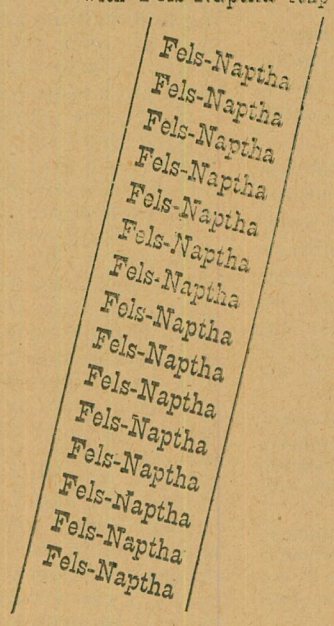

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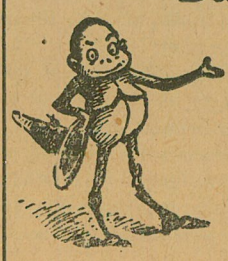

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Fairhope, to outward appearance, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

MR. DUINTJER WRITES REGARDING FERTILIZER FROM MOBILE.

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the proper management of the manure business for Fairhope's lessees and the Single Tax Corporation, than I was when I first gave Mr. Fels my opinion about it, two or three years ago.

Mr. Fels' suggestion to gather up the materials where they are to be gotten cheaply and to transport them in the most economical way is all right, but could give only indifferent results; for the reason that properly mixed or balanced complete fertilizers could not be obtained. To obtain this, the constant supervision of an experienced workman, and the storing, mixing and working of the raw materials under covered sheds, as well as the watering and draining into reservoirs of the valuable liquids are needed. I know myself all about this matter, and can eventually procure at no exorbitant price a practical workman for years familiar with the methods, and with a full practical knowledge of the composing materials.

I offered Mr. Fels at the time to introduce him to the authorities of a Dutch town as large as Mobile, where for more than fifty years the refuse of every kind has been treated in this way with extraordinary financial results.

At the same time, the sanitary results are splendid. The cleanliness of her streets, harbor and surroundings is proverbial, and I do not believe that the net financial result has ever fallen below half a dollar per head of the population.

I would like to form a combination to do the same for Mobile; and if I can awaken sufficient interest in it by her government, I am at any time willing to give her the needed introductions and full financial and other information about the subject.

Still, the sanitary and direct financial results to the city are only a part, and that rather a small part, of it. The development of a whole district of barren ground into fully developed, modern human habitations is the main fruit of such a small thing as refuse gathering in the right way. I offered Mr. Fels to introduce him to the first people—mill-owners, farmers, bankers etc. from the district situated in the neighborhood of the town I have referred to, and to show him what splendid results were and are there obtained from the use of this compost.

This district, as large as southern Baldwin, once an uninhabitable and uninhabited desert of large peat-fields and of no earthly use after the peat was removed for fuel, is now a densely populated rsidence and manufacturing district, where the products of the farms, in the main potatoes and cereals, are transformed into glucose, sago, dextrine, starch, strawboard, packing and writing paper etc.; whose products are sent all over the world—even to the United States in large quantities until the prohibitive tariff put a stop to it.

Under the capitalistic system, most of the profits went into the hands of the capitalist, but under a proper plan the same—no, still better—results could here be obtained, and Fairhope's citizens all benefited by it.

I am fully convinced, and can give the reasons for it, that when a sufficient number of Fairhope's lessees would co-operate in this matter, the way would be opened for a development of the Single Tax colony that would command the unanimous admiration of all.

In one or more following articles I expect to submit a plan for the realization of it, which will show in detail how it should be executed and how great eventually the result for our citizens, the Single Tax and the land communalizing idea would be.

After that I think to try to realize the idea, and I should be very glad if Mr. Fels and others would give me their highly appreciated help. I can assure all that nothimg unpractical will be proposed. Personally I am heart and soul for the individualistic way of working and am fully convinced that this can be preserved in the truly co-operative system of the future, combined with common ownership of the soil and all nature's bounties, and the obtaining by the workers of the full product of their labor. These three fundamental principles will underly the plan I wish to propose.

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AN ACRE OF LAND.

Editorial in New York World, July 1.

On fifth avenue between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, facing Madison Square, a tract of land a little over an acre in area has just been sold for $7,250,000. The old Fifth Avenue Hotel, which occupies this plot of ground, is to be torn down and a colossal office building is to take its place. Since the present buildings are to be removed, their value does not enter into the selling price, which is simply in payment for the exclusive and permanent use of an acre of Manhattan Island.

The first time that this tract of land was sold its value represented only a few beads out of one of the strings of glass beads paid to the Indians who were in possession of Manhattan Island when the white men came here.

After that there were successive sales, each one at a higher price, until in 1859 Mr. Eno bought the road-house that then stood on the corner and the yards and stables around it and spent $2,000,000 erecting what was then the most costly and the biggest hotel in the United States.

In 1900 after Mr. Eno's death, the hotel property was sold at public sale for $4,225,000. This sale to the office building syndicate is the third in fifty years.

Long before the Dutch founded the village of New Amsterdam on Manhattan Island this tract of land was here. Since the geological changes which diverted the Hudson from the west of the highlands to its present valley, ever since there has been an island bounded by the North, East and Harlem Rivers, this plot of land has existed in exactly the same dimensions and area.

For the purpose of raising crops it is not as valuable now as it was then. Its intrinsic value has been further diminished by cutting down the great trees which grew there.

Why is this land worth so much? Because it is the center of Manhattan Island.

And the area of Manhattan Island is worth so many billions of dollars because so many millions of people live and work here. If there were fewer millions of people here the land would be worth fewer billions of dollars. If the millions of people here continue to increase by further millions, the value of the land will continue to increase by further billions.

A calculating scientific professor has estimated that the capitalized value of the inhabitants of Greater New York is nine billion dollars.

This is but a half more than the market value of the land area of Greater New York, exclusive of buildings. Of the surplus earning capacity of the people of New York over and above the necessary food and clothing to keep them alive and in working condition two-fifths goes for land rent. That is, for the privilege of being allowed to live here.

As the population increases the percentage of rent to the total earnings increases. There are several rural counties in this State where all the land in the county is worth no more than an acre of Manhattan Island. That is because these counties are sparsely populated. If they were settled as thickly as Manhattan Island the people there would have to pay as large a proportion of their wages and salaries in rent as the people of New York do.

This is written in recitation, not in argument. The prediction which the facts imply is self-evident. The economic results are already apparent. The high rents of which the people of this city complain more and more every year are due to economic causes as inexorable in their working as the law of gravity.

A CLEAR THINKING WOMAN.

Virginia M. Woodward is the author of a booklet entitled "Parental Rights and Economic Wrongs," from which Ella Wheeler Wilcox quotes as follows in New York Journal-Examiner.

"The great villainies of life are not individual crimes, but the result of corrupt systems. The individual crime only effects individuals. Its sphere of operation and the term of its results are limited, while the effects of the villainous system are constant, reaching every individual, and generating a host of supplimentary evils. It is impossible that a system founded on injustice can work justice, even partially or temporarily. It can confer benefits only by favoring some at the expense of others, and in proportion as the favored are few and greatly favored, the victims will be many and greatly defrauded.

"Everything man eats, wears or uses in any way can be directly traced back to the natural resources of the earth. Man can no more live without land than he can live without air. He may live in the fifteenth story of a city skyscraper and be ignorant of the difference between sand and soil, but his existence depends as absolutely upon land as does the building in which he lives. His food, his clothing, his furniture, his tools—everything whatsoever that he uses or possesses comes from the soil.

"Cotton must grow and sheep must graze, and the leather that he uses depends upon the cattle ranges. Wood comes from the forest that no man planted, and coal from the mines that were stored by nature. Stone and brick, iron and lead, silver and gold all come from the store-house that no man filled, but from which all men must live. Take away this natural wealth from man and what remains? A naked, toolless, weaponless savage. Take away absolutely from any man the product of land and nothing remains, not even his body, for his body is dependent upon food and water, air and sunshine, shelter and clothing."

Miss Butterfield shows an ability to reason back to first principles which is refreshing and does not fail to point the moral that the most important economic problem is therefore to secure to men access to the earth to supply their wants.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

July 7th—A long delightful day alone with the magazines. I have done a power of reading, and the cream of it all was the reminiscences of Ellen Terry in the McClure's Rarely indeed have I ever enjoyed anything in print so much. She is a creature of wonderful nature, wonderful talent and holds her reader from page to page with something of the subtle charm of her stage acting. All of the anecdotes are good, but one of them made me laugh as I have not known laughter in many years for, though it must have been told often before, I never met it. It is one of the immortal Edmund Kean, who, like some other of the great stars, scorned to rehearse with a stock company. The manager visited him at his hotel in a swell provincial town where he was to play and asked him when he would rehearse.

"Rehearse! I'm not going to rehearse—I'm going to sleep." The manager asked if he had any instructions.

"Instructions! No! Tell em to keep five yards away from me and do their damned worst."

x x x Miss Marie Poutz of New Orleans made me a most gratifying three days visit; I had made my plans to "celebrate" the Fourth at Daphne but her visit afforded a rather welcome excuse for not going out in the oppressive heat.

Later—10:30 p. m. The evening service at the church thanks to the liberality and breadth of view of the new pastor, Mr. Sedinger, made a very gratifying new departure through the invitation to Mr. Gaston and our president, F. L. Brown, non-churchmen, to address the people on the subject of the evening sermon: "Dangers that menace our Republic." There was a large audience. Uhfortunately for me I could not get there in time to hear Mr. Sedinger, being detained at home until 8:40. Our Single Tax speakers were not very radical in their speeches—indeed they impressed me as

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SENATOR CULBERTSON ON GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

United States Senator Culbertson, of Texas, discusses "Democracy and the Railroad Problem" in Collier's Weekly, and unqualifiedly condemns government ownership of railways.

"Not only," he says, "would it work a dangerous centralization of power, both in the state and federal governments, creating millions of additional partisan offices and controlling at the outset. through political machinery, more than fifteen billions of wealth; but this measure embodies the most advanced and aggravated form of paternalism ever seriously offered in a free government. x x x Such a doctrine, indeed, implies and presupposes that the principles of the party are unsuited to the times; that individualism is gone; that centralization is wise, and that the government is best which governs most. As the doctrine is based upon the proposition that public ownership is necessary wherever competition is impracticable, its logical and ultimate end is government ownership and operation of every business susceptible of monopoly, whether of carrier, producer or dealer, and this is the essence of Socialism."

Ws credit Mr. Culbertson with sincerity in his fear of the "centralization" of power through government ownership, but we think it is easily demonstrable that it is along the line of de-centralization rather than the opposite

It is notorious that the control of the railways of the country is now "centralized" in the hands of a very small and decreasing coterie; that they have in the past practically controlled, and still do to a very large extent, the national and state legislatures and that the power exercised by them over their employes, has been a deciding factor in many elections.

The proposition seems to us a sound one that "public ownership is necessary wherever competition is impracticable," but there is a world of difference between those who, believing this, demand that competition be left free and unrestricted wherever practicable and the socialism which thinks competition in itself an evil to be eliminated, wherever practicable.

The control of city streets is everywhere vested in the city councils and the country roads are under the charge of county boards, but nobody thinks of that as "centralization." There is absolutely no difference of principle between the control of a paved street, by a city council to secure the equal right of all citizens to its use, and the control of a steel-railed highway by a state or national government to the same end.

Operation of the vehicles upon the railed highway by the state or nation, may possibly not be necessary, but ownership and absolute control of the highway itself to the same end as city streets are owned and controlled by cities, is absolutely necessary to equality in their use.

The Boat Service to the Point.

The Mobile Register of Tuesday had a half column editorial under the above heading. The article tells of the great improvements at the Point and the excellent management of the hotel, but says that the hotel is poorly patronized and many of the cottages empty.

The cause is laid chiefly at the door of the Steamboat Company, which heretofore ran a boat direct to the hotel during the season, but this year lands its boat first at Fairhope and North Wharf, necessitating leaving both ends of the route earlier than heretofore, and taking a longer time en route, making the service so unsatisfactory that Mobile business men will not come over with their families either to occupy cottages or become guests of the hotel. The complaint is certainly well founded.

Fairhope sympathizes with the people of the Point and those who would like to enjoy its pleasures, but have been prevented from doing so; though the circumstances complained of have inured to Fairhope's benefit.

We could have gotten along excellently with our own direct steamer; in fact, it does practically all our business, for Fairhope people appreciate fully the advantage of good transportation service and, realizing their indebtedness to the line which inaugurated such service and which plans its schedules to the interest of the town, are just enough and wise enough to stand by it; but with two direct steamers and a third along the coast, we have been favored as never before and are having the most prosperous summer season our town has ever enjoyed.

It is hard to frame a reasonable hypothesis for the schedule of the Pleasure Bay, for at North Wharf, Battles and Fairhope she travels over the same route as the steamer Carney of the same company within a few minutes of that steamer's time. She gets practically no business at Fairhope except on Sunday, and loses to the Baldwin a great deal more business which she might get below.

The real facts in the case probably are that from past experience the steamer management knows that a boat the size of theirs cannot be operated directly between the Point and Mobile at a profit in the summer time, and, coveting the Fairhope business, which is a large, growing, all the year round business, thought that it could hold most of the Point business, get enough of the Fairhope business to cut the Steamer Fairhope out of a profit and thus drive her off—or possibly break her down by "chasing her over the flats" on the route and thus eventually fall heir to the Fairhope trade.

If these were the hopes prompting the Bay Steamship Company it has failed to realize on every one of them.

Our Superior Summer Seasons.

C. C. Packard made an enthusiastic speech before the newly organized Gulf Coast Land Association at Mobile this week on the advantages of this section. Among other advantages he waxed eloquent over was our delightful summer climate. He said:

"I have just completed an issue of my publication which treated exclusively of Baldwin county, next east of this city. In gathering the data and providing the photographs for the half tone illustrations we employ, I traversed that county from Bay Minette down to the shore line of the gulf. The fact that this trip was made by a northern man late in June and in early July and that no single night was sleep possible any where in that entire region (you know that Baldwin county contains more than a million acres) without cover would hardly be believed in the north. My friends write me to abandon my work "while it is so hot," and when I reply that I do not suffer from the heat here as I have done in the region of the Great Lakes, they candidly doubt me. They know that life is nearly unendurable in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York during heated terms. That man and beast perish at these points when a "hot wave" prevails. Why, then, they argue, do you tell us that it's livable down there during the dog days?

"Nor will they believe the statement that we have delightful summer resorts along this coast; that at these one may pass idle days of the summer quite as comfortably as at Mackinaw or Bar Harbor.

"Another important factor of which we make too little is the entire absence of fatal heat attacks and sunstrokes. This is, to Northern people, a most incredible statement. Yet you and I know it is the literal, bald truth.

"Talk long and loud of your summer resorts, and bear down heavy on your "summer." Nearly everybody in the north candidly believes that, while we have mighty attractive winters, our summers are beyond living. You and I know that down here shade always brings relief from the heat; that our breezes are practically constant and that our nights are fine for sleep."

Mr. Packard puts it just a little stronger than the Courier would, but it will have to be put strong to make people come anywhere near realizing how really pleasant our summers are here—especially immediately on the coast, where we have the refreshing breezes right off the bay and gulf and the delightful sea bathing.

PROGRESS OF GEORGEISM.

From The Mirror, Saint Louis.

Georgeism, or the Single Tax, makes steady headway in Europe, and in all the states thereof. A recent issue of the New York Nation—a most conservative, high class journal—contains an editorial as follows: "Taxation of the unearned increment being a part of the English government's announced policy of dealing with the land question, a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian gives some details about the recent adoption of that method in Germany. Rather curiosly, it was first legalized in the German Chinese dependency of Kia-Chau. This was in 1898. In 1904, it began to be taken up by German cities, Frankfort leading off. Cologne followed, and last March the City Council of Berlin endorsed a proposal to apply the tax without delay. The movement has since rapidly spread. The unearned increment in a piece of property is reckoned as the increase in price, on sale or transfer, over the value at the latest previous sale. Deductions may, of course, be had for all improvements made in the meantime. The rate of taxation is in Frankfort 5 per cent., where the increment is from 30 to 35 per cent.; 6, where it is from 35 to 40; and so on up to a maximum tax of 25 per cent. The aim of those who advocate the tax is, first, to provide a new source of revenue; second, to prevent wild speculation in land; finally, to improve housing conditions. In an address to the Berlin City Council the Chief Burgomaster said the tax on unearned increment was a 'movement of the times.' He added: 'The great majority of the representatives of science are also enthusiastically in favor of the tax, and the movement has spread to the widest quarters of society.' Georgeism is the basis of the programme of the sanest reform parties in Russia, Denmark and Sweden. Land reform is seen by all clear thinkers to be the fundamental reform. It means liberty and opportunity. Georgeism is the reform that is to characterize the 20th century, as emancipation characterized the 19th. It will come before the century is half finished. And notwithstanding the fact that the American press ignores the news of the spread of the reform in Europe, the United States will not be the last nation to fall in line."

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GREAT LAND REFORM MEETING.

At Manchester, England.

We are indebted to Mr. Fels for a copy of the Manchester, England Guardian with extended report of a great land reform meeting in that city. According to the Guardian: "The meeting at Bellevue on Saturday was probably the largest that ever gathered in Manchester to discuss Land Reform. But the mere numbers present gave no measure of its importance, for many of them were delegates representing each of them, the views of many thousand serious if obscure, political thinkers. It was therefore no idle boast of the chairman, Mr. L. W. Zimmerman, that the gathering represented a larger body of public opinion than had ever been present at a land reform meeting before. If the interest of Manchester in land reform had hitherto lagged behind that of Glasgow and other towns, the reproach was removed on Saturday, and some of the speakers were not slow to see to see it in a good augury for the future. In the great Free Trade struggle Manchester acquired a reputation throughout the world for its power to carry an abstract economic argument to a successful conclusion; and the argument for taxing land values has much in common with the argument for Free Trade. Reform in land taxation is, indeed the necessary corollary of the old reform. As Mr. Zimmerman said, the industrial expansion of Lancashire, due to Free Trade, had been to some extent its own undoing. It has created new problems and imposed burdens on our industrial cities that can only be made tolerable by a reform in the land system. The two principal speakers on Saturday, Mr. Alexander Ure, the Solicitor General for Scotland, and Dr. Macnamara, addressed themselves to two different aspects of land taxation. Mr. Ure's speech was a philosophic but popular argument on the theory of rating; Dr. Macnamara discussed some of the good results that might be expected to follow a working scheme for the taxation of land values. One of its incidental advantages, he pointed out, would be that the valuation of land, apart from the buildings on it, would supply a just basis on which to determine the expropriation price of land for housing, small holdings, or for any public purpose whatever. It is hardly possible, indeed, to exaggerate the importance of this reform as the preliminary condition to the adequate performance by municipalities of their duties to the public. The motive for taxing land values is not to transfer burdens from one class of the community to another; it is to get at the whole value of the wealth created by corporate enterprise. The value of the land, as Mr. Ure well expressed it, is created and maintained by the industry and enterprise of the whole community; that is why it should be included among the resources of the community:

The taxation of the value of the land would in the first instance prevent the holding up of land for a rise in value, and would thus ease the housing difficulty. In the second place it would lead to the erection of buildings suitable to the site. It would no longer pay to have poor, squalid buildings on good sites, and our towns would in time become handsomer. Lastly, if the community improves the value of land by its enterprise and wise government, it would begin to draw some return in the enhanced rating of the land.

We are pleased to note the esteemed Mobile Register joining in the condemnation of the inhuman and illegal methods resorted to by sheriffs, jailors and police officers to extract confessions from suspected criminals, commonly known as "sweating." The Register quotes, with approval, the act of a Queens County, New York, grand jury, in refusing to indict a party for a crime which he had confessed after being put through the "third degree" in the sweating process. The practice is unjustifiable from any standpoint.

Others Kicking about Roads in Vicinity of Fairhope.

The Montrose correspondent of the Standard exhorts the editor to "put in a word or two to the commissioners about the condition of the roads between Fairhope and Daphne." Continues the correspondent: "They are in fearful condition, and surely should be attended to, The people in this part of the county are taxed just as heavily and yet never have a decent road to travel. x x x It's up to somebody to get a move on themselves and see that something is done."

We are glad some one else is kicking about the roads in this vicinity. Our observation is that we have been badly discriminated against. Hundreds and thousands of dollars have been spent on the roads leading into other towns and the work continues. We do not think the commissioners intend to discriminate us but we have not asserted our needs and rights as forcibly as we should and it is now up to us to do so.

A recent dispatch from Winnepeg Manitoba, tells of the throwing open for entry of lands formerly held by the Doukhobors, about whose emigration from Russia to Manitoba the papers were full a few years ago. The Doukhobors were granted 250,000 acres of land by the Canadian government, but refused to pay taxes to support the government, to which they were opposed as representing force. They also refused to become citizens or to file upon their land in the manner prescribed by law. A settlement was finally reached by allowing those who desired to live in communities about fifteen acres each in the neighborhood of the villages. A large area of the land was thus released for settlement.

The Doukhobors do not believe in the private ownership of land, and the Dominion government would not convey the land to them in common.

When our Colony Corporation was organized and before a location was decided upon, we had the hope of getting congress to let us take in common the land which our members would be entitled to take as individuals under the land laws, but Tom Johnson and Jerry Simpson both then in Congress, advised us there would be no hope of doing so.

We allow foreign capitalists to buy our lands and then draw thousands of dollars in rent each year to Europe, yet if some poor Jap or Chinaman, willing to render more service than he gets paid for, saves up a few hundred to take back home with him, our astute statesmen raise a deal of a tempest and see all sorts of calamitous things.—Coleridge Neb. Blade.

We regret to note the discontinuance of the Farm and Floral World of Mobile owing to continued ill health of the editor, Mr. Toomey. The Farm and Floral World has filled a useful place among gulf coast publications and will be missed. We hope Mr. Toomey may be restored tohealth.

So far the Str. Fairhope has held the trade between Mobile and this point, and she will undoubtedly continue to do so. Thus far in the struggle the little steamer has given better service for less money than her opponent. Now that the Pleasure Bay has cut the fare to the ridiculous price of 10 cents, the real contest begins. No doubt our people will stand by the Fairhope, and most of the traveling public would rather pay a quarter than see the Fairhope scoot by them on the slow boat.

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Fairhope and the Race Question, Discussed by Correspondent and the Editor.

Editor Courier:

Some weeks ago the Council passed an ordinance prohibiting colored picknicks and excursions from coming to Fairhope,

It is the policy, also of the Colony to refuse the use of land to colored people.

Fairhope is professedly a Single Tax town. The principle of the Single Taxer's contention is the absolutely equal right of all persons, in the natural opportunities of life the soil, water, sunlight etc., all included in the one word land.

They contend that it is the business of government to keep the peace, by seeing to it that the weak as well as the strong are secure in their right to live their lives as completely as may be.

They believe that the greater part of the poverty of the world, with its resultant crime and misery, is directly the result of the denial of natural right by the strong through the instrumentality of government.

The state of Alabama does not prohibit colored people from living within its borders. And it is presumed they are not debarred from renting or owning homes nor from holding picnicks.

Now if the Fairhope people should convert the state to the doctrine it stands for and should set up a real democratic government—a government by the people—of the people and for the people—with equal rights for all and special privilege for none, would they then be in favor of leaving the negroes out?

W. W. Kile.

The COURIER has not been delegated by the Council or Single Taxers of Fairhope Corporation to speak in their behalf upon the point raised by Mr. Kile, but assuming to voice only its opinion of what the Fairhope people would do under certain circumstances, would say in reply to Mr. Kile's inquiry: certainly the Fairhope people, were they so happy as to convert the people of this state to the Single Tax doctrine, would not "favor leaving the negro out."

We think that the Fairhope people understand fully, as Single Taxers generally do, that the "race question" so-called, is at bottom an economic question, and can only be settled by establishing equality of opportunity to produce and enjoy the products of individual labor. We know also that this can only be done by destroying land speculation and keeping land open to all on equal terms, by taking land values for public use. It is the purpose of Fairhope to help educate the people to acceptance of this policy by an example of its benefits.

Believing this to be the most important work within their power, it is their duty to make their demonstration as clear cut and conspicuous as possible.

To this end all minor questions or questions which would obscure the major purpose, should be relegated to the rear.

Those who have spent some years in Fairhope—which our correspondent has not—are fully aware that any attempt to interfere with the accepted status of the races in this section would be to cause the chief purpose of Fairhope to be wholly lost sight of.

The editor of the Courier is well convinced that in the present condition of public sentiment in the South it is best for both races that every opportunity for friction should be avoided which can be.

The throwing of the races together in masses, in their idle times, when because of drink and strange environment the usual restraints are apt to be lost sight of, is one of the most fruitful causes of trouble, in our observation.

We had an example of it just preceding the passage of the resolution by the Council referred to, when two young negro men who had come over with an excursion from Mobile, went into the bay, naked, or apparently so, within a short distance of the ladies' bathhouse. There was the making of a riot right there, which, with a few hot-headed white men—and not necessarily Southern men by any means—might have resulted in several deaths, and advertised Fairhope abroad in a way which would have done her great harm.

Was it not wise to avoid likelihood of other such occurences?

Another thing, if we are going to demonstrate the benefits of taking land values for public use, we want land values, and a wise judgment would advise that policies be pursued which will add as much as possible to our land values. To open our land to negroes would be to depreciate its value.

We question seriously if our friend would take a lot, knowing that the Colony would feel bound to accept the application of a negro for a lot alongside of him. We are very sure that he would not take a lot where his neighbors on either side of him were negroes.

Negros in general and in this vicinity have no better friends than the people of Fairhope, and intelligent negroes who desire the success of our effort and the welfare of their own people, have approved the Colony's policy.

In the exercise of its right and duty to make conditions at Fairhope as desirable as possible, the Colony has also, in a few instances, declined to lease land to white people who were considered "undesirable citizens", whose presence would depreciate land values in their vicinity.

We think our friend ls laboring under a mistaken view of the case, as so many are, because he confounds Fairhope, a private corporation, voluntarily organized for a specific purpose, with a county or state.

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sumes to set an example in some respects of what her people think political divisions should do, it does not at all follow that she is bound in all respects to do as they should do.

Free Land Means Free People.

From Middleton (Eng.) Guardian.

Free land means free people. At present the land is locked up. It is held out of cultivation; it is not improved. Round about it there is a great fence, not to be climbed or set aside by the people, except by the taxation of land values, which will bring the land into cultivation and improvement. It will set the people free, and so long as the earth gives forth its increase there will in that case be no starving people, no unemployment, no vast army of officials, and no "leisured class." The assurance of equal opportunities to all will bring this about. If anyone who objects to the attitude of the "Guardian" can tell us of a method for securing this in any other way than by taxation of land values, let us hear of it.

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Not a moiety of the millions of rates and taxes raised in this country for education is devoted to that purpose. The great bulk of it goes to people who have quite other ends in view. It is because we are foolish enough to keep several millions of people in idleness that our friends are constrained to meet in the Co-operative Hall and ask that somebody should do something in order that their children shall be taught. If they will only help us to compel these idle people to work, their children will be well educated and when we have put the economic question right we shall be in position to handsomely reward them for teaching our children and the exercise will do these idle people a power of good. At present we pay them for doing nothing. We work hard every day, and live under conditions dangerous alike to physical and moral welfare.

At the end of the week, when we draw our wages, we hand over the greater part of them to these idle people. We must give over doing that, and then education and all the other difficulties will resolve themselves.

Fairhope Has Very Strenuous Fourth

The little single tax steamer Fairhope had a strenuous Fourth yesterday, crossing the bay six times during the course of the day, and carrying a full passenger list every trip. On the first trip the Fairhope took out 150 leaving here at 9 o'clock with her decks crowded. Two other trips from Mobile were make 1 aying the wharf at 7 and 9 p. m. The speedy little steamer also took about 125 Fairhope people up to Daphne, carrying 100 back on her return trip.

On the last trip just before the steamer got into Daphne, a fusilade of fire works was let off from all three decks silhouetting the boat in a lurid glare that was visible miles away.—Mobile Herald.

Amos H. Wagner, of Point Clear, was in town on Tuesday and left an order for labels for preserved figs, of which his wife will put up probably 40 doz. pint jars this season. She has been putting up quantities for several seasons, all of which find a ready sale at a good price on the local market, as her figs are famous for quality. This is along the genuine "homecroft" line, for the figs are not only preserved at home but grown at home.

The editor has planted the yard back of the Courier office in cow-peas, which now present a beautiful sight. Planted in rows 3 ft, apart and without any fertilizer, they now cover the ground solidly and are growing like mad.

They look immensely better than the weeds which cover a good many yards, and will furnish a lot of cow feed.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of pains-taking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

Albright & Gaston Bargains

A Bargain in a Home.

Owing to a desire to be with their children, who are all in the North, in their declining years, Mr.&Mrs. Crosbie have decided to return North, and have placed in our hands for sale their pleasant home in Fairhope. The property consists of a one-story house with four nice-sized rooms, kitchen off of rear porch, and detached kitchen, six rooms in all; porch full width of house in front, and rear porch same—except for kitchen taken off it; good wood-house; large, deep cistern with filter and pump and sink. The main house is weatherboarded and ceiled, painted within and without, and has double floor. There are two lots, each 66x132, in fine cultivation, well fenced, with about twenty fruit trees coming into bearing; strawberry and asparagus beds, etc. Everything in A1 order. Location corner Fels ave. and Church st., one block south of church and not far from business center. At the price offered this place is going to be sold. We recommend it unhesitatingly as a home or an investment. If you contemplate a home at Fairhope and have the money by you, you will make no mistake in taking this place. If it doesn't suit you, you can sell it within a short time and make money on it.

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COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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A FINE GARDEN SPOT.

Five room house, three down and two up-stairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.
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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams have moved into their recently purchased and improved cottage on Fairhope avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and children left early in the week, going we understand, to Gulfport, Miss., where Mr. Bishop contemplates engaging in business.

The Fairhope on Wednesday landed her passengers and a fair freight ahd was off on her return trip to Mobile, before the Pleasure Bay touched the wharf.

M. V. Keller has traded his land near Water Hole, for a farm in Missouri and expects to leave within a few weeks to make his home upon the landed traded for.

The Miss Richard's cottage on Magnolia Ave. has been painted. The colors are bright and striking and the cottage architecurally one of the most attractive in the town.

Capt. Joseph Lawrence and helpers, put in several new fender piles at the pier head, the biggest and heaviest ever put up there. The Captain is expert at such work.

We have sold a number of the Perfection Oil Stoves and those who have them are greatly pleased with them. The editor's wife among the number. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Leopold Dolz, Cuban consul at Mobile is spending the summer season, with his wife and their young son, at the Fairhope House.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnell, of Mobile, are at the Fairhope Hotel for a few weeks stay.

Mrs. Lou Baldwin formerly Miss Edna Lucier, is home from Kansas, where she has been living for about two years past, on a visit to her parents She has her little boy with her.

Will Davis is now employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Co. The Company is rebuilding its lines in this vicinity in most substantial manner with big juniper poles and Will is foreman of the construction crew.

We are authorized by Mr. Crosbie to offer his house, together with all improvements for $400 cash, or the furniture included for $425. See a fuller description elsewhere. This is a bargain for some one, if taken at once. See us about it. Albright and Gaston.

Misses Alice Patterson and Irene Lucier, arrived on Sunday evening from Barnet, Miss. Both have been pupils of Mrs. M. L. Johnson there and Miss Alice taught a very successful school not far from there. She expects to return to Mississippi in the fall to teach.

During a sharp thunder storm on Tuesday a little after noon, the ware-house at the pier head was struck by lightning knocking off a few shingles and splitting several boards. Mesrss. Trenholme, Fisher and Otto Went were on the pier head at the time and were slightly shocked.

The whole neighborhood is rejoicing in the change of ownership of the meat market property from Mr. Bishop to Mr. Stapleton. As conducted the place was a nuisance to everyone in the vicinity and had been complained of to county health officer Mr. Stapleton has cleaned up the premises and it is believed will conduct a model market.

The Farmer's Educational and Cooperative Union expects to have a big meeting at Bay Minette tomorrow. A mass meeting of members and all interested is called for Saturday and the county meeting of the Union will be held today and tomorrow. W. S. Baldwin, Vice president of the Baldwin county Union and Dr. Greeno, are in attendance at the meetings and probably others from Fairhope.

A telephone message just received from Mobile announces that the Pleasure Bay has cut the rate to Fairhope to 10 cents. As the Pleasure Bay has kept the fare at all points up to 35 cents and now makes the reduced rate only to Fairhope, the object is only too transparent. The Fairhope will not meet the cut at Fairhope, as 25 cents is as low a rate as it is possible to make for the distance and the business possible to be done, but will retaliate by running to Battles and North Wharf at twenty-five cents, which the manager has long been importuned to do.

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Estimating and Repairing

The Fairhope had her limit from Mobile to Fairhope and back again last Sunday, the crowd being swelled as a few Sundays previous by an excursion of Scandinavian sailors to picnic on the beach.

Captain Nichols has the lumber on the ground for two more cottages which Capt. Jos. Lawrence will build him. Captain Nichols is one of the private land owners adjoining the Colony against whom it has little "kick coming." He is putting his ground to good use, appreciates the service rendered him by Fairhope and strives to make the obligation mutual.

A minature water spout was seen near the shore on Thursday morning. When first seen by our informant it was near Rest Cottage bath house and traveled north along the shore up to near the Colony north line where it ran ashore and disappeared. It was a small affair, but the whirling motion and the water being drawn up in fine spray were plainly seen.

Wesley Cooper and Mrs. Fisher widow of the late Dr. Fisher, of Silver Hill were married by the Rev. A. E. Shupe, at the Wilson House on Wednesday. The newly married couple remained at the Wilson House until Thursday morning when they went to Mobile returning that evening and proceeding on to their home near Silver Hill.

Mr. Phinney, whose daughter Mrs. Jernigan and her son, are occupying the Haworth cottage, and who frequently gets over to see them, is an old sea-captain, having commanded for many years the smart American coasting schooner Clara A. Phinney, often seen in Mobile harbor. He does not now go to sea in the vessel but is managing owner and also loads other vessels when his time is not required by her.

Mr. J. C. Berry returned from Selma on Thursday evening and at once installed one of the lights for which he has the agency, in the Massey pavilion, where its bril liance was much admired and where it added much to the pleasure of the dance given there the same evening. He is putting in one today in the Stapleton meat market. Mr. Berry is accompanied by his friend Mr. Geo. Acker.

Mr. Hickox of Dallas, Tex., spent several days here with his wife and mother-in-law and returned to Texas, to look after business matters rekuiring his attention, but will be back again. The Courier enjoyed a pleasant call from Mr. and Mrs. Hickox and Mrs. Dolz, wife of the Cuban consul. All are enthusiastic over the charms of Fairhope.

Mrs. Van Bendegom left on Wednesday with the three youngest children for Kenosha, Wisc. to spend the remainder of the summer.

The dance at the Massey Pavilion on Thursday evening was well attended.

Christian Church Services.

A full attendance is desired at the Sunday-school, as arrangements will be made for the annual excursion and picnic.

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Capt. G. A. R. Lawrence Dead.

Captain George A. R. Lawrence has succumbed to the dread disease locomotor ataxia, from which he has been long a sufferer.

He passed away a little before midnight last night, July 11th and will be buried this evening.

A fuller notice will appear in our next issue.

A Trip to the Old Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stimpson expect to leave, with their children, tomorrow morning for England, for a visit with relatives and friends at their former home.

Mrs. Stimpson's health has not been the best for some time and her husband hopes—in which hope the community will share—that the sea voyage and a visit to the old home will be a great benefit to her. Mr. and Mrs. Stimpson are among the oldest residents of Fairhope, having come here in the spring of 1895, and were the first couple to be married in the town. They have both worked hard during these twelve years not only for themselves and their family but for Fairhope and its every interest. They deserve a rest and a change, and the COURIER is glad they are to get it.

Mr. Stimpson will be an active propogandist for Fairhope wherever he goes and will make it a point to call on as many as he can of those who are interested in our Colony and endeavor to interest others.

They expect to be gone about two months. Here's wishing them a pleasant voyage a good visit and a safe return,—to be better pleased with Fairhope, we shall hope, than ever.

Compliments Our Envelope.

DEAR MR. GASTON:

I write to compliment you on your new envelopes. They are neat and attractive and the sentiments expressed on them are sound and comprehensive. If all single taxers would use envelopes with such sentiments thereon it would be a great help to our cause.—With best wishes —Sincerely' GEO. H. SINTON.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

The idea is a good one. we will be pleased to send copies of our envelopes to subscribers writing for same.

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.

Cottage Near Bay Front for Sale

We are authorized to offer the Mrs. Mann cottage at the "turn of the road," Fairhope Avenue, the one lately occupied by the De Coudres family. This is a very desirably located cottage, near the bay, with four rooms on ground floor and large attic room: porches front and rear; good cistern.

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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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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MRS. HOWLAND'S LETTERS.

(Continued from 1st page.)

being rather anxious to preserve this gratifying "entering wedge!" Mr. Brown's most trenchent comment was that, in substance, when a man's religion and his politics could not agree to work together, he had better discard one or the other. x x x This is the first time I have been in this church since the new interior decorations were finished. They were so really artistic and beautiful that my attention was continually distracted by them. You see I must go there often and thus be able to keep my mind from wandering to secular details. The wall decorations done in large panels resembled frescoes like those seen in churches abroad, but not so elaborate. The study of design and tint was perfect. If I knew it, I would give the name of the decorator. If our new town hall could have such decorations on its walls I would rejoice. But you see everything has to be hampered by "scrimp." Mr. Trenholme who is to construct the building showed me his plans yesterday. They were good, but I could not but see how every inch was a study of economy, properly so of course, for our means are limited despite the generosity of friends. You see it requires quite a "tidy" sum of money to build a public hall and library combined; and a study of adaptation of means to ends of no mean order. Our building committee however. know what they have to do, and we have confidence in them.

The pastor, Mr. Sedinger, was the artist entitled to the credit for the decorating of the church and, with the assistance of Mr. Barnhart, did the work, which is also to his credit.—Editor.

Mr. W. E. Clement, one of the COURIER'S subscribers at New Orleans, paid the COURIER office a pleasant call on Saturday. He was enjoying a vacation on a yacht cruise with other friends: Messrs. Gore, Ivy, Deverich and Prochaska, in the handsome sloop yacht, "Agnes." The party had been down at Point Clear for several days having a royal time, ano were accompanied on the trip to Fairhope by the Misses McPhillips, Miss Mapes, and other Mobile ladies summering at the Point. It was Mr. Clement's second visit, after an interval of a couple of years and he was greatly pleased with the improvements noted.

The Steamer Fairhope continues to distance with ease all her competitors. The Pleasure Bay, in the four weeks she has been running direct to Fairhope has not been able once to show herself first at Fairhope and is usually from three to seven minutes behind. The Fairhope continues to get practically all the Fairhope business though the Pleasure Bay gets some passengers on occasions when the travel is particularly heavy.

E. W. Jefferson hands us a copy of the Pittsford, Michigan, Reporter, containing an interesting article regarding the automobile trip of our last winter's visitor, L. A. Bryan, of the Illinois Steel Company's new town of Gary, Ill. The article tells of the Bryan visit to Fairhope and something of the Colony policy. Mr. Bryan was quoted as thinking that the Colony "has been in a measure successful."

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Single Tax Complement of Free Trade

From Land Values, London and Glasgow.

We are sometimes told that free trade, that is, our present fiscal system is a failure, that notwithstanding the "remarkable prosperity" it has brought yet we have poverty, unemployment low wages, and hard times for the great mass of the people. This is true. It is also true that Richard Cobden himself in his latter days realized the failure and admitted it frankly and fearlessly. But he saw more than the failure, he saw the cause of it.

Cobden saw clearly that the advantages of his free trade policy would not go to the people in remission of rates and taxes or in higher wages, but to the landowners in the ever increasing value of the land; and in his last speech at Rochdale he boldly declared that "Great as had been the advantages to the nation of free trade, he was convinced that those who reformed our land system would be doing a greater work for humanity than those who had effectively agitated for the repeal of the Corn Laws."

The leader of the free trade movement was right. The prosperity brought to the nation has found its way in the higher monopoly value of the land, as the speakers at the meeting demonstrated by indisputable facts and figures given on a thousand platforms. The taxation of land values is the complement of Cobden's great work. He opened our ports to free trade in exchange. We propose to open our land to free trade in production. He abolished the tax imposed by the state on bread; we want to abolish the tax imposed by the landlord on the opportunity to make bread.

As the Solicitor-General for Scotland said, we propose to stop taxing improvements, the results of human exertion, and take as our standard of rating the value of the land. And for the reason that the value of the land is created and maintained by the presence, the industry, the energy, and the wise expenditure of the community, and owes nothing to the individual exertions of the landowner.

This policy is one of simple justice and economic freedom. We are not asking for new restrictions or new burdens to be placed on capital or labor to better the condition of the oppressed, but, as in the case of the Corn Laws we are pleading for the abolition of a powerful monopoly which constantly and continuously fleeces both these active agents in the production of wealth. As Mr. Ure plainly suggests we desire to put a period to the present confiscation of public values by private persons, and to put the community as such, in possesion of its own earnings.

Where Public Authorities Hold Land.

From speech of Dr. McNamara, M. P. at Land Reform Demonstration Manchester Eng. June 22, 1907.

"For many years Prussian towns have followed the policy of acquiring land. Today Berlin owns land equal to 85 square yards per head of the population. Breslau owns 145 square yards per head of population. Munich 104 square yards, and Strasburg 365 square yards per head of population. Manchester owns no land of this kind. In this happy country we create enhanced values for the urban land owner. We get no adequate return from him by way of contribution to the common purse, and, what is more monstrous, if we want land whose value we have created for some purpose of public utility, we are hit a crushing blow as a municipality in the cost we have to pay, and this cause is a result almost entirely of our own rate expenditure.

"In Prussia by the judicious purchase of land in suburban zones years ago, many towns have reduced their rates. and many more have no rates at all, meeting all their communal needs out of profits from the public ownership of land. In Baden there are local authorities which have no rates at all, because of the income from land. In Bavaria 526 towns are in a similar position, and there is one local authority in Germany which not only has no rates to levy but actually paid a dividend of £15 a year to its householders.

"If fifty years ago the great urban corporation of Great Britain had been allowed to purchase thefr suburban zones the profits they would today be deriving from such ownership would have met all, or practically all, communal needs."

Hurrah For Baldwin County.

Eloquent testimony to the progressive character of Baldwin county people was borne in the letter from the state superintendent of education, read by J. H. H. Smith at the Daphne celebration and which stated that Baldwin was the only county in the state which levied a three mill tax for educational purposes in addition to the three mills levied by the state. Jefferson, Escambia and Baldwin counties are the only counties in the state which levy a county tax of more than one mill and only forty of the sixty-seven counties in the state, levy the one mill tax. Hurrah for Baldwin!

THE MERRY STEAMBOAT WAR.

Steamer Fairhope Still in the Lead. Sets the Pace and Carries The People.

Ten Cent Fare by the Pleasure Bay Results in Less Share of Business for Her Rather Than More.

LOYALTY OF MOBILE PEOPLE.

The desperate effort of the Pleasure Bay management to cut the steamer Fairhope out of the Fairhope business by cutting the fare at Fairhope alone to ten cents, has so far not only failed totally of its aim, but has reacted upon the company so that—save on Sundays—their steamer gets even less busiuess than before.

The people realize fully the object of the cut rate, that it is only done to try to drive the Fairhope off and then be free to put the fare up to 35 cents, as the same company continues to charge elsewhere, or even higher. They refuse to take the bait and are rallying to the support of the home boat which has stood by them right along, with a loyalty which is most gratifying—even surprising.

The loyalty of the Mobilians who are summering here, is one of the most interesting features of the situation. The Mobile young people go down to the dock in large numbers to cheer the Fairhope and deride as "ten centers" and "cheap skates" the few who venture to ride on the Pleasure Bay.

The Fairhope is retaliating by running on down to Battles and Point Clear north wharf at her regular twenty-five cent fare, and getting a big share of the business there, where the people are "sorer" than ever on the other boat for giving Fairhope a ten cent fare while continuing to charge them thirty-five cents.

On Monday morning the Pleasure Bay got but three passengers at Fairhope, whereas she got about 15 the Monday previous and on Tuesday morning got but two. The Fairhope had 142 passengers on Monday morning, the Pleasure Bay from all points 116, and the Carney with all the Daphne business and what she picked up below, something over 80.

On Sunday morning despite rain, almost up to the moment of leaving time at Mobile, which the writer expected would make travel unusually small, the Fairhope brought over 117 passengers. The Pleasure Bay brought a big crowd also but almost entirely new people who had never been seen at Fairhope before, and who took advantage of the cheap rate for a day's outing.

The net result to date of this writing, has been an increase of business for the steamer Fairhope and the biggest kind of an ad for the town.

Former Baldwin County Ediror Wants R. R. Corporations to Pay Their Share.

The Minersville (Pa.) Free Press, of which Ira B. Jones, formerly editor of the Baldwin Times, is editor, reports a condition there which is found in many other places. The railroads and big coal companies have been escaping a large share of the taxes they should have paid to put them on an equality with smaller holders, one result, which must be blamed not so much to the corporations as to the general policy, which rewards land owners for getting in the way of municipal progress by allowing them to reap without efforts of their own the increasing land values. The Free Press refers to it as follows:

"For some years past it has been the policy of the Reading Company to refuse to sell land in the borough for building purposes, and the demand has been great; while at the same time the taxes on this land have been paid on the basis of an average assessment of $105 per acre.

"This policy of withholding the land has served to retard the development of the town, and the discrimination in the matter of assesments was manifestiy unfair to the other tax payers."

The Free Press exhorts the county commissioners to be firm and give the people as well as the corporations a square deal. We would that it saw that even to tax the corporations on their vacant lands on the same percentage of valuations as merchants, manufacturers and homemakers, is not a "square deal;" for the values of the one class are not due to their own efforts but to the necessities of others, while the other has rendered an equivalent for everything it possesses.

Excessive Increase in Rents.

Mobile Daily Herald.

The "Unearned Increment" of which Henry George wrote with such prophetic power that those who do not agree with him in his conclusions were forced to admit the accuracy of his premises, is showing its most evil and unjust characteristics in Mobile at the present time. Rents in many parts of the city will, on moving day, November 1, be increased from 10 to 100 per cent, according to location.

The over-taxing of tenants by excessive rent charges is a short-sighted policy, which will work an injury both to the property owners and to the city. Every failure in business injures either creditors or employes of the bankrupt, and the effect upon the credit and reputation of a place of numerous business disasters is extremely detrimental.

The way to prevent the practice of overcharge for rent will probably be by adopting the practice of assessing rented property for taxation by city, county and state on the basis of the rental income; or it may become necessary to create a commission which will determine what is a fair rental price for business, residence, or agricultural property. The danger to the state from the tyranny of grasping landlords is quite as burdensome as any corporation or trust tyranny, and if one must be regulated so should the other.

Some of the advances made in the rental price of Mobile property are unjust and extreme.

The new depot opened by the Southern railway is effecting some change in the business center of the city, and should the Louisville and Nashville railroad be compelled to take its passengers to that station this change will be severely felt, but this should be an incentive to improve the property near the new depot rather than to raise the price of rent for the buildings already there. The landlord should give something in return for the unearned increment which he enjoys.

The whole trouble with the increment of land values is that it is "unearned." Why should people be expected to take the risks and trouble to improve their property, when they can reap "unearned increment" without working; and when they would be rewarded for their enterprise by an annual fine on the improvements.

The landlord "should give something in return for the unearned increment, which he enjoys"—and the Single Tax would make him do it.

Mr. Braam Reviews the Past Year.

Editor Courier:

I was somewhat curious to see how the Single Tax plan, in so far as it is carried out here, works. I therefore obtained the Treasurer's books and went through the accounts for 1906. I added the items that each person received for labor and tabulated them as below:

Coutant	.60	Forward	2473.05
Stimpson	222.72	Wilson C.	2.00
Well Committee	9.00	Clements Miss	160.50
Patterson	56.09	Knowles	9.00
" whfg.	446.40	Stokes	1.25
Braam	76.24	Corbett	15.00
Powell	125.00	Trenholme	1.00
Bancroft	78.92	Jefferson L. K.	4.50
Jefferson E. W.	34.60	Brown C. K.	3.00
Hoopes	4.88	Stearns A. L.	14.40
Gass	5.40	Curtis	2.50
Gunnison	13.50	Bellangee	51.94
Lawrence G.A.R.	7.50	Creswell	22.50
Gaston Cornie	.50	VanBavel & K'n	26.00
Gilmore	35.01	Lawrence J. W.	13.60
Fairhope I. Co.	24.00	Rose	30.00
Chapman	52.88	Pump Committee	9.45
Baldwin & Bell	30.85	Shepherd	17.69
Gooding	30.00	Goor	24.76
Gaston salary	244.10	Richardson	5.22
" pstg.	97.27	Mathews	4.50
Call	61.10	Wilson	1.50
Wood	53.36	Lawrence G.	61.67
Brown F. L.	250.75	Cain	70.89
Stearns O. W.	71.71	Wilson Gene	.75
Vanderbeck	4.00	Went	27.00
Comings	75.80	Gaston J.	1.50
Smith A. C.	1.05	Stersic	10.65
Kraak	6.90	Steiger	3.25
Cope	10.05	Baldwin W. S.	3.00
Sweet Mrs.	130.50	Pomeroy	40.00
Rathje	94.62	Henry	9.75
Gray	58.75	Mogg	81.00
Poortstra	53.00	Massey	8.60
Larson	6.00	Van Bavel J.	10.50
Total	2473.05	Swift	23.42
		Total	3259.34

The money paid to F. L. Brown is largely for lumber and brick. It is included here because the material was manufactured here, and the greater part of the money was paid out by Mr. Brown to his mill hands for labor. It is therefore an indirect payment to laborers by the Colony. The moneys paid to R. F. Powell and S. H. Comings were not all converted into labor, but how much was so converted was not learned.

It will be seen that the total is $3259.34 and that this was paid out to 70 or more different individuals. Some received very little, others again received enough to live on. If there is another town of its size anywhere in this state that pays out as much as one cent from its own reveues, I should like to hear of it. I think there is none. By how much, then does Fairhope excel all towns of its size? Divide the amount that Fairhope pays out by nothing, the amount that these other towns pay out, and you get a quotient which represents the number of times that Fairhope excels these other towns in this respect.

There is another important point to be noted. This money was largely expended for labor upon public improvements. These improvements remain here for the use of the public, and the public is daily benefited by their use. The amounts so expended are tabulated below:

Water works	1681.74
Fire Extingnishers	42.00
Library	.10
Cemetery	1.20
Wharf	297.00
Pump and Well	86.70
Roads and Bridges	356.18
Telephones	134.78
Hall	78.40
Total	2678.10

The statement just made above, that these improvements remain, should be somewhat qualified, for the hurricane destroyed the hall and the wharf, and the pump and well are no further use because the water works takes their place. If the hall had been properly braced it would have stood, and if the wharf had been high enough it too would have remained. The new wharf has been built two or three feet higher and the new hall will no doubt, be properly secured against fire and hurricane.

Besides the amounts mentioned above there was expended for other purposes the following amounts.

Salaries	327.20
Schools (inc. salaries)	561.22
Printing and Postage	101.73
Propaganda	464.59
Commission to wharfgr.	446.40

The money spent for propaganda was collected by Mr. Bellangee from outside sources, and the commission of the wharfinger was collected by the wharfinger as wharfage.

The money paid out for labor was perhaps mainly spent for the following purposes: groceries, clothing, and other articles for the support of the laborer's families; medical services; water works, telephones, wharfage, boat fares, etc.

The first division mentioned, groceries, etc., were mainly purchased from local dealers, and this patronage helped to support the dealers, the clerks and their families. As business increases, dealers and clerks increase, and this implies more habitants. These again, needing a place to live, cause land values to rise by increasing the demand for land. They also cause an increased demand for labor to erect buildings, fences, etc. Increased consumption of goods necessitates increased supplies, and this means wharf and boat earnings. The increased boat earnings help to support the boat, which, as it is a direct boat and charges low fares, is a very important factor in the development of the town. The increased wharfage enables the Colony to make more public improvements, which again, in turn, helps to support more people and makes life more economical and agreeable, etc.

The money that was spent for medical services, helped to support doctors, druggists and their families. These people bought groceries and other goods, employed labor, etc. as the other store employees we have mentioned did, and in the way contributed to the general welfare of this community.

A portion of the money earned from the Colony was expended on water works, telephones and wharfage as noted above. As these public utilities are in the main, owned by the Colony, this money came back to the Colony to be again expended on further improvements. The importance of these utilities will be shown further on.

Another portion was spent on boat fares and freight charges. Although the boat is not owned by the Colony, it does much to develop the Colony and thus the money spent on boat patronage again benefits the Colony.

While the Colony spent all of this money, it is not lost. It is merely transformed into other forms of wealth. This wealth is in the shape of public improvements, which can be and are used by all of the people, and while they are using them they are benefiting themselves and the whole community.

A great deal of labor and money were expended upon the water works during the year, because all of it was construction work necessary to install the system. A system of water works prevents loss by fire; attracts other residents because of this element of safety; increases the comfort of the subscribers, and the operation and extension of the system creates a greater demand for labor. This decreased loss by fire is an important item, for, sooner or later, every town unprotected by water works is wholly or in part destroyed by fire. The loss is very great and a severe hardship to the citizens; sometimes bringing irretrievable ruin to them. Where fires are prevented, this wealth is conserved, its natural increase invested in tools, machinery, buildings, etc. to produce more wealth. This again increases the rental values of lands, and the demand for labor and material. The laborers spend their earnings in different ways, and as a result of all these things there is general prosperity. The increased population attracted here by the greater safety of the town causes a greater demand for lots, for labor and material. All of these things, as has previously been shown again contribute to the general prosperity of the town.

The telephone system places its subscribers into instant comunication with doctors, stores and other business places, and with all the other subscribers, and enables them to summon help in case of sickness or accident. By being able to get a doctor promply lives are sometimes saved. There are times when a consultation can be had by telephone and the expense of a trip saved. Much time and labor are saved by avoiding fruitless journeys to the wharf or stores, and the expense so saved will amount to considerable in the course of a year.

It appears from the records that only 10 cents was expended on the library. If I remember correctly, however, the rent of the librarian was canceled. This is not an adequate remuneration for so important a service.

The library plays a great part in attracting people here, as a free circulating library is rare in the South. There is not even one in Mobile. Mrs. Howland patiently allows the public to invade her house twice a week, wipe its feet on her carpet, muss up the magazines and books and rob her of a great deal of time and labor. After it has gone she cleans up the rooms, re-arranges the files, and patiently awaits the next attack. She does this all for the good of society, and, indeed, I believe her work to be more important than that of many Christians.

All things considered, I believe that Fairhope is now well started on the road to success. her revenues will increase year by year, and the public improvements will grow accordingly. It is curious to see how even her enemies while working solely for their own interests are sometimes furthering the interests of the Colony instead. The most recent example is the steamboat warfare, which gives to Fairhope and no other place on this side of the bay a ten cent rate between Mobile and this shore, widely attracting the attention of the public to our advantages.

J. W. BRAAM.

The Tenement House Problem Solved by Simple Change in Tax Laws.

Editor COURIER:

A recent editorial with the caption, "Fine them if they don't, fine them if they do," dealing with the tenement house problem, contained a truth in every paragraph,

It is true that under our present system of taxation the man who improves his land by repairing the dwellings or by the erection of new buildings, is fined for his enterprise in giving employment to labor and making a city more beautiful.

It has been well said many a time that we fine a man once who commits the crime of stealing chickens, but the man who builds a hen-house is fined every year. In order to encourage the land user and discourage the land speculator who holds land idle, we must exempt from taxation all labor products and tax all land at its full value.

People do not live in squalid tenements because they want to, but because they must owing to the fact of low wages. By taxing land at its full value and abolishing all other taxes, a condition will result where laborers will be able to demand in wages the full earnings of their labor. They will be able to occupy desirable and up to date tenements, and the undesirable shacks will soon become empty. Then the owners of these shacks will have to make them fit for habitation or tear them down and build new ones.

That a large problem such as the tenement house problem can be solved by a simple change in our tax laws is astonishing, isn't it?

Boston, Mass. W. L. CROSMAN.

Daphne Normal School To Open October.

Dr. J. A. B. Lovett, recently elected president of the State Normal School, at Daphne, Ala, was in Mobile yesterday arranging for extensive remodeling of the old county buildings at that place, which are to be converted for school purposes.

President Lovett stated that this work would begin the coming week, first upon the old county court house and later the old jail. which will be an annex to the normal. The main building will have nine rooms for school purposes, and the annex seven, which will be devoted to music, art, and elocution departments, and society halls. It is expected to open the school early in October.

The dormitory will not be built this year, President Lovett said, but several residents of Daphne had arranged to accommodate the students for the first term of the normal. The dormitory, he said, would be completed in time for use next season. He also announced the appointment of Prof. J. W. Kendrick to the chair of mathematics. Prof. Kendrick is a graduate of old Oglethorpe University of Georgia, in its day one of the best educational institutions in the south. Prof. Kendrick was a classmate of the late Sidney Lanier, in life a very brilliant literary man of Alabama. The remaining members of the teaching corps are yet to be selected.—Item.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

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Friends of the paper are becoming increasingly interested in the effort to increase its circulation and uselulness and are giving us much encouragement.

Geo. C. Madison, Chicago has sent in two or three new names and is after more.

Miss Mary Hicks, Bainbridge Ga. accompanies her renewal with a subscription for the Los Angeles, Cal. public library.

Just as we go to press a list of 6 new subscribers secured at Buffalo, is received irom Wm. L. Heller, with an interesting letter from him. Also a club of 6 from another consistent and persistent friend, Oliver Rule, of Meriden Connecticut.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

Str. Fairhope Treats Patrons.

Manager Pilcher of the steamer Fairhope, perpetrated a very enjoyable surprise upon the passengers on the steamer on her return trip from Mobile on Wednesday evening, by serving ice-cream and cake to all.

This was a graceful recognition on the part of the steamer management of the loyal manner in which the patrons of the boat have stood by her in the contest now on, and cemented still firmer the friendly feeling existing.

Much of the warm feeling manifested for the boat is due to the genial personality of Mr. Pilcher. Captain Roberts is also always pleasant and courteous and greatly liked. As are engineer DeKalb and mate Bebolt.

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Captain George A. R. Lawrence (full name as above) was born in Mobile on April first 1859. His father, Captain Silas Lawrence still living at Fairhope at the ripe old age of eighty-five, was formerly of Maine but his mother was a native southern woman.

His father being a seaman, he early became familiar with sailing vessels, and at the age of fifteen was in charge of a schooner carrying cord-wood to Galveston.

Most of his work thereafter was upon the water, and he commanded at different times many vessels, sail and steam, including the steamers, "Fairhope" and "Vivian", and the schooners "Minnie L," "Minneola," "Stella" and "Empress," since he came to Fairhope.

He was married in 1880 on the San Bernard River, in Texas, to Martha Rosa Overton, who, with their eight living children, (one having died in infancy) survive him all being about his bedside when the end came.

He came to Fairhope in April 1897 within about 18 months after the founding of the Colony, sailing around from Pearl River, Miss., with his family and household goods on the little five ton schooner "Minnie L." Houses being few in Fairhope then, and they all filled, the family were debarked on the beach where they tented for a part of the summer and the Captain went at once to work with his schooner, freighting merchandise to and from Fairhope and other Eastern shore points, and Mobile. A few months later a home was purchased, that in which Capt. Jos. Lawrence now lives.

The residence of the family at Fairhope has been continuous since their arrival with the exception of about one year spent at Gulfport.

Capt. Lawrence was of an exceedingly nervous, active, amoitious temperament, a living refutation of the charge which some are fond of bringing that our southern climate takes away energy. All hours and all weathers were pretty much alike to him when there was work to be done and work and exposure were undoubtedly responsible for the dread disease which carried him off after months of great suffering, when he should have only been in his prime. The family trace his trouble to extreme effort and exposure, in releasing his schooner from the ice, and saving her from wreck, in our "great freeze" of Feb. 1899.

Capt. Lawrence took to the Single Tax as soon as it was presented to him, and was a most zealous disciple. He never let an opportunity pass to bear testimony to the true gospel of economics. Naturally sympathetic his knowledge of the handicap which our unjust land system puts upon the many, heightened his sympathy for the "under dogs" in the struggle for existence and many were the poor fellows he brought over to Fairhope on his trips this way from Mobile, seeking to help them to opportunities for greater independ nce.

He was an ardent friend of the Colony and the COURIER, and in the "early days" used to solicit ads for the paper in Mobile. and he had secured a number of subscribers for the paper within the last year.

His death as reported in the last COURIER, occurred on Thursday night, July 11. The funeral services were conducted at the residence on Friday evening following, the address being made by his warm friend and comrade of years, Rev. G. W. Wood. Rev H. G. Sedinger assisted and music was rendered by a quartet, Rev. Sedinger Mrs, C. L Mershon, Mrs Sedinger and Mr. Gaston.

Another Medal Contest.

Another "double silver" medal contest" was held at the Church, on Monday evening, six boys contesting against each other, and six girls doing likewise.

The following was the program.

Singing America by audience.

Prayer Rev. H. G. Sedinger.

State song, Alabama.

Boys contest.

The Mouse and the Boy, Frankie Barnhart.

I'm Only Six, Ralph Wickersham.

A Threat from Little Tommy, C. K. Hail.

In Bad Company, Werdon Wilson.

The Spider's Web, Georgie Scrivven.

I Mean to Be a Man, Neil Vanbendegom.

Wouldn't You Like to Be me? Milton Sedinger.

Solo, Ella Jellison.

Rec. "New Recruits" by Miss Bird Sedinger, winner of gold medal at Daphne barbecue.

Girls contest.

Our Ship, Agnes Larson.

The Best Fellow, Helen Lucier.

Nellie's Victory, Vera Littlefield.

Duet, Misses Sedinger and Littlefield.

The White Life, Myrtle Walker.

An Old Woman's Complaint, Bettie Tuveson.

Tom, Olive Worcester.

Duet, Mesdames Mershon and Sweet.

Is It Worth the Sacrifice? Ella Jellison.

There is no Cure but Prohibition, Celina Roberts.

Chorus, Contest song,

Selection from Merchant of Venice, Prof. I. C. Baldwin.

Chorus, We're out for Prohibition.

Presentation of Medals.

The judges, Mesdames Harrison and H. S. Walker, and Miss Walker awarded the medal in the first contest to Master Kenneth Hail and in the second to Miss Ella Jellison. The medals were presented in very happy manner by Dr. C. L. Mershon.

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There was a large audience and all the contestants acquitted themselves well.

These contests have been valuable in the training thereby secured by the young people and the excellent lessons borne to them and to their auditors by their selections.

Buying Baldwin Land

Charles J. Scheffler representing a number of Pennsylvania and Ohio capitalists, is at the Southern hotel closing up the deal for an entire section of land in Baldwin county, east of Battles, Ala., known as the Moog tract. There are 75 people in the syndicate and they are preparing to spend $100,000 in improving the tract of land. Ther are 642 acres of land in the section and it will first be put in truck farming and planted with thousands of pecan and fig trees of the finest variety. The truck will be used and sold until the principal crops mature for the market.

Mr. Scheffler says that it is the purpose of the company to establish a large cannery at the place and use the figs that are grown right there on the spot.

The deal in real estate is one of the largest made in Baldwin county in some years.—Item.

Mr. Scheffler has spent much time about Fairhope recently and much of the business of his company is likely to be done through Fairhope.

Personal and Local

Will Call spent Sunday at home.

Dan Shepherd was home on Sunday.

Capt. Phinney spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Jernigan, and her son.

Misses Vera Mershon and Grace Williams were over and spent Sunday at home.

Henry Gunnison and wife have moved into the Home Telephone exchange building with Mrs. Littlegreen, the operator.

Mrs. Swift and little Arthur Gaston have been for the week past visiting Mrs. Getty and Master Wilmot at Saraland, Mobile County.

Mrs. George Cain was brought home on last Saturday evening. She is improving and they now have strong hopes of her recovery.

Mrs. G. R. Chambers, and children, Catherine, Rolland and Bernice, of Citronelle, are with Miss Reideman in Dr. Atkinson's cottage. They expect to be here about six weeks.

Dr. Woodruff, who spent the winter here with his wife and daughter and went from here to Arkansas, is back at Patchogue, L. I. He writes renewing his subscription and expressing much interest in our town. It is not at all improbable that they may return in the fall and build or buy here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dorchester, our former residents and who still own the property here occupied by W. H. Davis, arrived on Saturday evening of last week to spend some time here.

Mrs. Turner at Rest Cottage is well pleased with her business so far at Fairhope. She had last Sunday fifty guests at dinner and the Sunday previous sixty.

Mr. Hammond, the merchant at Robertsdale whose store was blown to pieces in the lact September storm, was a Fairhope visitor recently and called on the Courier. He was formerly a printer.

The Church was full on last Sunday evening when Pastor Sedinger gave a very interesting talk to boys and young men, assisted by Dr. Sheldon who illustrated the topics with pictures on the blackboard.

Reimer Poortstra has been bringing in to market some of the finest muskmelons we have ever tasted. They are a pink fleshed variety from which he has been carefully selecting his seed for several years and thinks he has improved them.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

Albright & Gaston Bargains

A Bargain in a Home.

Owing to a desire to be with their children, who are all in the North, in their declining years, Mr.&Mrs. Crosbie have decided to return North, and have placed in our hands for sale their pleasant home in Fairhope. The property consists of a one-story house with four nice-sized rooms, kitchen off of rear porch, and detached kitchen, six rooms in all; porch full width of house in front, and rear porch same—except for kitchen taken off it; good wood-house; large, deep cistern with filter and pump and sink. The main house is weatherboarded and ceiled, painted within and without, and has double floor. There are two lots, each 66x132, in fine cultivation, well fenced, with about twenty fruit trees coming into bearing; strawberry and asparagus beds, etc. Everything in A1 order. Location corner Fels ave. and Church st., one block south of church and not far from business center. At the price offered this place is going to be sold. We recommend it unhesitatingly as a home or an investment. If you contemplate a home at Fairhope and have the money by you, you will make no mistake in taking this place. If it doesn't suit you, you can sell it within a short time and make money on it.

COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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A FINE GARDEN SPOT.

Five room house, three down and two upstairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.
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Eber Jefferson has the new front he is putting to his house, pretty well done.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. Powell, president, on next Thursday afternoon at 3.

See our absolutely pure coffee, Ward's choice, in 5lb. cans. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

S. van der Meulen is rusticating for a time with his countrymen in our Holland settlement.

Mrs. Edward Nelson and baby are over for a visit of some length at the Bancroft home.

Mr. Trenholme has opened a carpenter and repair shop in the late Arts and Crafts building.

Mrs M. A. Robinson of Mobile, owner of Rest Cottage property was in town a couple of days last week.

The steamer Fairhope will not return to Mobile on arrival at Fairhope on tomorrow evening, but will go about 10 p. m.

Charcoal! charcoal! We are now in shape to fill your want for charcoal. Send in your orders.
Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. Rawson, who has in years past, spent much of his time at Fairhope, is here again. He is stopping at the Home restaurant.

Lost—A man's bathing suit, blue with red border, lost on Tuesday between Magnolia Ave. and Nichols cottages. One half dollar for return to Courier office.

Miss Mabel White was in town several days a guest of Miss Margie Pilcher, Miss Clara White also spent some days a guest of Miss Daphne Brown.

B. and J. Van Bavel have received word of the arrival in this country of their parents. They are now at Paterson, N. J. where they have other children but are expected to come on down here soon and they hope to have them make their home here.

We have sold a number of the Perfection Oil Stoves and those who have them are greatly pleased with them. The editor's wife among the number. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Among the guests of Rest cottage this week are Mrs. John L. Ramsey and children, Mrs. Kuhl, Tillman and Frank Schimpf, of Mobile, and Basser L. Allen, a prominent lawyer of Birmingham, his wife and wife's sister.

Misses Ivy and Ola Powell gave a pleasant party on Wednesday evening, a farewell to the Misses Terry of Meridian, who left for their home on Thursday after a month's stay here. Various games were indulged in and dainty refreshments served.

Mrs. Jessie Hay Bell, Fairhope Superintendent of Medal contests expects to hold a silver medal contest at Mrs. Hogeson's five miles east on Saturday afternoon and on Thursday of next week take a gold medal class to Robertsdale for a contest at 2:30 and one at Silver Hill at 7:30

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Whipple of Yupon, between the prongs of Fish river, came in Monday evening, remaining over night, going to Mobile Tuesday morning and returning Wednesday evening, and thence home Thursday morning. They are much interested in Fairhope, Mrs. Whipple having subscribed several hundred dollars toward the new wharf and they look forward to moving to Fairhope some time in the near future.

Dr. E. C. Slosson of Silver Hill was coming in to take the boat on Wednesday morning, when just in front of the school house, the kingbolt of his buggy broke, letting the front axle pull out from under the buggy and throwing the Doctor flat on his face on the ground The team dragged him a few rods on the muddy road and when he got them stopped he concluded he wouldn't go until the next day.

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SCHOOL MEETING.

All patrons of the Fairhope Public school are urgently requested to meet at the school house next Tuesday evening, the 23rd. to consider important matters relative to next year's school.

The last meeting called failed for lack of attendance. Time is passing. Be sure and attend this meeting. This is your business.
H. C. Oswalt, Trustee.

RARE BARGAIN IN A HOME

We are authorized by Mr. Crosbie to offer his house, together with all improvements for $400 cash, or the furniture included for $425. See a fuller description elsewhere. This is a bargain for some one, if taken at once. See us about it. Albright and Gaston.

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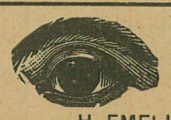

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That I have another shipment of dishes and will have them on sale next Monday and Tuesday at my home. Mrs. M. E. Page.

Summer Temperature at Fairhope.

Much interest has been manifested by our friends in the north, in our summer temperature.

Miss Manly has very kindly volunteered to act as observer and report to the Courier and furnishes us the following observations from June 22, to July 18.

Are these figures not conclusive proof of our claim that our eastern shore is a great summer resort?

Date	noon	
June 22	90	
23	90	
24	85	Breezy, sunny
25	89	and cloudy by
26	91	turns, one
27	84	slight shower.
28	87	
29	87	

	7 a. m.	noon	7 p. m.
June 30	84	90	84
July 1	84	89	—*
2	77	83	—*
3	—*	88	85
4	78	—*	86
5	80	88	—*
6	79	90	83
7	84	87	85
8	83	92	86
9	82	90	84
10	78	87	82

Heavy rains Tuesday 2 and 9, also slight showers on other days, breezy every day.

11	80	84	84
12	83	88	82
13	76	85	82
14	78	83	81
15	83	87	83
16	84	80	81
17	78	86	82

Showers everyday except 15th.

* No record.

BALDWIN COUNTY EXHIBIT

Arranged For. Permanent Agricultural Society Organized. Dr. H. S. Greeno elected President.

Bay Minette, Ala., July 13, '07.

EDITOR COURIER:

At a meeting of the Citizens of Baldwin County held in the Court-house for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural Society the following proceeedings were had towit:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. H. S. Greeno, of Fairhope, and the objects duly stated, after which it was addressed by W. C. Dinwiddie.

On motion Jas. B. McCall was elected temporary secretary.

It was then moved and carried that the meeting proceed to organize a permanent agricultural society to be called the Baldwin County Agricultural Society.

Twenty members were then enrolled.

It was moved and seconded that Dr. Greeeno be el ected president by acclamation, the motion carried and Dr. Greeno was declared duly elected by the secretary

On motion J Wolf of Summerdale was elected vice president.

John Wallace of Bay Minette was elected treasurer.

On motion it was ordered that Judge J. H. H. Smith, G. W. Burns and W. C. Dinwiddie be appointed a com. and to make contract with Col. W. M. Selden of Faunsdale to get up a county exhibit as per previous arrangement.

On moiton J. Wolf J. B. McCall and W. C. Dinwiddie were appointed committee on by-laws.

It was moved that when the meeting adjourn it should be subject to the call of the Pres. and Sec. Carried. On motion the meeting adjourned. J. B. McCall

Sec. pro. tem.

Council Proceedings.

The council met in regular session on Monday evening with Councilmen Bancroft, Lyon and Pilcher present, President Brown in the chair.

Minutes of July read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

P. Y. Albright, services as water clerk	$ 2.00
Wm. Stimpson, wood for Water works	38 50
J. W. Braam, telephone w'k	4.35

Secretary's action in drawing order for Mr. Massey's monthly salary as engineer of water works approved and he instructed to draw orders for regular salaries without further orders.

The following transfers of land approved:

George Knowles to A. G. Vredenburg and N. Clements; lot 1 of the replat of lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3, division 1.

Edw. G. Dougherty and Mrs. Ida Dougherty, to Fairhope Improvement Co., lots 4 and 5, block 1, div. 3.

W. T. Bishop to Orrie Stapleton east 32 feet of lot 4, block 7, div. 1.

Treasurer's report for June, presented as follows:

Receipts

Schools,	14.87	
Telephone,	4.70	
Water,	119.03	
Rent, 1906,	35.13	
" 1907,	114.22	
" penalty	2.66	
Sundries	.50	291.11
Bal. June 1,(reg. cert's 77.65, water cert's 221.15, wharf cert's 1., cash 5.10)		397.51
		688.62

Disbursements

Schools,	103.00	
Taxes,	125.43	
Salaries,	31.04	
Postage and printing	1.40	
Telephone,	11.15	
Water-works	111.70	383.72
Balance,		304.90

On motion R. F. Powell was allowed $25 for improvements and moving fence and barn to widen alley into street on North side of his property.

Mr. John P. Lowell, who is getting out a booklet, offering the Colony four pages for $100 to be paid in lumber to be used in building on Colony land, and an additional eight pages, if desired, to be paid for in Colony certificates to be used in payment of rents; 800 booklets for distribution by the secretary, to go with each proposition. It was moved and carried to take four pages, paying $50 in lumber and $50 in certificates.

A. K. Trenholme offered the use of the shed adjoining Art and Crafts building, now in use by him as a shop, for shelter for fire apparatus and same was accepted with thanks.

The hall and library building committee was authorized to take further steps necessary to save from deterioration the wreck of the hall and to dispose of it if in their judgement advisable.

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.

Cottage Near Bay Front for Sale

We are authorized to offer the [illegible]s. Mann cottage at the "turn of the road," Fairhope Avenue, the one lately occupied by the De Coudres family. This is a very desirably located cottage, near the bay, with four rooms on ground floor and large attic room: porches front and rear; good cistern.

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Christian Church Services.

Regular services at usual hours, on next Sunday.

Judge Erwin, of Pensacola will commence a series of meetings at the Church, July 21st. Every body will be welcome. Meeting every night next week.

Paul Molyneux the popular clerk in the Dr. Mershon drug store is off for a two weeks vacation and his place is being taken by Elbert Edmundson of Daphne.

Miss Estelle Kile, arrived on Sunday from Dayton, Ohio, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kile. Mr. Kile went on the midday trip of the Carney to meet her.

Dr. Clara Atkinson left on last Sunday evening for an extended visit with her relatives and many friends at Des Moines. She expects to be gone for two or three months.

FOR SALE:—cheap; good second hand cook stove Inquire at Christman's livery.

Mrs. Coutant writes friends here that she and her husband and family may spend the coming winter at Fairhope. The last September storm rather scared her out here, but high winds have prevailed there—in Wyoming most of the time since her return there

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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

They Travel At Two Cents.

(St. Louis Republic)

The alacrity with which the traveling public has responded to the flat rate of two cents a mile should be as gratifying as it probably is surprising to the railroad managers.

Special and limited reductions of the rate to about the same figure have, in the past, crowded the trains between St. Louis, Chicago and other points. But in this case there has been no need for hurry, since in Missouri the lower rate is to stand for at least ninety days, while no limit has been set to its duration in the other states where it has become operative.

The fact, ascertained by the Republic from authentic sources, that since June 19, when the two cent rate first went into effect in Missouri, traffic in the St. Louis Union station has very largely increased over what it was a year ago, and is now equal to what it was during the same days of the world's fair, is perhaps the most instructive lesson the railway passenger agents have had in many a long day.

It is the same lesson the postoffice department has learned with every reduction of the postage rate. And as every reduction in the price of postage has resulted in large permanent additions to the contents of the mail bags, there is sound reason to believe that the reduction in the price of travel will permanently double the volume of local travel.

There are thousands and thousands of people who, desiring to make a trip, have felt that they could not afford to pay 3 cents a mile and have stayed at home. There are thousands of others who on a reduction of one third in the price will make two trips where formerly they made only one.

It is not only pleasure travel that is increased by the reduction. In many kinds of business travel is a large part of the expense. When this item is cut by one-third the man on business bent can often make it pay to double his travel. The man who makes a regular business of traveling has, of course, had the two-cent rate in thousand-mile books. It is the individual who makes a business trip only occasionally who will be encouraged to travel more frequently.

The figures gathered by the Republic at Union station make it seem likely that after giving the two-cent rate a fair trial a mandatory court injunction would be necessary to force the roads to abandon it. With full trains from St. Louis to Kansas City, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Louisville, they will make more money at 2 cents a mile than they formerly made when the limit was three cents.

The railroads do not need to increase their receipts by a full third in order to make the experiment pay. They have not in the past by any means averaged three cents a mile on their passenger traffic. About two cents a mile has for decades been the rate to New York from St. Louis, and the average rate in Missouri has been about 22.3 cents.

Travelers by the tens of thousands have in the past habitually waited for the excursion rates and reduced round-trip tickets offered frequently by the roads.

At two cents the roads will get this latter travel in steady volumes instead of in spurts. Their daily local trains are likely to double in length and in frequency of departure. If it does not turn out so, the passenger-carrying business is different from every other kind of business.

The librarian of the Buffalo Public Library to which the Courier is going through Mr. Wm. L. Heller, writes that the same will be put on file regularly.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

July 22—We are having less showers and more summer heat for the last few days, 96 degrees is the highest point reached by the thermometer at the Pines, a "standard thermometer and barometer;" but many declare that it cannot be "right." I have always supposed the greater amount of shade here made the difference. I am going to verify this. Anyway, this Southern heat is nothing compared to that as far north, for example, as Philadelphia, where three thousand people where prostated in a great parade there last Thursday. This record of sun-stroke I believe is the greatest in world history—It must have been awful.

* * An agreeable surprise came to me the other day in the shape of a large express box from my generous old time friend, a Frenchman, Claude Ferdinand, a large iron manufacturer of Paterson N. J., the same who sent me that fine cast iron door knocker already mentioned in one of these screeds. He is a good friend of Fairhope and the most ardent disciple of Godin (founder of the Familistere) in the country perhaps. How heroically that man has tried to interest his employees in the nucleus of a similar institution at Campgaw N. J. One obstacle is his lack of mastery of the English language. It was this friend who kindly offered storage to my plates of Social Solutions (translation of one of Godin's principal works) after they had been rescued from the Manhattan Trust Co. On my return from Mexico I was somewhat startled to learn that they were "under the Brooklyn Bridge." Someone further informed me that the storage vaults were in the piers of that structure.

x x x A "cunning" sight every morning at the Pines is the struggle of tiny chicks with tiny birds for the right of possession to the pond lily tub. I keep it full by adding a quart or two of water every morning, and these tiny birds love to stand on the cool closely packed leaves and drink wherever there is any opening between them. The chicks stand outside and drink at the over-flow side. There is an abundance for all, but those five miserably selfish little things forego drinking themselves to chase away the little birds. I scold and abuse them but it has no more effect than does upbraiding bigger monopolists!

x x x The World of New York has a startling report of a lecture in Washington D. Charles Bushnell, an authority on rs, a graduate of the University of who is making a special study of rime and pauperism in this coun- kes his facts from authorative d boldly challenges their refutation. from the World we have: "This ends $6,000,000,000 annually on the criminal, pauper and vicious classes, and the annual increase of wealth is only $5,000,000,000. Does this not look as if the public were bankrupt."

Six thousand millions! How many realize that one million is ten hundred thousand? Another quotation. "Disease as a result of vicious habits is on the increase; suicides are increasing six times as fast as the population, and murders three times as fast; insanity is also increasing faster than the population. We are maiming and killing in accidents resulting from our industrial enterprises as many persons as were killed in an average year of the Civil war, the Phillipine war and Japanese—Russian war combined—In other words we are pratically carrying on these wars all the time. And those deaths by accidents due to our fast commercial spirit, are from two to nine times as numerous as similar deaths in Europe where experts have sh own that three-quarters of such accidents are preventable. We are living entirely too fast—we have four million paupers in this country and ten millions are on the ragged edge of pauperism." His investigation shows that in 1790 only 3 per cent of our population lived in cities of 8000 or more inhabitants while today over one third live in cities of this class, and in the east and northwest the percentage is higher than that." More and more people he says will move to our large cities. This is due to the "availability of factory products and the smaller need of men on the farms where work is being done more and more by machinery-"

Dr. Bushnell, assisted by an able colleague in his wife, is conducting a model public playground in Washington "where children are given outings and useful occupation". He will be considered pessimistic but favors herculean efforts to turn the tide from the way of death to the way of life. I have written to Dr. Bushnell for more particulars regarding the public play-ground scheme and will give our readers whatever I receive.

* * A. C. Bristol—At last I have a letter for you on the tapis. I want to tell you a thousand things I fear to put down here—"trivialities" some would say. Do you know nothing seems really trivial to me?

"Sammy Hop", that photograph of a cat with wonderful facial expression, sent by the Kiles in a box of books, still hangs close to my desk. I want to tell you that Mr. and Mrs. Kile moved here lately and rented the new Bellangee cottage. They are most desirable members of the colony and we hope they will decide to stay permanently. Their daughter, a v ry talented young woman, a photographer--the very artist who made Sammy Hop's picture, is here, and I hope to know more of her. I do not ever see half the people who rent our cottages. One lives two doors from here in the Haworth cottage, she is Mrs. Evelyn Jernigan a poet whose verses have been accepted both by Harper's and by the Atlantic, one of these I copy for you, I have lent her a volume of your poetry. This one is the following:

GOD IS NOT MOCKED.

But if I sin a little sin,
So small no eye can enter in?
Thou fool! if thine own soul can see
What need for God to look at thee!

Her father, Capt. Phinney, was mentioned in the last Courier I think, and her son is a fine youth of fourteen. My one thought is that they may remain with us. I dare not say how charming and good Mrs. Jernigan is.

Fairhope Once More.

EDITOR COURIER:

Every time we receive a copy of the Fairhope Courier we find in it not only good, wholesome articles, but also much reading matter that is not to be found in other periodicals. The COURIER is not only spicy, but it is clean, bold, honest, and always shows up more or less frauds among numerous shameful abominations that deserve to be swept out of existence at the earliest possible day.

And so it goes, in many and various localities wherever the leaven of Single Tax Philosophy is properly made clear to people who are sufficiently intelligent to understand the truth and honest enough to adopt it.

Fairhope is probably not a paradise, but it is doubtless a most excellent place for good, industrious, progressive people, of both sexes. The strides toward genuine progress made there in a very few years, and now on the increase more rapidly than ever before, speak well and more encouragingly. So let the ball roll on!

The fact is that the Single Tax "fever"—as some people call it—has become well spread and so generally talked about among intelligent people who are honest as well as bright that it is sure to continue its growth steadily on and on. If this great Republic is to be preserved from destruction and maintain genuine freedom for all, now is the time to increase the lines and march calmly but uflinchingly toward the goal.

The flimsy schemes ostensibly gotten up for the good of all the people, doubtless, have many good and perfectly sincere workers and talkers; but they must stand up to the real facts that are found only in the Single Tax, or else fail utterly in their attempts, however much they struggle.

Now is the time to join the Single Tax ranks. Fall into line!

Los Angeles, Cal. RALPH HOYT.

Says E. W. Jeffries, Dixon, Ills., renewing his subscription to the COURIER. "I am quite interested in your enterprise to build up a practical demonstration of the Single Tax theory and that you and your fellow co-laborers have succeeded so well in establishing a prosperous village and colony as an object lesson to the world of the practicability of the Single Tax as the only correct system of taxation."

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Alabama Press Association Visits Fairhope.

Fairhope had the honor of entertaining for a short time on Monday evening the members of the Alabama Press Association and their ladies, to the number of about sixty.

The annual meeting of the Association began at Montgomery last week, and at the conclusion of the session there the steamer "City of Mobile" was taken for a trip down the picturesque Alabama river.

Arriving in Mobile late Sunday night, the party remained on the boat until morning and on arrival of the Fairhope were taken aboard her (tendered free to the Mobile committee on entertainment of the Association, by Manager Pilcher) and taken to Point Clear.

After enjoying the delights of the Point during the day, the party were, as per arrangement of the morning when en route from Mobile to the Point, brought on a moonlight excursion to Fairhope.

Though it was not known at Fairhope until noon, that they would be here our people rose nobly to the occasion.

The first thing on arrival was to convey the guests to carriages in waiting, and give them a short ride through the principal part of the town. Almost every comfortable vehicle in town was pressed into service, Mr. Powell, of the Fairhope Livery, with his usual enterprise, furnishing three.

In the lovely moonlight our town looked prettier even than by day and judging by the expressions of those it was the pleasure of the editor to accompany, the visitors greatly enjoyed the drive, and judging also by the writer's experience, the driver—guides were eagerly plied with questions about the Colony and its policies.

Returning to the beach after the drive the visitors were ushered into Massey's pavilion over the water's edge, brilliantly lighted for the occasion and where two tables each fifty feet long were spread with snowy table cloths and garnished with immense Fairhope-grown watermelons, cut with serrated edges uppermost, showing the rich red meat in tempting style.

After doing justice to the melons, ice cream and wafers were served by a bevy of Fairhope's most beautiful young ladies.

During the serving of the latter Mr. Gaston requested attention and introduced President Frank L. Brown who welcomed the editors and their ladies on behalf of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and made a brief but excellent presentation of the Single Tax philosophy.

The response in behalf of the visitors was happily made by President H. S. Doster, who in addition to being president of the Press Association and editor of the Prattville Progress, is also a member of the Alabama Senate. Mr. Doster is an eloquent speaker and made a very graceful address.

He introduced Senator Mangum, who also spoke briefly but well and Mr. Gaston followed with a short talk about Fairhope and its policies.

It was about eleven o'clock when the party again boarded the steamer for the return trip to Point Clear.

As the lines were being cast off, the editorial party gave three rousing cheers for Fairhope which were responded to by three cheers for the editors from the dock, as the Fairhope glided away in the brilliant moonlight.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

On the way from Point Clear to Mobile on Tuesday morning, the following resolutions were passed.

Resolved, that the heartfelt thanks of this association be and are hereby tendered to the members of the Commercial Industrial Association of Selma, who so handsomely entertained this association in their beautiful and progressive city.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this association are tendered to Manager J. M. Pilcher, Captain Owen Roberts and the owners of the good steamer Fairhope for the use of their steamer and for the excursion to Fairhope on Monday night.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are tendered the Single Tax Colony of Fairhope for their hospitable entertainment of the association at their interesting city on Monday night last.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are tendered the management of the Point Clear Hotel company for courtesies extended during our stay at their beautiful place; and also to the management of the North Wharf car line for transportation to and from the hotel.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parties above named and be furnished the press for publication.

JAMES H. HAND.
WM. E. W. YERBY.
FRANK CRICHTON.
Committee.

In the letter of Mr. Heller forwarding the subscriptions referred to in last issue, he said: "Enclosed find a list of subscribers which I secured at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at Bro. Jones' at Fort Erie, where I talked on Fairhope, but unfortunately I had only the one half dozen "winters in Fairhope" to distribute and no other literature. If I had had more I would have gone to East Aurora one night last week and passed out some. Please send me some more. I made statements there which some might not endorse, but which I believe to be true—that the presence of the Colony has hurt the price of the land adjoining; that it has grown and is certainly standing for the Single Tax and carrying a splendid influence for the cause.

Hon. C. B. Hoffman, of Kansas, Visiting Fairhope.

Mr. C. B. Hoffman of Enterprise and Kansas City, Kansas, arrived on Tuesday evening and is the guest of his long-time friend, Mrs. Howland.

Mr. Hoffman is one of the best known of western reform workers, and a man of wide and varied activities, miller, banker, ex-member of the state senate, manager of the Co-operative Shippers' Association and the Bankers Trust Company. He and our Mrs. Marie Howland were associated together in the ill-fated Topolobampo enterprise, of whose official journal she was editor, and to whose financial assistance Mr. Hoffman devoted much of his time and talent--and no little of his own wealth.

He has been sympathetically interested in Fairhope from its inception. His wife and son were visitors here in the winter of 1896-7 and he himself visited us in 1899.

We are glad to have Mr. Hoffman with us and pleased with his congratulations over what has been accomplished since his former visit.

According to the Register's report of the banquet to the Alabama editors at Monroe Park on Tuesday, Editor Norton of Daphne, was called out and after speaking of the wonderful principality of Baldwin county, of his work in locating the Fairhope Colony and his regret that the editors had seen only a small portion of the county, he "was at some pains to explain the design and achievement of the Colony and wherein it could not be spoken of as a scientific practice of Henry George's theories." The difference between the Single Tax theory as advocated by Mr. George, or rather the method of applying it proposed by him and the Fairhope method was quite clearly presented at the Fairhope reception to the editors and we doubt very much if he was able to contribute toward making the subject any clearer to them. His efforts to claim the credit for what the Colony has done and in the same breath discredit it must have been somewhat amusing. The favorable impression made by Fairhope on the editors, evidently rendered Mr. Norton quite unhappy.

Fairhope and Daphne People Being Put to the Test.

The Fairhope and Daphne people are now being put to the test of whether they have sound sense enough to patronize their own direct steamers at what they know to be the least rates of fare and freight, that can be made and be assured of the continuance of these rates, or whether they will jump at the bait of temporarily reduced rates by the line which up to a few weeks ago had been charging a higher summer fare than had been charged on the shore for more than a dozen years, which every time it has removed a competitor has advanced its freight rates immediately, and whose present reductions are, as every one knows, made only in the hope of driving its competitors out of the trade and recouping its losses from the people who will then be at its mercy.

So far the people of Fairhope are with very few exceptions exhibiting that degree of common sense, which might be expected of them and we believe they will continue to do so.

A decision in the Haywood case, is probable within a very few days. Clarence Darrow has made one of the speeches of his life for the defendant and his arraignment of Orchard and also of the attorneys for the prose[illegible] the Pinkerton hirelings, was sca[illegible] extreme. To one who has follo[illegible] dence as reported in the daily pr[illegible] is not reasonable to suppose has [illegible] favorably to the defense, it seem[illegible] that the verdict can be other[illegible] guilty."

Stand Together, Fairhope People!

The managers and owners of the steamer Fairhope wish to express their most hearty appreciation of the loyal support which continues to be given the steamer in her effort to give Fairhope the best service enjoyed by any point on the Eastern Shore and at the lowest rates which the possible volume of business and the expense of operating a boat will permit. We are proud of you and more encouraged than ever to continue in your service.

The latest move of the opposition is a cut in freight rates to local business men. With only one or two exceptions, these, with the business judgment which should be expected of "business" men, have spurned the offer, preferring to pay fair rates all the time to cut rates a little while and monopoly rates indefinitely in the future.

We want to urge upon you the importance of not only yourselves traveling and shipping by your home steamer but patronizing the local merchants who do the same, for even should every other individual citizen give his whole patronage to the boat, and the few merchants give their freight to the oppositition, the boat would have to quit business.

The following merchants support the Fairhope and deserve your patronage:

Mershon Merchandising Company,
Mrs. A. B. Call, Dewey Wheeler,
C. L. Mershon, H. J. Rathje,
L. S. Massey, H. C. Oswalt,
Orrie Stapleton, Mrs. Toft.

FAIRHOPE IMPROVEMENT CO.

The visit of the editors of the state to Fairhope gave the editor of the COURIER opportunity to renew a pleasant acquaintance with Mr. Bruce E. Kennedy formed in the early days of Fairhope, when Mr. Kennedy was secretary of the Commercial Club, of Mobile. He is now one of the leading newspaper writers of the state, on the staff of the Montgomery Advertiser.

Farmer's Summer School.

Another session of the Farmer's Summer Schools and round-up Farmers Institutes which have been held annually for several years, at Auburn, will be held beginning Aug, 1st, and continuing to the 8th.

During the session twenty five speakers will address the farmers and give laboratory and other practical demonstrations 10 to 12 hours a day.

A prize of $15 will be given for the best 10 ears of corn exhibited, $10 for the second and $5 for the third.

Fifteen dollars for the best average in scoring live stock, $10 for the second and $5 for the third.

Eight dollars for the best average in scoring chickens, $4 for the second, and $2 for the third.

Also a number of substantial special prizes, by merchants and other business men of Auburn, for the first, second and third best colt under one year; colt one to two years; dairy bred calf under one year; beef-bred calf under one year; five chickens under one year; pair of pigs under six months.

There will also be a combination sale of Ala- [illegible] cattle and hogs which will give C. by Dr. [illegible] opportunity to get fine breeding civic matte[illegible]
Heidleberg [illegible]ads in Alabama will give a rate of the cost of [illegible]us 25 cents for the round trip.

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War to the Knife Between Bay Boats.

The war among the bay boats is to be to the knife, it seems. The Pleasure Bay will in the future carry passengers to or from Fairhope for 10 cents. The Fairhope will make Battles on her regular trips at the old price.

The reduction of the fare to Fairhope marks another step in the Bay Steamship Company's efforts to get the trade of the Single Tax Colony away from the little Fairhope. Only a short while ago the Pleasure Bay began making Fairhope direct and the announcement seems to indicate that the company intends to drive the Fairhope out of the trade.

The Fairhope was rebuilt and fitted up for the bay trade mainly by citizens of the Single Tax Colony, who claimed that they were discriminated against by the Bay Steamship Co., and not given the proper accommodations for their traffic. The owners of the Fairhope are counting on the loyalty of their home people to support their boat while the steamship company is trying the effect of low fares on the purse.—Baldwin Times.

Should Rich Girls Earn Money?

EDITOR COURIER:

In the "Woman's Section" of "The Philadelphia Press" of Sunday July 14th., is an article entitled "Should rich girls earn money," and the article concludes that they should not, but should rather devote themselves to charity. Why is this the proper course for "rich girls" and not for rich young men.

In one place the article says: "Most of us feel that should there be but one position (for two girls just graduated) the richer girl might better withdraw and leave the field open for the poorer one." But why should there be but one position? There is room enough in the world, and there is no likelihood that the time will come when there is not.

Every person who comes into the world brings with him (or her) wants to be supplied, and hands and mind to supply those wants and the world offers unlimited opportunities to supply them. Moreover, the more people there are in the world the easier it should be for each one to supply his wants, since their is more chance for specialization and exchange of products.

Why is it that some "girls" also men, need not earn their living? Everyone's living must be earned by someone, and if any persons live without earning a living then somebody else must earn it for them. If a "rich girl" does not "earn money" she really throws the burden of her support on others. This "gives those others work," we say. But does it? Do people want work? We do not want work for itself, we want it as a means of getting a living. If we are forced to support the idle rich as well as ourselves, then work is not a blessing but a curse.

The poor do not need "charity," they need justice. Then involuntary poverty will cease: also unearned riches. Riches and poverty are relative in one way of looking at them; but, in another way they are absolute. One is rich who can command more service than he renders in return; one is poor who must render more service than he received. Justice will abolish riches and poverty. Let us have justice, not charity. Let each person earn his or her own living.

Yours for equality of opportunity,
Edward D. Burleigh.

In spite of the fact that passes and even contracts for payment for advertising in transportation are forbidden by a law passed by the present legislature the attendance of editors of the state at their annual convention and outing was the largest in several years.

The editor has received a summons to report at Bay Minette on the thirtieth to act as a special juror in the circuit court.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Friends of the paper are becoming increasingly interested in the effort to increase its circulation and uselulness and are giving us much encouragement.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

The Editor usually tries to be very careful in what he says not to reflect personally upon, or wound the feelings of any one and sincerely regrets a hastily written item in the issue of July 12th, regarding a departing citizen, Mr. W. T. Bishop. We recognize the same now as unkind and unwise and without pressure, withdraw the same. The article was not intended to reflect in any way upon Mr. Bishop's character as a man nor upon his family. His business was honorably conducted here, and he left no unsettled obligations in leaving.

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Government Land in Alabama

It is a mistake to say that all the public land has been taken up. There is a considerable quantity of such land awaiting settlement in Alabama—150,000 acres in fact. Nearly every county has some land available. Cancellation of entries added 1,500 acres to the public domain in Mobile county during the year, and thre are now 4,000 acres of such domain in the county. During the same period there were 11,000 acres entered in this state. Winston county has the largest amount of public land, 23,800 acres. Northern and particularly Western people, are seeking homes in the Southern country. It would seem that here is opportunity to acquire land by mere entry, and that very soon it would all be taken; and it will be when it is known generally that this large acreage is available. At the present time the most active inquiry at the land office is said to be for South Alabama situations, in Mobile and in Baldwin counties preferably.—Register.

W. C. T. U. Medal Club Organized.

Mrs. Jessie H. Bell the Fairhope Superintendent of Medal Contest work has organized the winners of W. C. T. U. medals into a medal club. Those holding medals are: Mrs. A. B. Hail, Daphne Brown, Mrs. D. K. Bancroft, Mrs Grace Page, Will Dealy (musical) who had theirs for some years, and in the last year Annie May Oswalt, Alfred Shepherd, Violet Swanson, Mae Stersic, Uhlma Hail, Fae Stersic, Ethel Smith, Laurence Bernhardt, Pearl Stersic, Irene Bell, Louise Bernhardt, Bertha Parker, Clayton Baldwin, Volney Mathison, Birdie Sedinger, Annie Laurie Freeman Don Littlefield, C. K. Hail, Ella Jellison, Celina Roberts, 25 in all. The president of the Club is Miss Annie May Oswalt, vice president, Irene Bell, secretary Alfred Shepherd, treasurer Mrs. Hail.

Fairhope will hold its first grand gold medal contest Monday Aug. 5th. in the church, this will be the second one in Alabama. As the medal is costly the admission for adults will be 25c.; children 14 and under 5c. The contestants are Annie Mae Oswalt, Alfred Shepherd, Uhlma Hail, Irene Bell, Laurence Bernhardt, Birdie Sedinger. It will no doubt be the best oratorical entertainment ever held in Fairhope.

PYTHIANS GO TO FAIRHOPE,

Enjoy Fish Fry and Help Put Through Seven Candidates.

Forty or fifty Mobile Pythians enjoyed a fish fry yesterday evening with their brother Pythians at Fairhope, after which seven new members were initiated. They returned to the city on the steamer Fairhope late last night.—Register.

The visiting Pythians were greatly pleased with their trip. The local Pythians arranged with Mrs. Toft, of the Home Restaurant to fry the fish, which they furnished, and serve them, with other accessories, which she did in excellent style. The captain, purser and engineer of the Fairhope are all Pythians and she is very popular with the Pythians, both of Mobile and Fairhope. On the return trip the Mobile Pythians aboard passed a resolution to exert every influence they could to the support of the steamer.

The following are the new members admitted to the lodge on Saturday night:

J. H. Williams, P. Y. Albright, E. A. Turner, and Claude Baldwin.

Philadelphia Record Joins New York World In Favor of Single Tax Principle.

From the Record.

The taxation of the unearned increment of properties that increase in value by reason of the advancing worth of surrounding or adjoining properties, to which enhancement their owners have in no manner contributed, is undoubtedly equitable. The underlying principle is acknowledged and partially enforced by means of recurring assessments for taxing purposes But assessments are notoriously faulty. The plan lately adopted in some German and English municipalities of reckoning the unearned increment by the increased value at the time of sale or transfer as compared with the last previous sale deducing the cost of added improvement) appears to work admirably. The rate of taxation ranges from 5 per cent to 20 per cent of unearned increment, being ratably adjusted to the percentage of difference between the price of purchase and the price obtained at sale,

This is a partial application of the single tax theory of Henry George. It is said to work admirably in checking land speculation and in encouraging suburban improvement in the neighborhood of towns and cities where growth is impeded by speculative holding of unimproved land. There are many towns in Pennsylvania where a tax on unearned increment would be of the greatest benefit. It is only fair that the wealth of the community should be made to contribute fairly to the necessary expenditures of the commonalty for public purposes.

Effective August first, the postoffice department has made a ruling that the ordinary postal cards may be written on both sides. By drawing a vertical line about one third of the way from the face side, the space between that line and the left end of the card may be used for a message, the remainder of the face side being reserved for the address only. This ruling has already covered souvenir post cards and it is now made general.

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Big Sunday Crowds.

Probably 500 people came to Fairhope last Sunday, on the various steamers. The Fairhope brought something over a hundred, the balance of her complement of 150 being for Battles and North Wharf, the Pleasure Bay had 250 at least for Fairhope and the Carney had forty or fifty when she came along.

It was an exceedingly hot day, the hottest, Mobile papers reported, for five years, and the people took advantage of the low rates and good boat service to get across the bay.

School Meeting Fails For Lack of Attendance.

The school meeting called for Tuesday night failed for lack of attendance. Only Trustee Oswalt, Mr. Trenholme and Mr. Gaston were present. The people should be ashamed of themselves. We know the weather is hot, and most of our people are tired when night comes, but they find time to go down to the bay and back and attend other meetings of far less importance than our school matters. This is the second time Mr. Oswalt has called a meeting without success. This does not speak well for our town at all.

It is again time for an enumeration of the children of school age and blanks for the purpose are being sent out by the trustee. They should be promptly filled out and returned to him.

In a letter from S. H. Comings who is at Spring Lake Mich., (not Wisconsin, as erroneously stated in the Courier) he says, "Have had a bad trip so far with worst case of bronchitis so can hardly breathe." He reports a pleasant visit with Messrs. Post and Parsons at the Public office in Chicago, writes of valuable information learned about cement work and other building items of particular value at this time when we are planning our library building. His mind is evidently full of Fairhope and its interests.

Mr. J. S. Kirby reports that eight of his hens have laid 702 eggs from Jan. 1 to July 1. Fifty-eight and one half dozen, at 25 cents a dozen, the price one can get the year round in Mobile, makes $14.62 1-2 cents. Their feed has been mainly whole corn, aside from what they themselves hustled for.—Standard.

Mr. D. K. Hassler, of Ohio, who is summering here was engaged in the battle of Nashville under General Thomas, on the Federal side and Mr. C. F. Perry, of Fairhope, on the Confederate side. The gentlemen have been comparing notes and believe that Mr. Perry, who was captured in the battle was captured by the company of which Mr. Hassler was first lieutenant.

C. L. Coleman, wife and children returned from their northern trip on last Saturday evening.

Personal and Local

Roy Wilson is working for Blackman's livery stable at Daphne.

Mr. Dougherty and family moved out the first of the week to their newly purchased country home.

Jacob van Bendegom has gone to work in the Merchandising Company's store. "Jake" is one of our good working boys.

Father Knowles left on Monday morning for an extended visit with relatives and friends at his old home, Delphas Kansas, and at other points in the state.

The editor and his three oldest children have managed to get the Courier out for the last two weeks practically without help and begin to think we can continue to do so.

Mrs. A.T. Clark, a former resident renews her subscription, sends regards to her friends here and expresses the hope of visiting Fairhope again. They are at Norman Okla., where Mr. Clark is superintendent of the Oklahoma Hospital for the insane, with 594 patients.

Farmer's Guide in Distributing Commercial Fertilizer.

There has just been issued from the Courier job office something of great value and convenience to farmers in the shape of a guide for the distribution of commercial fertilizers. In condensed tabular form it gives the number of feet of row in which 25lbs. of fertilizer should be distributed to fertilize at any given rate per acre—from 200lbs. to 2000lbs. per acre, in multiples of 50lbs.—and in rows 3, 4, 5, or 6 feet apart.

The table is the work of E. T. Molyneux, secretary of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society, and represents a great deal of painstaking thought.

Much other interesting and valuable information is given.

Copies may be had at the Courier office for 25c. A copy will be given free to every new subscriber from among Baldwin County farmers.

Albright & Gaston Bargains

A Bargain in a Home.

Owing to a desire to be with their children, who are all in the North, in their declining years, Mr.&Mrs. Crosbie have decided to return North, and have placed in our hands for sale their pleasant home in Fairhope. The property consists of a one-story house with four nice-sized rooms, kitchen off of rear porch, and detached kitchen, six rooms in all; porch full width of house in front, and rear porch same—except for kitchen taken off it; good wood-house; large, deep cistern with filter and pump and sink. The main house is weatherboarded and ceiled, painted within and without, and has double floor. There are two lots, each 66x132, in fine cultivation, well fenced, with about twenty fruit trees coming into bearing; strawberry and asparagus beds, etc. Everything in Al order. Location corner Fels ave. and Church st., one block south of church and not far from business center. At the price offered this place is going to be sold. We recommend it unhesitatingly as a home or an investment. If you contemplate a home at Fairhope and have the money by you, you will make no mistake in taking this place. If it doesn't suit you, you can sell it within short time and make money on it.

COTTAGES NEAR THE BAY.

Within three minutes walk from wharf, two 2 story double cottages, each containing two five room dwellings, consisting of parlor, dining room, kitchen, and two bed rooms on the second floor. These houses are new, ceiled inside and finished in hard oil; and painted outside. Open fire place in parlor, with brick chimney connected with dining room and bedrooms. Running water from town water works over kitchen sink. All necessary furniture, stove, table ware, utensils and bedding. Nice lots for gardening.
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A FINE GARDEN SPOT.

Five room house, three down and two upstairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.
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Mr. C. S. Wadsworth, representing the International Harvester Company was in this vicinity several days this week.

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Mr. Massey's band from Mobile did not show up last evening. But a very pleasant dance was enjoyed in the pavilion, to the music of the Phonograph.

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Messrs, J. M. Pilcher, J. A. Petterson and A. H. Mershon, of Fairhope, as well as the editor of the Courier have been summoned on special jury duty, next week, at Bay Minette.

A large shipment of shoes just received. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. Geo. Steenstra, our popular merchant tailor, has associated others with him and organized the "Eastern Shore Tailoring Company" with headquarters at Fairhope and of which he is general manager.

The Fairhope again carried to Mobile on Monday' the largest Monday morning passenger list of any vessel in the eastern shore trade. She had 145 passengers while the Pleasure Bay had but 125.

White dresses to close for cash. $4 dresses at $3. $3.50 dresses at $2.50. $3 dresses at $2.25. $2.50 dresses at $1.75. White shirt waists of good quality at smart reduction for cash. Mrs. A. B. Call.

We have sold a number of the Perfection Oil Stoves and those who have them are greatly pleased with them. The editor's wife among the number. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Leah Gaston stopped over in Mobile with Miss Mary De Coudres on the return trip from the Sunday school excursion, Wednesday, and Thursday Miss Mary accompanied her home for an over Sunday visit.

Mr. J. H. Greenholgh of Jacksonville, Fla., wife and two children are occupying Mr. Mann's cottage for the summer. Mr. Greenholgh is a photographer engaged in taking moving pictures for vaudeville shows.

Capt. Wm. Oneal, who was so long master of the Carney steamers but retired to engage in the pottery business is back on the bay again and is in command of the Caloosa. Since coming out again the Caloosa is running better than before and is getting the bulk of the Daphne trade.

The V. I. C. will give an ice cream lawn social on the lawn by the Church on Saturday evening August the third, for the benefit of the hall and library building. Make no other engagements but be there to enjoy yourself and help along a good cause.

The partnership arrangement between Messrs. Eyster and Montgomery in the management of "The Gables" has been dissolved. Mr. and Mrs. Eyster continue in the management of the hotel and Mr. Montgomery and family have returned to Mobile.

A 15-cent local in the Courier brought a purchaser for the cook-stove which Mr. Christmann had for sale. If you have anything to sell, or want to buy anything which you dont just know where to buy, or have lost anything, try a local in the Courier.

Miss Annie Laurie Freeman won in the Gold Medal contest at Robertsdale, Thursday of this week. On the same day Miss Vera Littlefield won the medal in the contest at Silverhill. The party from Fairhope numbered about 15 and were taken out by Mrs. Bell and Mrs. E. Smith.

Mrs. A. Swift slipped and fell on the floor at her home on Wednesday morning, and sustained so severe injury to her hip that it was at first thought to be broken or dislocated, though a careful examination showed it to be only bruised and sprained. She is confined to her bed and likely to be for weeks. Mr. Swift was away at Saraland.

With the two full round trips of the Fairhope. one round trip of the Pleasure Bay, (and on the morning trip an opportunity to go to Mobile via Point Clear and Zundells) and the two round trips of the Carney, Fairhope now has the equivalent of six boats to Mobile and five from Mobile to Fairhope on Sundays. Pretty good boat service, eh?

The Sunday-school of the Christian Church took its annual picnic on Wednesday in the shape of an excursion on the Fairhope to Blakely or rather to the Fullers' earth plant, a little north of the site of old Blakely for it was found impossible to get to Blakely with the steamer and an almost impassable marsh lay between it and the landing point. There were about 100 went on the excursion. And they reported a fine time.

Bathing Suits for men and Boys. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The Cascade Baking Powder must go. Now we will make another offer: the baking powder will be sold for 25 cents per can and with each can you will get a buggy coupon and your choice of a glass dish. This you get for the small amount of 25 cents. Remember, the coupons must be given out before the buggy goes. Mershon Merchandising Company.

A series of meetings was begun at the Christian church on Wednesday evening, in which Pastor Sedinger, is being assisted by Judge J. A. Erwin, of Pensacola. Judge Erwin was for seven years in Porto Rico, two years as a missionary and five years as judge of the United States Court. He is an eloquent and interesting speaker. The meetings will continue over Sunday and probably through next week. He will speak tonight—Friday—Saturday night and both morning and evening on Sunday.

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C. E. Litrlefield has moved all of his cement block manufacturing material back to Fairhope and says he is back to stay. He has had a great deal of most valuable experience in the year or more he has been operating in Mobile, reducing to actual practice much which was before theoretical. He will engage in contracting not only in cement construction but in wood, where desired.

The Steamer Pleasure Bay carried about 400 poor mothers and children to Sea-cliff yesterday for an outing under the auspices of the Mobile Salvation Army Corps. The Salvation Army is doing a great work in helping the poor to a little respite from their hard lot occasionally. We would that it devoted a little more thought to the causes of poverty. If however, it attacked the root causes of poverty, its income for poor relief would probably suffer a sudden and severe falling off.

Foot Wharfage to be Charged on Sunday.

The Wharf Company at a meeting on Friday, decided to charge wharfage one way on Sundays as on other days. This will be done by a gate at the first wide place on the wharf inside of the pierhead, and collecting the wharfage as the people pass through.

We think the wharf company has done well in making this rule. It is to the interest of the community that all the revenue which can reasonably be derived from its property, be realized and while the wharf is in hands of the wharf company they are simply trustees for the community and the sooner the wharf can be paid for out of its earnings the sooner the community will be deriving a revenue from it for other public needs.

Summer Temperature at Fairhope.

Much interest has been manifested by our friends in the north, in our summer temperature.

Miss Manly has very kindly volunteered to act as observer and report to the Courier and furnishes us the following observations for the week ending with Wednesday:

18	80	86	84
19	81	89	84
20	84	92	89
21	85	94	91
22	84	91	88
23	86	96	83
24	85	92	85

Clear and breezy except three days partly cloudy; a cool shower and wind on the 23rd. reduced the temperature 16 degrees in three hours. The 20th and 21st were the hottest days so far, registering 98 in Mobile and Montgomery, here 92 and 95 as the highest.

A Birthday Party.

Mrs. A. H. Mershon arranged a very pleasant surprise for Miss Vera on last Saturday evening, the occasion being her birthday.

Coming home at the end of her week's work in Mobile she was met by a number of her young lady friends, and after going in bathing all had had a delightful picnic lunch on the beach under the Magnolia, and she had hardly gotten home when the same young ladies with reinforcements, gathered there and spent the evening in merry games and amusements. Delicious refreshments were served.

RARE BARGAIN IN A HOME

We are authorized by Mr. Crosbie to offer his house, together with all improvements for $400 cash, or the furniture included for $425. See a fuller description elsewhere. This is a bargain for some one, if taken at once. See us about it. Albright and Gaston.

RUN ACROSS ODD NAMES.

Queer Cognomens That Come Across Ken of Insurance Officials.

An insurance company, with headquarters in St. Louis and membership all over the south and west, has some queer experiences with the names of its policy holders and beneficiaries, says the Globe-Democrat of that city.

"I never knew what a lot of extraordinary names there were in the world until I got into this business," one of the officials said, as he finished reading a somewhat brusque letter. An agent had sent in an application for insurance from one "Edna Hopper, who named as her beneficiary his wife, Willie Hopper."

"I wrote to these people," the official said, "and told them that they had confused their signatures, and that the policy could not be put on record until the error had been corrected. Now, the man writes me that I am not half so smart as I think I am; that his name is Edna, and his wife was christened Willie."

Another beneficiary is "Suspense Joshing," and fortunately the policy makes clear that this person is the wife of Abraham Joshing. Suspense might be either masculine or feminine, but the insurance man had his mind put at rest when he found the big signature of Abraham, the policy holder, although he could not be sure that Abraham was not merely joshing.

One policy, written for Samuel Pigg, named Miss Ella Ham as the beneficiary. There are six other Piggs insured in the same company.

Killed Himself for Love of Dog.

Back of the suicide of Fred Vogler, a farmer of Cherry Ridge, Pa., who hanged himself in the woods near his home, is a story of love of great depth in the heart of a man for his faithful dog. It is a story of a man's appreciation of a dog's life of devotion and of the man laying down his life upon the altar of that friendship.

Rover always had a series of wags of his tail and joyous barks for his master. The dog appeared happy when with Vogler, and the master always showed a similar feeling. They were "chums."

Vogler's son, who was told to bring home some bread the other day, forgot it. There was but one loaf in the house, and the father insisted on giving a big share of that to the dog. A quarrel between members of the family followed. He tossed most of the bread to Rover. Then the quarrel was renewed. The man threatened suicide. He hurried toward the woods, threw a rope over the limb of a tree, placed a noose around his neck and jumped off the box on which he was standing.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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.

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What a Barber Is.

A friend of Oliver Herford, the artist and author, enjoys nothing more than to elicit a witticism from him by means of a series of odd questions. He said one day:

"Oliver, have you ever talked with a conceited German barber, one of those individuals whose head is perfectly round, like an orange, and whose hair stands up straight, like hog's bristles?"

"I have," said Oliver.

"Then tell me what is your definition of such a conceited German barber."

"A conceited German barber of the type mentioned," replied Herford solemnly, "is a human sausage endowed with unlimited power of speech."—Sunday Magazine.

"Hoodlum" and "Hooligan."

"Hodlum," America's equivalent of the English word "hooligan," was coined at San Francisco very early in the '70s, but did not become generally popular in the United States until about 1877, by which time all certainty as to its origin was lost. One version is that the lender of the San Francisco "larrikin push" was a man named Muldoon, whose name a newspaper writer ingeniously reversed to christen his gang "noodlums," and a compositor's mistake of 'n" for "h" did the rest. Another explanation is that "Huddle 'em!" was the San Francisco rowdies' cry when the police appeared, and a third alludes to a curious fez or "hood" worn by an eccentric character, which the young rowdies adopted as their uniform.

Why He Liked It.

"How do you like our change from small to large type on the editorial page?" the editor inquired of the patron who had just brought in a year's subscription.

"I like it," replied the patron. "There ain't so much of it."

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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

Unjust Distribution of Wealth.

Editor COURIER:

We have an unjust distribution of wealth. It exists because land values which are produced by the community go into private pockets, and the fruits of industry which belong to labor are taken in taxes for the needs of government.

The march of invention and discovery makes it easier to produce wealth. Wages do not rise with the increase of wealth producing power. The price of land rises instead. Each year more is paid as rent for the use of land from which all wealth is drawn.

The taxation of land values to the exclusion of all other taxes would have a contrary effect. The result would be a reduction of rents and an increase of wages. What a dreadful result that would be!

Philadelphia. W. L. Ross.

WILL NOT COMPLY WITH REQUEST

A long-time subscriber writes to request the discontinuance of his paper because he feels too poor to take it. He continues:

"I am much interested in the Colony, have watched its growth with much interest. I have always enjoyed reading Fairhope news. You will always have my best wishes and blessing. This letter makes me sad. I feel as though I was bidding a last farewell to a life-long friend. I have been a Single Taxer since Henry George went from San Francisco to New York. I used to take his Standard. At one time I entertained a hope that wife and I might go to Fairhope. I now think I am too old. Fairhope to me is the only spot on earth that approaches economic freedom.

I shall always be looking for news from Fairhope, and always keep a tender place in my heart for her welfare."

Of course we do not intend to let this friend do without the paper.

How thin is the veneer of our so-called "civilization" over the "savagery" we feel called upon to criticise in others, was shown at Roanoke, Va., on the night of the thirteenth. A dispute about five cents between a Greek and an American, started a riot which continued four hours, and during which nine restarants and five places of small business all belonging to Greeks, were wrecked. The mayor while "begging" the rioters to desist was painfully injured. Had this happened in Cuba or China and the victims been Americans, our "Big stick" president would have probably thought it ground sufficient for a naval or military demonstration and quite likely would have ordered marines landed from a war-ship were there one in the port where it happened, to patrol the city on the ground that the local authorities had "failed to preserve order."

In a note from Mr. Fels to the editor he says: "I've suddenly decided to go across to Philadelphia—business—quick trip and early return. Impossible to get down to Fairhope this time." He has the barging of manure across from Mobile strongly on his mind and says: "I trust somehow a barge can be built there to carry manure across from Mobile, towed by the Fairhope for the use of Fairhopers and others who grow things. It would pay." Mr. Fels expected to be in Philadelphia about the 20th.

Ireland is again in a great state of unrest, primarily over the land question. Whole counties are reported up in arms and shootings and riots are frequent. Large tracts of the best land are devoted to grazing while the tenantry is obliged to put up with meager holdings, often in the bogs.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

July 22. x x x In our issue of the 19th Mr. Braam very ably and with careful exactness reviews the past year from the books of our treasurer, ending his article with a very complimentary, or, shall I say appreciative, tribute to the work of the librarian. It is my duty and pleasure to state, lest our readers outside the Colony should receive the impression that I am not receiving justice at the hands of the Corporation, that I am deeply impressed with the courtesy of the remission of my rent under the strain and stress that the Colony has undergone during the last few years. It was my imprudence or lack of foresight which induced me in 1901-2 to persist in opening a library to the public before we had any prospect of building a library building or paying the most ordinary salary for the services of a librarian. A few good friends stood by me in the proposition that we build bookshelves on the top of my private library case (which was four feet high and about ten feet long) up to the plafond, ten feet high; send to Kansas where Mr. Hoffman (now visiting Fairhope) was storing the Howland collection of books saved from the wreck of our Mexican colony enterprise, and open our public library at my home, the Pines. This we accomplished. I did not know how I, alone, should ever get those heavy boxes containing about one thousand volumes, from far away Kansas to Alabama. I had long decided to donate the collection to some progressive community where they would be preserved when I shall have done all my work. Here was my chance, for I had never met any such community until I knew Fairhope, that was prosperous, rightly based on the highest economical principle, and so likely to endure. It is quite an interesting history which I cannot give here. In brief the Council decided to pay the freight on the books from Kansas; to erect the shelves I wanted; and Mr. Gaston, though under great pressure, as he always is, to meet the many demands on him beside getting out the COURIER regularly, agreed to print a catalogue of the books when I should complete the compilation of it. This he very generously did, setting up much of the type with his own hands, and, of course, with little or no compensation.

I know the officers of this Colony intimately since I became a member. Two of the vice-presidents have been women: Mrs. Josephine Wood and Mrs, C. P. Sykes, our lamented "Sykie." A more honest and devoted set of people, taking them all in all, I have never met. It has been a pain to them to see the librarian doing so much work "for nothing," But, with my little income (though only about fifty cents a day) and the slight returns from my flower garden, my fine hens, and an occasional pupil in French or in the common branches, I have been able to keep out of debt and to give considerable time to the library aside from the regular hours. It has been labor well invested. It has been of help to our people, while the fiction and the ephemeral literature have afforded much pleasure to our summer and our winter visitors, and therefore been of great service to the Colony. I am confident that the time is not far off when our Corporation will be able to support a public library; and until it can do so I am willing to continue my modest and agreeable services. For all real service "pays" in the long run.

(Additional "Letters" on 3rd page)

Initiative and Referendum.

The Brooklyn Eagle publishes the following description of the initiative and referendum by Judge William H. Wood:

"It is proposed to adopt in the constitutions of the several states this provision: That whenever a certain percentage to be fixed by agreement—5 or 8 or more per cent—of the voters of the state sign a petition requesting the legislature to pass a particular measure, that that measure shall be submitted to the people themselves for a vote, in case of the legislature failing to act upon it. If it is adopted by a majority of the voters of the state, at a general or a special election called for that purpose, then it shall become a law, notwithstanding the objections of the legislature and notwithstanding the veto of the governor. Now isn't that a perfectly plain proposition of restoring the government to the people? That is all that is meant by the initiative.

"Now the referendum is the second branch of the principles proposed; and that is this: Whenever the legislature has adopted a particular statute, has passed a particnlar law and it is of a character to which the people themselves object, that if the same percentage of voters of a state within a reasonable time after the passage of the measure be submitted to the people for a vote, it shall be the duty of the officers charged with the duty of conducting elections to submit to the people that particular measure at the next general election or a special election called for that purpose for adoption or rejection by the people, and if a majority of the voters at the election at which this particular measure is submitted vote to reject the measure, then it shall not be a law, notwithstanding the fact that it was carried by a majority of the legislature and signed by the governor; and if a majority are in favor of it, then it shall at once take effect as a law."

During the time the gas plant of Chanute has been operated by the city, from December 1, 1899, to May 1, 1906, the total cash receipts from the sale of gas have been $326,734.48. In figuring profits a large allowance is made for depreciation in value of the plant and improvements from their original cost, and yet the profits foot up $228,657.08. How is that for an example of failure in municipal management of a public utility? Erie (Kan.) Sentinel.

George On Competition.

"In short, competition plays just such a part in the social organism as those vital impulses which are beneath conscsiousness do in the bodily organism. With it, as with them, it is only necessary that it should be free. The line at which the state should come in, is that where free competition becomes impossible—a line analogous to that which in the individual organism separates the conscious from the unconscious functions. There is such a line though extreme socialists and extreme individualists both ignore it. The extreme individualist is like the man who would have his hunger provide him food; the extreme socialist is like the man who would have his conscious will direct his stomach how to digest it."

Bolton Hall Corrects Correspondent.

EDITOR COURIER:

An otherwise excellent article by Gunnar Nauman in the COURIER of June 7 says: "The postal system is not a monopoly, and nobody calls it such, because is is a proper function of the government."

I take exception to all three statements. If your carry your friend's letters to Fairhope for two cents each, the United States District attorney will show you how it is a monopoly.

I cannot think of one abuse characteristic of monopolies, that it does not maintain as a part of its make-up.

Under present monopolistic conditions, it might be worse to have that monopoly in private than in public hands; which I think is about the best that can be said for that tyrannical, arbitrary, wasteful, inequitable and aggressive piece of socialism.

Mr. Theodore Schroeder, The Manhattan Hotel, 49 East 59th St, New York, will furnish literature to any who will write for it, showing the danger of the Post-office monopoly.

BOLTON HALL.

Make Nature's Storehouse Free.

EDITOR COURIER:

The editor of an eastern daily paper recently made the announcement that "labor can not thrive unless it is free."

That is as true as the assertion that no man can live without breathing. But here comes the question. Is labor free? There can be but one answer, and that is no. Labor is not free, even in this so-called free country of ours. It can never be free until the barriers are removed which now deprive labor from free access to nature's storehouse, which is the earth.

In the last analysis the source of all useful things produced by mankind is the earth, and he who ignores that fundamental fact fails to touch the cause of involuntary poverty and industrial pandemonium.

The only lasting remedy for the social evils that pertain to labor interest is to make nature's storehouse free to all alike.

CHAS. D. RYAN.

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FAIRHOPE AND THE SINGLE TAX.

Following his talk before the State Editorial Association last week in which he endeavored to show wherein Fairhope was in no sense to be considered an application of the Single Tax principle, Mr. Norton touched upon the matter at some length in the last issue of the Standard and, as we are informed, has been at the pains to send a copy of the issue to each member of the editorial party.

His own remarks were prefaced by a quotation from our esteemed English contemporary, Land Values, condemning the agitation for a similiar colony in England. The gist of Land Values' objection to the "Single Tax Colony" plan is contained in the following statement:

"The Single Tax does not mean a proposal for taxing land values. It means the taxation of land values, and the exemption of all improvements from taxation. To collect land rent, as Mr. Middleton proposes, and 'out of this rent fund' to pay all taxes on improvements is not the Single Tax, and a Colony on this basis—the only possible basis until the general law of rating is reformed—would not be a Single Tax Colony. The duty of all reformers in this country is clearly to push on the work of getting land valued and taxed, both in town and country."

This the Standard characterizes as putting "the finger upon the weak spot in the Fairhope plan," and continues: "The best definition of the Single Tax was that made by Henry George and which at the same time determines the method by which the Single Tax will be reached i. e. 'The Single Tax means the abolition of all other taxes excepting that upon the annual rental value of the land alone.' "

With all due regard to Land Values, Mr. George and the Standard, the foregoing statements are far more inclined to be misleading taken alone than any statement of Fairhope propaganda. The taxation of land values and exemption of improvements and other labor created values would be Single Tax; but it would not be the Single Tax advocated by Mr. George unless it took *all* the land value.

The proposition upon which Land Values invites the concentration of effort of all Single Taxers means no more than the system of taxation we now have in this country, whereby land is taxed at its present value, along with other values due to individuals. Of course Land Values means more, but there does not at this distance seem the slightest likelihood of accomplishing more, but rather a terrific fight to accomplish that. No wonder Mr. Middleton, who knows of the success of Fairhope in eliminating land speculation on the thousands of acres controlled by the Fairhope Colony, keeping the land open for actual settlers and taking its increasing value for public use instead of letting it be collected by private owners for their personal benefit, wants to see something of the kind done in England.

Both Land Values and the Standard place entirely too much emphasis upon the word "single" and tend to obscure the central feature of the George Philosophy which is, that the land belongs to all the people and that it should be kept open on equal terms to all by taking from each individual holder for the benefit of all, the value of the privilege of exclusive individual possession.

But Mr. Norton says that Fairhope does not "abolish any of the taxes assessed by the Federal, State and County governments; it shifts them about from personal property and improvements to land taxes etc.," Is not that just what the Single Tax applied by government would in effect do? It would cease to collect taxes on improvements and personal property, as such, but would collect the gross sum now collected (approximately) in all these taxes, from land values alone.

This is what Fairhope does save as to tariff and internal revenue taxes and it is a thousand times nearer the Single Tax than the measures upon which Land Values urges the concentration of Single Taxers in England, or than (judging the future by the past) is likely to be realized in the United States, through legislation, in a generation. It is approved and actively supported by very many of the best known and most active Single Taxers of the country as being what (an dall) it claims to be, the nearest approach possible to the Single Tax under present laws and fully entitled to be called a "Single Tax Colony."

We credit the members of the Alabama Press Association with sufficient ability to reason logically to see this and they will remember wherein the difference between the "Fairhope plan" and the Single Tax as generally advocated, was duly explained on the occasion of their visit here.

They saw Fairhope and met many of its people and are able to form a judgment of their own as to whether or not it is succeeding.

One of its prime purposes was to actually demonstrate some claims of Single Taxers.

It has demonstrated that taking land values for public use will:

Destroy land speculation.

Make it easier for people to secure sites for homes and business.

Encourage the improving of land.

Encourage thrift and public spirit.

Yield more net revenue for public use than present systems of taxation without discouraging industry.

It has however, also demonstrated:

That fair play will not satisfy the man who wants "a cinch."

That democracy won't suit the man who is determined to have *his* way, whether it is the way of the majority or not.

That no exterior circumstances will make everybody satisfied, considerate, courteous generous and truthful.

That no degree of success will silence the man who is not happy unless he is "it."

A trial before Justice Albright on Wednesday, between Mobile parties summering at Tatumville, furnished splendid illustration of the troubles likely to arise from the "common kitchen" plan. It is a large house which is big enough for two families, but, of course there are families and families. According to the evidence these were particularly "scrappy."

Be A Booster.

Do you know there's lots o' people
Settin' 'round in every town,
Growlin' like a broody chicken,
Knockin' every good thing down?
Don't you be that kind o' cattle,
'Cause they ain't no use on earth.
You just be a booster rooster,
Crow and boost for all your worth.

If your town needs boostin', boost 'er,
Don't hold back an' wait to see
If some other feller's willin',
Sail right in,—this country's free:
No one's got a mortgage on it,
It's just yours as much as his.
If your town is shy on boosters,
You get in the boostin' biz.

If things don't just seem to suit you,
An' the world seems kinder wrong,
What's the matter with a boostin',
Just to help the thing along,
'Cause if things should stop a-going',
We'd be in a sorry plight.
You just keep that horn a-blowin',
Boost 'er up with all your might.

If you see some feller tryin'
For to make some project go,
You can boost it up a trifle,
That's your cut to let him know
That you're not a-goin' to knock it,
Just because it ain't your "shout,"
But you're goin' to boost a little,
'Cause he's got "the best thing out."

If you know some feller's failin's,
Just forget 'em, 'cause you know
That same feller's got some good points,
Them's the ones you want to show;
"Cast your loaves out on the waters,
They'll come back," 's a sayin' true,
Mebbe they will come back "buttered,"
When some feller boosts for you.

Homer Clark Bennet, M. D.

Dr. Atkinson Interviewed

Dr. Atkinson sends the editor a clipping from the Des Moines Register and Leader, giving an interview of a reporter with her, about Fairhope.

Of the article the Doctor says: "I tried to tell him the truth but you will see that I did not succeed very well. It is so hard for people to whom the thing is new to understand. I know I will be considered a liar and a Fairhope boomer by some if they should see the article."

Which reminds us how greatly disturbed some people have been by slightly inaccurate statements in similar interviews with other friends of Fairhope, insisting that correction be made at once. It is noticeable that objections are usually made to statements that are deemed a little too "rosy." If they are inaccurate in the other direction, the inaccuracies are unchallenged. The writer endeavors to be absolutely accurate in his own statements and will gladly correct wherever errors are shown, but life is too short to attempt to keep every exuberant newspaper reporter straight.

It is surprising and gratifying to see the general feeling even in Mobile—in favor of the steamer Fairhope in her effort to furnish good and cheap transportation to the people of the Eastern Shore—her home town in particular. The nature of the fight which is being waged against her is the "talk of the town" and everywhere business men and others express delight over the way in which the people most interested continue to stand by the gallant little steamer and the way in which she daily distances her rival.

Advertising Pays.

Editor Norton says "Fairhope is the best advertised town in the world. That is, of course, as inaccurate as most of his statements about Fairhope—particularly when he assumes to give "inside facts;" but we are well advertised, even by our enemies, and never have been so well advertised locally as this season. And we are quite prepared to say that this advertising "pays" Fairhope at any rate. We are not so sure that it pays those who foot the bills, but there is no denying that it helps us. People who were never interested before are becoming interested now and coming to investigate. Never before have so many strange faces been seen upon our streets and our Sunday crowds fairly take our breath away. Last Sunday John Patterson tallied through 326 to take the boats in the afternoon and nearly 200 more went over on Monday morning—and Sunday wasn't a good day either; and when they come once they come again. Keep it up, friends or enemies. We appreciate your approval, but if you can't approve go for us! It all helps to attract attention to our town and our policies and that is what we want.

Visiting Bay Minette this week we noted several evidences of progress. The new two story concrete building on the corner southeast of the court house square, has been completed and is occupied. Another one-story concrete building has been built just south of the court house, and several other new buildings were visible in the walk from the depot to the court house. The disgraceful looking swamp just south of the county building has been drained and the logs and stumps removed. Bay Minette is nicely located and has a lot of pushers as well as a few knockers. It promises to become one of the best towns on the L. & N. south of Montgomery and one of which Baldwin County people will not be ashamed as their county seat.

Alfred Q. Wooster, one of the organizers of Fairhope Corporation and the one whose happy thought the name "Fairhope" was, is again in newspaper harness, being now editor and publisher of the Erie, Kansas, Sentinel. Alf. and the editor of the COURIER were both on the staff of the Farmers' Tribune at Des Moines when Fairhope had its inception. He is a first class all round newspaper man, a tireless worker and strictly "on the square." The people of Erie are to be congratulated on having him to publish their local journal. Here's success to you Alf.

Editor C. W. Thomas of the Citronelle Call, was here Sunday, accompanying Miss King, his chief assistant, who will spend a week or more here enjoying the bay and its varied attractions. Mr. Thomas is a good friend of Fairhope, and it is always a pleasure to his friends to see him here.

The Roads For the People.

On the fictitious paper value given the railroads by the jobbers who have of late years secured control of them, enormous volumes of stocks and bonds have been issued. It is a question whether the railroads, sold for what they are worth, would bring enough to pay their bonded indebtedness. This would, of course, crush out the stockholders, many of whom are innocent investors, but the fact must not be lost sight of that the great blocks of stock are owned by those who have been exploiting the roads to the property's ruin, and the utter confusion of the road's patrons, the public.

There is another far-reaching result that would come from the sale of the roads at anything near their market value provided enough was not secured to pay their bonded indebtedness, enormous loss to life insurance companies. Most of the life insurance companies of the country have large amounts invested in rallroad bonds. Today these bonds are looked upon as gilt edge. with many such revelations as that contained in the Interstate Commerce Commission's report, what will these bonds be worth tomorrow? Thus, it will be seen that practically every holder of a life insurance policy is more or less interested in the outcome.

These are problems that may well cause concern. But the fact must not be lost sight of that the longer the roads are permitted to continue in private hands that they may be exploited for the benefit of the few, the problems will become more difficult of solution. It would have been easier a quarter of a century ago for the country to have taken over the railroads than it is now. Ten years hence it will be far more difficult for the government to take the roads than it is today. More persons will suffer; more will be wronged. The time is at hand when the dullest must see that the salvation of the country depends on the taking over of the railroads by the government and without delay.—Star.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

July 26. * * * Today a visit to Dr. Gibbons and his wife "Rebecca." I have to call her by her first name, since she graciously permits it, because the name is precious to me, and because it seems to fit her so well. (No pun intended.) The occasion was in compliment to Mr. Hoffman, who is visiting us at this time, and is my guest. x x x Dr. Gibbons is a remarkable man for many reasons: one of these is his remarkable strength and vigor at the age of seventy and over. Physically he is tall and of soldierly bearing, as becomes a member of the G. A. R. He is tall, distinguished looking, and somewhat gray. He is a man of great experience and of rare conversational ability. He says he is a teacher and practitioner of Mental Science. and attributes his success here in building a new home tho starting with only twenty-five dollars in his possession, and for income only a small pension, to this philosophy. He is much loved here, and many contributed money or labor, all unasked, to the building of his home. Every day, almost, he was surprised by the arrival of materials for his house—lumber, windows, doors &c. You know the theory of the Mental Scientists. I am unable to state it fairly; but if you ever come to Fairhope, you will have the pleasure of hearing it from his own lips. I should say he was a Theosophist.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons are exceedingly fond of gardening and they have done wonders on their new place in a few months. The grapes set out in the spring are in bearing and furnished the new wine which was an added charm to a most elegant and rich repast, vegetarian, save for a dish of salmon and eggs. They do not reject milk and its pro ducts, and would even eat meat if necessary; but like the majority of progressive or new thought people, they decidedly prefer the simpler diet. From their young garden they have produced nearly all kinds of garden "truck" and we were assured that "everything has grown luxuriantly" the 17 fig trees set out in the early spring, must be four feet high, and are I should say too luxuriant in their growth. I do not see how anyone could look upon the vigor and variety of the things he has produced without any commercial fertilizers whatever and only the manure from the cattle running in the roads near him, could say that gardening will not "pay" here. Of course he is a great worker. He estimates that he did with his own hands fully one-half the work upon his house It is not yet finished but charmingly comfortable already.

It seems to me that Dr. Gibbons is clearly mirrored in the words of Emerson:

"The mind that is parallel with the laws of nature will be in the current of events and strong with their strength."

It is a good sign for Fairhope when such people can love Fairhope, teach good doctrine to the people and, exemplifying neighborly kindness and love to all in their lives, are yet able to show that it is less difficult to get a living here than elsewhere. I make an effort, you see, to not overstate. (As I write Comrade Braam and Mr. Hoffman are in animated conversation and it is difficult to maintain concentration of mind.)

Wm. D. Haywood is a free man. The jury evidently did not believe the uncorroborated story of Harry Orchard, and found him "not guilty." The verdict is a vindication of the state of Idaho and of the trial by jury system as well as of Mr. Haywood. Moyer has been admitted to bail but bail has been refused to Pettibone, and the state now asserts that it will go on with the cases against them. A rousing reception will be given Haywood on his return to Denver.

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AND THE CAT REMAINED

It was at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. The gates of a downtown elevated train were half closed when an old woman with sparse gray hair and deeply seamed cheeks placed one foot on the car platform. The gateman tried to close the gate, but she was half way on. He gave vent to some muttered words expressive of his displeasure, to which the old woman paid no attention. She fairly fell down on her seat, for the exertion had been too much for her. In a little while, when she had recovered her breath, she glanced about her in a furtive way. Having apparently satisfied herself that no one was watching her with a special purpose, she hugged up to her breast a disreputable old muff which had weathered some winters and gave bold evidence of a close acquaintance with the moth family. Indeed, there were only tufts of fur here and there, but the article served its purpose. Every one wondered, however, why the poor old woman with her thin form and worn-out dress was so attached to it.

Finally the muff answered these questions of its own account, for just before the train had reached the next station a plaintive "Meow" was wafted on the air to the ears of the guard who stood near. The old woman fairly shriveled with guilt, for she knew that no animals were permitted there. To make matters worse, the first catcall was followed by a series of more emphatic ones—protests regarding the strangeness of the situation.

This was too much. The passengers laughed and the guard came angrily upon the scene of action. All eyes were directed toward the old woman, and to her he addressed his remarks in choice English.

"Who's got the cat?" he demanded. Silence, while all waited developments.

The cat answered for herself in heart-rending tones, which, however, had not the slightest effect on the man. She stuck out her head and proved to be old and poor, like her mistress. Besides, she had only one eye.

"See here, youse," said the gateman, threateningly, "shaking his fist in the face of the cat's protector, "youse can get out at the next station, see?"

"Oh, please, Mr. Conductor, don't make me leave," sobbingly pleaded the old woman. "I know it ain't just right ter bring the cat, but what am I a-goin' ter do? I ain't got no money ter hire a carriage, and I was afraid to send her on the wagon, so there was nothin' else fer me ter do. You see," she added appealingly to her listeners, "we're movin' to-day. I've had this cat ten years, and I love her like she was my own child."

"Ha! ha! listen to that!" exclaimed the guard sarcastically. "Think of the wasted affection!"

"You know," continued the old woman, not noticing him, "if you had a cat fer ten years, you know what you would have done."

"Youse ken bet I do," glibly answered the man. "Inter the river fer hers. Now, see here," he said roughly, "out youse go wid der animal."

"But mister," begged the woman, "I've got to go way down town. I can't walk."

"Youse has heard my orders. Off yer go at the next station." Suiting the action to the word, for the train was stopping, he held the gate open for her to pass out. While the old woman was trying to get to her feet a kind-faced, well-dressed woman pushed her back into her seat, and walking up to the guard, said:

"She'll do nothing of the sort, and I will see that she stays on this car."

"Ha!" sneered the man, "who are you, and what have you ter do wid de case? I'll have youse both arrested."

He then told a man to bring an officer. While the train waited the argument continued, and the old woman's champion listened to some abusive language, when suddenly things took an interesting turn. A good-natured Irishman stepped aggressively to the front.

"What this lady says goes, and if she says the cat stays, it does, and if it doesn't, I'm here to see that it is carried out," he asserted with a careless disregard for clearness of expression and a threatening display of fists.

"What's this old woman and her cat to youse?" demanded the guard.

"Nothin' at all," answered the Irishman, "but this here lady I do know." Then with a wink for the lady's benefit alone: "She's Mrs. Patchouli, and sure it's her husband that's got the power to make you lose yer job, if you only knew it. If the cat goes, you go after it. Understand that."

The guard concluded that there might be some truth in the Irishman's threat. Besides, the passengers were complaining about the delay, and no policeman appeared.

The train started on its way.

"Mrs. Patchouli" left the car at Forty-second street, and as she did so the old woman called out: "Heaven reward you, ma'am, for what you've done this day." And the Irishman said: "Good-day, Mrs. Patchouli. Have no fear, for I'll stand by until the cat lands."

One on the Ticket Seller.

"Step right up this way, ladies and gentlemen," said the flashy youth in the circus ticket wagon. "Step lively, please. Get your tickets—the show is just going to start. Two for you, sir?"

A benevolent round-cheeked old rube and his flock of children stood at the edge of the crowd, a bunch of gaudy tickets in one hand and a handful of silver in the other. His pursed lips suddenly turned into a broad smile, he hesitated and then walked doubtfully toward the ticket window still counting the change. He edged his way through the crowd and addressed the fashionably dressed youth above him:

"You made a mistake in yer change, sir," he said.

The ticket man fumed up and shook his head.

"No mistakes rectified after you leave the window, Rube—don't you see the sign? Move along. Make way for the others."

"But," expostulated the farmer.

"No buts go with me. Get along."

"Now, see here," said the Rube, seriously.

"Cut it out, Rube—yer wastin' my time. No mistakes in change rectified after you leave the window. D'ye hear?"

"Well, all right," said the rustic, turning to go, "I wuz only tryin' to tell ye that ye guv me five dollars too much."

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The friend of the actress looked at her in some surprise.

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Practicing on Ministers.

"I counted seven girls taking down my sermon in shorthand this morning," said a suburban minister. "I am getting tired of this business of turning church into school. It is a desecration of the Sabbath and of the sanctuary, and it gets worse year by year.

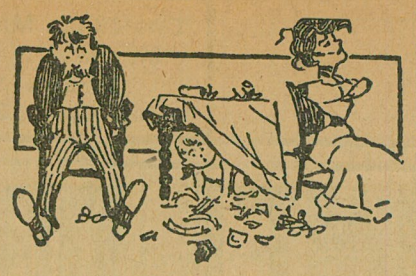
"When the thing first began, I admit that I was flattered. I thought the solitary shorthand writer in my front pew was a reporter. I took unusual pains that morning, and I searched all the newspapers the next day. In vain, of course. The shorthand writer was merely a student of stenography, using me to practice on.

"Students of stenography should practice on actors and on lecturers, but no—that would cost money. Nothing suits them but ministers, and every Sunday, all over our land, young men and women, with their pads and fountain pens, go to church solely to improve their shorthand."

THEIR HOUSE PUT IN ORDER

By S. E. KISER.

In one of the most beautiful suburbs of Chicago a house has been put in order, after having been deserted for more than a year. Old General Incompatibility began to interfere in the affairs of the Braytons after they had been married a few years, and the result was a divorce. Mrs. Brayton—the name of Brayton is used here only because it is convenient—went to Europe shortly after securing her freedom, and her husband remained on this side to furnish the alimony and live at a club, where he sometimes probably found it rather lonely. Their friends thought it was a shame that two such people were unable to get along together. The Brayton home, while it had lasted, had been a jolly place. Its destruction was a severe blow to the society of which it was a part. Mrs. Brayton's friends tried to persuade her, before it was too late, to withdraw her petition for divorce, but she declared that she could never again love the man who had thrown her clothes on the floor because he had found them hung in his closet, and who had told her to her face that she talked so much that the sound of her voice

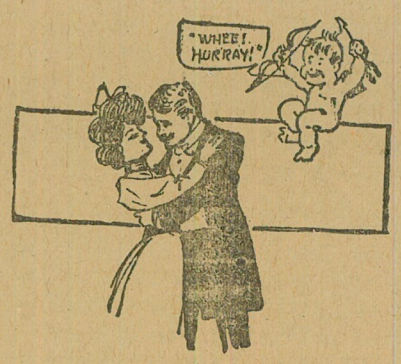


made his ears ache. Wallace Brayton, on his part, put his friends off, when they went to him, by declaring that he might as well be asked to live with a wildcat as with a woman who kicked his collars under the bed if he happened to leave them on her dresser and who deliberately spoiled some of his choicest books because she had an idea that he thought more of them than he thought of her.

It was at the theater that Brayton and his former wife happened to see each other for the first time after the lady's return from Europe. Mrs. Brayton sat in a box with some friends. Brayton had a seat down well in front, where, by slightly turning his head, he could face the lady who had once been his wife.

Here is the rest of the story, as he told it himself the other day:

"I had a queer sort of a feeling when I saw her there. The words and gestures all brought back certain scenes and episodes in our life and, somehow, caused me to rather wish that our case might end as the play ended. There I sat and blubbered some, I guess, and thought a good deal about the foolishness of people who rush into the divorce courts without waiting for the raw edges to wear off, if one may put it that way. Say, that play's a great sermon, do you know it? Well, on the night I saw Alice sitting there I was inclined to get up and go out at first. She looked down at me rather contemptuously from the box where she sat, rigged up like a queen, and I felt pretty cheap. But she forgot her high and mighty way along about the time it looked as if Mrs. Karslake was going to marry the judge. I



could see her sort of gasping as preparations were completed for the wedding, and when the divorced woman that everybody in the audience wanted to go back to her husband started with the other man toward the altar to be married to him I could see Alice go white. She was living over her own experience, and so was I, and you ought to have seen her clapping her hands and wiping her eyes when the lady on the stage at the last moment refused to take the wrong step, knowing that there was but one man in the world for her—the man from whom she had secured a divorce.

"It was during the last act, though, that Alice began to clearly see things in their right light, I guess. Anyhow, I saw her standing up, half hidden behind a curtain and waving a very soppy handkerchief when the two who had been divorced decided to try their fortunes together again. I don't remember just how it happened that I was standing at the end of the aisle through which I knew she and her friends would have to pass on their way out, but I was there, and—well, she didn't go home in their carriage. But, say, you can't imagine how queer a fellow feels when he's asking his own wife to marry him, not being dead sure whether she'll say yes or no."

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Mr. Dyson is making some improvements, adding another room on the south.

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Mrs. Antonie of Mobile has rented Dougherty cottage and will take possession at once. She will probably stay the rest of the season.

Mrs. Gass has returned from Mobile with her family and will occupy their cottage for the balance of the season. They found it to warm in Mobile.

Mrs. Dr. Page and son Lyman returned from Mobile Thursday night where they have been for the past week. The Dr. came with them but returned to the city in the morning.

Frank Creswell was over from Mobile Wednesday night returning Thursday morning, He expects to be back with Mrs. Creswell and the children this evening for a stay of some length.

We have sold a number of the Perfection Oil Stoves and those who have them are greatly pleased with them. The editor's wife among the number. Mershon Merch. Co.

Among the last Sunday visitors was Mr. Clark, manager of the new Rochdale Cooperative store in Mobile. It started in a very small way but he reports its business as growing encouragingly.

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Mrs, Williams who has occupied the Mann cottage at the top of the wharf hill, left for Mobile this week but expects to return in September. The cottage will be occupied by Mrs Gill for the balance of the season.

C. F. Blank writing from Chicago says that he and his family will winter in Fairhope this year, and will probably be here the here the latter part of September. They will occupy their own house, now rented by Mr. Pilcher.

People who take the steamer at Battles and North Wharf should remember that the Fairhope is now landing at those wharves daily and giving quick service to and from Mobile at her regular rate of 25 cents each way.

Messrs. Pilcher, Patterson and Gaston, who went to Bay Minette on Monday on a summons to act as special jurors on a murder case, returned on Tuesday, having been released because of the continuance of the case. Mr. Arthur Mershon who was summoned on the petit jury for the week was unable to get excused and had to remain.

Mrs. E. M. Hueston, of Mobile, has purchased the Archibald Crosbie place. Mrs. Hueston who is a widow with four children, has been occupying during the summer season one of the Kimball cottages on Fels ave, and has become so pleased with Fairhope that she has purchased the Crosbie place with intention to occupy it the year round.

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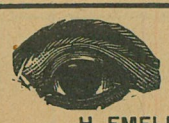

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H. EMELINE WILLIAMS

Ira Powell was over to Mobile on Monday and bought two new rigs for the Fairhope Livery; one a handsome two-seated surrey and the other a strong two seated drummer's spring wagon. Mr. Powell is hustling and enterprising and determined to be prepared to supply the needs of the travelling public.

The Bell Telephone Company has extended its lines to Bon Secour, Foley, Magnolia Springs, Robertsdale and Summerdale. Manager Perkins has had a gang of seven men at work on the lines in this vicinity and there is another gang at work near Robertsdale, The work will be completed in about two weeks when service will be open to this part of the county.

A pleasing incident of the Gold Medal Contest at Silver Hill and Robertsdale, last week, was the entertaining of the party, 12 in number, by Dr. and Mrs. Borst. The whole party were entertained at supper most delightfully. Dr. and Mrs. Borst have a very warm feeling toward Fairhope and anybody from here may be assured of a warm

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Mr. W. H. Bryant, manager of the Home Telephone Company, was in town Sunday, accompanied by his wife. They are now "grand-parents", a girl having been born to their daughter "Joyce" now Mrs. Tyrrel. Of this interesting event the Courier received due notice by an elegantly engraved little card, a clever idea.

The Cascade Baking Powder must go. Now we will make another offer: the baking powder will be sold for 25 cents per can and with each can you will get a buggy coupon and your choice of a glass dish. This you get for the small amount of 25 cents. Remember, the coupons must be given out before the buggy goes. Mershon Merchandising Company.

A ball game was played on the ground an the White-Nichols' tract between a local team and a team from Mobile. The score was 10 to 5 in favor of the Fairhope team—if it may be called such, as it included only one Fairhope resident, Frank Davis, the three Overton brothers, Ed, Wesley and Dillon, of Mobile, Alfred Beardsley and —— Soost, also of Mobile; and the Baldwin brothers, Will, Joe and George, of Marlow, Fish River, were the players for "Fairhope" and they put up a very good game of ball.

Coming! coming! A shipment of Mobile made suit cases, grips, trunks etc. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Scheffler who is here in the interest of a company of Northern men for the purpose of purchasing a tract of 640 acres of land near Fairhope, will leave Sunday, for his home in New Castle Pa. He expects to return here in about a month. The gang of men which has been at work on the land will continue at the same work in his absence, At present they are engaged in clearing and cutting fence posts.

The editor took dinner at the Cosy Corner Cafe when in Mobile one day this week and it was a good one too. Everthing was good, well cooked, well seasoned and well served. We did not get to see Mr. Elmer Page who was busy at the noon hour seeing to some of the work "behind the scenes." Both of the Messrs. Page are giving their close personal attention to the details of the business and we hope they are going to make a great success of it.

Dictator flour is it. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Prof. C. P. Bowman and family, of Citronelle, are making Fairhope their regular summer visit, enjoying the bathing and fishing. They are occupying a part of Mr. Albright's cottage. They bring their horse and phaeton along so they can go to and from the bay without getting "warmed up" or "tired out". Prof. Bowman has been again engaged to head the Citronelle school. The coming year will be his fourth, the best evidence of his superior qualifications as an instructor.

A large shipment of shoes just received Mershon Merch. Co.

Twenty dollars in cash, a pair of pants and a neck tie were stolen from their owner while he was in bathing last Sunday, at the bath-house. The Sunday previous about $6.00 was taken from the pockets of bathers. The ten cent fare has undoubtedly attracted some "undesirable citizens" to Fairhope for a Sunday outing. Valuables can be checked at the Cafe.

DOUBLE MEDAL CONTEST.

Program for double medal contest Aug, 5, Monday 7:30 p. m. at the church.

Singing, Invocation, chorus,

Out for Prohibition, Medal Club.

Contest of nine 5 year old children.

What I Think, Virginia Toft.

The Young Soldier, Lavigne Berglin.

Just a Word, Dollie Gray Harrison.

My First Piece, Ronald Mershon.

Speech, Earl Stersic.

A Bit of Common Sense; Edna Barnhart.

A Very Short Speech, Eva Mathison.

I'm Only Six, Paul Sedinger.

My Powers, Nina Foster.

Judges retire.

Chorus, Y. W. C. T. U. Marching song.

Grand Gold Medal Contest.

The Factory Chimney, Vera Littlefield.

The Tramp, Uhlma Hail.

Chorus, The Rally song, Medal club.

Selection, Annie Laurie Freeman.

There were Ninety and Nine, Alfred Shepherd.

Chorus, The College Boys, Medal club.

An American Creed, Irene Bell.

A Vivid Pen Picture, Anna Mae Oswalt.

Chorus, The Medal Band.

Sim's Little Girl, Birdie Sedinger.

The Plea of the Children, Laurence Barnhart.

Music by Medal club. Presentation of Medals.

Admission 25 cents for adults, children under 14, five cents.

The hour is 7:30 on account of the small children.

MRS. JESSIE HAY BELL, Supt. contest work for Baldwin County.

Summer Temperature at Fairhope.

Much interest has been manifested by our friends in the north, in our summer temperature.

Miss Manly has very kindly volunteered to act as observer and report to the Courier and furnishes us the following observations for the week ending with Wednesday:

25	84	92	88
26	84	92	78
27	82	83	82
28	78	83	82
29	82	84	81
30	79	85	82
31	80	83	83

Several thunder showers and heavy rain; cloudy every day but the 25th, and breezy.

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.

Cottage Near Bay Front for Sale

We are authorized to offer the Mrs. Mann cottage at the "turn of the road," Fairhope Avenue, the one lately occupied by the De Coudres family. This is a very desirably located cottage, near the bay, with four rooms on ground floor and large attic room: porches front and rear; good cistern.

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Improvements upon Fairhope Single Tax Corporation Lands a Specialty.
A FEW IMPROVED OUTLYING PROPERTIES
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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

In Hard Luck.

Some of our millionaries are indeed having hard luck with their automobiles; at least the amazing manner in which their machines depreciate in value can hardly be otherwise construed. In Cleveland, according to the returns to the tax assessors, the average value on which automobile owners pay taxes is only $100. John D. Rockefeller has eight machines in Cleveland, but the whole lot are reported to the assessor as worth only $1,300, and must therefore be poor things. Samuel Mather, one of Cleveland's richest men, has the misfortune to ride in a car valued at no more than $50, while Alexander Winton, the millionaire automobile manufacturer, is down as riding in a car worth only $300. In all Cleveland Mayor Tom Johnson is the only man who, according to the tax returns, is fortunate enough to have a really good machine. He has three, which are put down at $4,700, or over three times as much as John D. Rockefeller's eight.—Star.

From Geo. H. Taylor's "Ginger Snaps"

In Rocky Ford (Col) Enterprise.

There is still a good deal of open range on this earth, and if it were not for the fact that somebody—nation or individual—is so eternally trying to hog it, there would not be much need of armies and war ships. The two great causes of war have been religion and land ownership. Nearly every war has had somewhere behind it the scheme of a king or a priest or a landed proprietor to take tithes of the other fellow, either by controlling him or the land he lives on. The scheme takes on many phases but when sifted down it is all one.

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Whenever we get where we recognize the next man's right to use any piece of ground that nobody else is using we shall have done, largely, with armies and battle ships, and get rid of a whole lot of fellows who stand around howling about a chance to work. They will have it. We shall not only dispense with the tramp, who comes begging a hand-out because he can't get a job, but the walking delegate of the labor union will have to walk; and the fellow who stands around the military barracks and the naval station will have to become an actually productive citizen of the state—unless he can induce his wife to support him.

R. F. Powell arrived from Philadelphia on last Thursday night, to remain perhaps until September first. He is looking exceedingly well, in spite of strenuous times keeping the Vacant Lot work moving in the Quaker City. He says the season is the most backward there in the ten years since the Vacant Lot work began there. He also says that times are getting appreciably "tighter" in the east, and the wave of one-sided "prosperity" we have been having is evidently retreating.

The Farmers' Advocate takes some satisfaction over the belief that "tainted papers"—those owned and run by our commercial freebooters in behalf of their interests—are almost invariably run at a loss and cites the cases of the Chicago Chronicle, the St. Paul Globe, Minneapolis Times and the Topeka Herald. It is a cheering thought that the people will refuse to support the papers which are known to be controlled by the predatory interests.

Jackson Ala, had a narrow escape from a serious fire, and the South Alabamian has begun an ardent campaign for water-works. It advocates a municipal plant, which, of course, is the only kind which should be considered. Success to the South Alabamian.

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The "Great White Plague" An Economic Problem.

EDITOR COURIER:

Professor S. Solis Cohen, of Philadelphia, in an address before the National Association of Jewish Charities on the prevention of tuberculosis pointed out that this was no longer a medical problem, but a social and an economic one. It is especially a "housing and feeding" problem.

In part Professor Cohen said: "We bring about recovery by turning them loose in the fresh air and sunlight, giving them plenty of water internally and externally, and feeding them up to the highest point. At present we do this for a very small number of poor people by public and private charity. The entire provision for the needy consumptives in the United States takes care of only an insignificant percentage of the great army of sufferers.

"There is, however, one excellent way of obviating the causes of susceptibility to tuberculosis. The infection itself is the work of a germ, the bacillus tuberculosis. But the susceptibility without which the germ might come and go harmlessly, is the result of privation and overwork and overcrowding in the victims and in their ancestors.

"Overcrowding comes from high rents; over work and poor food can be contributed to low wages. Thus high rents and low wages, therefore, may truthfully be said to be the chief causes of tuberculosis.

"Make wages high and rents low, and tuberculosis will be prevented. Rents will be lowered and wages heightened by the same measure of social justice, namely, the taxing of economic rent into the public treasury in lieu of all taxes, and necessarily this involves the abolition of taxes and of special privileges.

"In other words, Henry George proposed in the Single Tax a measure that will not only abolish many economic evils but also the physical diseases that result therefrom."

Philadelphia, Pa. CHAS. D. RYAN.

Child Labor Bill Passed.

Alabama has been one of the most backward states in the Union on child labor regulation, but the present legislature has passed a law which provides that no child under 12 years of age shall be employed to work in or about any mill or factory or manufacturing establishment in this state, working in cotton, wool, clothing, tobacco, printing, and binding, glass, or any kind of work that is injurious to health when carried on in doors.

One year after this bill becomes a law no child between the ages of 12 and 16 years shall be employed, unless eight week's schooling is given, six of which shall be consecutive.

No child under 14 years of age shall be employed for more than 60 hours in any one week.

No child under 16 years of age shall be employed from 7. p. m. to 6 a. m. standard time; and no child under 18 years of age shall be employed between said hours for more than eight hours in any one night.

This is not much, but it is better than nothing. The number of hours, 60 a week, means 10 hours a day for six days; or, if a Saturday half holiday be allowed, 11 hours a day must be worked for the five days. And this when the eight hour day prevails largely for grown men.

Fairhope Property in Demand.

There were six prospective buyers for the Crosbie place which was sold last week to Mrs. Hueston of Mobile through the Albright and Gaston agency. Half of these would have bought the property for their own use, while the other three would have taken it as an investment, to sell at a profit, or to rent.

Judging from this it would seem that Fairhope Colony property as an investment is regarded as a pretty good proposition. There are other indications that Fairhope property will be in demand, not only by renters but by purchasers. Mrs. Hueston gota tenant for her property immediately, and they will go into it as soon as the Crosbies vacate.

Mr. Dyson is in receipt of a letter from England saying that some of his relatives are on their way here and will locate in Fairhope.

A family of former residents whose return would be gladly welcomed by their many friends, expect to come back at an early date. We are not at liberty to mention their name at present.

Mr. Albright has received a letter from a family in Virginia saying that they will be here the middle of August and wlll make their home here. Dr. Woodruff writes that he expects to build here this winter and the Blanks are expected in September. The indications are that the cottages will be all occupied this winter.

What Taxation of Land Values Would Do.

Middleton, Eng. Guardian

Let us shortly state what the taxation of land values would do for Middleton. Rents of houses would be low, food cheap, abundant, and undulterated, wages high, education free, and all transit, and gas, water and other utilities provided without charge for the men, women, and children of our town. All this could be done with the wealth that they now produce, but unfortunately do not retain. This wealth would be vastly increased when all were compelled by circumstances to work, and the means of subsistence rendered absolutely free. And this without doing the slightest injustice to anybody. The taxation of land values would simply take for the use of the community that which rightfully belongs to them, leaving sacred to the individual all that he gains by his industry. Apply that to present life in Middleton, and it will be seen how vast and beneficent a change would be made in all our conditions. Small though it is, Middleton presents striking instances of much wealth and the most degrading poverty, and these inequalities are all caused by our atrocious taxing system. Under the taxation of land values no one would be deprived of anything he possesses, but many would be prevented from levying tolls upon others. The reform would be gradual, substituting by easy stages the natural order for the present burdens on improvements and industry, but the favourable results of the policy would be seen at once in the gradual improvement of all classes, the simplicity and purity of government, and the material and moral advance of our race.

The Guardian makes strong claims for the taxation of land values. Just what its full effect upon land values and public revenues will be, only experience will demonstrate; but its justice is founded in irrefutable logic. Since it is the one measure which will establish equity in the relations of land and labor, the two primary factors in production, there can be no other question of so great economic importance. And since men must live before they can mentally or spiritually develop, it is equally as important from the moral stand-

Sees the Evil but not the Remedy

EDITOR COURIER:

The Schenectady N. Y. Gazette, in a recent issue comments upon the scarcity of houses in that city, and in the course of the editorial the editor describes precisely the situation that led Henry George into the economic inquiry, resulting in his famous book "Progress and Poverty." The Gazette's statement of the situation in Schenectady might be truthfully applied to every important city in the country. Take, for instance, the following: "Fast as is the building pace, it does not keep up with the need. This matter of high rents and high prices for houses is one that is hurting Schenectady."

Then the editor explains, quite ingeniously, the immediate cause of the hurtful condition, he says: "There are hundreds of building lots in and near Schenectady that are ideal home sites. Many of them are held by their owners for a higher price. The real estate market is one of the most profitable here of any venture that offers itself to investors. It is perfectly natural that their owners should keep them for still higher valuations."

Although the fact stands out with distinctness that one of the most profitable businesses in Schenectady (as well as in hundreds of other cities) is one in which the "business" man produces absolutely nothing, yet that fact does not appear to arrest the attention of the editor.

Possibly he, like millions of others, has never reflected that the building-site speculator makes his money by actually obstructing the growth and prosperity of the city. The more seriously you ponder over the problem, the clearer that fact becomes. He holds the land for a higher price. Nobody can build in the city until the land speculator has extorted

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AS TO "FREE COMPETITION"

Those who argue against the justice and sufficiency of competition to adjust supply to demand and reward individual effort, assume free competition as an impossibility. They strangely assume that competition inevitably leads to monopoly, and when they make an argement against competition, lo, it turns out not to be an argument against competition but against its antithesis, monopoly.

Another erronous assumption is that competition cannot be called "free" unless the competitors are in every way equally qualified by nature, training and inheritance.

Talking the other day with a gentleman holding this view, he illustrated by imagining conditions of a race between certain parties, who should be lined up and given an equal start, and equal conditlons so far as the track over which they should run, but one contestant has a peg leg, another is crippled up with rheumatism, while the third is a trained athlete. "Can you call that free competition," he said, "when it is a foregone conclusion that the athlete will win." "Your idea of competition" we replied, "is evidently that the one who gets to the goal first will pick it up and run away with it, so that the poorer qualified will not get there at all."

This is the kind of competition, so-called, that we have today, when the mentally strong, cunning and unscrupulous are permitted to secure title to the earth and its resources, franchises for the control of the public highways, charters for the issuance and control of the circulating medium, etc.

Our idea of the goal for which the contestants should run, using this illustration, is that it is the satisfaction of human desires. Given an equal start and a fair field, through the abolition of all laws granting special privileges of every kind, the best equipped by nature and training will, of course, achieve better results than the poorer equipped, but not at their expense. The way will still be open for them to secure everything to which their exertions entitle them. Indeed it can be shown that if the conditions of equality—not of individual powers but of access to natural opportunities—are maintained, the poorer qualified instead of being injured by the greater success of the better qualified will be even benefitted thereby.

A BUSINESS MAN'S FIGURES.

A business man visiting Fairhope engaged a citizen in conversation regarding his views of the Colony policy. The citizen in question, not a member of the Corporation but a lessee, expressed a somewhat common fear that rents might become burdensome, and has cited the increase in his own rents from about $3 when he took the lot to about $13, at which it now stands, in a few years.

The visitor inquired the size of the lot, and found it was 100 by nearly 300 ft. It is within 2 blocks of the center of town. The visitor from his own observation in towns of similar size and enjoying similar advantages, expressed the judgment that the lot would be worth under ordinary conditions at least $200.

He figured interest on this at 8 per cent, which he said could readily be secured on good security, and which would have to be paid if one were borrowing. This would be $16.00. He inquired the taxes on the improvements which were approximately $6.00. Adding these to the $16 interest made $22 as against the $13 rent charged by the Colony, and saying nothing as to other advantages afforded by the Colony, such as tuition of children, bathing privileges, cheap water and telephone service, etc.

This was a business man's way of figuring.

The action of the Council in arranging to have the bath-houses put under lock and key and rented out on Sundays to our Mobile visitors, strikes the Courier as wise, for at least two reasons. One that it will enable protection to be afforded to bathers against the theft of their valuables by petty thieves brought over from Mobile on the 10 cent excursions and the other that it will afford some revenue which should, preferably in our opinion, be applied to the improvement of our bay front park.

Our bay frontage is one of our great assets and should be administered not only for the enjoyment of our own residents but as a source of revenue from those who are attracted hither solely to enjoy it.

Fairhope's Advertising Attractive to Few.

Fairhope is a well advertised place (though we run across someone every little while, who had never heard of it prior to coming here,) but its advertising has not been of a character to attract any but an exceedingly small proportion of those to whose attention it has come.

The masses of people are looking for some short cut to wealth, a speculation, a "snap" or a "cinch."

Fairhope offers nothing but equal opportunities to thrive by one's own efforts. Its literature is careful to state that with the exceedingly limited application it is able to make of the principle of equal access to natural opportunities it can affect but slightly wages, the price of products, or the profits of business.

That it is powerless to do anything to relieve its people of any of the burdens imposed by monopolies outside its small limits.

That it has no plan for shifting any responsibilities from individuals to the community, but that the problem of individual success must be solved by each for himself.

Had it offered any hope of getting something for nothing, or to shift the burdens of individuals to the community, there would be more reason to say that the advertising it has received should have made its growth the marvel of the world.

Citronelle is to have electric lights—not however, we regret to note by municipal ownership. A private corporation has been granted a franchise, though not exclusive.

The summer number of the Single Tax Review is at hand with an interesting table of contents.

But Unselfishness Mammon Cannot Buy.

For the Courier by Will Atkinson.

Ye say that men are selfish and sodden deep in sin,
Ye say that they obscure the light that shineth from within;
Yet how the dark clouds lighten, when we read on history's page,
Stories that make earth brighten, of hero, seer and sage.

The palaces of Pharaoh, with cooling shade and tower
Moses left to live with slaves and dare that tyrant's power.
He left the converse of the learned, the pleasures of the feast,
To fight and toil and struggle for slaves regarded least.

He led them forth from bondage, across the desert drear.
To th' glories of th' Promised Land, which now we're seeking here.
A land of milk and honey; with wondrous harvests blest.
Where slaves found long-sought freedom, and all the weary, rest.

His laws made all men equal, nor could tyranny abide,
Before His courts of justice that humbled perverse pride.
Read now the laws he taught them, and, if ye will, ye may
Learn how to lead to freedom the slaves on earth today!

Oh, men, whose hearts are bleeding for humanity's dark side,
Lift up your eyes and read again how the great Gracchi died.

Yet while rejoicing in their work, their casting self away,
Think what their teaching still may mean to suffering ones today.

Of all these great interpreters who taught God's way again,
And showed how weak is selfish might against unselfish men,
Forget not, ye who labor now, in midnight mine and forge,
The words of God's great seer today, our martyred Henry George!

If still your hearts are troubled, and still the skies seem gray,
Think of earth's myriad mothers who eschew self today.
Soon shall their self denial shine a beacon to the world,
And man's laws be with Gods aligned and sin's black flags be furled.

Economic Importance of Our Resort Business.

The economic importance of our resort business was strikingly illustrated one day this week in Mershon's store. Mrs. Dr. Borst was in from Silverhill and one of the clerks asked her what eggs were worth there. She said 16 cents a dozen. The same day they were in sharp demand at Fairhope at 30 cents.

Eggs are or should be among the staple products regularly marketed from every farm even if not made a speciality of.

Assuming that an average of a dozen eggs a day was marketed from the farm and that the difference between the Fairhope price and the Silverhill price, or that at any interior point not enjoying our advantages as a resort, were but half what it is today, or seven cents, there would be a difference in favor of the farmer living close to Fairhope of $25.55 a year.

This is nearly twice the rental charged by the Colony on a twenty acre tract, two miles from the center of town.

The advantage shown to the Fairhope farmer in the matter of eggs is duplicated in many other things.

Single Tax Sentiment in Boston.

Eliza Stone Twitchell writes very interestingly of Single Tax progress in Massachusetts for the summer Single Tax Review. At a recent Banquet in Boston, under the auspices of the Massachussets Single Tax League, Hon.

Josiah Quincy ex-mayor of Boston, Alice Stone Blackwell, Professor Bullock of Harvard and William Loyd Garrison were among the speakers. According to Mrs Twitchell:

"Hon. Josiah Quincy's address revealed the fact that he was thoroughly conversant with our theories and largely in agreement with our principles. He stated his belief in the justice of taking the entire ground rent for all public uses, provided it was done gradually.

"Alice Stone Blackwell for the first time publicly declared herself 'a Single Taxer from conviction,' Professor Bullock had time only to rejoice that we had one organization in Massachusetts that was devoting its time and energy to the the study of taxation.''

NATIONAL SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

To be Held in New York City on Nov. 18, & 19, 1907.

Three hundred and forty-five replies were received by John J. Murphy, temporary chairman of the committee on arrangements for the proposed Single Tax Conference this fall, to letters asking the views of the parties addressed, and of these all but five favored the holding of the conference.

A committee of fifteen with power to add to its number, chosen at the May 20th meeting, decided on November 18th and 19th as the date of the Conference. The committee of 15 is as follows:

John J. Murphy, chairman, W. L. Ross, ex-officio, James McGregor, F. C. Leubuscher, Edward Polak, John S. Crosby, Jos. Dana Miller, Benjamin Doblin, H. D. Albright, Frank Stevens, Mrs. M. R. Ryan, Miss Amy M. Hicks, Wm. B. DuBois, Robert F. Powell, J. M. Gilloon, Geo. R. Macey.

The committee has issued the following address to Single Taxers:

The committee of arrangements desire to impress upon their Single Tax brethren everywhere, the importance of making the Conference, which has been called for November 18th and 19th next as impressive a gathering as it is possible to make it. The necessity for holding such a conference, at this time, will be obvious to any one who has observed the Socialistic trend given to public opinion by the well-meaning, but economically ignorant leaders, who officially or privately occupy so large a measure of public attention. Like the protection policy whose speciousness has blinded the last two generations, there is serious danger that the even more fallacious propositions of socialists, fostered by those who believe that their interest will be served by a greater centralization of power, will find a secure lodgment in the public mind unless strenuously combatted by the only arguments which can nullify their sophistry. The arguments of socialists cannot be successfully refuted by the apologists of monopoly and privilege any more than by the compromisers among the "regulationists."

After a quarter of a century of criticism, through which it has passed unscathed, the Single Tax programme remains the only antidote for the poisons which have saturated the body politic.

We, therefore, appeal to Single Taxers every where as loyal citizens of this great Republic, whose welfare is menaced not merely by the evil conditions which exist, but equally by the remedies most commonly proposed, to bestir themselves and to weary not in preaching the gospel of Henry George. To enable the committees to do their work and the conference to achieve success, drafts will have be made upon your time and your resources. Let these demands be met cheerfully and to the limit of your ability. Only by sacrifice can a cause like ours progress, and he who hesitates to give, whenever he can give, falls to that extent below his own standard and himself must be the sufferer.

Protecting Working Women.

EDITOR COURIER:

The Superior Court of Pennsylvania recently decided that the statute limiting the hours of work for women in factories in that state is good law; that is, that it is in line with the constitution of the state. A short time ago the Court of Appeals, of New York rendered a contrary decision on the same question in that state.

Acts prescribing the time beyond which women shall not work in offices, stores and factories are presumably intended for their protection. What is the result or rather what would be the result of the enforcement of such regulation of private business?

Many women workers are capable of continuing physical labor double the time of others, with less fatigue than others experience in half the time. Again, a woman may need the money that can be earned on extra time. But, whether she does or not, whose business is it but hers, any way?

Many women work the usual time in store or factory, go home, dress, and go to dance or theater and, before retiring for necessary rest spend many hours in enervating dissipation.

At the age of 18 women are supposed to attain their majority and to be capable or at least to have the legal right to govern their own actions.

Now if it is determined by our law makers in their wisdom, that women need guardians all through life why not make a law compelling them to devote a certain prescribed time to sleep and rest so as to be prepared to endure the fatigue of the prescribed time during which they may work, on the following day?

Women are working longer time in many cases than is good for them. So are men. Women are doing many kinds of work they should not do at all, work, to do which they are physically unfit. They are doing man's work, because an industrial environment has been developed, in which it has become impossible for man, the natural bread winner, to furnish the means of living a decent and complete life for the whole family.

What can be done then, to protect women and relieve them from the life long drudgery to which many of them are born, and from which it seems impossible for them to escape.

The people at large have, by leaving government to a small, self constituted governing class, allowed them to develop conditions under which the workers are cheated out of their earnings in many ways. What women need, what men need, is the abolition of special privilege for the few, and fair play for all—men and women alike. Under such a government women would be able to decide for themselves how many hours they would work.

Fairhope, W. W. KILE.

Fairhope Library Contributions.

From E. B. Gaston:

1769—The Romance of John Bainbridege. Henry George Jr.

From E. E. Revenaugh:

1770—Railway and Traffic Problems (In March number of the Am. Academy of Political and Social Science;)

1771—Our State Constitutions. James Quale Dealey.

From Miss Gooding:

1772—3—The House by the River; The Lady Paramount. Henry Harland.

From J. W. Braam.

1774—9—Five vols. Cooper's Novels: The Pioneers; The Pathfinder; The Prairie, The Deerslayer; The Last of the Mohicans.

From Wm. L. Price:

1780—File of the Artisan.

From the author, Bolton Hall:

1781—Three Acres and Liberty.

From C. B. Hoffman:

1782--3—The Struggle for Existence. Walter Thomas Wells; To My Daughter on Her Wedding Day. C. B. H.

From the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture:

1784—8—The Use of the National Forests; The Forest Service—How it deals with Forest Problems; Strength of Packing Boxes, W. Kendrick Hatt; File of Twenty five Leaflets on Forest Planting.

M. HOWLAND, Librarian.

It will be remembered that we asked our friends who had books for our Library to keep them, if they easily could, until we got more room for them. Of course this is not always possible. Sometimes the donors are about to leave the country and must send them then or not at all. Lib.

The past few weeks frequent showers have made the grass and cow-peas grow wonderfully but have also made it extremely difficult to keep the grass and weeds from taking other crops and made it practically impossible to cure hay.

Large rainfall is the rule during July here and farmers should be admonished by their experience to time their plantings so that their hay crops will ripen for cutting a little later.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening with President Brown in the chair and all councilmen present but Wm. Stimpson.

Minutes of meeting of July 15 read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

Barney-Cavanagh Hardware Co., water-works material,	$9.86
John A. Patterson	
5 gals. oil for water-works	2.15
chgs. on telephone repairs	0.40
Cleaning bath-houses	1.25
J. W. Braam	
work on telephone	8.00
E. L. Williams	
work on stairway s. of gully	$2.25
E B. Gaston printing $2.25	
postage $1.78	
	$4.03

Transfer from Archibald Crosbie to Mrs. Ellen M. Hueston of lots 1 and 2, block 31, div. 2, approved.

Moved and carried that superintendent public services be directed to secure locks for bath-rooms and place same in charge of someone to be rented out to bathers on Sundays between 10 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Moved and carried that $10 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for materials for tables and seats in park.

Mr. Bellangee appointed a committee of one to to gather up pipe, windmill tower and other scattered public property and store same in suitable place.

Mr. Albright called attention to the nuisance of standiug stagnant water opposite his residence and offered to help abate the same. It was moved and carried that $5 be appropriated to abate the same by filling.

Attention called by Secretary to fact that C, E. Hill and John Hakason had paid no rent for this year on lots held by them in White tract, and it was moved and carried that they be notified that unless rent was paid by September first, leases would be declared forfeited.

Attention of superintendent of lands and highways called to condition of Fairhope avenue and wash on bluff on the end of stairway south of gully, also to need of inspection of bridge across gully.

A letter to the editor from Mr. Stimpson, written on board S. S. Carmania about 500 miles out from Queenstown, from whence it was mailed the morning of July 24th, tells of their trip. The weather had been favorable and on board that great ship, 676 feet long, 72 ft. 6 in. beam, even Mrs. Stimpson, who usually got seasick crossing the bay, was little troubled with sea-sickness. The ship was like a great hotel afloat with about 1000 passengers aboard and with her five decks there was plenty of room, in fact a good chance to get "lost." We presume Mr. Stimpson will write us again and give something of his impressions of England after an absence of fourteen years.

Personal and Local

Dr. Hail has purchased a home at Toulminville, a suburb of Mobile, and the family will take up their residence there soon.

Mr. Gaston has moved the old Phinney shop up to the rear end of his lot for a barn. It was quite an eyesore on the main avenue.

Mr. Trenholme and Mr. Rosemeyer are helping Mr, Dougherty to rebuild the barn and make other improvements on his country place.

Never in the history of Mobile bay traffic has the patronage of the bay boats been so great. The low rates and keen competition among the competing boats and the sweltering weather swells the passenger lists every day. —Herald.

There were not quite as many people at Fairhope last Sunday as the Sunday before. Mr. Patterson checked 276 passengers through the wharf gate in the afternoon. The morning was cloudy and it was in fact threatening all day, which probably kept a good many away.

All Have Their Troubles.

What is the matter with the people of our town getting together? In past years that was one of the strong factors, but of late there has been too much dissension, much silent knocking. Let us cut out that kind of business. A town, like a house, divided against itself must fall. It will make us all feel better to work together.—Baldwin Times.

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.

Cottage Near Bay Front for Sale

We are authorized to offer the Mrs. Mann cottage at the "turn of the road," Fairhope Avenue, the one lately occupied by the De Coudres family. This is a very desirably located cottage, near the bay, with four rooms on ground floor and large attic room: porches front and rear; good cistern.

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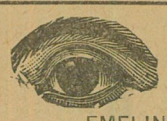

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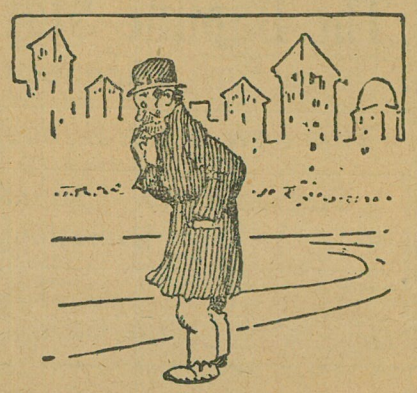
BACK TO HIGH LIFE

By S. E. KISER.

"Ah," said the gentleman with the week's growth of whiskers and the fringed trousers as he stepped from the cross-town car in which he had been able to ride because somebody had conveniently dropped a transfer slip, "there is only one Broadway in the world, and here I am once more. There's the Times building, there's the Astor House, here's the Knickerbocker—yes, yes, it must be so. I am not dreaming. I shall not awake presently to find that I am back in Ohio or Indiana or Michigan or somewhere else away out beyond the farthest limits of God's country. I am here looking down the Great White Way, and I am wide awake and all is well—or all would be well if I had things so arranged that the doors of one of these great buildings would open unto me and servants would bow as I passed in to take my place at a mahogany desk somewhere or to give orders to my secretary and then leave for Asheville or Palm Beach, or some other lovely place far away, knowing



that I might return when I got ready for a new supply of cash. And referring to cash, I wonder now if there is anybody in grand old New York who would be willing to lend me 15 cents for the purpose of purchasing that which is designed to keep body and soul together. It is splendid to be in dear old Broadway, but I am unable to forget that I have not eaten since I left that God-forsaken place they call Ohio. I wonder now why I did not accept the egg sandwich that Cousin Lydia offered me? But no, it was better to spurn her proposal. It would have destroyed my self-respect if I had permitted one who is content to exist in the backwoods, or, I may say in the rear pocket of civilization, to patronize me thus. Better an empty stomach and a full heart in dear old Broadway than affluence where people see green fields, quiet pastures, winding streams, slanted corn shocks and red barns instead of the wonderful panorama that I am now permitted to behold. What a beautiful thing is yon corset sign upon the top of the one-story building with the sheet-iron cornice. And there is a man exercising in a window for the purpose of advertising somebody's pulley arrangement. What poetry of motion. How elevating and how thrilling, withal. I take it, judging from the size of the crowd in front of the window that a good many people beside myself are here without pressing engagements. Let me see? I wonder if there is in this vicinity any man, woman or child with whom I am well enough acquainted to make it reasonable for me to expect assistance in the way of a dime or some contribution approximating that sum? Alas, no! I can think of no one. It may be that here in the Great White Way there is some one who knows me, some one who would be glad if we met to see me. I say it is possible that there is some such person here, but I fear there is not. I am a stranger to all who pass me. They know not whence I came or whither I go. They care not that I am unshaven, for many of them need the service of barbers themselves, and it matters not to them that my trousers need trimming and pressing. Fringed trousers I perceive are not uncommon here. They do not attract attention, nor does a gaunt look appear to compel people to pause for the purpose of expressing sympathy or offering assistance. But why do I permit myself to stand here moralizing dismally? Yonder is a chauffeur endeavoring to run over an old man. Here is a newsboy who has never seen a bathtub. There is a hotel in which people spend tens of thousands of dollars a day. Oh, it is glorious. Now let me think a moment. What shall I do first? I have it. Aleck McDermitt has a job somewhere in the street cleaning department. I will hunt him up and see whether he can't fix it so that I may operate a broom upon the asphalt. 'Tis a lucky thought. Perhaps Aleck's influence will be sufficient to enable him to put me on Broadway or at least in one of the side streets near it. What nobler destiny could any man demand? Poor Cousin Lydia away out there where high life is known only as it filters through the magazines, how I pity her. I will now begin to drop my r's and hie me away in search of Aleck."

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Dr. Q. J. Brown and family, are occupying their bay front cottage for a stay of a few weeks.

Messrs. and Mesdames Bancroft Powell and Geston were guests of the F. L. Browns at dinner on Sunday.

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The steamer Fairhope made an excursion on Monday to "Park City" the projected new town on the site of old Spanish Fort.

Fairhope will, no doubt, contribute a good quota to the cheap excursion North on the 17th., advertised in this issue of the Courier.

Dr. J. G. Thomas of Mobile and Point Clear, was a caller at the Courier office this morinng and was being shown about Fairhope by Mr. Powell.

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There are still numerous applications for cottages near the beach for occupancy the balance of the season, but unfortunately the demand cannot be supplied.

We have sold a number of the Perfection Oil Stoves and those who have them are greatly pleased with them. The editor's wife among the number. Mershon Merch. Co.

Capt. Ed. Dorgan is visiting the family of Capt. Roberts, being a brother of Mrs. Roberts, and has taken Capt. Robert's place on the Fairhope several times.

Are you going to take a trip or a vacation? If so come and let us sell you a Telescope, Grip, Suit Case, or Trunk, a new supply just in.
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Mr. Ramsay the well known horse and mule dealer of Mobile, whose family has been at Rest Cottage for some time is thinking some of taking a Colony lot and building.

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A cool rainy evening last Saturday interfered considerably with the ice cream social of the V. I. C. ladies next door to the Courier office but several dollars net were realized.

Mr. Powell has received a letter from Mr. Stimpson announcing the safe arrival of himself and family in good condition and enjoying themselves with their relatives and friends at their old home.

Judge Erwin, the lawyer-preacher conducting the special services at the Church, was a pleasant caller at the Courier office. He is very much pleased with Fairhope's advantages of location and thinks well of its policy.

The protracted meetings at the Church conducted by Judge Erwin of Pensacola have continued throughout the week with increasing interest. There have been a number of accessions and several have been immersed in the baptistry at the Church.

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The steamer Caloosa comes as far down as Seacliff and is reported to be doing practically all of the business of the upper shore. She is running much better since her late overhauling and having a much lighter draft than the Carney is able to take a considerably shorter course and beat her to Daphne usually.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Crosbie left us this morning. They went to Brewster Minn., where their eldest son and daughter and families reside. We regret greatly to lose these excellent old people, but it is natural that at their age they should not like to be alone so far away from all their children.

Prof. Bowman, wife and daughter of Citronelle, returned to their home on Thursday morning after a pleasant stay of a couple of weeks. They look forward to having a summer cottage of their own here—perhaps another season. They are warm friends of Fairhope and quite in accord with its policies.

O. J. Christmann has completed the purchase of the Dr. R. A. Hail improvements and will move into the house as soon as vacated by the Hail family which will be in a few days. Mr. Christmann and his son T. J. have effected a division of their business, whereby the son takes the livery business proper and the father the teaming.

The departure of our local jeweler and watch repairer, Mr. Lyndon Wheeler leaves an opening in that line for some one else. We would like to see some good Single Taxer come and fill the vacancy. Mr. Wheeler found the amount of business fully up to his expectations, and his going away was not at all from dissatisfaction with the business done.

The Fifth Thursday Club committee met on Thursday afternoon and decided to hold a picnic at the beach and will hold it on the fourth Thursday instead of the fifth on account of moonlight. All members of the club are requested to bring their lunch baskets and their friends to the magnolia at 4 oclock. The V. I. C. will meet at the same place at 3 P. M.

In a recent letter from Dr. Atkinson she said that a nephew, whose business had taken him on a trip through northern Iowa, reported that the country was practically under water, and that if the rains continued much longer the entire product "could be carried out on a hand-car." So, you see, ours is not the only place suffering from a "slight excess of moisture."

Lyndon Wheeler left Monday for Comington, Mass, his former home, where he expects to remain. Mr, Wheeler came to Fairhope in Dec. last and opened a jewelry

store with a stock of watches and clocks. His business was entirely satisfactory and he liked Fairhope very well, but his relatives are in Mass. which is the reason for his leaving. Mrs. Dewey Wheeler and her son Frank who left here in June are expected back in a few months.

One of the deckhands of the Pleasure Bay fell overboard by the breaking of a rope on which he was pulling, when the boat was near the mouth of the river, on her afternoon trip, Tuesday. A passenger who saw the occurence had presence of mind enough to seize a life preserver and throw to him, and the tug Ge rtrude following the Pleasure Bay picked him up and put him on his own vessel, none the worse for the incident.

The Cascade Baking Powder must go. Now we will make another offer: the baking powder will be sold for 25 cents per can and with each can you will get a buggy coupon and your choice of a glass dish. This you get for the small amount of 25 cents. Remember, the coupons must be given out before the buggy goes. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The Double Medal Contest.

The double medal contest last Monday evening at the church was perhaps the best program of recitations ever rendered in Fairhope. There were two sets of contestants, one competing for a grand gold medal and the other for a silver medal.

The Judges, Messrs. Hoffman, Eyster and Winters, awarded the grand gold medal to Miss Laurence Barnhardt and the silver medal to little Miss Dolly Gray Harrison, which fairly ageeed with the judgment of the audience, though very few points separated several of the leading contestants in each class.

The medals were presented in a very graceful manner by Prof. C. P. Bowman.

These contests have performed an excellent service in the education of our young people both in public speaking and in temperance sentiment.

Another silver medal contest was held at the residence of Rev. Gardiner C. Tucker, at Seacliff on Wednesday evening. The winner of the medal was Miss Bettie Tuveson.

Reception to Mr. Hoffman.

Mrs. Howland has been very anxious to have as many of her friends as possible meet her guest, Mr. C. B. Hoffman but has been hampered by the smallness of her own rooms. She has however arranged with the managers of the Fairhope Hotel, Mrs. Ferguson and her son, for the use of their pleasant rooms for a reception to her distinguished guest.

This will be Saturday evening as Mr. Hoffman leaves on Monday morning, and a general invitation is extended to her friends. Mr. and Mrs. Vredenburg and perhaps others, will favor with music.

Summer Temperature

Aug. 1 to Aug. 7, 1907.

Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
1	81	87	84
2	83	89	84
3	80	86	82
4	81	87	79
5	83	89	84
6	83	85	82
7	80	89	84

Partly cloudy every day but 5th and 7th, rain on two days.

Miss L. Manly, Observer.

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BLAMED POOR PUSS

INDIGNANT DINER JUMPED AT CONCLUSIONS.

Crimalkin, Victim of Facetious Waiter's Joke Gave Acrobatic Display For Amusement of Patrons of Restaurant.

A little German restaurant run in connection with a bar in East Twentieth street has a frolicsome waiter who habitually provides much amusement for the patrons, says the New York Press. A few nights ago the Maltese cat belonging to the house was sitting on the knee of a man who was eating his dinner, with his face buried behind a newspaper. It was too peaceful a scene for the waiter to let continue.

From his pocket he drew a huge rubber band, and winked at the patrons at nearby tables. All paused to watch what would follow, for the waiter's prowess as a marksman with rubber bands was well known. One evening he had won a bet that he could put out a gas jet across the room at his first shot with a rubber band.

Directly opposite where the man sat with the cat on his knee was a door leading into the room reserved for the restaurant's women patrons. Emile—that's the waiter's name—took up a position in the other room that would enable him to dodge out of sight as soon as he let drive. The eagerly expectant neighbors of the unsuspecting victim of the coming "joke" could not see him shoot, but they observed the results.

The thick rubber band suddenly caught poor puss square in the jowl, and with a fearsome howl of fright and pain she leaped into the air and came down a hissing, spitting, clawing ball of animated fur plump upon the newspaper the quiet diner was holding before his face. In its abrupt agility his leap fully equaled the cat's. His chair went over behind him, and the little round table all but went over in front of him, his glass of beer upsetting and rolling to the floor.

From his breast the cat ricochetted, so to speak, to the top of the table, and knocked off a dish or two in her frenzied scramble to get to the floor and escape. The commotion caused all the patrons at the far ends of the room to stand up, and the proprietor came hurrying over from behind the bar. It was then that Emile walked out from the kitchen as innocently as you please.

"What's the matter, Mr. Zimmerman?" he asked with an air of great surprise.

"Matter!" exclaimed the indignant diner. "Why the plaguey cat had a fit!"

The June Bride.

The June bride frowned.

"These tomatoes," she said, "are just twice as dear as those across the street. Why is it?"

"Ah, ma'am, these—"

And the grocer smiled in pity of her ignorance.

——"these are hand-picked."

She blushed.

"Of course, she said, hastily, "I might have known. Give me a bushel, please."

An Inopportune Rescue.

Rescuer—We found your husband tried to commit suicide, ma'am, but we cut the rope in time—

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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

Sees the Evil but Not the Remedy.

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every cent that he can wring from the home builder.

The land was there before the land speculator was born. He has added nothing to it. He may live in idleness while the people build a great city; and he will collect tribute from each of them for the use of his land. This is what retards the growth of our cities. This is what makes it impossible for many of our people to own a home within the city they helped to build.

It is a matter "that is hurting Schenectady," and every other city in the world.

Who puts the value into land? The people. Who gets the value? The land speculator.

The Single Tax would secure the value to those who create it. Wouldn't that be a square deal?

Moline Ill. EDWARD H. PUTNAM.

The Point Clear Ice plant is unable to fully supply the demand for ice in this vicinity, though pushed really beyond its proper capacity. The cost of hauling from Point Clear and the wastage require it to be retailed at a cent a pound by our Mr. Orrie Stapleton who supplies the local demand. If it could be sold at 50 cents a hundred, several tons a day could be disposed of right at this point. Come on with your ice plant, for next season Brother Heller.

Father Knowles sends the COURIER a card from Girard, Kansas, where he had a long talk with the editor of a local paper (Republican) who was much interested in Fairhope and wished to exchange with the COURIER. There was a big meeting on the public square the night previous, rejoicing over the acquittal of Haywood.

Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, is taking a Pacific Coast trip with his two sons, and sends the COURIER a picture postal from Glacier, B. C., depicting a party ascending the Illecillewast glacier. "No glaciers to climb at Fairhope" he says.

O, gracious Mother, in thy vast eternal sunlight
Heal us, thy foolish children, from our sins;
We heed thee not, but careless of thy presence
Turn our bent backs on thee, and scratch and scrabble
In ash-heaps for salvation.

Edward Carpenter.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Friends of the paper are becoming increasingly interested in the effort to increase its circulation and uselulness and are giving us much encouragement.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

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Reception to Mr. Hoffman

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When I Am Dead.

When I am dead, if men can say;
"He helped the world upon its way.
With all his faults of word and deed,
Mankind did have some little need
Of what he gave," then in my grave
No greater honor shall I crave.

If they can say—if they but can—
"He did his best; he played the man;
His ways were straight; his soul was clean;
His failings not unkind nor mean;
He loved his fellow men and tried
To help them," I'll be satisfied.

But when I'm gone, if even one
Can weep because my life is done
And feel the world is something bare
Because I am no longer there—
Call me a knave, my life misspent—
No matter; I shall be content.—STAR.

The Haywood Trial.

From Bryan's Commoner.

Now that the trial of William D. Haywood is over, the Commoner can, without impropriety, comment on the case. In the last issue satisfaction was expressed at the verdict, but as the acquittal was announced just as we were going to press we could do no more than record the result.

The case deserves a place among the celebrated trials of the nation, and it is not too much to say that both sides were presented with consummate care and ability. The arguments made by Senator Borah for the state, and by Clarence Darrow for the defense, could scarcely be surpassed in force and eloquence; all was done that earnestness or talent could suggest to impress the evidence upon the jury and the judge's instructions were clear and to the point. That the jury should have so soon acquitted was a triumph which even the defense could hardly expect. When the feeling in Idaho is considered—a feeling causing an unconscious bias for or against the miners in the minds of honest men—it would not have been surprising if the jury had disagreed. That the opinion among the jurors was almost unanimous on the first ballot makes the vindication more noteworthy.

It must be remembered that the state not only chose the place of trial, but kidnapped the defendants in another state, and hurried them to Idaho without opportunity to contest the extradition. While the United States supreme court held the kidnapping legal the decision can not relieve the authorities of the charge of engaging in a conspiracy unworthy of state officials. But Haywood may well rejoice that he was kidnapped for the clandestine deportation adds completeness to his triumph.

But the verdict is more than a personal victory; it is a victory for the labor organization with which Haywood was connected. It would have seriously embarrassed the labor movement if wilful murder could have been traced to labor officials. The American people will not tolerate conspiracies to commit crime and all friends of labor have reason to rejoice that a jury of disinterested men has rejected the evidence presented and declared the defendant not guilty. The trial, too, while removing the suspicion cast on Haywood by Orchard's confession, will be a warning to labor leaders to avoid association with those who, like Orchard, discredit the wage earners by suggesting violence as a remedy for their grievances.

The acquittal must also be regarded as a vindication of the jury system. Here were twelve disinterested men who bound themselves by oath to do justice between the state and the accused; for nearly three months they listened to witnesses, to lawyers and to the judges, and then they retired to the jury room and, recognizing their responsibility, returned a concrete definition of justice which a nation approves. No such confidence could be reposed in a single judge as is reposed in a jury, and a judge might well shrink from discharge of such a duty as the Haywood jury bravely performed.

A judge would have former or future trials to consider, and public opinion might have weight with him, but these men had only this case to think of and, after administering justice they retire from public view. They could act with a freedom which no judge could feel and it is this very freedom to consider each case on its merits that furnishes one of the strongest arguments in favor of the jury system.

The friends of the defendant, the friends of labor and the friends of trial by jury can find cause for rejoicing in the acquittal of William D. Haywood.

The Query Club

President: "Can the farmers in Baldwin County, Alabama, make a living?"

Resident: "Indeed, yes, a large majority of them have bank accounts; they are on the whole, as prompt payers, as in any gulf county, and they nearly all own their land except for the mortgages."

President: "Then if farmers can afford to pay ten to thirty five dollars per acre for land without the Colony advantages, and still make a living, why can't they afford to rent Colony land at 35 cents to $1 an acre, save their money for improvements, and do better?"

Resident: "But what I was talking of was the difficulty of renting houses, which to be sure has disappeared just now; and the lack of boat communication, though that does seem to be temporarily cured, and—no—I mean I was complaining about the 'management.' Now, count the patches they used to have on the old wharf." "H."

There was a great rush by land speculators and real estate agents, as well as prospective actual users, for lands of the Creek Nation, thrown open for sale last week. It is safe to say that speculators will get the most of the choice bits and the actual users will pay them rich tribute for the privilege of using them.

What Does It Profit Them?

Hear the foolish people grumbling at the wind and at the rain,
They complain about their losses or the little that they gain;
They are fretting under burdens that have bent their shoulders low;
They are mourning for the chances that they missed long, long ago;
Thinking all the world is drear,
With sad faces they appear;
But what profits are they gaining for the sadness that they show?

See the foolish people frowning as they hurry on their ways,
They have neither time for smiling nor for giving others praise;
They are thinking of their sorrows, which are always multiplied;
They are bearing woes that ever in their minds are magnified
They are hurrying along,
Thinking all that is is all;
But what profits are they gaining for the joys they put aside?

Hear the foolish people grieving over fancied slights and wrongs.
They decline to search for gladness and they hum no hopeful songs;
They are looking out for evils and forgetting in their haste
To perceive the glowing splendor of the precious days they waste;
Burdening themselves with hate,
They are cavilling at fate;
But what profits are they gaining for the bitterness they taste?

See the foolish people passing joys they have the right to share;
They are busy hunting trouble, they are clinging to despair;
They go peering into corners in their search for sin and shame;
They are blind to all the beauty that surrounds them; full of blame
For the man whose look is glad,
They pass onward, bowed and sad;
But what profits are they gaining for the glee they will not claim?
—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

The final assesment of personal property for taxation in New York city this year amounts to $554,861,300 which is a decrease from last year, and which compares with a tentative assessment aggregating $3,120,400,000. That is to say, four-fifths of the tentative assessment was "sworn off." Upon which the Springfield Republican (not the Star) remarks: "This farce continues year after year, and the taxing of personal property is little less of a farce in our own or in any other state or city of the country."—STAR.

A suggestion to critics of Fairhope: "Get busy and show us how to do better." We are doing the best we know. Are you?

Fairhope Courier

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Ernest B. Gaston - - Editor and Publisher
Marie Howland - - - Associate Editor

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Citronelle has a new ordinance to punish vagrancy. No need of such a law has been felt in Fairhope. Idle men—outside of tourists—are practically unknown, Jobs and opportunities for self employment are too plenty here.

G. G. Black, back at Rogers, Ark., after some months spent at Norwalk, Ioa., near Des Moines, writes of a Norwalk man who thinks of coming to Fairhope. "I gave him a good account of Fairhope" says Mr. Black, and sends his own good wishes.

"My interest in Fairhope and the Courier, began with my first visit to the Colony five years ago and has increased for good reasons, year after year. The Colony and its organ are "making good." Rev A. T. Clarke.
Fort Payne, Ala.

Mr. George H. Taylor, Rocky Ford, renewing his subscription adds: "I wish I could send you other names. You are making a good little paper and treating everybody fair. I enjoy Mrs. Howland's contributions very much. There is such a gentle sweetness in the spirit of them, that you might properly change the heading to "Mrs. Howland's Love Letters."

Harry S. Boutell, who spent much of last winter here, at the Wilson House, and will be remembered for his kindly geniality by those who got acquainted with him and by others as the large man who made daily trips to and from the beach on the tail of the donkey wagon, writes asking his Courier to be changed from Chicago to Detroit and wants us to be sure and attend to it at once, as he doesn't want to miss a single number. He also sends us two new subscriptions with check to cover, and expresses his best wishes for the Courier and the Colony.

The post-office department has issued a fraud order against the Fraternal Home-makers Society, and denied it the use of the mails. This is the association which, with Dr. Chambers Wilson at the head, was going to revolutionize things at Fairhope and make the Single Tax Corporation "look like thirty cents" in a little while. Their plan the Courier at once recognized as visionary and impracticable in the extreme. We do not however, at all approve of the Post-office department's arbitrary ruling with regard to it. People ought to have a right to be foolish if they want to be, and nothing can be more dangerous than to let a bureaucracy set itself up as the judge of what is wise.

Eber Jefferson hands us a copy of the Pittsford, (Mich.) Reporter, with a picture of the cream separating plant operated there by his brother, O. W. Jefferson, (who visited him here last winter) with an interesting report of the rapid growth of the business. A little more than a year ago a small hand separator was installed on Mr. Jefferson's porch. From that small start the business has grown, until today they are separating, by steam, about three thousand pounds daily. Eighty-five per cent of the volume of the milk is returned in the shape of sweet skimmed milk, very valuable as feed for calves, pigs and chickens. For the cream the farmers get 21 cents per pound for the butter made from it, the factory getting three cents for making the butter. We mention this because it is something we should and must have here. Mr. Jefferson's brother writes him that Mr. Starr, who visited Fairhope with him last winter, expects to start with his family overland for Fairhope in a short time, and a Mr. Taylor also expects to start for here about September fifteenth.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

August 12 x x x The reception given lasf Saturday evening to Mr. Hoffman was very enjoyable indeed. There was quite a large gathering despite the showers, but it is elsewhere described and I need say but little about it. Mr. Hoffman surely made the most of his three weeks outing. He said he just came to loaf and rest from wearing office work; but the way he rushed around Fairhope, visiting, bathing, swimming, sailing, canoeing, to say nothing of the mental work of chess playing, gave one a new impression of resting! However it was pleasant to see him enjoy everything like a big boy, and if his style of resting has not been too strenuous no doubt he will be benefitted by his vacation. x x x Of all the speaking of the evening he had the last words. I was surprised, as I think everybody else must have been, that he talked of me, giving a sketch of my personal history and that of Edward in connection with Topolobampo, and ending an eloquent peroration with—"God bless Marie Howland!" I felt much like hiding my head, for I could not deserve so much praise. I commenced to disclaim, but the friends did not want to hear me. They began to leave, or come around me saying it was all right and that they were glad to hear what he said. x x x I was thinking of the gracious kindness of Mrs. Ferguson, the landlady whose dining-room had been gradually turned inside out to furnish seats for the drawing-room, yet all the while that sweet smile beamed upon us. Everybody will tell you that Mrs. Ferguson has one of the sweetest faces in the world. She asked nothing for her trouble but was pleased to have the tall vase of flowers remain for her Sunday guests. It was a mass of roses, jasmines and carnations with long sprays of white and pink arching above the mass and twining around the stem of the vase. Surely it was a beautiful thing.

Comings Commends Comer.

Editor Courier:

I see by the papers that soon after I left Alabama, the other state officers have become involved in a very serious ruction with the militant Southern Railway, and are in some doubt as to what is best to do in the case. Now I do not wish to come back for some time, if the trouble can be settled without my aid. And in the meantime I command Governor Comer to stand firm. and not yield an inch. I will back him.

The Southern Railway, is but a tool of "The Vampires of Wall Street" (as Lincoln called them,) and for the sake of having Governor Comer and the people fully understand the situation, that has led up to this trouble let me state a few facts in regard to the real ownership of this and all the other railroads of our country.

The figures and facts I will relate are taken from a report of an old, or long time in service railroad auditor, who compiled them from the published reports of the railways themselves, and are affirmed by other auditors and officials knowing to the facts:

The total first cost of all the railroads at that time was about three billion dollars (now about four billions) of which we the people had paid two and a half billions and the pretended owners had only put in a paltry half a billion, while they had issued and sold over ten billions in stocks and bonds, for the people to pay dividends on, by over charging for freight and passenger service.

When the Roman legions captured a country at arms, and took from them to their own country all that was movable, that had the semblance of value, it was but "petit larcency" as compared to modern robbery of our railroad system. Again I say to Governor Comer stand firm till I get there!

Spring Lake Mich, S. H. Comings.

Colonel Daniels' Plans for an Agricultural-Industrial-Educational Settlement.

The Courier with pleasure gives publicity to the following plan of an agricultural-industrial-educational institution projected by our friend Colonel Edw. Daniels.

The following article is from the Talisman.

Rural Settlement in Virginia on the Homecroft Plan.

This is an attempt to realize what the Talisman stands for in home life—to give the family the best possible conditions for health, comfort, competence and especially for the rearing of children. The school, with its workshop and garden farm, is the center around which are to be the homes with small tracts intensively cultivated. Those who seek the simple life, with its best environment; the temperate, the thrifty, the industrious—who love the country and its belongings—are invited.

The site for the settlement consists of about three hundred acres located on the Potomac river, in Virginia, twenty miles below Washington. The land fronts the river for about three-quarters of a mile' with sandy and gravelly beaches below a bold shore line. It commands a view unsurpassed in beauty of a sheet of water about ten miles long by three miles wide.

The soil is excellent and of varied quality; springs and streams of pure water are numerous. There are extensive orchards of bearing fruit trees, of all kinds, sufficient to furnish fruit for fifty families. About half the land is in forest, containing some of the finest trees in the state. There is an ample supply of timber for all buildings, fencing and firewood; also sand, gravel and clay for brick. A large fishery supplies the finest edible fish in season and gives much fertilizing material.

The neighborhood has many northern and western people, whose fruit, truck and da farms line the river, Immediately adjoini the site is the famous Gunston Hall, a coloni mansion built by the great statesman and pa

triot, George Mason, in 1757. The whole region is of historic interest.

Adjoining the site on the south is the most extensive dairy in Virginia, with four thousand acres of land, about five hundred cows, and a most up-to-date equipment. Here the department of agriculture is conducting experiments. The dairy company is composed mostly of western men, its president is Congressman Hull of Iowa, and other well known agriculturists are interested in the plant.

The climate is healthy and delightful, mostly free from extremes of heat and cold. Nowhere can a greater variety of good things to eat be produced at home with one's own labor! Its nearness to the capital gives a good local market and the enjoyment of valuable privileges.

The business part of the proposition is as follows. To form an association of fifty shareholders; as we have three hundred acres, that would give an average of six acres to each member. The association will take title to the property, survey, build roads, establish schools and prepare for settlers. The association to sell to each member the lots according to needs andunder such rules as prudence suggests.

The price of property is $10,000; one-third cash, balance on time of five years. About two thousand dollars are needed to survey, lay off, and build roads and start school. If fifty subscribers join, each share would cost $240; of this sum one hundred dollars would be needed in cash, balance on long time.

The association would hold forest, the wharf, pasture lands, etc., as the common property of all. Many forms of co-operation would be possible, as sale of products, purchase of supplies, use of heavy teams and costly machinery, etc.

The Talisman holds references which will satisfy anyone of the sincerity of this effort to realize its ideals of home life. Such persons as are attracted by this program will please address the subscriber for further particulars. EDWARD DANIELS.

Gunston, Fairfax County, Virginia.

Interesting Contest Between State Government and Railroads.

The situation between the State Administration and the railroads is interesting—and encouraging.

The legislature passed a law at the late session reducing passenger fares in the state to two and one-half cents. The State Railroad Commission, acting under authority of the legislature also established reduced freight rates on something over one hundred commodities.

The railroads decided to fight the rates and secured an injunction from Judge Jones, of the U. S. Court, restraining the state officials from enforcing their rulings.

Thereupon the secretary of state, under another law passed by the legislature which provides that the charter of any railroad company taking a case out of the state courts to the U. S. courts may be forfeited, and providing heavy penalties for every day such railroad shall do business in the state without a license, declared the charter of the Southern Railway forfeited.

This drastic action has led to a compromise with the Southern and some other lines, by which they agree to put into effect the rates established by the state, pending the settlement in the courts of the state's right to establish the rates, their reasonableness etc., and the state authorities have re-instated the railway in the legal right to do business in the state.

Most of the credit for this sensible action of the railways seems to be due to the wise counsel of E. L. Russell, Vice President of the Mobile and Ohio and manager in Alabama of the Southern.

Some of the other roads seem disposed to defy the state, and the indications are that if they want to fight, Governor Braxton Bragg Comer and his officials will give them plenty of it.

There is no question but that Alabama has been pretty thoroughly dominated in the past by the railroads, and modern methods of frenzied finance emanating from Wall street have borne their legitimate fruits in Alabama at the expense of the shipping and traveling public and the physical condition of the railroads.

The COURIER of course believes that the only solution of the railway question is government ownership—at least of the road-beds and terminals—but we are glad to see the state disposed to assert itself to secure some measure of relief. Given the disposition, a satisfactory remedy ought to be found and a trial of futile and insufficient remedies, will help clear the way for the one only remedy which will reach the desired ends.

A New Fairhope Booklet.

A handsome booklet entitled "Scenes in and Around Fairhope," the "famous health resort of the gulf states" has just been issued from the press of the Commercial Printing Company, of Mobile.

The matter was edited and compiled by Mr. Jno. P. Lowell, of the Mobile Medical Journal, who has become so much interested in Fairhope as to make the work largely a "labor of love" to him, and has been well done. There are a number of very attractive new views of Fairhope, including a kind of panoramic view of the bay front. All of the views are from artistic photos taken by Arthur Dealy.

It contains twenty-one pages of reading matter and cuts, beside advertising.

An edition of 5000 copies has been printed. They are for gratuitous distribution, the cost of publication having been met by the advertising.

According to one of our correspondents who lives in the vicinity, "Equality" Socialist colony in Washington has quite gone by the board and "what the lawyers left" been purchased by "a local land-hog." "The mere fact" our correspondent says: "that Fairhope successfully survived a law-suit, speaks well for its stability."

Mr. Norton had something further to say about Fairhope in the last issue of the Standard and published a long article on the subject, by Mr. A. J. Wolf. Replies will appear in the Standard of next week from Mr. Powell and Mr. Gaston. The Courier's limited space may better be employed in the opinion of the editor and his subscribers—according to many expressions from the latter—than in such controversies; but local Fairhopers may organize a little "Letter Writing Corps" to follow up such matters in the papers where criticisms appear. Membership will be open also to non-resident friends.

The people of Fairhope who live on the outer edge of the village and who seldom get to the bay in the evening are missing a rare treat these beautiful moonlight nights. Go down on the wharf some night when the moon is sailing through the sky and the reflection on the water looks like a great wide path leading off to the edge of the canopy. Last night there were several bonfires on the shore along the bay and a crowd of children were playing in the sand. The number of bathers is usually large in the evening now, remaining until nine o'clock and later.

Friends of the Courier Getting Busy.

S. J. Chubb, Toronto, sends a subscription of a friend.

Two new subscriptions from Harry S. Boutell, Chicago.

A new subscription, with renewal of M. W. Morehouse, Brooklyn.

James H. Dix, Secretary of the Economic Reform Bureau, Philadelphia, subscribes at his own expense, for a townsman who once took the paper, but let his subscription lapse.

Two new six months subscriptions from Mr. McNeill, Pittsburg Pa. A new subscription each by G. A. Menger, St. Louis, Prof. O. J. Brown, Tampa and Fairhope, and R. J. Williamson, Brooklyn.

Just as we go to press a club of five new subscribers is received from C. F. Perry, Naugatuck, Conn. who, with Mrs. Perry, visited Fairhope last winter and found his interest heightened by doing so.

Can't you get in line and send in the subscriptions of one or more of your friends? Every person interested in reform ought to be interested in the COURIER, Single Taxers of couase, especially so.

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Railroad Men Visit Fairhope.

Mr. Chas. Rudolph, general agent of the M. & O. R. R., was in Fairhope, Sunday, accompanied by his son and by Mr. Govan, traveling passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton R. R. They were looking after business for the great annual low rate excursion north which occurs tomorrow. They found several who were going on the excursion and "billed the town."

Mr. Rudolph was in the M. & O. office at Saint Louis when the first small party of colonists passed through that city southward bound in 1894, and remembers the occasion very well. We have tried very often to get him to run over to Fairhope, but this was his first visit. He was delighted with the place, as was his son and Mr. Govan. They took dinner at Rest Cottage and praised Mrs. Turner's Sunday dinner unsparingly. Mr. Govan was much interested in the Colony policy and took a booklet and a copy of our lease to forward to the head of his department at Saint Louis who is, he says, an ardent Henry George man. The party were passengers ou the Fairhope both ways.

The Standard and the Courier have locked horns again over the same old controversy, namely, whether Fairhope is or is not Single Tax, and A. J. Wolf has a column article in the Standard giving his ideas after two years residence. Mr. Wolf is an old Single Taxer of years' experience and owns the pretty cottages near the bay. Well whether Fairhope is Single Tax or not, the people are pleasant and there is'nt a nicer place anywhere on this shore for a summer or winter resort, and not a place to be found anywhere that if taken sick or in trouble the people will be kinder to one. We have our political differences and they come out sharply, but let misfortune come to any one and every one is ready to help, as after the September storm, when all worked together with a will as at no other place. —Fairhope Correspondent Item.

Something of a surprise was given to the members of the families of the contracting parties by the marriage of Mr. Robert Stapleton to Miss Orolean Wilson, which was consummated at Mobile on last Friday. Mr. Stapleton is an excellent young man, a son of E. M. Stapleton, of Montrose, and well known at Fairhope, as he has been for some time assisting Mr Thomas Wilson, father of the bride, in his meat business here. He is now in a meat market of his own—associated with his brother—at Bay Minette. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, and one of the most attractive young ladies of this vicinity.

The Tyrrell boys at Russell have cleared up the first part of their summer's work at trucking, and find it most satisfactory. They had out two and a half acres of beans, the same of radishes and one acre of cukes. From this amount of ground they sold a total of $1250.00 worth of stuff and counting out expenses for hired help, fertilizer etc. they realized a profit of $880. This represented only first crop profits. They have also ten acres of corn, which will be worth close to $200.00 and two and a half acres of cotton, which should bring them at least $150.00 more, and there will not be much expense attached to either crop from this time on, They can rest assured of placing to the good over $1,100.00 for this year alone, for the amount of produce in the shape of butter, eggs, meat etc, practically keeps them. This is not at all bad for a couple of young fellows who went out into the pine woods a few years ago without experience or capital.

--Citronelle Call.

Mrs. Cordie B. Read, of Fruitdale, has been offered the position as teacher of the "Model School" of the Daphne Normal, and she will probably accept. She has been offered all three of the Fruitdale schools, and the highest wages paid to any lady teacher in Wayne Co. Miss.—Fairhope Cor. Item.

Mrs. Read has many friends in Fairhope made in a season spent here with her children.

Dr. H. S. Greeno was the recipient—at the last meeting of the local lodge of Masons, which bears his name, and of which he was W. M. until the last election, when he was relieved at his own request—of a testimonial in the shape of an exceeding'y handsome Past Master's Jewel of the order. The presentation was made in a neat speech by J. P. Slocum, W. M., the Doctor's successor. The gift is highly prized by the Doctor.

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Reception to Mr. Hoffman

A goodly number assembled in the pleasant parlors of the Fairhope Hotel last Saturday evening, in response to Mrs. Howland's invitation to meet her, and Fairhope's friend, Mr. C. B. Hoffman, though rain kept many away.

Introducing Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Howland told of his long activity in reform work and of their close association in the Topolobampo enterprise, which Mr. Hoffman so greatly assisted by the organization of the Kansas-Sinaloa Investment Company, which secured and expended about $100,000 of American capital in digging an irrigating canal from the Fuerte river, to irrigate land of that Colony. She also spoke of his later reform activities, of his interest in Fairhope and his former visits here.

Concluding, she called upon Mr. Gaston, who expressed his high personal regard for the visitor and warm appreciation of his friendly and helpful interest in Fairhope. Referring to Mrs. Howland's statement that Mr. Hoffman was perhaps "more of a Socialist and less of a Single Taxer than we would like to have him be," Mr. Gaston said that we were glad he was as much of a Single Taxer as he was and much more disposed to commend him for his approval of the Single Tax than to criticise him because he did not attach to it the full degree of importance which we did. He expressed the belief that more real progress would be made toward uniting the forces of reform by emphasizing our agreements than our disagreements.

Mr. Hoffman responding made an exceedingly pleasant little speech full of kindly expressions for Fairhope and wise philosophy.

He spoke of his earlier visits to Fairhope, of the sad experience of his wife's visit here in the very early days of the Colony, with their son Walter, hoping for benefit to his health, of his receiving temporary benefit but within a few months succumbing to the dread tuberculosis which had fastened itself upon him. He spoke of how friends when he told them he was coming south to spend a vacation, laughed at the idea of coming south in the summer, but how pleasant and restful he had found it.

The high altitudes and cooler air of Colorado, for instance, are more stimulating, but business men do not need stimulation, they need more, relaxation and rest; and here, in the balmy breezes from the gulf, and the bathing in the delightful waters of the bay, is rest to tired nerves beyond comparison. He mentioned the mental atmosphere, the fact that Fairhope was a "town with a purpose"; that while those who made their living here must needs work hard to do so, there was a grateful absence of that striving to surpass others that straining after many unnecessary things, which was such a characteristic of our civilization elsewhere. He spoke of our pure soft water, the most delightful of which he knew. Particular stress he laid upon the supreme fitness of Fairhope as the place for a model educational center with the Colony itself an education in better methods of individual and collective life and work. He expressed the hope of seeing our greatest development along this line.

Mr. T. N. Freeman was called on after Mr. Hoffman and spoke briefly. Professor Vredenberg favored the gathering with several violin solos acompanied on the piano by his wife and in response to a special request gave also a piano solo. Miss Walker also responded to a request, with a piano solo. Dr. W. C. Gibbons read with fine effect, a poem entitled: "Among the Trees" and Mrs. Jernigan recited a short original poem entitled: "The Flight of Love," published a few months since, in the Century magazine.

Mrs. Howland calling upon Mr. Hoffman for a final word at the close of the evening, he responded, quite to her surprise, with an eloquent, deserved tribute to her own zeal for humanity and the sacrifices made by her and her husband, at Topolobampo and elsewhere, for the cause to which they had given their hearts and hopes.

"It was the most natural thing in the world," he said, "for her to come to Fairhope, which offered the best opportunity for her to literally live her convictions of right and duty." "God bless Marie Howland" he added as a closing sentiment, which was heartily seconded by all present.

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Mrs. Massey and Arthur Richardson will go to Chicago on the excursion tomorrow.

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Mrs. Pilcher and Miss Margie have gone to Saraland to visit Mrs. Getty for a few days.

Miss Leah Gaston is spending a few days in Mobile, the guest of Miss Mary DeCoudres.

Mr. and Mrs Clifton have moved into their own home the lately purchased Manteuffel place.

Mr. Hoffman concluded his visit here and left for his home in Kansas on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorchester have decided, we understand, to take their cottage here September first.

Editor Thomas of the Citronelle Call was an over Sunday visitor again, a guest of the Fairhope House.

The sum of $7.35 was collected for use of bath-rooms on last Sunday, under the new order of the Council.

Farmer Dougherty was in town last Saturday marketing some fine fat young ducks and other produce.

Mrs. Jernigan went to Mobile on Thursday morning to spend a few days with her father, Capt. Phinney.

Miss Effie Mershon spent a couple of days in Mobile this week, shopping and visting Mrs. Jeanette Dennis.

Mrs. McCoy, of Mobile, is over with a house party of nine, and will occupy the Lefevre cottage for a week.

My patrons will please take notice that the meat market will be closed from 12 to 2 daily. Orrie Stapleton.

Will it be 25 cents now and right along, or 10 cents now and 50 cents regularly in a little while? That is for you to say.

Dr. Fonde, wife and children of Mobile are visiting Mrs. Fonde's mother, Mrs. Crawford, in one of the Kimball cottages.

The Quo Vadis was over again last Sunday with a party of Mobilians as she has been almost every Sunday this summer.

The Fourth of July celebration at Daphne, netted $529.29 a very good days work by the faithful. The gross receipts were $937.14.

Rolland Curtis leaves Saturday morning for Chicago, for a two weeks vacation. T. P. Lyon will be mail carrier during his absence.

The L. Hammel Dry Goods Company, of Mobile, had a display of "Fairhope bathing suits" in its show window Saturday of last week.

We have just received another shipment of iron beds. We can furnish them to you from $2.75 up to $12. Mershon Merchandising Co.

I am now back at Fairhope and ready to figure on anything that can be made out of cement—or wood—but cement in particular. C. E. Littlefield.

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Mrs. Daniel Shepherd left Wednesday for Carney Neb., to be away for the balance of the summer. She will visit friends and relatives in Carney and several other towns nearby.

We have a few suits of clothes left and will sell them at a very low price as we wish to close out these goods to make room for our fall and winter clothing. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Mrs. Grayson and four children are in the Dougherty cottage, now owned by the Fairhope Improvement Company. They were here several years ago and have many friends here.

Victor Francis, of Pennsylvania, a nephew of the editor, who spent a winter here several years ago, writes "I have never forgotten the Southland and confidently expect to live my days out in Fairhope."

Jno. W. Ettel sending check for two years renewal of his subscription to the Courier adds: "We are in the rush season and have to work hard: look forward to a pleasant visit in 'paradise' this fall."

Dictator flour is it. Mershon Merchandising Company.

There was a very pleasant dance at the Massey pavilion last evening. Excellent order was maintained within the ball-room but two or three outsiders under the influence of liquor made something of a nuisance of themselves.

Judge Erwin left for his home in Pensacola on Tuesday morning. On leaving he told Mr. Arthur Mershon that it was very likely we should see him back here; that he liked the place very much and thought he would like to have a home here.

A large shipment of shoes just received Mershon Merch. Co.

Rienzi Bell spent a vacation of a few days at home this week. He has a good position in the construction department of the Mobile Light and Railroad Company, with which he has been for over a year. While here he came in and subscribed for the Courier to his Mobile address.

T. J. Lowell while driving across a rude bridge on his wood rack was thrown from his seat striking on his side on the rack in such a way as to break one rib and crack another laying him up for several days. He was able to be around this week but unable to do any stooping or lifting.

Mr. C. B. Curtis, of Kalmia, Autauga county, has been at Rest Cottage for a week or more and was a caller one day at the secretary's office in quest of information about the Colony lands and policy. Mr. Curtis was here several years ago and is somewhat considering making a home here.

Mr. J. R. Quinlivan, wife and two children, of Mobile, are guests of the Fairhope Hotel and will remain a couple of weeks at least. Mr. Quinlivan thinks Fairhope has improved greatly since he was here a few years ago, and that it is sure to be—as it indeed is—the town of the Eastern shore.

The Cascade Baking Powder must go. Now we will make another offer: the baking powder will be sold for 25 cents per can and with each can you will get a buggy coupon and your choice of a glass dish. This you get for the small amount of 25 cents. Remember, the coupons must be given out before the buggy goes. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Professor E. J. Brown returned from Tampa last Friday evening. He will remain indefinitely if he can secure some pupils in the modern languages. Spanish is one of his specialties—a language which is particularly valuable in this section, where there is so much business with Spanish-speaking people.

The Fifth Thursday Club committee decided to hold a picnic on the beach and will hold it on the fourth Thursday instead of the fifth, on account of moonlight. All the members of the club are requested to bring their lunch baskets and their friends to the magnolia at 4 o'clock. The V. I. C. will meet at the same place at 3 p. m.

Judge Erwin concluded his series of religious meeting at the church on Sunday evening. On Monday evening he delivered an exceedingly interesting and instructive lecture on Porto Rico. He is well qualified upon the subject from a residence on the island of several years, part of the time as a missionary and for some years a judge in the courts reorganized by the United States government.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mathews and son, arrived from Searles, Ala., on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs, Mathews are the parents of Mr. F.M. Mathews, who came from Searles, several months since. His report was so favorable that they have come with the intention to make their home with us. They will occupy the Ruge house as soon as their goods arrive. They are delighted with Fairhope, and particularly so with its policy.

Rest Cottage under the management of Mrs. Turner, is having the most successful season in its history The following guests are at the cottage this week. John E. Michael and wife, Ed. D. Michael, Mrs .C M. Williams, Mrs. Fielding Vaughan and family, Phillip Ebbecke, Mobile Ala. and A. B. Curtis, Kalmia Ala.

The following are the more prominent persons who were here over Sunday. Mr. W. J. Newbold and wife, W. H. Stimpson, Mrs. G. Y. Leonard, Geo. S. Goodbrad, M. M. McFarlane, L. W. Beckoff, Dr. J. B. Marshall, Robert Marshall, Brandon Green, Geo. F. Wilkins, C. Rudolph M. & O. R. R. and C. Rudolph Jr. all of Mobile. and J. F, Govan, Dallas Tex.

Medal Contests.

A double medal contest—"gold' and "grand gold"—will be held at Point Clear Hotel, Aug., 19th at 7.30 P. M. The first "gold" and "grand gold" to be held at the same time and place in Alabama.

Another double medal contest "silver" and "gold" will be held at Euclid on the 20th at 7.30 P. M.

The Fairhope Hotel has enjoyed an excellent business this summer and is now full of well-satisfied guests. Many favorable words have reached the COURIER of the excellent table set and the unvarying kindness of the managers. Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Woodruff and family of Mobile have been guests there during the week past, also Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Quinlivan and two children, also of Mobile. Among other guests of the last few days are, W. W. Hynn, Miss Minnie Hall, Miss Josie Hall, O. F. Williams, C. Moore Jr., J. P. Ryan and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, Messrs, Al and Geo. King, of Mobile; Mr. Rich, C. W. Thomas, Miss Ethel King, Citronelle; C. Manning, Chicago; A. H. Krider, R. Baker, L. Aron, J. Ellis Mr. Strebgon.

Summer Temperature

Aug. 8 to Aug. 14, 1907.

Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
8	83	92	85
9	82	91	80
10	81	62	82
11	81	93	84
12	78	89	84
13	84	80	78
14	80	90	84

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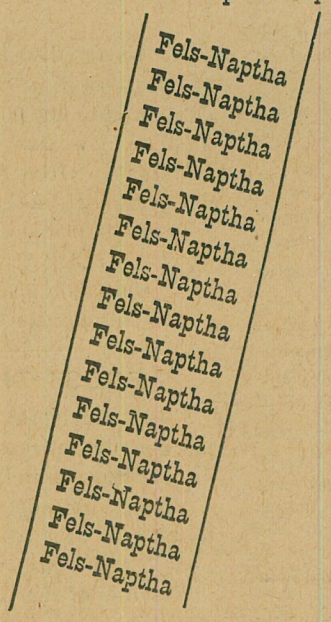

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The Foolish Cowboy.

At punching cows he did all right, but he got both hands full one day when he was somewhat "tight" and tried to punch a bull.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Nothing But Land Values Should be Taxed

EDITOR COURIER:

There is an abundance of valuable natural resources in our big world for supplying all the present population and countless millions more—considering how rapidly people are dying off by wars, needless and ruinous methods of eating and drinking, over-taxing their strength, and scores of other foolish things too numerous to mention. It is true there are numerous benevolent schemes and institutions devoted to caring for millions of more or less helpless men, women and children. The vast armies of destitute and agonizing mortals who exist mainly upon charity in some form, tell the story.

There is everywhere a perpetual struggle for chances to merely live, the contest being among rich and poor, destitution and luxury, hope and despair.

Strange it is that any intelligent person with one eye and a thimble-full of brains can fail to see that monopoly of the natural resources is at the bottom of the two varying conditions, that uphold great wealth and luxury on one side, and destitution and suffering on the other.

All the supplies of mankind must come from the earth. No person can truthfully say that any man or woman on earth can have a just claim by birthright to a portion of the earth unless he or she pays to the public what that privilege is worth. Such being the case, nothing but land values should ever be taxed for public purposes.

Los Angeles. RALPH HOYT.

Five hundred owners of 86,000 acres of rich lands in Kentucky are engaged in a legal battle for their lands and homes, with a New York estate claiming ownership. This is due to the evil policy which permits holders of paper titles to reap rich land values from the mere fact of ownership. If all persons holding land paid the value of the privilege of holding as the Single Tax provides, there would be no such suits.

A Chicago dispatch announces the appropriation by the U. S. Steel Corporation of an additional $45,000,000 in the construction of its modern city and steel plant just across the Indiana line from Chicago. This is in addition to the original appropriation of $75,000,000.

It will be remembered that our last winter's visitor Mr. L. A. Bryan who was here with Mrs. Bryan on an automobile tour, is treasurer of this enterprise.

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Measuring John D. Rockefeller's Fortune.

By Lee Francis Lybarger.

The fortune of John D. Rockefeller, the richest and most powerful man in the world, is estimated at $1,000,000,000—a thousand million.

Should Mr. Rockefeller decide to convert his fortune into gold, and then to carry it out of the country—say, to Canada—he would carry across the borders three times more gold than he would leave behind in the entire United States. And this amount of gold would weigh 1,750 tons, not pounds, but tons. If he loaded it on the backs of men each carrying, say, 150 pounds, it would require an army of 23,000 men to move it out of the country—all this the fortune of one private citizen.

And if these men, carrying Mr. Rockefeller's gold, should march ten feet apart, they would form a line 44 miles long.

Mr. Rockefeller's income of two years ago was estimated at $40,000,000. That would mean $109,591.78 a day; $4,566.21 an hour, for twenty four hours in a day; $76.10 a minute—$1.27 a second, His daily income, if converted into gold, would require the strength of seven men to carry it, for it would weigh 1,000 pounds.

If he should have his income paid him as fast as due, paid in dollar bills, he could scarcely receive it as fast as it would be handed him; for he would have to receive one dollar every second—five dollars every four seconds. If he should decide to burn up his income in a grate he could scarcely poke the crisp greenbacks into the fire as fast as they would drop down to him. He would have to throw them in so fast as to burn up five every four seconds. And he would have to keep it up for 24 hours, having no time to eat or sleep or rest.

Did you ever stop to figure out how long it would take a man to earn a million dollars? Well, the average wages for all laborers engaged even in manufactures is something less than $9 a week, or $1.50 a day. But for the sake of argument, let us assume that the man gets such wages that he can save $1.25 a day, over and above all expenses.

Even at that rate, how long would it take him to earn and save a million dollars? 2, 564 years! And yet in the single year 1901, Mr. Rockefeller's fortune increased not less than $150,000,000. And so with the one mighty sweep of his great cradle this colossal harvester of the fields sown by others must have impoverished 150,000 American citizens!

Nor is that all. My figures are already way behind time, for they are two years old! His income last year was estimated at $60,000,000—$5,000,000 a month, or $1.93 a second. His annual income is greater than the combined incomes of all the crowned heads of Europe, and of the presidents of the United States and France.

His fortune has twice doubled in the last twelve years.

It is estimated that it will continue to double every seven years at least. At this rate, by 1913 he will be worth $2,000,000,000, by 1920 four billions; by 1927, if he lives so long, he will be worth eight billion dollars—eight thousand millions!

Had Mr. Rockefeller been born on that fair morning when Jesus was born, and had he got and saved a dollar a minute from that time until now, he would not have his present fortune! One dollar a minute, for 60 minutes in the hour, for 24 hours in the day, for 365 days in the year, for 1907 years—and still not have his present fortune.

SOME ECONOMIC FALLACIES

EDITOR COURIER:

A protective tariff bears the same relation to revenue raising that pocket-picking does to stealing, and among the knowing ones, it has the same object and the same effect.

Like the orthodox sinner, it is conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity.

About two-thirds of our national revenues are squandered for worse than useless battleships and preparations for war. War itself has not one single virtue, and if taxes were levied upon monopolies, or things created by government, instead of upon consumption, or the things created by labor, it would do more to discourage war and rumors of war and the preparations for war and the war spirit so industriously inculcated by that element in society that profits by war, than all other efforts toward the abolition of war combined.

When the country gets into trouble, either domestic or foreign, and soldiers are needed to engage in martial strife, the first men who are called for, and the only class—in any great numbers—that can be depended upon to take up arms and lay down their lives in its defense, are the laboring men. These are the real defenders of the country in every and all senses of the word. And yet, if the protectionist doctrine is true, these people who can defend themselves and all others in time of war are wholly incapable of defending themselves in time of peace. And who is it that pretends to protect these helpless and unfortunate working men? It is men who do not make wealth, but who do make laws.

And what is it they would protect them against? Starvation, nakedness, the inclemency of the weather?—But the only real antidote for these is food, clothing, houses and fuel; and labor produces all of them.

And since it is men, and the things that men make, that they have to be protected against, what kind of men are they? Are they workers or loafers? No protectionist has ever pretended that the laboring men of America have to be protected against the loafers, either domestic or foreign; yet if the truth were known it would be discovered that the social loafer is the real enemy of the laboring man, and not the social worker.

How can labor be protected against the very thing that labor produces here and everywhere for the satisfaction of man's desires?

It will be noted that the same quality of mind that believes that this nation can be industrially destroyed by the over-importation of wealth from abroad, thinks also that it can be vastly injured by the over production of wealth at home. Yet wealth is the only antidote for poverty. They also think that our present flood-tide of prosperity cannot last because they take it for granted that prosperity like the tides, must always ebb and flow, unmindful of the fact that if there is one single stable thing in society with a constant upward trend, by reason of increasing population and unceasing needs, it is the demand for wealth. Why should society oscillate between prosperity and adversity when the source of all demands for labor is as constant as human propagation.

Must it not be because the source of all prosperity, all wealth, all life, and all human energy, is sunlight, air and land, and that the first two are utterly impossible to mankind without land? But the latter, held as it is as the private property of an ever diminishing fraction of mankind, containing as it does the beginning and end of everything that satisfies their material needs and desires, held out of use as a large portion of it is to exact a higher and still higher tribute from the workers for the privilege of working, ultimates in conditions in which the dearest thing is the world itself, while the cheapest thing is men. This is why, labor harbors the utterly fallacious notion that it needs protection.

Chicago Ill. H. H. HARDINGE.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

London, W. C. August 8th. 1907.

Mrs. Howland·
Fairhope U. S. A.

Dear Madam:

Some considerable time ago, Mr. E. A. Phipson was good enough to hand me from you a copy of your translation of "Social Solutions" by Godin, I need not say that this book is of great interest to me, and I thank you very much for the possession of it. I had already of course, seen it in the French. Mr. Phipson told me that you would like to have a copy of my translation of Twenty Years of Copartnership at Guise, and I now have great pleasure in sending yon a copy. It is, as a matter of fact, quite out of print, and I had to beg this from a friend, which must be my excuse for the delay in sending it to you. It was only this morning I got it from him, although he promised it to me long ago.

I hear from time to time of your great experiment at Fairhope, in which I am very much interested. I trust you may have continued success. Yours is not quite the same lines as our experiment at Garden City, but I am sure that also will interest you, and I, therefore, have pleasure in sending you a little pamphlet, which will give you the latest information with

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Much Friction Accounted for by Difference in the Shape of Our Heads.

Some people, possibly some real friends, take it for granted that the presence of some friction at Fairhope is conclusive evidence of errors in either the plan or management. And they assume that there is a way by which all friction might be eliminated. That if the plan was just right and the management always wise, everybody would be contented and happy and everything flow along as smoothly as a summer's dream.

There might be improvements in the plan; there certainly could be in the "management," at least could the managers replace their steps and do over again what has been done, in the light of wisdom gained from past mistakes, but what warrant is there for the belief that absolute perfection in plan or management, would bring complete harmony? In our opinion none.

Perfect plans and policies will only bring complete harmony when applied among perfect human beings.

Individual idiosyncrasies, in other words, "the difference in the shape of people's heads" is enough to account for an endless amount of friction.

The most perfect machines evolved by science and inventive genius, lose in friction of the parts, a heavy percentage of the power applied to them and this when only inanimate nature is to be dealt with.

How vastly more difficult is the problem of eliminating friction in the social structure where every part is an independent sentient creature, with its own ideas, ambitions and peculiarities

The friction which has manifested itself at Fairhope, has been greatly overestimated by some of our critics, and might all be easily accounted for by the "difference in the shape of our heads."

Interesting Development of Transportation of Interest to Eastern Shore.

An interesting line of development in modern transportation methods is that of motor carriages, not only for individual use, but for commercial carriage of both passengers and freight, upon un-railed highways.

Development along this line is particularly advanced in Germany, where untaxed, denatured alcohol furnishes cheap and reliable power. There alcohol motors haul whole trains of heavily loaded wagons, over the excellent highways. an ingenious recent invention insuring against "skidding" around corners and causing each vehicle to follow directly in the path of the preceding one.

In this country little has been done in the use of motor vehicles for transportation of freight except in the cities, but many passenger busses of large capacity are in use and are competing with great success against trolley lines, especially on suburban or semi-suburban routes.

The subject is one of especial interest to us. There is much talk of a trolley line connecting eastern shore towns, and with a fast ferry steamer between some point above Daphne and Mobile.

This would require an enormous outlay for road bed and equipment and the road, when built, would be useless for any purpose except the passage of the trolley cars.

About one-tenth the cost of a trolley line, it is stated by a gentleman in a position to know, would build a first-class highway, say eighteen feet in width, over which modern motor busses could maintain almost the schedule of a trolley line and which would, at the same time, be available for use of individual autos, carriages and passenger and freight vehicles of any description.

Such a line between Daphne and Zundell's would be only about ten miles in length and would develop the whole shore and make one of the finest drives to be found anywhere.

Such a road ought to be compassed by initiative of the persons interested locally at each town and the cooperation of the county commissioners.

The State, the Railroads, and the United States Court.

We noted last week the interesting situation in the controversy between the state government and the railroads. The Southern Railway and many of the other roads doing business in the state entered into an agreement with the governor to put into effect the rates established by the legislature and state railroad commission, pending a final settlement of the matter in the courts.

The Louisville and Nashville R. R. Co., has however, refused to enter into the agreement and has secured from United States Judge Jones, a sweeping injunction against the officers of the state, restraining them from interfering in any way with the employes of the railway, or the conduct of its business. Judge Jones has also charged the Federal grand jury to particularly inquire into any interference by any parties with the enforcement of the rulings of his court.

The governor and his legal advisers are understood to take the position that the idea of enjoining a sovereign state is preposterous. What the governor's next move will be is unknown.

Now would be a good time for citizens to show their appreciation of the act of those railroads which have bowed to the expressed will of the people of the state, by ordering all their freight shipped via such lines, and, so far as possible, traveling over the same.

A Neighbor's View

Fairhope has at least one neighbor, owning land adjoining, who sees the benefits of the Fairhope policy for the land user and is glad to recommend Colony lots to those looking for locations upon which to build.

He was quoted to us as having made the following statement (substantially) to a party who was looking at some of our bay front lots: "Those lots are easily worth $500 each, or would be if for sale in the usual way. The two would be worth $1000. You would probably be willing to pay $1000 for them. That $1000 you could loan out and get at least six per cent interest. Six per cent interest on $1000 is $60 and you say they only ask you $37 for the two lots. You therefore, save $23 at the outset, in the difference between their rent and the interest on the amount you would otherwise have to invest, to say nothing of the fact that they agree to pay the taxes not only on the lots, but on the house you would put on them. Why isn't that a good proposition for you? You could stand a big increase in the rent and it would still be cheaper to you than owning."

This was the business-like view of a business man, not a Single Taxer, but looking at the matter from the standpoint of one who is interested in seeing the Colony land developed and knowing it will help him as well as us, to build up the place.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETS.

And Decides to Forego Erection of Hall and Library Building for a Time and Assist in Enlarging the School-House.

Important action was taken by the Library Association at a meeting held at the Powell residence on last Friday evening.

The following resolution was adopted by almost unanimous vote:

"Whereas, it appears impossible with the means available and within the time limit set, to put up a combined hall and library building which will be at all in keeping with the needs and prospects of our town, but it is believed that within a few years the means can be found to build such a building and,

Whereas, the need of additional school room is imperative and Mr. Fels has signified his willingness that the $1,000 subscribed by him for a library building, should be loaned the Corporation for an additional school room therefore

Resolved, that the Library Association renew its offer to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation of a loan of $1,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used at once in adding an additional room to the school house, and be it further

Resolved, that a portion of the remaining fund subscribed for library building be used to erect a small addition to Mrs. Howland's dwelling for library use until other satisfactory arrangement can be made.

Mr. Trenholme and Mr. Littlefield were appointed a committee to make plans for the room at Mrs. Howland's' and Mr. Powell a committee to write Mr. Fels and ask his approval of the action and that the amount subscribed by him be placed at the disposal of the Association for immediate use.

There were twenty-two present at the meeting and the action taken was almost unanimously agreed upon.

It was the idea of the Library Association that the additional school room should be made somewhat larger than the present school rooms (which are 24x32) and that it should be equipped with tables and chairs, instead of desks, so that it could also be used as a place of public meeting until better arrangements could be made.

Arrest of Fairhope's Justice of the Peace.

The sensation of the week at Fairhope was the arrest on Monday, of P. Y. Albright on indictment returned by the grand jury for "unlawfully holding public office." The officer serving the warrant was not authorized by the

sheriff to accept bond, but insisted upon taking Mr. Albright to Bay Minette.

A bond was however prepared, signed by two of our most substantial citizens, C. K. Brown and Dr. Greeno. both having property holdings inside and outside the Colony, and with this Mr. Albright proceeded to Bay Minette. Arrived there the bond was refused by the sheriff and, being away from friends and unable to secure other bondsmen, he was thrust into jail. Getting word of his predicament friends at Fairhope bestirred themselves and forwarded in the next mail a bond signed by F. L. Brown, G. M. Bancroft, H. C. Oswalt and E. B. Gaston in addition to C. K. Brown and Dr. Greeno. This also was refused, but with the addition of the name of Hon. Sam C. Jenkins, was accepted and Mr. Albright released, after an incarceration of about two days.

The alleged "unlawfulness" of Mr. Albright was in acting as justice of the peace without being a qualified elector.

This is a question which has never been passed upon by the courts, but a few months ago the attorney general expressed the opinion that one must be a qualified elector to hold any office in the state, upon which opinion the grand jury presumably acted.

Hon. S. C. Jenkins of Bay Minette sustains the contention of Mr. Albright that the ruling of the attorney general, so far as it pertains to justices of the peace, is not supported by any provisions of either the statutes or the constitution, and has been retained by Mr. Albright to conduct his case at the October term of court, when it will come up for hearing.

Mr. Albright was appointed to his position by Governor Comer in response to a largely signed petition and has made an excellent official having dealt firmly though not harshly, and with salutary effect, with the few cases of misdemeanors annoying to the peace of the community, which have been brought before him.

He is a member of the Corporation, the owner of valuable improvements on Colony land, and has of course not intentionally violated any law.

We hope for his complete vindication and the recognition of his right to serve in the office to which he holds commission.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

x x x So many women tell me they have no time to read.—"What about Sunday—rest day?" I asked. "That is my busiest day," one replied, and explained that the "men folks" expected an extra nice dinner on that day and that company was sure to come. We had quite a spirited argument, and I may have offended her, and others to whom I have said the same thing: that the women who prepare extra dinners on Sunday are not required to do this by their "men folks," that all men who really care for women would far rather see their wives and daughters employed in reading, writing, conversation, than broiling themselves over the stove. Men say this. Are they hypocrites? To be sure few men are able to comprehend how wearing, how damaging to good looks, and generally how hurtful to the nobler self are the burdens of the mother and house-keeper, as a rule, simply because they constitute an eternal round from which there is little or no release. It is the eternal recurrence of the tasks, all pleasant in themselves, perhaps, that tells on the women. The man, though he work with spade or hoe all day can look forward to his evening paper, or book, or, to at least, an early bed-time, while the house-keeper, must—usually—do some pressing work by lamplight as long as she can keep her eyes open. And, how many women there are who light the fires in the morning.

Labor is ennobling, but drudgery degrades both soul and body. The difference is simply one of time. The more onerous or repulsive the task the shorter should be the hours. But we cannot talk of short hours for the hausfrau. The routine is repentless, eternal. If she dies another takes her place and the routine continues. But while she lives and toils for all the members of the family there should be some arrangement whereby she could always count on one day of comparative rest. The best plan I think, is two meals a day on Sunday, a later breakfast and an exceedingly simple dinner of food, mostly prepared beforehand. This would always give her some free hours in the afternoon and evening, especially if there are no babies to tend.—I am told that men would agree to this willingly, but that the women will not. This cannot be true except as is too often the case, alas, where the housekeeper has become so routinized that she has no longer any use for books, and has lost the power of enjoying leisure.

There has been a violent disagreement between the Council and Mayor, the newspapers and the citizens, in Mobile, over the selection of a site for a new park. Which shows, among other things, how people will differ in judgment on any question which may arise. When such differences occur at Fairhope they are all attributed by some critics to defects in the "Fairhope plan" or the "management." At Mobile or elsewhere they are taken as matters of course. It is true that Mobile does not have a thoroughly democratic method for settling the matter by a referendum to the people, but the result of a referendum would not at all change the opinion of the losing party as to the foolishness of the proceeding, nor would it make them accept the verdict with good grace and good nature.

T. H. Miller, of Poughkeepsie New York, contemplates a visit to Fairhope during the next few weeks, probably coming via Mallory line. "Your section of the country of course has the reputation of being very hot at this time of year, but judging from some recent articles in the COURIER it seems to at least be no more uncomfortable than the Northern states." We have taken pleasure in assuring him that he will find the trip a pleasant one at this season, Northern opinion that our summer must be unbearably hot, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Trying To Rob the City.

The Mobile Daily Item has all along opposed the proposition for the purchase by the city of Mobile of a tract of 440 acres several miles below the city, for a park site.

The city council approved the proposition but it was vetoed by the mayor on Wednesday.

On yesterday the Item threw a bomb into the camp of the parties offering the land for sale and those advocating its purchase, by publishing the assessed valuations of the different parcels comprising the tract and contrasting the same with the price asked the city.

According to the Item's showing, the assessed valuation is only $13,250, while the price at which the Council had agreed to purchase was $79,500, or about six times as much —and property is required by the law of this state to be assessed at actual cash value.

This manifest fraud, either in tax return, or price asked the city, will mildly excite the average citizen but probably not enough to cause him to challenge the incitements to perjury and greed, arising from our foolish and immoral tax system.

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Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Friends of the paper are becoming increasingly interested in the effort to increase its circulation and uselulness and are giving us much encouragement.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

Can't you get in line and send in the subscriptions of one or more of your friends? Every person interested in reform ought to be interested in the COURIER, Single Taxers of course, especially so.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present but Mr. Stimpson; Vice President Paton in the chair.

Minutes of meeting of Aug 5th. read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

E. B. Gaston, valve purchased for water-works, and chgs.	$0.80
Stikes Hardware Co., 3 doz. hasps and staples for bath houses.	1.00
John A. Patterson, expense of locks etc., for bath house.	7.80
whf. chgs. on pkg. booklet,	.05
Sk. fire-clay and frt. for water works.	1.15
Telephone repair.	.10
T. P. Lyon, care of bath-houses for three weeks,	1.50
Casey Kraak horse and wagon on half day gathering np Corporation property,	1.25
J. Bellangee four hours work and cash paid R. Curtis for taking care Corp. property,	1.30
Pay-roll road work, reported by G. M. Bancroft.	
A. C. Staples,	1.50
Casey Kraak,	2.50
W. Stimpson,	2.50
C. D, Fuller,	I.50
G. M. Bancroft,	.40

Attention was called to the need of cleaning up debris of fences on School St. On motion the matter was referred to the Supt. of Lands and Highways.

Jas. Bellangee and A. K. Trenholme were appointed a committee to close up the space under the water tower.

Mr. Christmann's proposition to connect his premises with water main and pay for same in work on roads was accepted.

J. W. Braam's proposition to teach high school for $25 a month was referred to the Secretary to confer with H. C. Oswalt, the school trustee.

A proposition was made for paying 3 cents stumpage on ties, but it was not accepted.

A. K. Trenholme and C. E. Littlefield reported that the Library Association at a meeting on the evening of the 13th decided to offer again Mr. Fels' subscription of $1,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, as a loan for adding another room to the present school building. It was moved and carried that the offer be accepted. It was also moved and carried that if the money be forthcoming, Mr. Trenholme be appointed to prepare plans and invite bids and superintend the building of the addition to the schoolhouse.

Mr. Trenholme also stated that the Library Association had decided to add a room to Mrs. Howland's house for the present use of the library, and requested the use of any usable portion of the wreck of the hall. On motion the request was granted.

It was moved and carried that Dr. Rowe and his agent be notified that unless the rent due on his land is paid by September first action will be taken to recover the same by law.

Moved and carried that tenants delinquent on rents of 1906 and first half of 1907 be notified that rents must be paid.

Percy H. Gill applied for Lot 4, Bl. 2, Div. 2. and John L. Ramsey for Lots 1 and 2 Bl. 1, Div. 2. It was moved and carried that these and an application expected from Mrs. Graham for lot 8, block 1, Div. 2, if presented within twenty-four hours, be granted if, notice having been duly posted, no objections or counter applications are filed before next Monday evening.

Transfer granted from Mrs. E. L. Seal to Mrs. Martha R. Lawrence of lots 3 and 4, block 2, div. 3.

Wm. Stimpson relinquished the S. E. ¼ Sec. 15, except the S. W. ¼ of said S. E. ¼

J. M. Beckner's application for membership was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Bellangee, Albright and Lyon.

Adjourned.

Saturday was Master Arthur Gaston's eleventh birthday and by suggestion of his mother he and a number of his young friends celebrated it with a combination of work and play. They gathered at the school-house, about 9.30, and spent the time until noon pulling and mowing weeds and cleaning up the school-yard. At noon Mrs. Gaston furnished a fine dinner of chicken, baked beans, potato salad etc., with lemonade and a freezer of delicious ice cream—the gift of Master Arthur's teacher, Mrs, Sweet. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet, Miss Clements, Miss Manly and Mr. Gaston joined the party at dinner which was served on the east porch of the school-house. After dinner the party, save the gentlemen, who had to return to their work, adjourned to the beach where the boys had a merry time until evening.

Nearly seven dollars was collected by Mr. Lyons for bath-house uses on Sunday. A very few have objected to the new plan of charging for the bath-rooms, but most have welcomed the opportunity to have the exclnsive use of a room and be able to lock up their valuables, for a small payment of ten cents.


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ABODE OF TRAITOR

BENEDICT ARNOLD'S MANSION IN PHILADELPHIA.

House Is One of the Few Specimens of Colonial Architecture Left in the Country—Now belongs to the City.

Mount Pleasant, in the East Park, near Columbia avenue entrance, which is almost equally well known to park visitors as Arnold's mansion, is to be the headquarters of La Moriganta Klambo, the newly formed organization of fashionable women motorists, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Few buildings in the park equal Mount Pleasant in interest, and none is older. It is one of the few well preserved country mansions built in this country in Colonial times. As a specimen of architecture modeled upon the style made popular by Sir Christopher Wren, it is one of the half dozen or less which remain in this country.

The house, which John Adams—who dined there in 1774—declared was the most elegant in Pennsylvania, was built for Capt. John McPherson in 1762. In 1779 MacPherson grew tired of the place and sold it to Gen. Benedict Arnold, who had married Peggy Shippen. In its time the mansion has borne three names. MacPherson called it The Hills and also Clunie, and subsequently it was known as Mount Pleasant.

Capt. MacPherson was one of the most original men in the province. If he had not been immensely wealthy he probably would not have been tolerated; but as a privateersman in England's wars with France and Spain before the revolution he was lucky and came home with a genuine gold galleon. He had two sons. One was an officer in the British army, but resigned his commission on the breaking out of the revolution and became a major in the Continental army, The other son was with the colonists from the beginning of the struggle and was killed at the attempt to take Quebec, being the first Philadelphian of importance to give up his life for the cause.

Old Capt. MacPherson made himself tiresome to congress, begging for command of a ship, but did not gain his desire. He published the first directory of Philadelphia in 1785. This book is really one of the curiosities of literature, for the captain canvassed the city himself and printed the replies he received at each door in answer to his request for names. He died in 1792 and lies in St. Paul's churchyard.

When Arnold married Peggy Shippen, daughter of Edward Shippen, subsequently chief justice of Pennsylvania, he bought Mount Pleasant and settled it on himself for life, with the remainder of his wife and children. At the time Arnold was military governor of Philadelphia, and Judge Peters, who occupied Belmont, the seat across the Schuylkill from Mount Pleasant, accused the general of having converted $50,000 to his own use and of having used this toward the purchase of Mount Pleasant.

Arnold did not long remain at Mount Pleasant. After his treason he of course had to leave the country, and the state of Pennsylvania confiscated his life interest in the beautiful estate. Baron de Steuben became the next tenant of the place and Arnold's life interest was sold to Colonel Richard Hampton for $850.

In the Shippen correspondence, published a few years ago, there are several references to Mount Pleasant. In 1785 in a letter from Mrs. Arnold to her father it appears that Arnold had an idea of privately getting title to the property for his family. He changed his mind, however, and suggested that the place be sold at public sale for as much as it would bring. In 1796 Mount Pleasant was sold, but for barely enough to satisfy the mortgages upon it.

Gen. Jonathan Williams, a revolutionary patriot and commercial agent of the United States in France from 1777 to 1785, bought the country seat and lived there for years. The property remained in his family for many years and was purchased by the park commission by virtue of the act of 1867, which permitted the acquisition of what are now park properties.

Sandwiched!

At a five o'clock tea in a handsome home the one man present sat between two very talkative young girls.

They plied him with tea and talk till his brain was well nigh reeling with surfeit of both when a merciful matron came to the rescue:

"Come with me," she said; "I want you to know some more of these lovely girls here."

"Oh, you can't take him," said both girls at once, "we've just made a sandwich here with him between us—"

"A sandwich—with the tongue on the outside," said the sandwiched young man.

Sufficient Reason.

Queer excuses are not infrequently offered to account for the lateness of the trains on a certain railroad running into this city, but the limit was reached the other day.

The train was a local from Yonkers, stopping at every station on the line, and at nearly as many points where no station was to be seen. Finally, after having lost 32 minutes en route, the train rolled with much deliberation into New York—the station that is. As the passengers filed out in conditions of mind varying from those of hopeless despair and resignation to those of impatience and even, we regret to say, of profanity, a mild-looking little man ventured to ask the conductor what had caused the delay. The conductor spat judiciously and vouchsafed an explanation that to his mind was apparently eminently conclusive and satisfactory:

"We were running behind an express train," he said.—New York Times.

Guessing at It.

"I'd like to know," said Dumley, "what this quotation means: 'Sic transit gloria mundi.'"

"Search me!" replied Wiggins. "Those first two words, though, sound as if they might have something to do with an ambulance."

A Moral Pincushion.

There are few families in which there is not a moral pincushion, and the people who are forced to live with them are the only ones capable of telling just how aggravating these self-made martyrs are, for the moral pincushion is usually a person eaten up with self-consciousness.

This type of woman gets wrinkles around her eyes, has her mouth drawn down at the corners and her forehead puckered with heavy lines, the result of deep study as to how each wicked speech could be meant for her.

Down on the Whole Sex.

Hewitt—Do you think that red-haired women are apt to be bad tempered?

Jewett—Yes, and black-haired, yellow-haired, brown-haired and any other old color, natural or artificial.

A FINE GARDEN SPOT.

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George (Bob) Cain has been appointed a deputy sheriff for lower Baldwin.

A. K. Trenholme is spending a part of his time in Mobile, assisting a Mobile architect.

Premier Oat Flakes, are fine, 10 cents per package. Mershon Merchandising Co.

A few more bargains left. Come and buy before they are gone. M. V. Mathews.

E. Storer, who visited Fairhope in May, writes from Hot Springs regarding lots, and plans to return.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Mr. Paton and Dr. Gibbons left on Tuesday in the former's boat for a several days' cruise in the lower bay.

The Fairhope Hotel is overflowing and has had to secure additional rooms for its guests at Mr. Creswell's.

The Fairhope brought 140 passengers over from Mobile on her Sunday morning trip and had a big load back in the evening.

Mr. O. J. Christmann has moved his family and household goods in from Summerdale and they are now at home in the Hail place.

We have just received another shipment of iron beds. We can furnish them to you from $2.75 up o $12. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Frank Brown has a large crew of men at work now putting in a kiln of 75,000 brick. With his brick machine they hustle them through lively.

Hammocks! these nights are just right for sleeping in a hammock: if you need one we can supply your want. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. Massey did a rushing business at the soda fountain on Sunday, in fact sold out everything in the line of soft drinks and other light refreshment.

Mrs. W. H. Bryant and daughter Mrs. Tyrrell and baby, are at the Fairhope Hotel, where they are joined by their husbands over Sunday.

S. Vander Meulen is spending this week with the local Hollanders. Mr. and Mrs. Steenstra and Mr. Vander Meulen went to the oaks on Wednesday.

There were about 300 people over last Sunday, many of those who have been coming over on Sundays and many new ones visiting the place for the first time.

C. E. Littlefield still has his commission as Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, and is prepared to act in either capacity when his services are desired.

Mr. Jos. Schuller returned to St. Louis on the excursion last Saturday, expecting to remain several months and work there, leaving his wife and children here.

Mr. Davis of Davis, Voss and Co., tie contractors, whose home is at Laurel, Miss., is greatly pleased with Fairhope and thinks he would like to have a home here.

Dr. W. C. Gibbons assisted by Miss Herring, will speak at the Fairhope Hotel on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Subject: "A Synopsis of the New Thought."

Are you going to take a trip or a vacation? If so come and let us sell you a Telescope, Grip, Suit Case, or Trunk, a new supply just in.
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The Fairhope has discontinued her trips to Battles and North wharf during the week, but goes down on Saturday evening and on Sunday and on Monday morning.

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A lawn party to which every one is invited, will be held at the residence of Charles M. Nelson, east of Point Clear on the afternoon and evening of next Thursday, Aug. 29.

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Mrs. Graham of Mobile, has moved into the west one of Mr. Wolf's cottages for the balance of the season. She has also applied for a lease of the lot between the McDermaid and Gass cottages and expects to build upon it this fall.

Feed at cut prices on account of cheap freight rates. M. V. Mathews.

Miss Riedemann and Mrs. Chambers and family, returned to their homes at Russel and Citronelle on Saturday. They were greatly pleased with their visit here and Miss Reidemann in particular, said she would certainly be back next summer.

Mr. Phinney Jernigan and another youth, Peter Johnson, of Whistler were sailing Tuesday evening, and their boat capsized from careless handling, in deep water, a little north of the pierhead. They managed to right the boat however and get ashore without loss of anything more than a pair of oarlocks.

Miss Ivy Powell sustained a painful injury on Monday, by a sewing machine needle breaking and a flying piece striking her in the eye. She went to an oculist in Mobile on Tuesday, but owing to the inflamed condition of the eye it could not be ascertained whether any small portion of the steel remained in the eye or not. Treatment for the reducing of the inflammation was prescribed, prepatory to further examination.

Rates on the Str. Pleasure Bay are 5c per package. We give you the benefit of this cheap rate. M. V. Mathews.

Four rigs from the Fairhope livery took a party of seventeen from "Nicholville", out to Magnolia Springs on Thursday. Those comprising the party were the Misses McClure, Mr. D. McClure, Mr. Haas, the Misses Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Baumhauer and three children, Mrs. Nichols and Forrest, Miss Annie Mae Oswalt and Doctor Sheldon. Smart showers en route and after reaching Magnolia proved somewhat unpleasant, still the trip was greatly enjoyed. The party arrived by moonlight better than ever pleased with Fairhope.

Mr. John McCoy and family, who moved last winter from Chicago to Fish river, were visitors at the Courier office on Wednesday. Mr. McCoy was a subscriber to the Courier before leaving Chicago, and while here renewed his subscription. He has a fine tract of 300 acres with Waterhole on one side, Turkey branch on another, and Fish river on still another, so that it is nearly surrounded by water. He and his wife are both much pleased with the country.

Mobilians Taking Lots.

Three applications by Mobile people for lots on or near the bay front are now pending.

Mr. J. L. Ramsey, applicant for the beautiful lot adjoining Mrs Stromberg on the north, is the large dealer in horses and mules, on Royal street, Mobile. His family have been guests of Rest Cottage for some time and have become thoroughly enamored of Fairhope's beauties of location and satisfied that our plan is a good thing for the man who wants land to improve. He intends to put up a cottage in keeping with the beauty of the site.

Negotiations are well under way for the sale of a very desirable bay front improvement to another Mobile party, who will be a decided acquisition to our town.

Dr. M. T. Gaines who has had one of the beautiful White tract lots under l ease for about a year writes that he expects to begin building upon it about Oct. first.

Other Mobile parties are seriously considering the matter of taking lots.

Council Holds Special Meeting.

The Council met in special session at the Brown saw-mill on Wednesday afternoon, with Bancroft, Lyon and Patterson present, and decided to accept the proposition of Davis, Voss & Co., for tie timber at a rate of 8c per tie to cover stumpage and wharfage. It is estimated that there are between 10,000 and 15,000 ties upon the land.

Davis, Voss & Co. will put a crew of men into the timber at once, and expect to cut about 120 ties a day.

Results of Medal Contests.

At the W. C. T. U. double medal contest held at Point Clear Hotel, Aug. 19th, the grand gold medal was awarded to Miss Bird Sedinger and the gold to Volney Mathison.

The judges were Miss Lillian Frenkel, Dr. Richard and G. W. Guiteras, M. D.

The medals were presented in a very pleasing manner by Dr. Gibbons, of Fairhope.

Mr. Carroll proprietor of the hotel received us very kindly. He had a platform erected for our special benefit, helped us get judges and showed us a great deal of interest in the contest. After the collection was taken he presented us with a good sized bill, and not only invited us back next year, but said, if we would let him know a little ahead and get out tickets, we could with his help, make a much greater success of it: all of which we appreciated and are apt to take advantage of.

The double medal contest held at Euclid on the 20th was even a greater success financially, according to the cost of medals presented.

While the contestants were rather late and the school-house well filled when we arrived, we had two contests, and three of our best speakers to help out. Mr. and Mrs. Dorchester made short speeches in presenting the medals, and Mr, E. Smith read a short article on what saloons did for the people and did without breaking the law. Notwithstanding this lengthy program and late hour, there was a quiet restfulness pervaded the audience which bespoke appreciation louder than words.

The contestants found it a very easy place to speak in, and as usual all did well.

The silver medal was awarded to Eelje Scriven, and the gold to Fae Stersic.

The judges were Mr. E. Smith, Mrs. Dorchester and Mr. Molyneux.

The silver medal was presented by Mr. Dorchester, and the gold by Mrs. Dorchester in an appropriate manner.

The school-house was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers.

At the close of the meeting the chairman was presented with a beautiful large boquet of flowers by Mrs. Smith. We had a general hand-shake all around, were enthusiastically invited back, and the contestants said it was the best they had ever attended. The moon shone brightly, the weather was perfect, and we had a delightful drive home, and all felt it was an evening well spent.

JESSIE H. BELL.
Supt., W. C. T. U. Contests in Baldwin Co.

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Summer Temperature

Aug. 15 to Aug. 21, 1907.

Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
15	82	93	84
16	80	92*	84
17	80	88	83
18	79	90	84
19	83	94	80
20	77	79	82
21	78	87	80

*At 3 p. m. No record for noon. Clear three days, part cloudy and a shower four days, breeze every day.

L. Manly, observer.

A large shipment of shoes just received Mershon Merch. Co.

Good Opening for a Blacksmith.

Mr. Joseph Keller authorizes us to sell his east dwelling with his blacksmith shop, tools and business at a price which affords a most favorable opening for a good blacksmith.

There is a very comfortable little house with four rooms down-stairs and one large room up-stairs, a tract of land 95x440 ft. extending from Fairhope Avenue to Magnolia avenue.

There is considerable fruit on the ground and all the balance cleared and in good cultivable condition. There is a good barn and necessary outbuildings.

There is a small shop on one corner of the lot with forge and anvil and kit of tools fit for any common work. A good blacksmith who can do a good job of horse-shoeing as well as general wood and iron work can get all the work he can do,

$500 cash will buy the whole thing —No less. Albright & Gaston

Mr. Keller does not intend to leave but will occupy the house on adjoining lot. Reason for selling: too old for hard work.

The Cascade Baking Powder must go. Now we will make another offer: the baking powder will be sold for 25 cents per can and with each can you will get a buggy coupon and your choice of a glass dish. This you get for the small amount of 25 cents. Remember, the coupons must be given out before the buggy goes. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Christian Church Announcement

Sunday Aug 25th.

Bible School	9.45. A. M.
Morning Service	11:00. " "
Preaching by the minister.	
Y. P. S. C. E.	7:00. P. M.
Preaching	8:00. P. M.

Subject, The Unreasonableness of Agnosticism. You are invited.

H. G. Sedinger. (minister.)

Bananas all the time. Mathews.

Fairhope is provided with the best livery facilities of any town along the shore, which makes it a favorite point for traveling men and others from which to reach interior points. The array of well kept teams and vehicles at the wharf when the boat arrives in the evening, looks quite "citified."

Messrs. Hyland and Haertel are still shipping tomatoes. Sweet potatoes will be the next vegetable up on the market, and as 200 bushels per acre is a fair yield, and 75 cents an average price, they make a nice paying crop. The late W. P. Stewart once said that a man could take 40 acres of land here and raise nothing but sweet potatoes and hogs and make a good living, and that statement is generally accepted.—Fruitdale Herald.

200 bushels is a big yield though we have seen 400 bushels to the acre and 75 cents is much more than an average price but sweet potatoes are undoubtedly one of the most valuable crops for this section and Mr. Stewart's statement is quite correct. —ED. COURIER

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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

MRS. HOWLAND'S LETTERS.

(Continued from first page.)

regard to our progress. I think we have every reason to be pleased.

Yours very truly,
ANEURIN WILLIAMS.

Aug. 20--With thanks in advance to Mr. Williams for the promised copy of his excellent translation of the Familistere booklet—excellent I know it is for I have seen a copy—I take this opportunity to commend it to those of our library patrons who are interested in the oldest, largest, broadest in plan and most successful profit sharing institution in the world: The Familistere at Guise founded by Jean Baptiste Andre Godin. The workmen of that institution have long owned the whole plant which includes another similar but smaller Familistere in Belgium.

Sound Sense Notes.

Eckert's Commoner

The Single Tax is essentially just.

The tariff is a tax that interferes with trade.

It is not protection, but justice, that labor needs.

The Single Tax will open opportunities for labor and commerce.

The fellow who owns the land reaps the fruit of every public and private improvement.

Workers live in modest houses; idlers in palaces. The idlers control the land, the workers pay tribute. See.

We ought not to be satisfied with anything less than our own. We ought to be ashamed to ask for more.

The Initiative and Referendum are Democratic measures. If you believe in Democracy you believe in them.

The principal asset of the United States Steel Company consists of natural opportunitiest such as coal and oil lands. Why not tax them?

The tatiff tax, the mercantile tax, the personal tax and the host of other taxes are all unscientific and unjust. They must be abolished.

The farmers own ten per cent of the value of land. They pay fifty per cent of the total taxes. And still there are those who say, the Single Tax will hurt the farmers.

The way to prevent the accumulation of large fortunes is to appropriate community values for community purposes. Rockefeller's wealth consists of community values. By means of the Single Tax these values can be appropriated to the use of the community to which they belong.

HOLDING UP THE PUBLIC

The same old game is being worked in Alameda. The city wants land for a public park and playground, and the James Dunn tract on the Bay Shore, is offered to the city for $65,000.

At the meeting of the City Council Tuesday evening Captain J. S. Hanley said the tract had been offered to him to sell for $40,000 by Dunn four weeks ago; but in view of the fact that the city wanted the tract, a son of the owner kindly gave J. R. Sloan, a former member of the Board of Education, an option on the tract for $65,000.

It is the same old game of the landowners, who have the power and the legal right to put into their pockets the land values created by the public. It is on a par with the hold up game played by the railroads and the trusts. It is the hold-up game that keeps down wages and causes the friction between employers and employes, that makes the great majority give up a part of its earnings in order that the small minority may get without earning,

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An English-American Three Hundred Million Dollar Baby

CAN YOU SEE OR IMAGINE ANYTHING UNREASONABLE ABOUT THIS ARRANGEMENT?

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A mild young man and an interesting and unusual young woman have contributed to the population of the earth one small baby. Its name is Astor. It was born in London; it will probably grow up, live and die there.

To the young mother, the quiet father and the little new lump of humanity we wish all happiness and comfort in life.

That being said, let us consider some facts concerning this baby.

The baby's grandfather is William Waldorf Astor. Tired of this country, which refused to honor his individuality proportionately to his bank account, Mr. Astor went to live in England and made himself an Englishman by naturalization.

Mr. Astor owns in New York real estate worth, at present prices, three hundred millions of dollars.

And every time another human being is born in New York or brought into New York from the outside, his land is worth more than it was before.

It is made more valuable by every new baby, by every new family, because the value of city land depends upon the number of people that crowd and struggle to possess it.

The Astors, in managing their properties, have for years followed the English rule of primogeniture. They leave the bulk of the fortune to the oldest son.

William Waldorf Astor, being even more English in his own estimation and his desires than magna charta, will follow the primogeniture plan, of course.

In a cradle, with soft things around him, the narrow old Thames fleeting by, and gray stony old Windsor Castle not far away, there lies the baby that is to to have the three hundred million dollars' worth of New York City real estate.

What that land will be worth in twenty-one years or later, when he gets hold of it, nobody can guess. Barring sudden social changes, or sensible laws for foreign land owners, that baby will "own" a thousand millions of dollars in land. And he will draw out of the United States to England every year the rent, the interest on a thousand millions.

During the years to come what changes will occur in the Astor real estate, what tearing down and bullding up!

Of these changes the Astor baby will see and know nothing. Of the work to be done he will do nothing. Architects, bricklayers, carpenters, iron workers, hod carriers—thousands upon thousands of them—will work upon the land that he "owns."

As American babies are born, as American fathers and mothers need more room, bigger houses and flats will be necessary, and bigger rents will be paid in to the future fortune of the Astor baby.

From many of these Astor homes American families, including old people and babies, will be evicted. The owners abroad—baby, father and grandfather—will know nothing, see nothing and care nothing about that.

In some of those Astor "homes" there will be deaths, funerals, marriages, fires, sickness—all the gamut of human experience. In the Astor stores some business men will make fortunes and other business men will fail. Some will go up and some will go down.

But always the rents will go across the ocean to the Astor grandfather, father and grandbaby.

If off the planet Mars there were some powerful influence drawing out of this earth wealth that earthly families need, no one would deny that the thing ought to be stopped; every one would admit the situation to be outrageous.

If in distant China some mandarin with a peacock feather drew from New York the millions annually—not less than ten millions in cash—that will go in the direction of that little Astor baby, we should all agree in denouncing that situation. We would all say. "It is outrageous that a Chinese, under any pretext whatever, should draw such an amount of money from New York while doing nothing for the city."

The force that sucks that wealth from New York without giving any thing in return for it in the way of intelligent effort is not as far off as the planet Mars, and not as far off as China. It is only three thousand miles away, in London. Yet many American citizens will agree later, if not now, that the situation is preposterous.

We know how the English landlords have drawn the money of Ireland across the Channel to spend it in London, and we know what that has meant. We can imagine what it would mean if a disgusted Rockefeller, Morgan, Gould Belmont, Rogers, Ryan, should all join Astor in London, taking their families there, acquiring their grandchildren there, and taking over there scores of millions annually from this country.

Let us, however, not be in too great a hurry to declare the Astor situation incomprehensively outrageous.

It is ridiculous for a man three thousand miles away to draw ten millions of property out of New York City real estate without doing anything for the city.

What is the difference between three thousand miles and three hundred miles or thirty miles?

Does distance change the common sense or the moral aspect of things? How about the man who idles his time away entertaining monkeys in Newport with money that he draws from New York City real estate, or from American industrial enterprises, without contributing anything to the city or the country?

We are all impressed by the fact that the Astor baby is to have the interest of a thousand million dollar's worth of land, because we think of the tax on land as a kingly prerogative, and we imagine that we have got away from kingly things. But we haven't.

The old kings at least lived, and fought, and planned, on the land that they taxed. Our kings draw revenues from lands that they never see, they put a tax on babies as fast as they are born, they take their share of the business profits of honest industry, contributing nothing. They are kings in their way.

The fact is, that we human beings on this earth are a pretty ignorant, undeveloped, thoughtless lot. We haven't begun to find out how to get the wealth out of the earth that we inhabit. And we haven't the most remote idea about its just and thorough distribution.

We allow an Astor to draw ten millions of dollars from here to London, while we are taxed to keep up the navy that is supposed to defend his buildings on Manhattan Island, and while he pays an income tax to the English government to build their ships that may attack us.

We are a long way from common sense in any direction, and there is no reason for getting especially excited about this little Astor baby—peace to his toothless gums, hairless head and bandy legs.

T. H. Miller of Poughkeepsie N. Y. Superintendent of the big De Laval Separator Company's works at Poughkeepsie, New York, renewing his subscription says: "The COURIR is one of the few papers which I make a regular practice of reading."

In our columns appears an announcement of the new state Normal school to open at Daphne October first. We have also received a copy of the initial bulletin—or catalogue—of the school, which is fairly a model for the giving of the information the public desire to know about such an institution, without verbosity or any sort of padding.

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With this issue the Courier begins a new volume—its fourteenth.

It is given to very few reform journals to reach their fourteenth milestone, and the Courier may be pardoned for feeling a degree of pride that it has maintained its way so long; that its thirteenth year just closed, has been by far its most prosperous one, and that its prospects and those of the community whose prosperity it exists primarily to promote, were never so bright.

THE PERIL IN CHINA-AND ELSEWHERE

For the COURIER by Will Atkinson.

The peril in China is yellow!
At home, here, they say it is black!
There will ever be peril to some one
Till man shall climb down from man's back!

They have sung of our burdens out yonder,
They have told us their morals are slack!
But the white man's sore burden will vanish,
When we get off the darker man's back!

We may drive in the bible with bayonets,
We may set war's grim hounds on his track,
But we'll never do much for the brown man
Till we take all our weight from his back!

Do you wonder Christ's words merely mock him?
That he thinks Christian virtues we lack,
When we take each week six days to plunder
And put all our load on his back?

Some at home take pleasure in slumming,
To see how men live in a shack,
But if from suffering you'd free him,
Just get off the poorer man's back!

God's skies will grow golden with promise
God's harvests will meet ev'ry lack,
And brothers will all the wide world be,
If we get off the poorer man's back!

MORE AS TO "FREE COMPETITION."

EDITOR COURIER:

In a late COURIER you do me the honor to make one of our conversations the text of an editorial on Free Competition. However, you only state one side of the matter:—Permit me te state the other.

Human nature being what it is, and human powers and abilities being unequal, competition cannot remain free even if the competitors could start "free and equal." The stronger would presently be ahead of the weaker and would use the advantage gained to increase their natural or acquired superiority until free competition would turn into monopoly.

This has always happened, is happening now and will continue to happen as long as the struggle for the means of life goes on between unequally endowed individuals; that is, between the weaker and the stronger. Competition and free trade are the shibboleth of the marauding class. The strong believe in both.

Henry George saw that free trade in land and competition for land results in enriching the wealthy, that is the strong and impoverishing the poor, that is, the weak. He saw that society must prevent the individual from acquiring the exclusive use of land: must take over the land and rent its use to the individual.

However, he did not see that free trade in the other essential means to production, money, franchises, patents, etc. and competition for the use of these inevitably lead to monopoly by the strong and the exploitation of the weak.

Using our illustration of the race course and a number of runners, Single Tax prepares the track and gives the fellows an even start (provided all had an equal amount of capital) but since some can run faster than others—they reach the goal first and run off with the prize; that is, invest their surplus gains in means of production—capital—compelling the poorer runners to pay for the privilege of running (laboring) at all.

Governments have been and are now employed chiefly in handicapping individuals. They are compelled to do this to somewhat equalize the results of free competition.

All means of production, land, capital, machinery, franchises, should be held by society for the use of all individuals upon terms which would enable the weakest to make an honest living, that is, to produce what he consumes either in things or service.

Free or handicapped competition for the means of living—for material wealth and advantage—develops undesirable traits in human nature, In its time and place it was necessary. "A tooth for a tooth," and "an eye for an eye" is free competition; is the law of the jungle, and as long as man lived in the jungle, was good.

But, "I say unto you: love thy neighbor as thyself," and "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." This is the opposite of the motto of competition. "Do others or they will do you."

We restrain the successful competitor after he has maimed and crushed his weaker brother; why not direct his energy and talents into public service by choosing him to direct the common industries for the general welfare.

What magnificent captains of industry our Rockefeller's, Carnegie's, Harriman's and Lawson's would make in the cooperative commonwealth.

Let man cooperate in the production of the necessaries and comforts of life and thus liberate the individual for the soul development of which he is capable.

Sincerely yours,
C. B. HOFFMAN.

COMMENT BY EDITOR.

We are pleased to present friend Hoffman's letter and make reply to it, because the question of the beneficence or otherwise—or as friend Hoffman would prefer to put it, the possibility—of "free competition" is fundamental to the differences between the individualistic and socialistic schools of economic thought.

We are alike opposed to present conditions and concerned for the welfare of humanity.

In the article to which Mr. Hoffman's letter is a reply we said, referring to those who condemn competition: "They strangely assume that competition inevitably leads to monopoly, and when they make an argument against competition, lo, it turns out not to be an argument against 'competition,' but its antitheses, 'monopoly.' "

And so with friend Hoffman; for he says "Even if competition could start free and equal, the stronger would presently be ahead of the weaker, and would use the advantage gained to increase their natural or acquired superiority until free competition would turn into monopoly.

Well, if "free competition would turn into monopoly" it would no longer be "free competition" any more than a sheep "turned into" a lion though the processes of tooth and stomach would remain "sheep"—it would become "lion."

But how, pray, by what process, through what alchemy, will "competition turn into monopoly?" Let us concede for simplicity that all competitors want to become monopolists; by what means will they effect their purpose?

The economic problem is the production and just distribution of wealth, things produced for the satisfaction of human desires.

In the last analysis—and we must be fundamental if our reasoning is to be worth while—there are only two factors to wealth production, labor and land, capital being itself a product of the other two, not a primary factor.

When friend Hoffman talks of "land, capital and machinery" as factors he simply confuses the subject.

A like, or worse confusion is apparent when he talks of "free trade in the other essential means to production money franchises, patents, etc." For he not only adds to his "means of production," previously stated, other things which are not even themselves products of production, as "capital" and "machinery" are (and the latter is included in the former), but legal privileges to some persons to forbid others to produce. To talk about "free trade in franchises and patents," is, with all due regard to friend Hoffman, a positive absurdity.

A patent is an exclusive privilege to one person for the use of a certain idea, device or process. There might and should we believe, be "free trade" in ideas, devices and processes, now the subject of patents, but "free trade in patents" is an impossibility.

With the understanding that there are but the two prime factors in production, land and labor, let us return to the proposition of free competition, which is; that the individual shall be free to exercise his powers for his own benefit, and equally free with his fellow humans, to exercise these powers upon natural resources and to exchange products with his fellow producers.

Under these conditions, how possibly can those with "natural or acquired superiority" injure or hinder those mentally or physically inferior in the satisfaction of their desires?

If they produce more and better things, that does not at all hinder others in the production of what they are capable of producing. If they consume their own products, no one else is affected. If they have a surplus to offer in an exchange for the differing products of others, the sum of available things is increased and the opportunities of all thereby enhanced.

Even conceding that by their greater ability they can produce more and better goods than a competitor in the same line and under sell him, they can only do so by benefitting the much larger number of consumers. While the

distanced competitor is deprived of nothing which he has produced, and has freedom to apply his efforts over the whole field of human activity, to seek and find that which will yield him the best results.

It is in this way that competition becomes the natural regulator of industry, the law to which men accommodate themselves as necessarily and as unconsciously as they do to the law of gravity.

There are, of course, in fact, no such enormous differences in ability as now appear, where some escape competing themselves by some form of monopoly and, under the law of competition there is a constant tendency to equalization of rewards, just as under the law of gravity fluids seek a common level.

Had we the space we would like to illustrate this at greater length, but we wish to call attenIion to one or two other statements of Mr. Hoffman. He says: "Competition and free trade are the shibboleth of the marauding class. The strong believe in both." Is not exactly the opposite manifestly true? The "marauding class" do prate about free competition of workers against each other for jobs—they favor the "open shop" so called, but they have no idea of having the jobs thrown open for the competitors. They are advocates of a protective tariff to prevent foreign competition; of patents, franchises, private ownership of railroads, mines, lands, public utilities in cities. They are constant seekers at the doors of congress, state legislatures and city councils for special legislation to protect them from competition and it is through and only through such devices that they have arrogated to themselves so large a share of the wealth produced by all the people.

Contradictory as it may seem to the collectivist, "free competition" is the means by which the most genuine and satisfactory "cooperation" will be arrived at. It furnishes, in the securing to individuals of the results of individual efforts, alike the stimulus and reward for the best effort of which each is capable, and through equal freedom to produce and exchange, permits all to share in the efforts of each.

"EYES OF THE WORLD ON FAIRHOPE"

Noted English Single Taxer Approves of Fairhope and Courier and Writes of Situation in England, as Viewed by Him.

John B. Middleton, the very able editor of the Midcleton, England, Guardian, from whose strong editorials we have frequently quoted, writes thus regarding the claims of Fairhope and the COURIER and of the situation in England.

EDITOR COURIER:

Many thanks for your exceedingly able defense of my policies in COURIER of the second. The controversy arose out of my article in the Westminster Review, reprint of which I had the pleasure of sending you. There are two dangers threatening the movement in this country. One the exceedingly doctrinaire attitude exemplified in the quotation you give from Land Values, Which threatens to kill practical work for the Single Tax, and the other (a far more imminent danger) the hitching on of our friends in this country to the Liberal party machine. The first you deal ably with and I need not further dilate on it than to draw your attention to my reply to the editor of Land Values, which I am sorry to say he neither inserted nor acknowledged—"Whilst we may differ on the question of the expediency of setting up a Single Tax Colony in this country—and agree to differ—there is no necessity to obscure my case in the way you have done in the current issue of Land Values by the reference to rates. My proposal is on all fours with that of Fairhope, where the sole purpose is to eliminate the land owner. The British League for the taxation of land values is not a rate reforming association, but a land owner eliminating league. The point is that it is the landowner that is the dead weight on industry, and if we shift that weight the other difficulties will resolve themselves. It is not therefore, as you say, the duty of all land reformers in this country clearly to push on the work of getting land valued and taxed. If we are going to wait until the general law of rating is reformed, we are going to wait until the Greek Kalends. The suggestion of the Valuation bill and the subsequent one of reforming the rating authorities are blinds which I fear Single Taxers have too readily adjusted on their faces. The battle will not be gained until we take our coats off and fight as Single Taxers. If we are going to be led into side tracks involving interminable struggles over questions of valuation and rating reforms, we shall never see the end of the struggle. The view that Henry George took is the correct one. Land is out of doors, within the sight of all men and the difficulty of arriving at its proper value by the present rating authorities would not be half so great as is experienced at present in valuing improvements. So we had better have nothing to do with these side tracks, but go on with our demand for the taxation of land values, whether we believe that an English Fairhope as the centre and heart of our operation would be a success or not. I am quite certain we shall not make much headway until the Single Tax party is entirely distinct from any political party, and fights for its own hand. Ours is a distinctly moral and religious movement, and it will be besmirched and hindered by hitching it on to any political party machine. In order to win we must associate with us men and women of all political parties and creeds.

I fear we are already far too much linked up with the Liberal party, who never will concede the taxation of land values, any more than the Tory party will. Is it possible that men who owe their positions merely to privilege will consent to efface themselves by the Single Tax? Not likely. We merely play into the hands of reactionaries by courting the favour of men whose one purpose is party aggrandisement and who declare that they will have nothing to do with any party or organization that is likely to hurt or hinder the Liberal party machine."

Let me say how much I rejoice that the Courier is open for the expression of all views on our great question, and that Fairhope holds high the flag of the Single Tax. Both here and in America the people are hungering for the pure milk of the word of the Georgian philosophy, and I trust we will not allow it to be obscured by doctrinaires or hid away by the fear of offending political machines. It is no figure of speech to say that the eyes of the world are fixed on Fairhope, from which an ever widening stream of influence will I am sure proceed. I trust the time will come when our friends on this side of the herring pond will see the wisdom of establishing a similar enterprise, and make it the center of propaganda work. The mistake that is made here is supposing that we are on the point of victory, whereas we are hardly yet on the job. The enemy has not yet taken us seriously. When he does we shall see things. Where then will be our optimistic members who now lean so confidingly on the bosom of the Liberal party?

Yours truly,

John B. Middleton.

Mr. Jno. McCarthy writes from Mansfield, Mass., that he has not been getting his paper regularly and that he "has not lost interest in dear old Fairhope."

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Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

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Personal and Local

Rev. Sedinger goes to New Hope, Ala., on Monday morning to hold a series of evangelistic meetings.

Hon. Sam. C. Jenkins and Rev. H. R. Walker were Fairhope visitors on Monday, driving up from below.

Mrs. Curtis is assisting Mr. Massey at Bayside Cafe in the absence of his wife, her sister, on her northern trip.

Davis, Voss&Co. have their men at work getting out ties from the Corporation land and are hauling them to the wharf.

The Davis - Voss tie camp has been established at the Manteuffel place, where the big barn affords ample accomodation.

Miss Bessie Littlefield went to Mobile Sunday evening to spend a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clare Littlefield.

Mrs. Toft accompanied Mrs. Tiffany and Miss Goldie Tiffany to Mobile on Sunday evening and remained over until Monday morning.

Mrs. L. E. Page came over Wednesday of last week and is visiting her daughter Mrs. Frank L. Brown. Mr. Page came over Sunday morning and returned Monday morning.

Miss Goldie Tiffany is in the new hospital of Doctors Frazier and Jackson at Mobile studying to be a trained nurse. Mrs. Tiffany is also in Mobile, nursing a case of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Ada Graham returned to Fairhope on the 22nd, after a two months' absence in Canada. She reports a chilly summer with fire burning in the grate when she left Toronto, and is glad to get back to Fairhope's sunny clime.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Edgar and baby, Misses Mabel and Pearl Morse, Mr. King Morse and Miss Hanlon came over Saturday from Mobile returning on Sunday morning. While here they were the guests of the Pilchers. They were very enthusiastic.

Look out for caterpillars in your pecan trees, If noted when they are newly hatched in the web, they can be easily burned out with a rag saturated with kerosene on the end of a pole, without damage to the tree, but if allowed to scatter over the tree they are much harder to deal with and will eat every leaf in a few days.

One of Mr. Orrie Stapleton's horses, hitched to a wagon from which Albert Oberg was delivering some ice to the Bayside Cafe on Tuesday morning, ran away. It tore up the hill at a rate which threatened the smashing of everything attached. The editor, who was on his way to his office from home, heard the commotion down the street and seeing the horse coming, ran through Dr. Mershon's gate, got in the road ahead of the horse and made a flying catch as it came by, still on the run. The only damage was the springing of an axle.

Some much ueeded work was done in clearing up between the wharf and the Magnolia before last Sunday and the grounds looked better on that day. At the suggestion of the V. I. C. that the Wharf Co. might well afford to assist in keeping the park cleaned up in consideration of the wharfage collected on Sunday from people who were largely attracted by the beauties of the beach, the wharf company will employ a man to expend such time as is necessary each week to keep the park in order,

Mr. Powell, of Fairhope was in our town one day this week, He says if the commissioners of this county will build a macadamized road from Daphne to Zundel's down the shore, a company can be formed to put on it a line of auto busses, in addition to its being available also for the use of wagons and other vehicles of the public, which would mean a great deal for the eastern shore. The matter will be adjusted soon.—Daphne cor. Baldwin Times

Mr. John E. Michaels of the wholesale grocery firm of Michael and Lyons, of Mobile, whose family has been at Rest Cottage for several weeks, is a prospective summer resident. He is greatly pleased with Fairhope and favorably impressed with its land policy. His son also a member of the firm was a fellow passenger with Mr. Gaston on the Mallory steamer, two years ago.

The crowd last Sunday was not quite as large as the Sunday previous, Mr. Patterson collecting 251 wharfages as against 319 the Sunday previous, but Mr. Lyon collected for the bathing rooms more than any previous Sunday, his collection reaching $10.80. Mr. Massey again did a rushing business being sold out of almost everything before night and both of the liveries had about all the work their teams could do.

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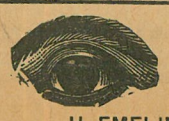
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A ROMANCE IN AN ELEVATOR

By C. J. COOKE.

"Miss Mendon is wanted at the telephone," said the elevator boy at the Paradise flats as he stood at the door of Mrs. Currier's dining-room on the fourth floor.

Grace left the dinner table and the guests with a little sigh of impatience. The elevator was waiting, and she was at the telephone booth on the first floor in a minute.

The call was from Ethel, the irresponsible one.

"I am ill and cannot come to your aunt's dinner," said Ethel, "but I have sent my cousin Robert, who has just come from Denver. He did not want to go, of course—said it was cheeky of him to call that way upon strangers. But I made him go. The big goose doesn't know how to deny me anything. You must receive him with a welcome. Isn't it a joke?"

How like Ethel that was? Of course the western cousin would be late and embarrassed and uncomfortable. Well, no matter, thought Grace as she hurried back to the elevator. It served him right for being a big goose and letting Ethel boss him about.

"Going up!" shouted a voice in the hall just as the elevator boy closed the door of his little cage. The boy opened the door again and waited, and a tall young man rushed into the car.

"Ethel's cousin," thought Grace, for she had seen his photograph often, but she said nothing. The young man took off his hat, and Ethel admired his strong, clean face. The elevator started upward with a jerk, and then stopped with a jerk between floors. The boy pulled at the lever, but the machinery failed to work. The elevator would not go up; it would not go down.

"What's the matter?" asked the young man.

"Stuck," said the boy. He proved it by throwing the lever first backward, then forward.

"I hope you're not frightened," said the young man, turning to Grace, with a smile.

"Of course not," she assured him.

The janitor came and managed to pry open the gates on the second floor. There was a space of about a foot there, and the boy climbed up and wriggled out like an eel, regardless of the janitor's rough remonstrances.

She sat down on the boy's stool and tried to look cheerful.

"Are you in Mrs. Currier's party?" he asked.

"I am Mrs. Currier's niece. And you are Ethel's cousin?" she ventured.

"Yes; Robert Murchison. Shall we call it an introduction, Miss Mendon?"

"How did you know my name?"

"Ethel told me. I had just been looking at your photograph."

Then the elevator dropped into the basement well with a chug that caused a scream from the women who were waiting for the rescue of Grace.

Then the lights went out. The basement was dark save for the distant glow of the furnace doors that threw a red glare across the top of the car.

"Are you all right?" asked the engineer from above. Be patient. We'll have you out pretty soon."

"How many matches have you got?" asked Grace.

"Four," said he.

"Then give me two of them," she commanded.

He gave them to her, and did not release her hand, but pressed it reassuringly.

"You are the bravest girl I ever saw."

"I am trying to be brave, thank you," she said. "But which photograph did you see?"

She lighted a match and held it before his face as if she wanted to see the answer as well as hear it.

"The one you had taken for Turner," he said.

She blew the match out hastily.

"How extravagant you are!" he exclaimed. "It was not half burned up."

"What did Ethel tell you about him?"

"That he was the fifth," he replied, gravely.

"I will pay her for that."

"She doesn't charge anything," said Ethel's cousin. "By the way, is there a sixth?"

"Have you had a sixth??" she asked and one could imagine that she was smiling.

"Only a first," he said fervently.

"Tell me about her. That is so interesting."

"I love her," he began.

"And she?"

"I do not know," sadly. "I hardly dare to hope. You see, I have known her only an hour.

"You are ridiculous," she said, softly.

"I am in earnest. May I hope to be the sixth?"

"There will be no sixth," she whispered. "There will be only a first. The other five do not count."

"The machinery is fixed again," bawled the engineer from above. "If you will move the lever over a little—just a little—the car will rise."

"The boy may have been right," he said, gravely. "In case we should go up to the roof—and beyond—tell me, dear one, before we start, do you think if I should attempt to kiss you that I would be taking an undue advantage of your helpless position? Tell me?"

She shook her head enigmatically.

The car began to move slowly upward.

"Quick," she whispered. "Kiss me before we reach the light."

His Turn.

Giovanni Allessandro Guiseppe Pietro Tellegreni had been coming to school all winter clad in raiment which raised perpetual wonder in his teacher's mind, both as to how G. A. G. P. Tellegreni managed to keep his circulation working and how the various sections of his clothes succeeded in retaining discreet proximity to each other. But now the warm weather had come, and on the first really hot day, lo! Giovanni appeared in a whole, heavy winter suit, with the coat buttoned up to his chin. After sundry covert glances in his direction, each of which had caused her to mop her perspiring forehead, she asked: "Giovanni, why don't you take off your coat? It makes me warm to look at you." Giovanni looked at her appealingly for a moment and then burst forth: "Oh, teacher, don't make me take it off. Me brother has been wearing it all winter, an' it's my turn now!"

Record for Handling Mails.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company is boasting that it has accomplished the feat of landing British mails in Hong-Kong in 29 days from the dispatch from London, or nearly a week less than the previous record.

A Future Son.

"Tiggs' great-grandfather fought in the revolution; his grandfather fought in the war of 1812; his father fought in the war between the states."

"How about Tiggs?"

"He fought in the peace congress."

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Personal and Local

Mr. A. H. Mershon was off duty by illness a couple of days this week.

A new roof is being put on the Mrs. Mann cottage occupied by Captain Foster's family.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

Mr. F. L. Tool and family, of Citronelle, are spending a short vacation here. They are in a portion of Mr. Albright's cottage.

I steal my goods; therefore I can sell cheaper than anybody.
adv. Hedgehog Grocery Co.

Mr. W. S. Baldwin was laid up most of last week by a "crick in his back" caused by a strain in lifting off a wagon box.

Mrs. Grace Webster Johnson arrived the latter part of last week from Chicago, and will remain until about the middle of September.

Oil 10 cents per gallon at Mathews.

Messrs. Van Bavel and Koopman have a contract for furnishiug wood for the steamer Fairhope and haul a cord and a half at a load with their big team.

Freightless figs at Hedgehogs.
adv.

Just in, a nice line of Men and Boys Overalls and Jumpers the famous Obrien Bos. brand. None better. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The Progressive League will resume its meetings on Sunday afternoon, Sept 1st., at the schoolhouse at 3 p. m. Mr. Trenholme will deliver the addres.

Special reduction in shoes. M. V. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon, of Mobile who bought the Rose place, have gone north for a couple of months, but write the Courier they will move to Fairhope on their re-return.

Carey Roofing is the best.
Mershon Merchandising Co.

W. W. Kile left on Thursday morning for his former home at Dayton Ohio, where business affairs demand his attention. His stay is of indefinite length but will probably not be long.

Dr. Gibbons will speak in the Fairhope Hotel, Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject: "Shall we cast out the man or cast the Devil out of the man, Which?" Who reads this is cordially invited.

Apples! Apples! at Mershon Merchandising Company.

Rev. Wilkes was away from Fairhope several weeks, assisting in holding meetings at Palmetto Beach and Foley. His wife was away at the same time visiting her parents at Deer Park. Both returned Thursday of last week.

Dictator flour is it. Mershon Merchandisin g Company.

Mrs. Captain Roberts and son, Edward, were among the excursionists from Fairhope on Aug. 17th. Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. Bogue of Mobile, has been looking after the house and family during her absence returning to Mobile yesterday.

More room, more goods and chea p-er goods. M. V. Mathews.

When in Mershon Merchandising Company's store on Tuesday, we picked out of a box containing about a half bushel of pears of the "Chinese Sand" variety, six pears which weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. The largest weighed one pound and three quarters.

A large shipment of shoes just received Mershon Merch. Co.

We have a few suits of clothes left and will sell them at a very low price as we wish to close out these goods to make room for our fall and winter clothing. Mershon Merchandising Co.

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The COURIER is informed that a booklet is in preparation—or subscriptions being solicited for the cost of publication of one—which will present Fairhope from the standpoint of those who are opposed to its policy and its management, those commonly designated as "kickers."

New fall line of hats now in. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Among recent arrivals are, Mr. Beswick and Miss Bromley, of Bolton England, who arrived on Tuesday evening. Mr. Beswick is a brother of Mrs. Howarth and Miss Beswick is an old friend of both the Howarths and Dysons. They have come with a view to remaining, which we hope they will do.

Do as I do. Pay no freight and sell goods below cost.
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Mr. W. S. Baldwin's son, Professor I. C. Baldwin, has taken a position with the Y. M. C. A. in Mobile, as instructor in its educational department. A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin a short time ago and Mrs. W. S. Baldwin was over to Mobile and spent some time with them.

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Fred C. Sweet and Effie C. Mershon Married.

A charming and most appropriate wedding ceremony was that on last evening, which united Frederick C. Sweet and Effie C. Mershon.

Only the family and a very few most intimate friends of the contracting parties were present, but these were sufficient to fill the pleasant parlors of the bride's home; for the "Mershon kin," in particular, are numerous in Fairhope.

Promptly at 8:30 the bride and groom took their positions in a beautiful floral bower in a corner of the sitting room. Rev. H. G. Sedinger officiated, and the ring ceremony used was simple but impressive. The bride, conceded to be one of the most beautiful of Fairhope's many beautiful maidens, was indeed radiantly beautiful arrayed for her wedding, and the stalwart groom looked as happy as he had a right to be over so winsome a bride.

The congratulations showered upon the happy couple at the close of the ceremony were indeed hearty and genuine, for all felt that they were worthy each of the other and deserving of all the high joys which attend happy marriages.

The groom has been a resident of Fairhope for about two years, long enough to win general recognition as a young man of sterling worth and high purpose. He is a skilled mechanic, but will, we understand, take a position with the Mershon Merchandising Company in its big store. The bride is the only daughter of N. Mershon of the Mershon Merchandising Company and has been her father's housekeeper since her mother's death. To say that she is "as good as she is beautiful" says it all.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweet take up their residence in the Mershon home.

Many beautiful and useful presents were received from relatives and friends.

Refreshments were served after the ceremony and then the Fairhope band which gathered by prearrangement tendered a delightful serenade.

After the band came another group of serenaders with instruments not so well attuned, but they were equally friendly.

The bridal couple were tendered a delightful wedding breakfast this morning by Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Mershon, at which Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet, and the bride's father, were also guests.

To Have a New Blacksmith.

One of Fairhope's needs has long been a first-class blacksmith and horse-shoer, and the Courier is pleased to announce that the need is to be supplied at a very early date.

Mr. W. T. Joyce, of Bayminette, spent from Tuesday evening to Thursday morning in Fairhope and while here closed a contract with the Fairhope Improvement Company, to build him a good shop, on a corner of a lot east of Wheeler's, almost opposite the watering trough.

Mr. Joyce's shop at Bay Minette in one which the writer and other Fairhopers have often admired, when at Bay Minette and wished we had as good a one here. He is a Thoroughly competent man and has drawn patronage from a long distance. His brother also a competent blacksmith, has recently joined him and they will operate both shops, probably alternating at each place.

The town was startled on Tuesday afternoon by an unearthly noise which proved to be from the siren on the tug Marion, of Mobile, in command of Captain Ed. Dorgan in a badly intoxicated condition. He came up from down the bay soon after noon and tied up at the wharf, and amused himself by blowing the siren at intervals throughout the afternoon. The siren (which is said to have been for use as a fire alarm when the tug was used as a fire-boat) made a noise which was simply the "worst ever" and even stampeded cattle in the woods a mile away. By the time the steamers came in about five oclock, the Captain had fallen asleep, and one of the crew took the tug away from the wharf to make room, putting her back again as soon as the Pleasure Bay had left. Mr. Massey swore out a warrant against Captain Dorgan for being drunk and creatiug a disturbance at his dance a couple of weeks ago, and he was put under bond by Justice Littlefield to appear for trial on Sept. sixth. The tug left during the night.

Dont be decieved! Quality and weight considered, we cannot be undersold, and a nickle close before our eyes don't tempt us to be traitor to the best interests of our town by patronizing the boat which is trying to run off the steamer Fairhope in order to get a monopoly of the transportation business. You know what that means! Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. Sacriste of Paces, Va., arrived on Tuesday evening to investigate Fairhope with a view to locating. She learned of Fairhope through an illustrated article which recently appeared in a number of the metropolitan papers. She saw it in the Chicago Record-Herald. She is a very pleasant lady and seems much pleased with our town.

Should she decide to remain she will probably rent for a year before investing—a very sensible proposition.

Dr. and Mrs. M. T. Gaines were pleasant callers at the Courier office on Monday. They are planning the house for their bay-front lot, and expect to build in October, upon Dr. Gaines return from New York, for which place he left on Wednesday to take a special course in treatment of diseases which he makes a specialty of.

Wanted, at once:—Fresh milk goat, address Ned Dougherty, Fairhope, Ala.

Charlie Wilson is getting good service out of his two-horse gasolene engine—the same size and style as that in the Courier office. He mixes his bread and freezes his cream with it and also runs fans in each of his three rooms making it much more comfortable for both his workers and his customers. Eugene Wilson made the fans and did the engineering work, some of it quite clever. Charlie says he only uses about a gallon of gasoline a day and the engine requires practically no attention.

Messrs. Bruno and John Van Bavel were made happy by the arrival, on Saturday of last week, of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Van Bavel, from Haarlem, Holland. The senior Van Bavel has long been a railway employe—long enough to be retired on a pension for the balance of his days—and has come to make his home with his children in this country.

A grand Pythian Picnic is to be held at Fairhope on tomorrow afternoon and evening under the auspices and for the benefit of the local lodge' number 268. There will be music, dancing refreshments, etc. The Steamer Fairhope will leave Fairhope for Mobile at 10 p. m. to accomodate Pythians who desire to attend,

The Cascade Baking Powder must go. Now we will make another offer: the baking powder will be sold for 25 cents per can and with each can you will get a buggy coupon and your choice of a glass dish. This you get for the small amount of 25 cents. Remember, the coupons must be given out before the buggy goes. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Another Bargain in Fairhope Property.

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A bargain:—We are authorized to offer the Haworth cottage for $535 which is dirt cheap for this place. The house has four rooms with front gallery, and is nicely ceiled inside. The furniture which goes with it is worth $75. There is a good view of the Bay, a fine big lot and the place is centrally located for both winter and summer. If you want a cheap house buy this. Albright&Gaston.

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Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
22	80	86	80
23	79	91	—*
24	84	93	77
25	79	87	84
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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

Remedy for Bill-board Nuisanc

EDITOR COURIER:

From time to time articles appear in newspapers and other publications advocating the taxation of billboards in order to get rid of the nuisance. Dogs are taxed with the same idea.

The present system of taxation is likely to impress one with the idea that good things are a nuisance, for do we not tax houses, personal property and labor products of every description? Or at least an attempt to do so is made. This might be justifiable if there was no natural source of revenue.

For instance according to the assessed value of the land in Boston the ground rent of this city now amounts to about $50,000,000 a year. If only half this amount were taken in taxation the taxes on houses, personal property, etc., could be abolished in Boston.

The necessity for government and the value of land are both the result of the presence and activity of population. The ground rent from one should be used to pay the cost of the other.

The way to discourage the holding of vacant lots for speculation (which produces the most billboards) is to tax them at the same value as similiar lots with buildings thereon. They would then be occupied by structures that would please and not by billboards that offend.

Boston Mass. W. L. CROSMAN.

Compliments For the Courier.

"The closing comments of the editorial of August second, 'Fairhope and the Single Tax,' on what Fairhope demonstrates, ought to be printed on a card for distribution. They are 'O. K.' and very pertinent."—W. L. HELLER.

"The usefullness of the COURIER is seen in the fact that Mrs. Clarke, who has never been in Fairhope, has become, through reading your journal, nearly as much interested in Fairhope and her people as myself."—A. T. CLARK.

"I consider that it is largely through the instrumentality of your courageous little paper that the land question is a live issue in the States. You are doing a grand work not only for the people of the States but of the world, I am very much interested in Fairhope and hope to be able to visit it one of these days."—Wm. R. Williams, Toronto.

"The COURIER is one of the few papers which I make a regular practice of reading."—T. H. Miller, Supt. De Laval Separator Co. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

"I just want to say that your paper is the only one in the world which has something practical to talk about every week and that you seem to cover the ground fully. Don't try to make it any larger—it contains all the ordinary reader can digest now. I can think of no way in which money spent for propaganda work could bring as great returns as in sending the COURIER to those who are seeking the path out."—F. K. Perry, Naugatuck, Conn. A Single Taxer who has visited Fairhope.

Won Handsomely.

Hon. Frederick F. Ingram. the fearless champion of civil and political equality for all citizens, regardless of color, won a handsome victory in the primaries Tuesday, receiving the highest number of votes accorded any candidate upon his ticket.—Detroit Informer

We are not advised what office Mr. Ingram was a candidate for, but he is amply qualified for any position to be filled by the people of his state.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR LABOR GURTAILED WHERE "VACANT LOT INDUSTRY" THRIVES

The Citronelle Call in reply to our comment on Citronelle's vagrancy ordinance that we felt no need of such an ordinance here for jobs were too easy to get, says: "Jobs and opportunities are too plenty here also, Brother Gaston, but the trouble is that these jobs and opportunities are not alway eagerly accepted, hence the necessity for the vagrancy ordinance."

Looking further over the Call, we came across the following, part of an ad, occupying a good double column space:

"How are you making your money? By daily toil? There is no more honorable way, but it is slow. Are you more fortunate, and loan money? That is a small result compared with the earning possibilities of your money. Are you in business? When your time and expenses are figured out you know you are not doing any too well.

"An easier, faster way is to invest in vacant lots and turn them loose on an advance. Many a man has laid the foundation for a fortune by this plan, even when they had to borrow the money to launch the first deal.

"Give this idea a little serious thought. If you do, and act on it, you will thank us."

"This idea" is well worth a "little serious thought" not only on the part of those, able to invest in lots but the much larger number who are not able, but who get their living by "daily toil."

The advertisers' advice is good and those who buy lots in the beautiful and thriving town of Citronelle, provided they do not pay more than their present value, will have them to thank for the suggestion, and all the people of Citronelle, to a much larger degree, for the "easy money" they will make by turning these lots "loose on an advance."

But our purpose in calling attention to this matter is to show the very direct connection between the fact that easy money is to be made by holding vacant lots for a rise and the apparent need of vagrancy laws.

The opportunities and earnings of "daily toil" are reduced by every dollar reaped without toil, by vacant lot holders. In the first place opportunities for labor are restricted. In the second place so large a portion of the product of labor goes to those who render no equivalent for it, that many laborers become discouraged, hopeless of ever achieving independence, the prey of vices which flourish in the loss of self respect, and drift into shiftlessness and vagrancy.

We do not want to make any invidious comparisons, but as Fairhope exists primarily to show "a better way" we cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that at Fairhope there are no opportunities to invest in vacant lots and "turn them loose on an advance."

There is thus no artificial barrier imposed to laborers employing themselves, or building their homes upon our land.

All of the proceeds of their labor above that amount paid to equalize them with their neighbors in advantages enjoyed from the presence of the community, they retain, and instead of the remainder being pocketed principally as profits on land speculations, it is expended for the common benefit.

Under this policy we are sure there will never be any even apparent need for a vagrancy law at Fairhope.

Enormous Land Values in New York

President Lawson Purdy of the Tax Department, in a report submitted yesterday to Mayor McClellan for the quarter ended June 30, draws attention to the rapid increase in the values of real estate in this city in the last few years. This is particularly true of Queens, where the increase in valuations in the past year has been about 36 per cent.

"The value of the land today in New York City," the report says, "is so enormous that it is hard to realize its amount without some comparisons. The assessed value of land alone, exclusive of improvements in the city, is greater than the assessed value of all the real estate, improvements included, in the state of Pennsylvania and nearly twice as great as the value of all the real estate, including improvements, in the state of New York outside the city. The assessed value of the land of six square miles of Manhattan in the neighborhood of Central Park is greater than the assessed value of all the real estate in the state of Missouri."

The report says that for the first time the board presents an analysis of exempt real estate. The figures are:

United States, $60,313,300; State of New York, $2,181,620; City of New York, $814,833,200; property of religious, charitable and benevolent corporations and others, $279,018,683. Total, $1,156,346,803.

The total assessment of personal property shows a reduction of $22,445,627 from the assessments of last year, This reduction is due to the cancellation of assessments aggregating $20,000,000 upon satisfactory evidence that no tax could be collected from the persons assessed. The commissioners report that the personal property assessed in New York forms a much larger proportion of the total assessment than in other large cities. It is 8.2 per cent of the whole, while in Buffalo it is only 2.1 in Rochester, 5.22 and in Syracuse 5.22

—New York Sun.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

August 27—Dear M., in reply to your inquiry as to the book about China which I translated over a year and a half ago, I will give vou a paragraph from Mr. Fels written the day before he sailed for England.

"About Simons' book, I found that a translation had been made and published fully twenty years ago, and indeed I got hold of two copies of it and intended bringing one over for you to see. I will try to post it to you when I get across, or send it by some one coming this way I have not yet had the time to compare it with your translation, which I still have in my desk in London." x x x Do send it, the older translation, I beg you, Mr. Fels. If it does not come soon, be sure I shall "jog your memory."

x x x I must thank you dear Mrs. Boisselier for a copy of the Woman's National Daily. It is, I am assured, managed entirely by women. It is a good all-around newspaper with party politics left out. I thought the library must have this paper, and sent in a trial subscription. It champions the George Washington Memorial Association which proposes to raise a fund of $500,000 for the erection of a memorial building in the long proposed Columbian university which is to be built in fulfilment of Washington's last will and testament and for which he left a fund, and which he had before recommended in a speech to congress; a great educational institution which should be national in its character and which might become the centre of learning for the country. The money Washington left was frittered away in mismanagement. This is a disgrace, and the people, led by the really progressive women of the country, proposed to congress to raise $500,000 for a central pile in the university, on condition that the name should be the Washington University. The change was made by congress. "The idea is to have women irom one end of the country to the other raise the funds, and each woman to have an interest in the building." "In the memorial hall of the building is to be recorded the name of every woman and of every person who desires to help build this memorial. Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth has recently been made president of the association. In a recent interview she said: "Of course it might be possible to make a strict personal canvass of very rich people to raise money for the purpose we have in view. But that is not the object. While we want to get as much money as possible, and will be glad to get it from any source, this is a great national affair; it is something the women of America are doing and we want all the women who feel an interest, and who share in the impulse which has inspired it, to do something."

The women of Fairhope have worked very hard raising money for the need of our Colony; but this need not prevent some of our people or some of our clubs from doing something to help in so great and good a work of women. The National Daily will be found on our Public Library table, and we invite attention to the list of women managing the enterprise.

August 30—Such good letters from every body! Mrs. M. L. Johnson of Barnet, Miss., keeps her promise to send this library a list of best books for young people. It should be the best because "compiled by the Minnesota

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Fairhope Courier

Devoted to the LAW of EQUAL FREEDOM—"Every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man"—and to the immediate application of that law to the fullest extent possible under existing conditions, by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, at Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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Single Taxers Not Opposed to Cooperation.

In a card to the associate editor, Evacustes A. Phipson, of England, says: "I am sorry the Single Taxers continue to fight socialism (i. e. cooperation) as it also has great merits, if brought about voluntarily, though, of course, would be useless unless the land is first communized."

We know of no Single Taxers who fight voluntary cooperation; either the unconscious—but very effective—cooperation which results when men work for individual benefits, under conditions of equal freedom to produce and exchange, or conscious, agreed cooperation for mutual benefit.

The objection of Single Taxers to socialism as taught and urged as a political measure, is its purpose to suppress individual production and business for individual benefit, "profit" if you please; and substitute state-directed and controlled effort for the (supposed) common benefit.

Single Taxers generally believe—as indeed Henry George intimated—that under freedom organized cooperation would naturally and voltarily be resorted to in undertakings too large for individual capital and management.

They contend however, for the right of the individual always to "go it alone" if he wants to: to apply his brawn, brains, and capital for his individual benefit, in every way that will not interfere with the equal right of his fellows to do likewise.

Alabama Editor After Holders of Idle Land.

We are glad to note the Wilcox Progressive Era waking up to the fact that vacant lot owners holding their land for a rise, are a hindrance to the growth of its town, and furthermore, that taxation affords a way to get rid of them. Says the Progressive Era, under the title, "What is the matter with Camden?"

"Camden ought to be a town of five thousand population today and it would be but for the fact that owners of vacant land hold their land out of the market? It can never increase in value if no one sells. The fine brick blocks put up by the Jones' heirs have been a great benefit to the town, and we need more such enterprise. There is an abundance of idle capital here, but no chance to invest it as long as the owners of vacant property refuse to sell or improve it. There is something radically wrong in Camden. Let us investigate the situation and see if something cannot be done to help matters. If people will neither sell nor improve their vacant land, tax them. That is ne remedy."

Abner J. Smith, formerly editor of the Baldwin Times is now editor of the Progressive Era.

Shall Fairhope be Incorporated?

As noted in the council proceedings elsewhere, important action was taken by the Council on Wednesday evening, in authorizing the secretary to call a meeting of the citizens of Fairhope to consider the matter of incorporating Fairhope as a town.

The COURIER has before announced its position as favoring incorporation, but until the recent amendment of the law—which was done at the adjourned session of the legislature—the petitions of twenty-five electors, who were also "householders and freeholders" were required, a practical impossibility here, where very few of our citizens are "freeholders."

By the amended law the petitioners are required only to be qualified electors; and if there is general favor for the proposition to incorporate these can easily be secured.

Among the right and powers which may be exercised by a duly incorporated town may be mentioned the following.

The right to establish, purchase or maintain water-works, and electric light or gas plants and wharves.

To adopt ordinances not inconsistent with the laws of the state, to "provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants and to enforce obedience to such ordinances by fines not exceed-$100 or by imprisonment or hard labor not to exceed six months, or both".

To impose many license taxes (which it is to be hoped Fairhope people would be wise enough to refrain from imposing.)

To control and conduct its public schools.

To assess and tax property for corporate purposes, up to the constitutional limit.

To control and improve streets within the municipality, impose and collect a road tax not exceeding $5 per person, provide for improvement of streets and side-walks and charge same up to the abutting property owners to the extent of the enhancement of the value of their property thereby.

No citizen of a municipality can be compelled to work the roads outside the limits of the municipality; and of any special county road and bridge tax collected from property within the municipality, half shall be returned to the municipality.

Stock may be restrained from running at large within the town limits.

These are some only of the important powers which may be secured by incorporating.

A meeting for consideration of the matter is called for Thursday evening, Sept. 12, 8 p. m. at the school-house.

This is, of course, a citizens' meeting; and whether for or against the proposition, or wanting to know more about it before deciding, all should turn out.

Dastardly Assault on Prominent Mobilian.

An entirely unprovoked assault with a knife, was made by a drink-crazed man known as Tige Smith, upon Stuart McRae, a well known Mobilian, at Fairhope, on Monday evening.

Smith it is stated came from up the state and was employed for several months at the Turner Brothers' lumber camp northeast of Fairhope. More recently however he had been working at a telephone pole camp on Fish river. He came over on the Pleasure Bay from Mobile in a drunken condition and had annoyed several people both on the boat and on the wharf though little attention was paid to him, as he was thought to be simply drunk and not dangerous.

He attempted to get in Mr. Powell's surrey which was in waiting for Rest Cottage guests, but was put out by the driver, Stewart Lawrence, and a little later when Mr. McRae who was also a passenger on the steamer got into the carriage, he came back and attempted to climb in. Mr. McRae pushed him away telling him it was not his rig and he stepped away a short distance, where he remained for several minutes while Mr. Gaston and Mr. Powell were talking to Mr. McRae. When the team finally started up a single tree broke, and in the little confusion that naturally ensued Smith stepped up behind the carriage and before any one could notice or prevent him, drew a long bladed knife and stabbed Mr. McRae in the back, as he sat in the carriage.

The knife entered the left side just below the shoulder blade and while the cut was not straight in but downward, it penetrated the lung and made a very serious wound.

After cutting Mr. McRae, Smith made a circle about the carriage with the knife in his hand threatening every one in his path and then struck out on a run up the hill. Mr. R. F. Powell and Mr. Ira Powell followed him until they secured weapons at the stable in the shape of a pitchfork and an iron bar and then ran in on him and disarmed him, and with the assistance of Mr. Gaston bound his arms behind him and took him before Justice Littlefield who, after a hearing, bound him over to the grand jury on a charge of assault to murder and he was taken to Bay Minette the same night by Deputy sheriff George Cain.

Mr. McRae was in the meantime, hurried with all possible speed to Dr. C. L. Mershon's office where his wound was examined and dressed by Dr. Mershon and Dr. Spotswood of Mobile, a personal friend, who happened to be in town, assisted by Doctors Greeno and Sheldon.

When his condition would permit he was removed to Rest Cottage.

The victim of the assault is a well-known and very popular business man of Mobile, one of the proprieters of the Commercial Printing Co. and a brother of Mrs. Turner of Rest Cottage. His wife and children were also at Rest Cottage for the summer. and his father, Mr. L. W. McRae, of Calvert, Ala., there for a short visit. A brother and a brother-in-law, Mr. Webb, of Calvert, arrived in a launch during the night.

At this writing Mr. McRae is still in a critical condition and, the final result of his wound uncertain.

It is the wish of the wife, father, sister and brother, that the COURIER express their heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Fairhope for their assistance and many kindnesses in their trouble.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

August 31—Col. Daniels, of Gunston, Va., says: "I am glad you have been enjoying a visit from your friend Hoffman. It must have been a delightful one to you, you were so long associated in that martyrdom on the Pacific coast.—I note that he gave the people good advice, urging education, especially, as the supreme interest.—We read all your letters. They make you seem so near us that we almost ex-

pect you to come in any moment. We are intensely busy and overworked, trying still to save something from the wreck of this disastrous season. The great orchard has to be worked though it yields nothing, and the stock must be fed. I had two men, but the most efficient one left in the busiest part of the season and I have taken his place to save the crops. This comes from the dreadful anarchy that now afflicts the nations. The cities and great corporations absorb the labor. So it must be while we pass through the transition to the Divine Social Order that Fourier described.

x x x You see by the COURIER that I am trying in a small way to organize social and industrial life. Some of the Washington people in civil service are interested, and I am picking up correspondence over the country. Mr. Joseph Fels and his brother came from Philadelphia to visit us. I had been expecting them as a result of correspondence about the tract of 4000 acres adjoining mine, now used by a dairy company about dissolving.

For many years my dream has been a great industrial school there with model rural village around it. The idea seemed to interest Mr. Fels, and he wrote me he would come. I wrote Frank Nesbit to come and to write Mr. Fels that we would arrange to bring them here from Washington. Nesbit wrote saying they would come soon and asked the best route. I had just finished Nesbit's letter and was about to take my noon nap when I heard a knock and Nesbit's voice. Going out I found a party of eight with three ladies. They explained that Mr. Fels was limited in time. They had come on a private launch to make sure of connection. Mrs. Daniel's was absent in the city. I did my best to entertain them and show things, but it was a rush. I happened to have fruit and some very nice honey just taken off which they enjoyed. I wanted to cook them a "square meal" to show my culinary genius, but they would not hear to it." x x x You may be sure Col. D. that I know how to sympathize with you. I only wish Mr. Fels, Mr. Hoffman, and some others who pounce on their friends the day before they are expected—friends who have no help in their work could just once have the tables turned. not in situation only, but in disposition, idiosyncracies, etc. The wish is sufficiently wicked, for of all distressing, compensationless experiences this takes the lead.

Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening with all members present but Mr. Stimpson.

In absence of president and vice president P. Y. Albright was elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes of meetings of August 19 and 21 read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

A. K. Trenholme 1 day on improvement at water tank.		$2.00
J. Bellangee same three-fourths day.		1.50
Casey Kraak hauling sand,		1.00
Gene Wilson 3 hrs. making water connection for Christmann,		.75
J. S. Paton 1 day repairing foot-bridge and nails for same,		1.75
P. Y. Albright 3 days filling in water hole on Magnolia Ave. with team,		5.00
E. B. Gaston, postage in August,	$1.07	
500 linen letter heads	2.25	3.32

Secretary reported contract with Davis, Voss & Co. fo cutting cross-ties as per action of the Council on Aug. 21,

Also agreement of Wharf Company to handle ties over wharf at 3c. On motion this agreement was approved.

Following transfers of land approved:

S. E. Gooding to John P. Lowell, lot 9, block 4, div. 2.

Mershon Merchandising Co., all of a lot 150x180 Cor. Fairhope Av. and Section St., except lot 6, blk. 5, div. 4, a part of same, previously transferred to Fairhope Imp. Co.

Application of W. C. Baumhauer for lot 3, blk. 14F, div. 2, granted.

Applications reported, of Edwin Warley for lot 2, blk. 13F, div. 2.

J. P. Knott for lot 1, blk. 13F, div. 2.

John P. Lowell, for lots 10, "A" and "B" blk. 4, div. 2. It was moved and carried that same would be granted on usual notice being given and no objectious being filed or other applicants appearing by Monday evening, September 9.

Secretary reported that John Hakanson, had remitted rent due from him, and read letter received from Rev. C. E. Hill stating that cause of delay in his remitting had been uncertainty as to what would be done regarding bathing facilities in that vicinity.

It was moved and carried that the Corporation will, before opening of next summer season, build a suitable bath-house wharf in front of White tract. and give lot-holders there, permission to build, connected therewith, their own bath-houses for their exclusive use, subject to approval of the Council, without charge for 1908, but subject to a charge thereafter, if the public interest demands, the said charge, if any, to be determined upon the same principle and in the same manner rents are determined.

On motion the building limit on White avenue on the White tract, was reduced from 20ft. to 10ft.

Secretary reported communication from Dr. W. H. G. Rowe asking further time to settle delinquent rent, and was instructed to notify Dr. Rowe, that he would be given until the 15th of September, unless there was an attempt before that time to remove improvements.

Secretary reported proposition of Peter Gass for Lillie Gass to settle for rent due on her portion of lot, for $10, and same was, on motion, accepted.

Secretary reported securing a loan of $200 from T. P. Lyon, for which note had been given by same parties who had given their personal note for balance of water-works debt to American Supply Co., and which they were still carrying at the bank, turning the same over to the Corporation treasurer and drawing two orders for one hundred dollars each, one to Nelson Manufacturing Co., and the other to be applied on the note at bank.

Action of secretary and president in this matter was on motion approved.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed.

Whereas, by act of the late legislature, only 25 qualified electors are required to a petition for the submission to the voters of a community of the question as to whether or not it shall become an incorporated town and

Whereas it is believed by many that great advantages could be secured by incorporating Fairhope therefore

Be it resolved, that the secretary be authorized to call a meeting of the citizens at a time and place to be selected by him, for consideration of the matter of incorporation.

S. H. Comings was appointed a delegate to represent the F. S. T. Corporation at the Conference of the Civic Federation, at Chicago, Oct 22 to 25.

The proposition of Mr. Albright to furnish Mr. Stimpson's team, mower and driver at two dollars and fifty cents a day to mow weeds on streets was accepted, for two days work of same.

Treasurer's reports for July and August submitted as follows:

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

July.	Receipts.	Disbursements
Taxes	$	$ 30.73
Salaries		37.50
Sundries	.50	
Stumpage	50.00	
Telephone	7.00	18.00
Water	55.00	132.96
Rent, 1906	6.25	
" 1907	193.40	
" Penalty	2.68	
General Accounts	50.00	
	364.83	219.19
Balance on hand July 1	304.90	
" August 1:		
Scrip 114.70		
Watef Scrip 221.15		
Wharf " 1.00		
Cash 113.69		
		450.54
	669.73	669.73
August.		
Taxes		125.11
Highways		4.75
Salaries		50.00
Sundries	25.55	
Printing & Postage		29.03
Land	25.00	
Water	1.00	225.36
Rent, 1906	7.50	
" 1907	106.26	
" 1908	7.70	
" Penalty	.95	
General Accounts	200.00	
Telephone	1.00	22.35
Balance on hand August 1	450.54	
" September 1:		
Scrip 114.70		
Water Scrip 221.15		
Wharf " 1.00		
Cash 32.15		
		368.90
	825.50	825.50

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An Appeal.

An appeal to the citizens of Fairhope to join the effort that is being put forth by the W. C. T. U. in their oratorical contests. At present the method of handling this work is crude and unsatisfactory. With the aid of a number who are gifted in oratory, and interested in the cause and in Fairhope, this art might be developed to an extent that Fairhope would be proud of. My plan in an undeveloped form is as follows:

To have a board of seven judges composed of male and female members, to be kept permanently or be elected annually or semi-anuually, as thought best.

Judge's duty to make selections for the class, say twelve for eight contestants, have contestants choose from these pieces, and then have the judges criticize these selections before and after contest, by so doing contestants will have a standard to go by and find out where they are weak.

The dissatisfaction in the present method is as follows:

The judges must be strangers to contestants; this is often hard to find and when found they are often strangers to the rules; the strangers are gone and we have nothing to refer to.

In our two gold and two grand gold contests held lately, with three different sets of judges, there were not any two judges who agreed on any one contestant and the medals were awarded not by the judgment of the judges but by their scale of marking.

At the first grand gold contest held in Fairhope two judges differed 15 points in 50 in two different recitations. The first second and third choice of judges was:

First judge—1 Anna M. Oswalt 46 2 Bird Sedinger 42, 3 L. Barnhart 39.

Second judge—1 Irene Bell 46; 2 Bird Sedinger 44; 3 L. Barnhardt 42.

Third judge—1 Laurence Barnhardt 41; 2 Bird Sedinger 36: Uhlma Hail 35.

Anna Mae Oswalt and I. Bell were marked down by one of the judges to 31 each, I do not even know the name of the judge but I for one would like to know why.

Second Contest.

First judge—1 Bird Sedinger 45; 2 Irene Bell 43; 2 Uhlma Hail 43; 3 Vera Littlefield 39.

Second judge—1 Irene Bell 45: 2 Bird Sedinger 42: 3 Uhlma Hail 37: 3 Vera Littlefield 37.

Third judge—1 Uhlma Hail 43; 2 Bird Sedinger 42; 3 Irene Bell 41.

Can any one tell in the judgment of the judges who should have been awarded these medals. In the second contest the judges scale of marking was much more even than the first. In the general average of the first grand gold contest Laurence Barnhardt and Bird Sedinger were a tie at 40⅔ and in the general average of the 2nd grand gold medal contest Bird Sedinger and Irene Bell were a tie at 43.

If we had a regular board of judges they would not only come to an understanding as to the scale of marking but also to points in elocution and be able to show the contestants where they fail, and all would be better satisfied; As it is we are working in the dark. When the judges differ so much, is it any wonder that the audience differs. The two last gold contests were a parallel to the grand gold. I think it would be well not to award a medal unless at least a majority of the judges agree. The most painful part of it is that those who fail do not know why, whether it is them, their selection or rendition of same, and feel like giving up despair.

Three or five judges would do at a contest but seven would be better as a board in deciding points in elocution,

If any one can suggest an improvement on this plan I would like to hear from them, also who would make the best judges Mr. Coleman, Mr. Wolf, Dr. Gibbons, Mr. Oswalt, Mrs. Gaston, Mrs. Bancroft and Mrs. Minnie Brown, have been suggested. Can any one suggest any better than these? And in case these will not act who could we get.

JESSIE H. BELL.

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"Well," whispered Marion to me, "I guess it doesn't make any difference if we did have to wear silk gowns that you washed, turned, mended and made over. Guess what I just heard."

"What did you just hear?" I asked.

"Why," proceeded Marion, delightedly, "I was standing over by those ferns a minute ago, and just round the corner I heard Mrs. Lewis say to Claudie Brooks: 'I don't see how the Harcourt girls manage to dress so well,' and Claudia—spiteful old thing—said: 'I think they ought to be ashamed; everybody knows they can't afford it.' But just then that grand looking Mr. Maxwell came over to them, and it wasn't two minutes before I heard him ask who that striking girl with the red rose in her hair was. That was you, Eleanor. Now, aren't you flattered?"

"Dreadfully," I answered. "Anything more?"

"Yes, indeed," whispered Marion. "The best of it all was that he asked right away if you were one of the Harcourts who had owned the old place up town, and he asked her—Oh, look!"

Marion's volubility was checked at this point by the appearance of the already mentioned Mr. Maxwell with our two hostesses on his arm. He was a grave, handsome man, about 30, I thought, and after Mrs. Lewis had presented him he sat down beside me. He had talked about a good many things and had almost wearied of my monosyllabic replies, I fancy, when he finally brought up Harcourt, and I proceeded to astonish him by forgetting that we were strangers, and telling him the most ridiculous things with characteristic recklessness. I told him how we, Marion and I, went a round about way to avoid passing the dear old place, and how, when there was no way out of it, we went by with our heads turned away, because we loved it so. I told him we had been born there, and that every big room and every dingy panel brought up a memory that we loved. And it was not until Marion came for me to go home that I realized that he had listened to me silently for about an hour.

In the weeks following he came frequently and we met at several places. I got to thinking a good deal about him and to liking him very much. There was only one thing to dampen our pleasure. One day the news came to us that Mr. Griffin, who held a mortgage upon Harcourt, had sold it to strangers, and Marion and I told ourselves that from that time our claim upon it would be only that of any other outsiders, who might look at its dear old walls and pass it by. As I say, this darkened our lives a little, but there were still Mr. Maxwell's visits to look forward to, so it was worth while existing. But one evening when he called he said: "Miss Eleanor, I am going away to-morrow and I want you to do something for me. Will you?"

"I don't know," I answered in a low voice. Somehow I couldn't for the life of me manage anything else. But he didn't seem to notice that I said nothing about regretting his going away. He simply asked me if I would go down to Harcourt with him. I was too miserable to resist, and we went.

When we went up to the long hall above and found that some impatient person had removed our few remaining pieces of old furniture and had hung new paintings there over crimson hangings, I felt I couldn't stand any more. "What does this mean?" I cried.

"The purchaser hopes to live here," explained Mr. Maxwell, "and he is getting ready for occupancy."

Here, I suppose, the poor man was bewildered enough, for I had restrained myself as long as I could, and I rushed to the one place where the hated crimson did not cover the panels, laid my head against their friendly support and burst out crying.

"Oh, why did you bring me here?" I said. "I can't stand everything. I would rather have the old place burned to the ground, with only the poor old chimney left to show where it stood, than to see it fitted with the most beautiful things in the world by strangers. Everything I care about turns out wrong," I concluded, with a sign. "I am losing my home, and now you—"

"I stopped, frozen with horror. What had I said! But Norman Maxwell suddenly put me into the window seat and sat down beside me. "Eleanor, look at me," he said. But I absolutely couldn't lift my head, so he put his hand under my reluctant chin and turned my face toward him. "Eleanor," he went on, "don't you know I've loved you all the time and that I was going away with the heartache, confident that you did not care for me? Don't you care just a little more about me than for an ordinary friend?"

"Oh!" I exclaimed, very much afraid that my stupidity had forced him into it. "I shouldn't have said—I didn't mean to—" But he put his arms around me and then I knew it wasn't because of what I had said.

Well, I was so happy that I cried and laughed in my own ridiculous fashion, and when he went home Marion says it was difficult to tell which beamed the brightest, my eyes or my nose. But I think I have wept the last sorry tear I shall ever shed, for the best man in the world has bought Harcourt for me and it is to be our home when we are married.

Women as Floorwalkers.

Women are fast replacing men as shop-walkers in millinery and dress shops, says the London Daily Mail. In the large and fashionable West End drapers' establishments the tall, imposing, frock coated man still reigns supreme as shop sentry, but in the smaller shops all over London the woman "walker" is rapidly gaining ground.

It costs much less to employ feminine shop-walkers, and it is said that a woman establishes more friendly and confidential relations with the customers than is possible in the case of a man. By reason of this intimacy she can offer very valuable advice to proprietors as to the class of goods which are popular with the customers.

Hardness of Tantalum.

Tantalum has been hammered into sheets which are extremely hard.

Sir William Crookes, F. R. S., states that "a hole had to be bored through a plate of this metal and a diamond drill was used, revolving at the rate of 5,000 revolutions per minute. This whirling force was continued ceaselessly for three days and nights, when it was found that only a small depression 0.25 millimeter deep had been drilled, and it was a moot point which had suffered the more damage—the diamond or the tantalum."—Scientific American.

Good and Bad Cigars.

A good cigar will burn slowly and equally; the weed that smoulders up one side is of inferior quality.

Punctuality.

Punctuality is the stern virtue of men of business and the graceful courtesy of princes—Bulwer.

A FINE GARDEN SPOT.

Five room house, three down and two upstairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop, and the name of the place is Muspel Heim (sunny home). Price, $700.
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Miss Grace Williams is enjoying a weeks vacation at home.

Will Davis and family have moved into the Coutant—Stites cottage.

T. N. Freeman is on a business and lecturing trip in the north part of the state.

Forbes Bebolt has resigned his position on the Fairhope and gone on the Baldwin.

Mr. Fred Sweet went to work in the Mershon Merchandising Company's store, on Monday.

Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink were over from Mobile and spent labor day at Fairhope.

S. E. Gooding, came down from Vinegar Bend to visit his sister and aged mother on Sunday.

Dr. Gibbons speaks in the Fairhope Hotel on Sunday at 11 a. m. The subject for this occasion is "Echoes."

Twins—a boy and a girl—were born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Anacker of North River Park settlement last week.

Carey Roofing is the best.
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Miss Violet Swanson is now holding the position of operator at the Bell central in lieu of Miss Scanlan, resigned.

Mrs. Toft is quite ill but improving. Her sister, Miss Goldie Tiflany, was called over from Mobile to attend her.

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The W. C. T. U. Society will meet at the home of Mrs. C. K. Brown, September 12th. All are invited. Officers will be elected.

Mrs. Dr. Edelman is visiting Mrs. Freeman. On Wednesday she and Mrs. Sacriste, recently arrived from Virginia, visited Daphne.

Yes we have a fresh supply of Irish tea. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The blacksmith shop for Mr. Joyce, of Bay Minette, on the lot east of Wheeler's is under way, the work being in charge of A. C. Staples.

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The Pilchers are moving today into the Mrs. Otto cottage, corner of Magnolia Ave., and Section st. for which Mr. Pilcher has made a contract of purchase.

Mrs. J. W. Braam and little son, returned on Sunday evening from an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Ellyson, at Stuart Tenn, near Nashville, Tenn.

Apples! Apples! at Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. Taylor and Miss Annie Korner, Mobile friends of Mr. Rawson, were guests of the Home Restaurant two or three days this week and promised to come again.

New fall line of hats now in Mershon Merchandising Co.

A severe rain and wind storm in the afternoon and evening interfered very much with the Pythian Picnic and ball last Saturday and caused the lodge a net loss of several dollars.

Ira Powell lost one of his best horses, "Chief", one of the team which was sent to Bay Minette to carry the deputy sheriff and the man, Smith, who stabbed Mr. McRae. Colic was the cause.

We have a few suits of clothes left and will sell them at a very low price as we wish to close out these goods to make room for our fall and winter clothing. Mershon Merchandising Co.

The Mershons, Gastons, Pilchers, Sweets, Ameses and Williamses celebrated labor day by picnicking on the beach, taking both their dinner and supper on the platform under the Magnolia.

Dr. and Mrs. Page were here over Wednesday, packing for removal to Mobile, such of their furniture as they wanted there and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gunnison have moved into their pleasant cottage.

When in Mershon Merchandising Company's store on Tuesday, we picked out of a box containing about a half bushel of pears of the "Chinese Sand" variety, six pears which weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces. The largest weighed one pound and three quarters.

A neat picket fence has been put around the base of the water tower, and a load of clean, white sand spread over the enclosed place, adding much to the appearance of this bit of public property.

News has been received by friends in Fairhope of the birth of another son to Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Hail at their new home at Toulminville, a suburb of Mobile. Father Brown was prompt in going over to see the new grandson when word was received here.

Before the Progressive League on Sunday September 15, E. Q. Norton and T. N. Freeman will meet in joint debate. The question to be debated has not been stated in exact terms, so far as the Courier is aware, but will we understand, be upon the merits of Single Tax vs Socialism. This should draw a good crowd.

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Also a 20 acre tract in section 15; 14 acres cleared, house of 4 rooms, large galleries, good barn, large cellar.

Sale to begin at 10 a. m. at residence on Fairhope Ave. and continue until completed.

Property can be inspected at any time prior to sale.

George Steenstra.

Extensive improvements are being made to the Fairhope Livery Stable. An addition 32x52 is being put on the west, upon a substantial concrete foundation and an addition will also be put on the east. A new square front—except for the gable of the main part which will extend above—will be put on the enlarged building.

The Tiffanys have left Fairhope and moved back on to their farm out in section 27. The Mershon Merchandising Company whose heavy team, Mr. Tiffany drove so long, are now having their hauling from the bay done by Mr. Christmann's Transfer line and using their horses for delivering goods.

The most severe electrical storm in the history of Fairhope occurred on Tuesday evening. The flash of the lightning and roar of thunder, was almost incessant. The telephone service was badly deranged for a time and the church was struck by lightning, knocking off several siding boards on the rear corner and also showing its effects in one or two places on the inside of the building.

The Progressive League resumed its sessions on last Sunday—the first in September. Mr. Trenholme gave a carefully prepared paper on "Man and Nature" which was followed by the usual general discussion. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: president, A. K. Trenholme, vice president, E. L. Williams, secretary and treasurer Mrs. Ada Graham. Mr. G. M. Bancroft will speak on next Sunday.

Mrs. Massey, Arthur Richardson and Rolland Curtis were the first of the Fairhopers to return from the excursion north, arriving on last Saturday evening. Mrs. Roberts and son Edward were the last to arrive, on Wednesday evening. All seen by the Courier representative reported a fine trip. They got back in our very hot spell, and were unable to make comparison on weather conditions favorable to the "Sunny South."

SHALL WE INCORPORATE?

Under authority of resolutions adopted by the Executive Council of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation on Wednesday evening, September 4, a meeting of the citizens of Fairhope is hereby called for Thursday evening, Sept. 12th. 1907 at 8 p. m. at the school-house, to consider the question of whether or not steps shall be taken to incorporate Fairhope.

All citizens are invited to attend and participate.

E. B. Gaston, Secretary
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

Don't be deceived! Quality and weight considered, we cannot be undersold, and a nickle close before our eyes don't tempt us to be traitor to the best interests of our town by patronizing the boat which is trying to run off the steamer Fairhope in order to get a monopoly of the transportation business. You know what that means! Mershon Merchandising Company.

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Aug. 59 to Sept. 4, 1907.

	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Aug. 29	80	94	82
30	81	90	79
31	80	92	78
Sept. 1	79	94	88
2	83	94	90
3	85	94	76
4	76	86	81

2 clear days, 5 pt. cloudy, rain on 3 days; Sept 3, a severe electric storm about 6 p. m.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

The Cascade Baking Powder must go. Now we will make another offer: the baking powder will be sold for 25 cents per can and with each can you will get a buggy coupon and your choice of a glass dish. This you get for the small amount of 25 cents. Remember, the coupons must be given out before the buggy goes. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Dictator flour is it. Mershon Merchandising Company.

GENTLE IN HIS CRITICISM.

World Would Be Better For More Men Like Ephraim Farlowe.

The shortcomings of his neighbors never troubled Ephraim Farlowe. He found so many excuses for them that it seemed in the end as if none but the most ill-natured person would presume to mention them in a spirit of criticism.

On his farm Mr. Farlowe employed the same rose-colored glasses which made the views of life so pleasant to his gentle eyes.

"Kind of a roving critter, she is," he said one day, referring to a cow which had wandered from pasture and led him a chase of several miles. "Seems to like variety; but I tell ye, it beats all what an eye she's got for sightly spots to locate. Where I found her 'twas so pretty, I declare I felt to praise her for leading me up there."

There was a hen which would have tried the patience of any ordinary farmer beyond the endurance limit, but Mr. Farlowe found a good deal to admire in her.

"She's got ambition beyond any other hen I ever saw," he remarked one day, as he followed the hen's hasty exit from the parlor. "Stands to reason there's something out of the common in a hen that'll start in to lay an egg in my Sunday hat. Course I had to shoo her out of it, but I don't know as I blame her any.'

One day the cow which had such an eye for sightly spots kicked violently while Mr. Farlowe was milking her, sent the pail flying so that all the milk was spilled, and overturned the stool.

"I declare," said Mr. Farlowe, after a moment's silent contemplation of the ruin his favorite had wrought, "I don't know but that I shall have to give in that she is kind of thoughtless, now an' again."—Youth's Companion.

Charlie Remembered Her.

A young woman of social prominence and respectability was to unite with the church in her home town and desired the ordinance of baptism by immersion in water, desiring the primitive custom of going to the river. Among the number that gathered to witness the baptism was a little boy friend, Charlie, about four years old. The proceedings were entirely new to the child, and he looked on with strange curiosity as the candidate was led into the river. The spring freshets had made the river somewhat turbulent, and it was with difficulty that the minister maintained his footing. During the following week the young woman called at the home of his family, and after the usual greetings said to the little boy as she extended her hand:

"Come here, Charlie, and see me. You do not know who I am, do you?" she continued.

"Yes, indeed, I do," said the boy. "You is that woman that went in swimmin' with the minister on Sunday."—Judge's Library.

HERE'S A WEIRD TALE.

Queer Brand of Liquor Must Be Used in Tennessee.

Walter Stephenson, while out training a pair of bloodhounds near the Dikeman springs, was subjected to a unique experience, says the Nashville American. He was just finishing a long chase with his dogs and sat down on a log to rest, when he espied upon the eastern horizon a speck, which he took to be a large kite. He paid little attention to the object, and shifted his gaze temporarily to other scenes. Soon his attention was attracted to a whirring noise, and looking upward, he saw that the speck which he had a few moments before discovered in the eastern sky had approached almost directly over him, and that the object was in reality a huge balloon, but of a pattern and appearance he had never in his life before seen. He discovered that the floating mass was rapidly approaching the earth. Of a sudden, the observer says, strains of music calculated to charm the spheres burst from the balloon, which circled round and round and finally landed at Kideman springs. A number of strange people emerged from the car, which was closesly curtained with a substance that fairly glistened in the sunshine that temporarily burst through the obscuring clouds, and all going to the big, flowing spring, knelt by it in a supplicating attitude and so remained for a minute or more. Mr. Stephenson says that while this was going on he sat quietly within speaking distance, and when the strange visitors arose to their feet and he supposed their devotional exercises were over, he asked if he might be permitted to inquire who they were, and what their mission? He said that instantly a visard was lifted by one of the company and the benign face of a lady showed from underneath and said in German: "Haben sie Beten?" (did you pray?") and instantly all were aboard, the airship rose, circled about for a minute or more, and was gone in a westerly direction.

Mr. Stephenson says that the incident left an impression upon him that he can never forget, and while he knows that it was some human invention, it looked and the music sounded more like that of angels than or mortals.

Bee Hive In Boot.

Samuel Smith, a farmer living near Alburtis, Pa., had a very unhappy experience with a colony of bumble bees. He kept a pair of heavy boots in the barn during the summer, and went for them when the snow storm came. The bees had chosen one of the boots for a nest, and when Smith started to pull it on the bees got busy. He wasn't a candidate for the bee-sting rheumatism cure, but is housed up applying lotions to the wounds.

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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

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State Library commission composed of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the presidents of the five state normal schools." Good authority, I should say, and Iam pleased to note that many of our juvenile books are in the list, Mrs. Johnson is pleased to write of these "Letters" that she always reads them with much interest. She agrees with Mr. Hoffman's comments on me and is pleased with my "preachment" on the home duties of wife and mother. "I want to tell you," she continues, "that I find time to read. I can't endure the thought of a time in my existence, when I cannot read some things, at least, and write a few letters. I get a very simple breakfast for the men folks, *Ethel and I eat no breakfast, then I get as good a dinner as I can, comfortably, and then we have a "bite" for supper. That means no supper dishes to wash, which gives me time to bathe and put the children to bed, and then spend quite an evening with books before nine o'clock bed time. I save work at every point possible. I iron only the starched clothes, table linen and hankerchiefs, simply folding carefully all bedding, underwear, night gowns towels, etc. That saves a lot of time and strength. I do all the family sewing, washing, churning, etc. etc., have put up 150 quarts of "sass;" and still take time to teach Ethel, tell stories to Clifford Ernest, read the papers, study organic education, and write ever so many letters, as I have most all of the business correspondence to do since Mr. Johnson's eyes have been failing.

It has been so intolerably hot this summer! I sometimes feel as if we just must go north again. For three or four weeks now it has been about impossible to do a day's work on account of the dreadful glare of the sun and the heat. Even at night we do not get comfortably cool until midnight. x x x Little Frankie grows like a weed. He is beginning to talk in sentences and, of course, occupies the attention of the family most of the time. Clifford Ernest is growing quite competent and helpful —can do many things for a six-year-old. He helped considerably in the garden and has a little patch of his own in which he takes great pride." x x x Ethel has been with me almost four months, studying and improving most satisfactorily in every way. She loves to sew, and I am teaching her to make her clothes properly. She sings and recites so we spend sometime in music and elocution. x x x I am longing and hoping and praying to come to Fairhope to live." x x x You must pardon me, dear friend, for giving our readers so much of your life. You are one to whom contquity leads more enchantment than "distance." What a useful, active, beautiful life is yours, dear M. How we need you here. You are so well remembered for your unrivaled services in our schools, that I could not forbear letting a wide circle enjoy one of your easy, familiar, charming letters.

* Ethel Smith, a Fairhope girl.

Mr. Bartl, a friend of Mr. Horning, at Hammonton, Cal. to whom he has been sending the COURIER, writes him: "We have become very much interested and would not like to miss a number. My wife is much pleased with the temperature of Fairhope as given in the COURIER."

Lots are being transferred and applied for at every meeting of the Council, showing an active demand for Fairhope property.

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Now.

From Canadian Single Taxer.

The dreamer dreams in his easy chair
Of deeds he may live to do;
When he has an hour or two to spare,
Ah, then he will see them through.
But for you and me in the cause of right,
Now is the time to do and to smite.

The poet sings of a time to be,
A day that has yet to dawn;
The birth of a happy liberty
On some far distant morn;
But for you and for me in the cause sublime,
The day of freedom is in our time.

The preacher tells of a world above,
A home that we all may win;
'Tis there he looks for the life of love,
The soul that is freed from sin;
But for you and for me is a duty clear—
To build up heaven and build it here.

The dreamer dreams of a deed undone,
The poet of days to be,
The preacher tells of a haven won
Beyond earth's misery;
But for you and for me in the time of wrong,
Now is the time to live and be strong.

Now is the time for the manly heart,
The time for the noble deed,
Now is the time for the hero's part,
And now the time to succeed,
And for you and for me in the strife, somehow
The only time that there is, is now.

—Gus Anderson.

A Novel Line of Taxation, But With Usual Results.

The Register recently contained an interesting editorial mention of a report of Consul General, George E. Anderson, at Rio Janeiro, concerning a method of raising revenue there in force, from taxes upon signs, posters, and other forms of outdoor advertising. Every permanent sign is taxed on a permanent basis. Every placard, bulletin, "for rent" or "for sale" sign or other outdoor announcement, must bear a revenue stamp.

Under such circumstances says the Consul, there is much less general use of such forms of advertising.

Another natural result of the policy is that while "theoretically anyone can erect outdoor signs, practically the erection of such signs is almost altogether in the control of a company which has taken possession of the most available sites."

These appear to be the natural results of license taxes; the discouraging of the doing of the thing taxed, and a tendency to foster monopoly.

Where it appears desirable to discourage the doing of a thing a tax is quite effective and there seems to be some argument of weight against the unlimited privilege of putting up signs along the roadsides and in other conspicuous places.

The Consul says that taxation in this particular line is unquestionably beneficial from the standpoint of the general appearance of the city. The beauty of the city of Rio Janeiro is the subject of never ending favorable comment, and the freedom from unsightly structures, unsightly signs and ugly commercialism is so strong an element in the present artistic appearance and attractiveness of the city that it is only necessary to suggest it to a stranger to have it fully appreciated.

Land Speculation Not Flourishing Near Fairhope

It is reported that a deal is about closed for the purchase of the D. S. Brown 18 acre tract, adjoining the Colony land, by a party who will cut the same up into lots and put them upon the market. Time was when Fairhopers would have been somewhat annoyed by such a prospect, but experience has shown that we have little to fear from attempts to speculate in our immediate vicinity.

There has been no great rush for such lots as have been thrown open for sale and, while the original sellers have in a few cases made a nice little speculation at the expense of the purchasers, the latter have experienced great difficulty in finding other purchasers at a price which would yield them a margin of profit, and in no case have they been able to do so where they improved their property.

If the lots are improved and occupied, the new settlers and their improvements will help to swell population and business and thus act to advance the value of the Colony's lands and a comparison of the cost of owning an improved property, when interest on the investment in the ground and taxes on ground and improvement are taken into consideration is invariably in favor of the holders of similiar improvements, on similarly located Colony lands.

We are sorry to see so ably edited a paper as the Mobile Daily Register endorsing the protection idea that an excess of exports over imports constitutes a "favorable balance of trade." The imports and exports of the U. S. for July were greater than in any preceding July, but according to the Register "it marked the lowest balance of trade in our favor for many years past." We would like to know upon what basis of figuring the Register assumes the sending out of the country more than comes in as a "favorable balance" and if, as a newspaper, it would consider such a balance at its counting room as favorable.

Mr. Heller writes from Buffalo: "One thing that has surprised me is the thorough reading of the COURIER, The subscribers here seem to gather in all there is in it from cover to cover." He has a friend there who hopes to visit Fairhope this month with a view to locating.

E. E. Ayers, Binghamton, N. Y, renewing his subscription, adds the subscription of an uncle at Elmira, N. Y.

VACANT LAND DOUBLY TAXED.

Probable That Other Berlin Suburbs Will Follow Schoneberg's Lead.

Bremen, Sept. 3—The town Council o Schonberg, a suburb of Berlin having 180,000 inhabitants, has adopted an ordinance providing that the owners of unoccupied land shall pay twice the amount of the taxes levied on occupied land.

Schoneberg is the largest German municipality to adopt this form of taxation, and it is considered probable that the municipalities of the other Berlin suburbs will follow the example of Schoneberg, as otherwise more than the proper proportion of capital will be invested in building in the Schoneberg suburb.

Mr. Pleydell on Competition and Monopoly

EDITOR COURIER:

I have read with interest Mr. Hoffman's letter in regard to competition. His fear that competition will result eventually in monopoly is, it seems to me, based on a not uncommon misconception of monopoly. Competition may be potential as well as actual; and the essential of a monopoly is not that no one does compete but that no one can compete. There are many places in which a single individual is giving such a satisfactory service that no one else cares to enter into competition with him, but his customers are protected from extortion so long as he has no exclusive privilege by which he can prevent another man from trying to give a better or cheaper service. Similarly there are industrial combinations which have no actual competitors and yet produce cheaply in fear of actual competition developing should they overcharge.

Mr. Hoffman says: "Governments have been and are now employed chiefly in handicapping individuals. They are compelled to do this to somewhat equalize the results of free competition." The first of these sentences is true; the latter is inexact. Governments pass various laws that stifle competition; patent laws, franchise grants, tariffs, and idiotic tax laws. The people who can best profit under such laws at the expense of their fellows become rich, and then the cry arises, not for the repeal of the laws that confer privileges, but for more laws by which some of the accumulated wealth shall be taken from its owners, or their profits reduced. It is not only, as Tolstoi said, that the rich would do anything for the poor except get off their backs, but also that the last thing for which the poor ask is that the institutions which enable some to climb and stay on the backs of others shall be abolished.

New York, A. C. Pleydell.

A Country Belongs of Right to Its Inhabitants.

EDITOR COURIER:

Does a country belong to the individuls thereof? You say yes. Very well; how much

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House of Lords Insuperable Obstacle to Land Reform.

The hopes of the land reformers of Great Britain for early progress toward land reform, have been effectually quashed by adverse action of the house of lords, on August 26, when that body refused the second reading of the Land Valuation for Scotland bill by a vote of 118 to 31.

We are indebted to Mr. Fels, for a copy of the London Daily News, containing a report of the debate in the house of lords, a strong article by Dr. J. T. McNamara, M. P., and equally strong editorial comment, upon the action. As the News says:

"The Bill itself is the mildest measure that ever excited paroxysms of indignation. It merely provides that the value of the land of Scotland shall be assessed apart from the value of the buildings upon it. Of course, this is not the cause of objection. The Lords and the landlords, of which class, indeed, they have become simply delegates, have no objection to their land being valued. What they object to is that the estimate of the true value of the land shall be established in a government record. For this estimate might form the jumping-off place for two policies, both of which they are prepared to resist to the uttermost. The one is provision for the purchase of the land at this fair and state-guaranteed estimate. The landlords have been so accustomed to obtain absurdly exaggerated and inflated values for their land when it has been required for purposes of public interest that the spectacle of some official record of its fair value fills them with a kind of fury. The other is the construction, for the first time, of those satisfactory figures which will enable any subsequent legislation to be passed for the shifting of rating from the buildings to the land, or for the obtaining of any share of that betterment which the city is creating. It is no reform in itself. It is the pathway or meeting to all those reforms which always lead back to the question of the land. As Dr. McNamara has pointed out in another column, this is no technical question of Scottish rating assessment. It is the deliberate and defiant barring of the way against a progress which all social reformers, of all parties, are coming to unite upon as just and essential to future social progress."

The effect of this contemptuous action of the house of lords, will undoubtedly be to increase the radicalism of the land reform party, and to bring on a fight upon the house of lords itself, which, it is hoped, will result in the early abolition of the ridiculous monstrosity of a hereditary badly dictating policies to the people of England.

Determined to Beat Tom Johnson.

Encouraged by their success in defeating Mayor Dunne and blocking the movement for immediate municipal ownership in Chicago a supreme and concentrated effort is to be made to defeat Tom Johnson in Cleveland and check the movement there. Congressman Burton has been selected to make the fight against Johnson, and every influence which money and legal and political cunning can bring to bear, will be exerted against him.

It is interesting and suggestive of the hold which the philosophy of Henry George has taken upon the country, that press comment upon the contest, mentions the fact of Mr. Johnson's being an ardent Single Taxer, without hint that he is weakened thereby; but indeed, stating it to be the opinion of well-posted politicians that he would win.

Single Taxers and municipal ownership advocates all over the world, will await with eager interest the result of this contest in Ohio's chief city, and hope for another victory for Mr. Johnson. That he will give a good account of himself and that his opponent will have the fight of his life, we all know.

While writing of Johnson, we are reminded of the question put to him in 1891, while making a speech in New York City and his answer to it.

Question: "Mr. Johnson: You have just advocated the abolition of land monopoly, of the tariff monopolies, of the patent monopolies, and of the street railroad monopolies. Is it not a fact that you have been, and are now, a shining beneficiary of all these iniquities? And if you are, how do you reconcile your actions with your professions?"

Answer: "I advocate now and have advocated the abolition of all these forms of monopoly, and yet I am and have been a beneficiary of them all. If there is any inconsistency in that it is not my fault. I preach what I sincerely believe to be the true and just social condition —the condition of equal rights—of real freedom. Yet I must live under such laws and usages as the majority of the people decree. They say that these monopolies shall exist; that breadwinning shall be a scramble; that there shall be many poor among us and comparatively few rich. I do not believe that this is right, and I am raising my voice wherever possible against it. But the people will not yet listen. They have different views from mine, and they hold to them. Now being compelled to live in this state of things where life is a scramble which the people will not stop, I am bound to do the best I can for myself. And so I rush in and grab all the monopolies I can get my hands on, firm in the purpose, however, to use the wealth so obtained to teach the people how misguided they are to permit themselves to be robbed in this way."

That Mr. Johnson was sincere in his pledge to use the profits of his monopoly privileges for the education and benefit of the people, has been amply demonstrated by his work since it was made.

THE INCORPORATION MEETING.

A Fair Attendance and Practical Unanimity For Incorporation. Another Meeting to be Held In a Week.

In spite of rain at the time of meeting there was a very fair attendance at the meeting last evening to consider the matter of incorporating.

Mr. Jay S. Paton, vice president of the F. S. T. Corp. called the meeting to order, and Mr. W. S. Baldwin was elected chairman and P. Y. Albright secretary.

Upon request Mr. Gaston read a number of the more important sections of the new municipal incorporation law.

A call for a showing of the qualified electors present, disclosed nine only.

Mr. Gaston offered a motion that "it is the sense of this meeting that Fairhope should be incorporated as a town." The motion was adopted with one dissenting vote.

Attention was called by Mr. Powell, to the fact that the state law made no provision for the participation of women in municipal affairs but confined the voting privilege strictly to males who had resided 2 years in the state and paid their poll tax etc. He suggested that women and male residents arbitrarily disqualified by the law might be allowed voice through the pledging of candidates on the "Winnetka plan."

Mr. Gaston offered a resolution embodying Mr. Powell's suggestion and stating it to be the sense of the meeting that provision should be made for the participation upon such a plan of women and men, after a residence of six months instead of two years.

Mr. Wolf objected to the resolution as out of order, that the thing now to do was to proceed with the incorporation. The chair sustained the objection.

After considerable discussion of the matter of boundary of the proposed town and the offering of a motion and two or three amendments to the same, a substitute motion was finally agreed upon and passed unanimously providing that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the number of qualified electors within a territory including fractional section 18 and sections 17 and 16—one mile wide by two and one half miles long—and the number favoring incorporation, the exact boundaries of the town to be determined later by majority vote of those desiring to incorporate.

Messrs. Gaston, Pilcher and Capt. Jos. W. Lawrence were selected as such committee.

The meeting adjourned to next Thursday evening, the 19th, to hear the report of the committee.

From One of Our Winter Residents

EDITOR COURIER:

Enclosed please find order for one dollar for renewal of the Courier for one year.

There are several of our friends who are talking of the south, the coming winter. Of course, we talk Fairhope for everything, climate, location, water, health and last and greatest, people, all of which we know and believe after our trial of four years.

We are glad to see the many evidences of prosperity that come to us from week to week in the Courier and I hope every friend of Fairhope will give the Fairhope their continued and undivided support, even if the Pleasure Bay will do their business for nothing. In this case the future can surely be judged by the past. If the time ever comes when the Fairhope is starved out by the neglect of those who should support her, it seems to me it would be the blackest day Fairhope has ever seen, but do not believe this will come.

Hope we may find all our friends well on our return this winter. Of course friends means all of Fairhope we hope.

Geneva Ohio, W. S. Sumner.

Down With Land Monopoly

In nearly every worthy reform movement, women can and should aid the stronger sex in the good work, In this age of enormous wealth and awful misery the field for philanthrophy is unlimited.

Comparatively few people realize how many distressed fellow beings are writhing in sorrows too intense for utterance. Such unfortunate men and women—yea, and children, too—can be found on every side, despite the uncountable millions of wealth that is tight in the grip of ironbound greed. Can any sane person believe that such a condition of the human race, or any portion of it, is in accord with the will and pleasure of the God of the universe and the angelic millions who are now in the realms of eternal progress? Surely not.

The various ways and means which one class of people use in getting control of others and thus establishing a mild form of chattel slavery, afford the oppressors ample opportunity to establish and maintain absolute slavery, right here in this age and nation.

Yet there are numerous methods by which the sufferings of the neglected and oppressed may be made vastly more comfortable than they are under the present wretched farce called charity. The cold fact is that millions of our race are deprived of access to the use of the earth, for the purpose of getting food, shelter and other necessities. And in such deprivations are to be found the real root of awful suffering.

But there is a remedy by which such disgraceful blots on human character can be eradicted. The method is known as the Single Tax. If all mankind were permitted to exercise their natural rights and be allowed access to the earth's storehouse, there would be little if any more swindling in the form of land-grabbing; and the human race could live in an atmosphere worth inhaling. They could also live long enough to become blessings to the world in general.

Our motto should be: Down with land monopoly and up with free access to earth's unfailing bounties. Ralph Hoyt.

Good and Evil Influences at Work in All Parties.

Have we reached the point where all legislation must await the consent of the beneficiaries of privilege and favoritism?'' asks Mr. Bryan. ''Is this the condition to which the Republicans have brought the country?''

We have reached the point, Mr. Bryan, where all legislation must await the consent of privilege and favoritism. We are ready to move forward and take a new position, where legislation must depend upon the will of the people, stated clearly upon the ballot at the ballot box. Look at Oregon, Mr. Bryan, and see how the people of that state are now managing their local affairs by voting directly on issues at the ballot box, apart from their voting on candidates. What the people of Oregon are doing successfully for themselves, the people of any other state and of the United States can do successfully for themselves.

As to the second question: ''Is this the condition to which the Republicans have brought the country?'' Let us be honest with ourselves. The Democratic party and many ''prominent'' men in that party have actively assisted the Republicans in bringing about the condition. That condition would not now confront us but for the assistance given the Republican agents of privilege and favoritism by the Democratic tools of privilege and favoritism.

''The sooner reform comes,'' says Mr. Bryan, ''the easier it will be accomplished—the longer it is delayed, the more radical the change.'' True; and the sooner the attention of the people is called to the best and the easiest way of reform, the sooner will reform come. It is but a few years since we had to point to Switzerland to show the working of the easy way of reform, but now we haye illustrations in our own country. For proof of the pudding we have an American string to chew.

Notwithstanding the sins of the Republican party let us remember that the reforms in Oregon owe their existence to the active, earnest assistance of thousands of Republicans—and Oregon is a Republican state. Reform, then, is not a matter of party, but merely a matter of convincing men, of showing them the true road to reform, Look at Oregon!

Star, San Francisco.

We have an unjust distribution of wealth. It exists because land values which are produced by the community go into private pockets, and the fruits of industry which belong to labor are taken in taxes for the needs of government. The march of invention and discovery makes it easier to produce wealth. Wages do not rise with the increase of wealth producing power. The price of land rises instead. Each year more is paid as rent for the use of land from which all wealth is drawn. The taxation of land values to the exclusion of all other taxes would have a contrary effect. The result would be a reduction of rents and an increase of wages. What a dreadful result that would be!

--Star, San Francisco.

The Wharf Company is putting in a switch or rather a V at this end of the wharf. With the like arrangement already in at the outer end, this will enable cars to be shifted past each other at either end of the wharf and greatly facilitate the handling of business. With the heavy low-class freight to be handled on the steamer, wood and cross ties, facilities must be afforded for easy and cheap handling in order that it may be done at a profit, and this the Company has appreciated. If it is found to be necessary another car will be provided.

School Notice.

The Fairhope District School, No. 57, will open September 30, 1907, at 8:45 a. m.

The school will be taught by Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet. The hours for opening and closing will be the same as last year. An incidental fee of 25 cents per month will be required of each pupil until further notice.

Permit me to urge all pupils who expect to attend to be prepared to enter promptly at the beginning.

H. C. Oswalt, Trustee.

Attention Farmers.

The regular meeting of the Baldwin County Agircultural Society will be held in the courthouse at Bay Minette, on Wednesday September 18, at 1:30 p. m.

Matters of vital importance will come up for discussion, involving the best interests of the entire county. The meeting will be open and free to all who feel interested in the welfare of our county.

We are preparing a grand exhibition of products of Baldwin county for the state fair at Montgomery in October. From present indications Baldwin county will be creditably represented at the state fair. Col. Selden, who has the exhibit in charge, has strong hopes of capturing the $1000 premium, for the best county exhibit.

It is expected that the Commissioner of Agriculture for the state will be present and address the meeting.

Why not take a day off in the interest of our grand old County.

H. S. Greeno, President. J. Wallace, Secretary.

How the present laws—the poll tax in particular—act to disfranchise voters, was shown at the meeting last night when, at so important a meeting there were only nine qualified electors present, and not one of these would have been qualified to vote on incorporation had not the law been amended.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

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Friends of the paper are becoming increasingly interested in the effort to increase its circulation and uselulness and are giving us much encouragement.

Remember we will give a copy of ''The Life of Henry George,'' or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, ''Three acres and Liberty'' or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

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Judge Smith and Col. Selden Visit Fairhope.

Probate Judge J. H. H. Smith, of Bay Minette, accompanied by his son, Hamilton, and Col. W. M. Selden of Montgomery, were Fairhope visitors last week from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening. They were out in the interest of the exhibit of Baldwin county products, which the Baldwin County Agricultural society has contracted with Colonel Selden to prepare and present at the State Fair at Birmingham and at Montgomery.

Dr. Greeno, president of the agricultural society entertained Col. Selden with a drive out to his farm and to other farms in the neighborhood, and to Battles, where they saw the orange grove of Dr. Scott and other places of interest.

In the meantime Judge Smith and Hamilton took the opportunity to enjoy a bath in the bay and later were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston at tea.

It was Colonel Selden,s first visit to the Eastern Shore since war time and he was greatly pleased with it. He talked quite seriously of getting him a home at some point on the shore.

Good Crop Reports.

Wm. Clugne has shipped over 100 bushels of pears from here and expects to ship two carloads more this week. Others have been shipping also. The short fruit crop in the North has created a good demand for our large surplus of pears.

One of our most successful farmers and truckers, Mr. Wm. Zern, netted $1,000 from four acres of tomatoes this season. What could he have grown on that sized piece of land in the North to have done so well? Besides this he has a fine crop of cotton, good corn and potatoes and pea hay enough for his stock, and is also growing a crop of canna bulbs for the Southern Floral Nursery company who pay him $150 dollars per acre for the harvested crop. The improvements on his place show thrift and just what can be done in this fair southland.

—Fruitdale Herald.

The associate editor, Mrs. Howland, is having an "affliction of boils" or something resembling the same and has been having a very annoying time, being practically confined to her bed for several days. She could not even write, so the COURIER is without any of her interesting "letters" for this issue, and the library is temporarily closed. Her many friends at home and abroad, will hope for her early relief from the annoyance.

The public service commission of New York has adopted a rule which practically prevents stock-watering by public utilities corporations. To make any increase in capitalization hereafter, they will have to throw open their books and give most minute details.

Personal and Local

Mr. Weaver is remodeling his house on Section St.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Mathews have another daughter, born on last Sunday morning.

Send a two-cent stamp for a copy of the new booklet "Scenes in and about Fairhope."

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

An eleven pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson, their second, on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. John P. Lowell is figuring upon building some small rental cottages upon his recently leased lots just west of Mrs. Graham's.

Mr. George Fountain is expecting to locate in Fairhope in the near future. He thinks Fairhope is all right.—Sonora Cor. Baldwin Times.

Mrs. H. Emeline Williams, in addition to being an eyesight specialist is an excellent stenographer and is assisting the secretary-editor daily on his correspondence.

M. V. Watros, arrived on Saturday evening for a short visit "at home." He is just convalescing from a severe attack of fever. His host of friends were glad to see him again and look forward, as he does, to the time when he will again be a resident of Fairhope.

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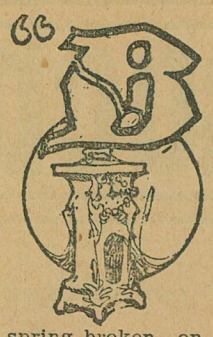

"BROWN HAWley, what time do you think it is?" Mrs. Hawley demanded from the depths of the bedroom.

Hawley pulled out his watch. "Bet I've looked at that watch 50 times since I found the main spring broken on the way home tonight," he said, keeping a thumb between the leaves of his book. "Oh, I don't know—not late."

"Look at this!" She appeared in the doorway holding up a small bronze clock, whose hands were pointing to quarter past 12.

"That isn't right," he protested.

"But it is. I asked the telephone girl for the correct time before I started it this afternoon. Why, I just lay down on the bed by baby for a minute this evening and I must have dropped off and slept all this time. Have you been reading ever since I went into the bedroom?"

"Why, yes—unless I've been asleep in my chair. I would have sworn it wasn't later than ten."

"And we were going to bed early tonight so you could get a good start in the morning! Isn't it ridiculous? Come on, now. Don't read any more." Mrs. Hawley began to bustle about, fastening windows and turning off lights.

"I'll set the alarm for seven," she said. 'I don't see how we could stand it to get up at six now. Come, hurry. It will be one o'clock before we're asleep."

They were just dozing off when a sound from the apartment overhead made Mrs. Hawley sit up in bed.

"What do you think of that?" she exclaimed, indignantly. "That man upstairs is playing ragtime at one o'clock in the morning."

"It's a poor outlook for getting up early," Hawley agreed. "They're having a midnight party down below, too, from the noises that come up through the court."

"I'm going to see. It's no use trying to sleep while that piano's being thumped."

Accordingly, in dressing gown and slippers, Mrs. Hawley reconnoitered. It was a long time before she returned to the bedroom. "Brown," she said, then, "what kind of a building have we moved into?"

"A flat building," he answered, with husbandlike omniscience.

"Hark! They've been playing cards at their dining room table down there, and now they're making coffee. I saw them turn on the light in the kitchen just now and I smell the coffee. At two o'clock in the morning! And listen! That nice-appearing Mr. Hess has just come in—now! Brown, we're certainly not obliged to endure such performances until this time in the morning—not in a respectable building. I shall complain to the agent tomorrow."

It seemed to the Hawleys that they had just closed their eyes when the ring of the alarm clock startled them.

"You made a mistake setting it," Hawley declared, lighting a match to investigate. "No, sir," he added, in an aggrieved tone. "It's actually seven o'clock. Raining, too, and dark as a pocket."

Mrs. Hawley rubbed her eyes and accepted her fate courageously. With all the lights on to make the dark morning more cheerful, she flew about and had breakfast on the table in short order.

"Everybody except us seems to have overslept this dark morning," she remarked, complacently, as they sat down. "The building is perfectly still. The milkman's late again, too, but luckily I had some cream left over. I'm out of all patience with him. If it happens again I'll change."

"There he comes now," said Hawley. "I'll give him a breeze myself."

Five minutes later an injured-looking man came back to his place at the table. "Mrs. Hawley," he demanded, "what time yesterday did you set that wonderful clock?"

"What do you mean? I didn't set it. I started it at half past three. And the funny part was that it happened to have stopped at the exact minute the telephone girl told me the time, so I just wound it without touching the hands."

"And didn't look at it again?"

"Not until night. Mary Bartell was here and I went by her watch. Why?"

He knitted his brows. Then he looked up solemnly. "You started it with the hands at quarter past six, thinking it was half past three, and you hustled me off to bed at half past nine. And it is now five o'clock in the morning.

As he was starting for his office at eight o'clock, still grumpy, she called him back to the door.

"It's important," she told him, as he came reluctantly up the stairs again. "I wanted to ask if you aren't glad we found out our mistake before I complained to the agent?"

"Pshaw! You've made me miss my train for that," was all he said.

But, though it sounded cross, she went back into her flat satisfied. As he turned the corner of the stairway going down she had caught him smiling.

Ants That Sew Up Wounds.

"I hadn't done nothin' to the little yoller lady," said the sailor, "but durned if her husband didn't pull a knife out of his boot and slash my cheek open. That's Brazil fur ye.

"The man made off, but the gal, out of pure compassion, stuck to me. Otherwise I'd 'a' bled to death.

"And since there wasn't no doctor to be had, she said she'd have to get the ants to sew my wound up.

"She caught an ant, one o' them there big Brazil fellers. It had two nippers on his head, sharp and strong. She drawed the lips of the wound close, arranged the two nippers, one on each side, and then guv the ant's body a squeeze. Enraged, it brung its nippers together—it made a tight stitch through the wound.

"Then, before it could draw them nippers out ag'in, the lady broke off the ant's body and heaved it away. Afterward she caught half a dozen other ants, and guv my hurt half a dozen more stitches in the same way. The upshot was that the cut healed and left no scar.

"Surgical ants them insects is called, and its an everyday occurrence down there to use 'em for sewin' up wounds."

Makes Twelve Minutes.

He—These eggs are as hard as bricks. How long did you boil them?

She—Twelve minutes.

He—Why, I told you only the other day not to boil them more than three minutes.

She—Yes; I know. You told me three minutes for each egg, and here are four; so that makes 12 minutes. —Lustige Blaetter.

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Mr. Massey was in Mobile two days this week.

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Prof. Vredenburg returned on Monday evening from a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Stimpson and children are expected home in a few days.

Miss Hazel Williams spent a week or more in Mobile the guest of Frances DeCoudres.

The Fairhope ran up to Daphne on Tuesday with a lot of freight for Daphne merchants.

Dr. Borst and family, of Silverhill, took the steamer Fairhope for Mobile this morning.

Percy Stokes had the misfortune to cut off two joints of his little finger, one day this week.

Mrs. Frank Brown visited her mother, Mrs Page in Mobile, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Miss Frances Gaston went to Mobile this morning to be the guest of Mrs. Edward Tyrell for a few days.

See the announcement elsewhere of Mr. Steenstra's auction sale, on Saturday, Sept, 21st, a week from tomorrow.

The Crawfords, Renchers, Gills Clarks and Worthingtons are among the summer people who have gone back to Mobile.

Mr Massey's dance at the pavilion last evening, was a very orderly and pleasant affair. The music was particularly good.

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Davis, Voss & Company are increasing their force of tie cutters and teams and are getting ties out rapidly, Mr. Davis thinks there will be 50,000 ties to be cut in this vicinity.

Miss Goldie Tiffany returned to her work at the Southern Infirmary Mobile, on this morning, after being over a few days nursing her sister, Mrs. Toft. Mrs. Toft is about again.

Mrs. Jernigan's son, Phinney, has returned to Saint Louis, to resume his work in school there, and she spent Sunday in Mobile with her father, Capt. Phinney, returning Monday evening.

Father Knowles writes from Delphos, Kansas, telling of the good times he is having there with his old friends—it was his former home—and sends a new subscription to the COURIER.

One hundred and seventy one passengers were tallied through the gate on Sunday afternoon to take the boats for the city. Not so many as on previous Sundays, but a pretty good bunch nevertheless.

Just in, a nice line of Men and Boys Overalls and Jumpers the famous O'Brien Bros. brand. None better. Mershon Merchandising Company.

President Loyett reports a full faculty engaged, everything being rapidly made ready for the opening of the new Normal school on October first, and the attendance from the start promising to exceed anticipations.

The Turner Lumber Company is now shipping lumber by rail via Silverhill station. The Company is talking of building a railroad from the mill to Silverhill. It would not be a great task to extend it on into Fairhope.

The crowd over from Mobile was not as great last Sunday as on previous Sundays, but a pretty good crowd nevertheless. From now on the crowds will diminish, as the season is rapidly drawing to a close.

J. C. Porter, of Chicago, is making Fairhope a short visit. He has been interested in the Colony for several years and made a previous visit some years ago. He may buy some improved properties or take some lots and build.

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Mr. T. H. Miller of Poughkeepsie N. Y., arrivedon the Mallory steamer Comal, reaching Mobile Sunday morning and getting over to Fairhope on the afternoon trip of the Pleasure Bay, via Zundells, Point Clear and Battles. He will remain over until the next steamer back, perhaps a week longer.

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Captain John Foster's family moved from Fairhope to Mobile this week, after a residence here of about four years. The Captain is now master on the steamer Carney, and able to be at home very little of the time. With his family in Mobile he will be able to see them every day, while his boat is in the city, which will be more pleasant for them all, though we regret to lose them from our town.

Mr. McRae was in quite an encouraging condition Thursday, so much so that his father thought of returning to his home at Calvert, Ala., for a few days at least, but he took quite an alarming turn for the worse before noon, and the father was called back by long distance phone.

At this writing—noon Friday--he is reported to have had a fair night and to seem slightly improved, but his condition is critical.

Every bay front lot south of Fairhope Avenue being now under lease attention is being directed toward the beautiful bay front tract north of Mr, Swift's tract known as "div. 3." Mr. and Mrs. Eyster, of the Gables and their guest, Mrs. Tarpon are thinking seriously of taking lots there and an application has already been received (through Mr. Eyster) for a lot, from Mrs Ellen A. Wilson, of Mobile. This north tract is a surpassingly beautiful one and is undoubtedly destined to be one of the favorite sections of the town, as soon as a bridge can be put across the gully which cuts into it from the bay front.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell and children and Mrs. Wallace are over for a time, with Father Creswell and Miss Minnie.

Mr. Kalff the young Holland painter who has been here several times returned on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Jeannette Dennis was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweet over Wednesday night.

Summer Temperature

Sept. 5, 11, 1907.

Sept.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
5	78	91	86
6	80	92	84
7	81	92	84
8	82	93	80
9	78	90	80
10	79	75	77
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THE SPRING SEWINGLUST

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"A la 'Flora McFlimsy, of Madison square?'" queried The Girl.

"No, I mean it literally," The Widow replied.

"You see, there used to be children," she continued, with a far away look in her eyes, "and always in the spring I made all their little dresses for the summer. And so, even yet, the longing to sew comes up in my soul every spring like a perennial in the garden.

"Just as soon as the shop people begin to fill their windows with pretty lawns and dimities, the madness begins. Of course, there aren't any babies any more for me to make things for, but just the same I can picture dainty gowns and can fancy myself arrayed in frocks so 'simple' that I know perfectly well I can make them myself for half what they would cost to have made.

"So, the first bright day that comes I go shopping; and I pretend to deliberate wisely over everything, while all the time I am intoxicated with the prospective joy of making clothes, and am merely trying to prolong my ecstasy.

"After a time I select a delicate pink lawn and a dress length of white dimity with blue corn flowers on it, and another with green leaves and stripes, and I get linen and pique and crash to make half a dozen dresses all white; and I buy yards and yards of lace and spools and spools of thread and lots of braid and many paper patterns, and a pair of new scissors; and I'm in such frantic haste to begin to sew that I carry half my bundles with me; and on my way home I rent a machine with all the 'attachments,' and tell the sewing machine people that it positively must be delivered immediately.

"For weeks I sew madly, with occasionally sprints over to Sixth avenue for more lace for this or more insertion for that; and every time some other piece of goods lures me, and I buy enough for another frock or a waist or something; and always the next day the balance of the same goods is advertised at a bargain sale and sold for a third less than I paid.

"After the machine is taken away, and all the scraps are thrown out and everything is once more in calm repose and the furniture is no longer disguised by frills and linings and paper patterns and things, there'll be a waist discovered with sleeves only lightly basted in; there'll be a skirt minus a waistband or with a hem or facing unstitched; and something will be too short and something else will be too long; and the things made from patterns that did not 'allow for seams' will be big enough for the 'fat lady' at Coney, and those that did 'allow for seams' will be too small for any normal woman that weighs a hundred and forty pounds—meaning yourself.

"Well, every year it ends the same way—by the time the fever to sew has left my money is all spent, and there isn't a single thing that I can wear and maintain my self-respect. The maid gets some, the laundress gets the rest, and I get through the summer somehow, with one or two cheap ready-made gowns, bought as a makeshift, and not a single pretty, dainty frock to my name.

"Every summer I declare I'll never do it again, but every spring that same madness for sewing grips my vitals, and it's the same ridiculous spree all over again.

"I've conceived a plan though for this year—I'm going to make dear, cute little baby things—they won't be nearly so expensive, and I can send them to the children's home or hospital or something."

The next time The Girl found The Widow she was sitting amid heaps of snowy lawn and reels of lace edging, and the "pattern" was a tiny little frock, all yellow from age, and torn as by a child at play.

But The Widow did not sew—she buried her face in the wee garment and sobbed.

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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

A COUNTRY BELONGS OF RIGHT TO ITS INHABITANTS.

(Continued from 1st. page.)

of the country belongs to you, and to each one of the eighty millions of inhabitants? There are millions of inhabitants whose only belongings begin and end with the public highway. The rest of the country's area belongs to some inhabitants; come to think of it, isn't that a rather strange state of affairs? Truly every inhabitant needs part of his country to live on. That is the most essential necessity of life itself, Why then do we deny it to millions of us.

I will tell you. Over 1500 years ago another civilization was destroyed and chaos reigned, gradually the strongest took the land and became the masters of the weak who needed the land just as you and I do. Thus through years of struggle, a new civilization was established with land-masters and land-serfs. The difference between then and now is, the institution of land-masters still survives, while the methods of serfdom have changed. The landless now pay a toll—a private tax—we call it rent, to the land-masters.

The country should belong to all the inhabitants in reality. If that ever occurs to them, the Nation will be the land-masters, and he who needs land will pay "the toll or tax" to the Nation for the right to use the land. Things will go on as they do now, but no industrial trusts will then monopolize all the raw materials of the land. In other words the inhabitants will then have equal opportunity in reference to the use of the earth.

Thomas Gaffney,
Clifton Heights Pa.

The "Canniness" of Carnegie

An old friend of Andrew Carnegie's was talking the other day of the forethought which apparently governed the Scotch-American iron master's every action. "He's canny, as he would say himself," declared the man. "To illustrate, I'll tell the story he told me. I had commented on his Fifth avenue home one day, after he had shown me through. We had seen the pipe organ, the marble swimming pool, and the thousand and one contrivances for the comfort of the inmates. "It must have cost you a pile of money, Andy," I said. "Of course you can afford it. But I wonder that a man of simple taste, such as I know you are, and whose wife detests society, should build such a costly pile." "Tut, tut, man," said Carnegie. "It didn't cost me a cent. When I made up my mind that some day I would live in New York, I came on here and looked the situation over. Then I bought this block of land. The value increased very fast, so that when I sold the Madison end it paid the cost of the Fifth avenue end. And as for the house itself—well that came out of Frick's pocket. But I'll not tell ye how."—Exchange.

W. S. Rann, well known Buffalo Single Taxer and assistant city attorney, is pleased to say: "I like the COURIER and will try to help boom its circulation. More power to you and to Fairhope, whose authors and founders have practical faith in righteousness, and I believe are making good."

Can't you get in line and send in the subscriptions of one or more of your friends? Every person interested in reform ought to be interested in the COURIER, Single Taxers of course, especially so.

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Unfair Critics of Fairhope.

The Standard, of Daphne, last week contained a broadside upon Fairhope, by A. J. Wolf, published, with a letter from Mr. Bellangee and comment by Mr. Norton, as a supplement to the regular issue. Other matter upon the subject also appeared in the same issue, including an evidently private and personal letter from Mr. Wolf to the editor of the Standard, which must have slipped by the latter and got to his printers in an unguarded moment, quite to their mutual disgust, one would fancy.

There does *not* appear however, an article furnished the editor of the Standard fully two weeks earlier by the editor of the COURIER, in reply to a direct challenge to show wherein the former had misrepresented Fairhope and been unsound on the Single Tax, for Single Taxers to judge.

Instead, the editor of the Standard, refers to the communication only to ask to be excused from publishing it because of the large space already given Fairhope and because the points raised in it had been touched upon in his comments upon Mr. Bellangee's letter.

We know of no obligation upon the Standard to devote its space so largely to Fairhope, further than, after having opened to its critics, to give equal space for its friends to reply; and do not find that the comment upon Mr. Bellangee's letter, in any way meets the points made by us.

Even without the opportunity to reply in the same medium however, we think the articles referred to fully calculated in the spirit displayed and the unsoundness of their reasoning, to furnish the antidote for their intended injury to Fairhope and its "management" and suggest that our readers send to either the Standard or Mr. Wolf for a copy. We presume either will take pleasure in forwarding a copy on request.

We will take pleasure in sending a copy of our declined article to those who would like to have one.

We have better use for the columns of the COURIER than to fill them with the controversy.

Addresses at the Funeral of Henry George

We are in receipt through the kindness of the publishers, the Public Publishing Company, of Chicago, of an attractive little booklet containing the addresses made at the funeral of Henry George. These addresses were delivered by Rev. Lyman Abbot D. D. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, Rev. Edward McGlynn D. D. and John Sherwin Crosby. They contain many passages as fine as anything to be found in the English language.

Every Single Taxer would enjoy greatly a reading of the addresses and we know of nothing in the literature of the movement better calculated to present the George philosophy favorably to the minds of cultured but busy people.

The work of compiling the addressses was a labor of love by Mr. Edmund Yardley. A very effective introduction is from the pen of Henry George, Jr. Copies of the volume may be obtained of the publishers, the price being 53c. postpaid in cloth, paper 25c.

Mr. Chubb Argues for Free Competition.

EDITOR COURIER:

Society is now in a state of transition, some great change is imminent; and the form it shall take depends much upon whether the socialist idea of restriction and government control of industry, or the Single Tax idea of free competition and individual liberty shall prevail.

Just as in physical science we attain desired results by ascertaining the natural laws which govern in that sphere, and conforming our actions to them, so must we, in our efforts to improve social conditions, seek those higher laws which govern in this sphere, and conform to them.

A true conception of society as an organism the parts of which are mutually related and dependent upon each other is necessary; our purpose then is to seek the laws which govern the interaction of the parts of society just as the various organs of the individual body react one upon another according to physiological laws, for the mutual benefit of each and all.

The socialists would regulate the distribution of wealth through some central authority, as though a man should time his breathing by a clock, and regulate his heart beats by some mechanical means, according to how much blood, or nourishment he conceives to be needed in each part of his body. The opposite theory is that in free competition is the natural law of distribution, which shall, when undisturbed by meddlesome restrictions, award to each individual his just share of the results of the combined industry of all.

Mr. Hoffman is wrong in supposing there is anything antagonistic to the motto commonly known as the Golden Rule in the law of competition. Mutual exchange of services is the foundation of society, and competition is but the offering of services by several to the one who is in need. Whether desire to serve be the motive or not, there is certainly nothing unchristian in the act; and the result is simply the equalizing of services in exchange.

Mr. Hoffman, like other socialists, conceives that the possession of wealth gives the owner power to injure his less fortunate neighbor, who is without this advantage. But the ownership of surplus wealth, without legal privileges can give no power to injure, and only by permitting the less wealthy neighbor the advantage of its use and thus rendering him service, can he obtain interest for himself. Competition of those having capital to spare will keep the rate of interest down to the value of the service rendered, every increase in the amount of capital tending to reduce the rate, thus giving greater advantage to the laborer, and rendering it easier for him, if he so desire, to supply his own capital.

Many Single Taxers believe that with free access to natural opportunities the production of wealth will be so great that capital will be supplied in excess of the demand, and interest will be entirely eliminated. The natural improvidence of many under conditions of prosperity makes this doubtful, but if interest remain, it will be evidence that the capitalist is performing a real service, for which he is entitled to his reward.

Toronto Junction, Ont. S. J. CHUBB.

Said a visitor: "One seeing what has been accomplished by Fairhope, not only against the prejudice and opposition of those ignorant of and unsympathetic toward the fundamental principles which Fairhope seeks to apply, but the even more active opposition of many whose aid it had a right to expect, can but wonder what might have been done had all whose support and encouragement ought reasonably to have been expected, put their shoulders to the wheel."

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Sept. 16.—"Letters" there are in abundance for this department, if not from me. I enclose one from Mr. Fels which did not come on the Mauritania. and has been eleven days en route. I know he will pardon me for making "copy" of it, because all of us are vitally interested in the problem it deals with, the improvement of our soil.

In the COURIER of last week my worst "annoyance" was not mentioned—an affliction wholly new to me, a carbuncle. This is on the palm of the right hand. At its worst I did not feel as if I should ever hold a pen again. I lanced it myself with my pen knife but had to call to aid more skill and a better instrument. And this affliction is only one of many, located, fortunately, where they could not so disable me. It is gratifying to be able to report great improvement and that no further notice but this will mean that the library will be opened as usual next week.

Friends and neighbors have been most kind to me, and I will improve this opportunity to "return thanks" to them all, especially to my new neighbor and friend, our poet, Mrs. Jernigan, who practically abandoned her own house to attend to me. This experience has not been without its "blessing in disguise," in bringing proof of real affection from some who, I had supposed cared nothing for me.

Dear Mrs. Howland:—

Mrs. Fels and I reached here a week ago after the most pleasant and profitable voyage we have ever made to our old home in Philadelphia.

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How the Land Improver Benefits Under the Fairhope Plan.

One of the very neatest and best kept homes within and without, in Fairhope, is "Belview," the Beckner home on Church Street. It is a fine illustration of a small piece of ground well utilized—and also of the advantages of the Fairhope policy to the man who makes good use of his ground. There is a lot and a half in the plot, 99x132, and the rent is $11.

This is the total cost to Mr. Beckner of a beautiful home site in one of the most desirable portions of the town, with not a dollar invested in the lot, and no taxes to pay on lot or house. Furthermore he has free bathing privileges, not only as to access to the bay, but the use of bath-rooms; can connect with the Colony telephone system and get local telephone service and service with any points in Baldwin County reached by the Home Telephone Company, for twenty-five cents a month; can, at a cost of $50 for the privilege of tapping the main, have water under pressure in his house at a very slight annual charge (there is none for a house of five rooms or less.) He has no children of school age, but had he, the Corporation would pay their incidental fee of 50 cents per month, during the public school term and the entire charge during the time the school was continued after the public fund was exhausted.

"How can the Colony do all this for $11?" you ask. Because it takes the rental value of its lots under lease, whether improved or not. The lot adjoining this on the north is unimproved, except for fence, but pays the same rent. The lot on the south, also unimproved, except for fence, paid the same until it was surrendered recently. Other lots in the near vicinity unimproved or slightly improved, pay proportionate rents, with very little expense to the Colony on account of taxes on either land or improvements.

In the meantime we are accomplishing just what we want to accomplish, rendering it unprofitable to hold land out of use, and encouraging improvements by freeing them from taxation—so far as the owner is concerned.

Obviously this is not done by imposing any extraordinary burdens upon lot-holders—as some seem to think—but by collecting for the benefit of the whole community the land values which elsewhere are collected by the owners for their personal benefit and would be so at Fairhope were it not for the Fairhope policy.

One "Poor Man's" Experience.

C. F. Perry is one who is delighted with his experience at Fairhope. Mr. Perry came here about fourteen months ago. Within a few days he secured for a consideration of a few dollars the transfer of a couple of lots, cleared and fenced. He had about three dollars left after securing the lots. He secured the building of a small two room house on a contract by which he was to pay for it in instalments. When the house was completed in December a tenant was found, who remained at a rent which, in the seven months it was occupied by him, paid over one fourth of the total cost. In the meantime Mr. Perry secured a position as operator of the Home Telephone Company, at a small salary in addition to the use of the building as a residence and shop. He is a shoe and harness repairer but a cripple, to an extent that forbids any other active employment, and there is another cobbler in town. His wife is a dressmaker. Today Mr. and Mrs. Perry are in their own home. It is all paid for. They have added a good cistern. It is completely furnished with furniture also all bought since they came; and two lots are fully planted to all kinds of fall and winter garden truck. Their rent on the two lots, 66x132 each, is a trifle under $6.00.

One Who Knows vs. Some Who Only Think They Know.

Against one criticism of the Fairhope "Management" (the matter was in fact settled by a referendum to the members) we submit the following from an expert on estimating and valuing timber and turpentine, now engaged in that business, and for years in the employ of the great Union Naval Stores Company:

Dear Mr. Gaston:

In reading the Standard's supplement of September 13th., I am minded to make a few remarks on matters appearing to me worthy notice from an uninterested source.

The pine timber on the Fels donation was mainly young and growing and if left round (not turpentined) would, in ten or fifteen years double in amount the merchantable size, That is, from a basis of 1500 feet per acre, it would grow in that time to 3,000 feet per acre.

Pine stumpage is at present worth on an average $4.00 per thousand feet. It is not unreasonable to presume that timber values will enhance in ten years time fifty per cent. (They have advanced in the last ten years 300 per cent. —Ed.) That would mean $6.00 per thousand feet, or an advance in value of $24,000 on the timber alone.

The turpentine value was not worth over $4,000.00 and turpentined timber ceases growing.

Mr. Fels wisely decided against turpentining. One with no business judgment might have done otherwise.

This is the only point I wish to discuss specfiically. However, I might say that from the standpoint of one in business the whole proceeding appears academic, affording rare opportunities for essayists, theorists, and philosophic sophomores.

From the fact that Fairhope is on a business basis and cannot but be judged successful from a business standpoint, and that the Courier is not in this controversy. I take it that you view it as not really important and congratulate you therefore.

Daphne, Ala. B. F. Bates.

Duties outside the office have taken so much of the editor's time this week that he could not keep the "copy mill" going steadily and the Courier is a day late.

THE CREAMERY PROPOSITION.

One Thoroughly Familiar With the Business in Illinois Thinks it Would Be a Great Thing for Fairhope.

A good friend of Fairhope, who has spent two or three winters here and is thoroughly posted on the creamery business as conducted in the heart of the creamery section of Illinois writes the Courier, as follows: "Being interested in the milk business, I have been reading the different items in regard to a creamery at Fairhope. It is surely a feasible proposition if sufficient milk could be secured.

"I would be glad if you would talk to your farmers and ascertain about how many cows would be milked within a radius of eight or ten miles of Fairhope, and advise me. I have thought of this matter for more than a year. The only obstacle would be an insufficient supply of good milk.

"We draw milk here from a distance of 12 miles, but we have good teams and fair roads.

"Possibly 10 miles is further than would be advisable to try to draw it in your country."

The editor would be very glad to hear from those interested, either in person or by mail.

Dairying is the great industry of Illinois and Wisconsin and other northern states, and in our opinion is even better adapted to this country, where forage crops grow the entire twelve months, where the mildness of the climate does not require the consumption of extra quantities of food merely to keep animals warm, where the natural infertility of the soil makes the manure of stock so much more valuable, and where such an eager local demand exists for all sorts of dairy products.

Let us hear from you, farmers, on the subject.

There is just one bond of union among the critics of Fairhope. That is their disagreement over the way in which things are done at Fairhope. This disagreement extends all the way from differences of opinion on minor details involving no principle, to unconquerable hostility to the Single Tax principle itself. Could the critics be persuaded to turn their attention to an affirmative policy upon which they could agree, nothing further would be heard from them about the present policy or management. The fight of the Kilkenny cats would be as nothing to the scrap which would rage among them.

Our summer people have been leaving us rapidly this week and few remain. We will have a couple of months of comparative quiet now "between seasons" and then the winter residents, tourists, and new settlers will begin to come in. The prospects are excellent for as lively a winter as we have had a summer. We have an unusual advantage in being both a summer and a winter resort. There are many summer resorts and many winter resorts but very few places are both.

We are just in receipt of word from a former resident (whose going away was of course charged to the failure of the "Fairhope plan," for no other cause of any one leaving is ever admitted by envious critics) that "we have decided to come to live at the very earliest possible moment, and I shall be so glad to get there again and trust this will be for always."

COL. DANIELS' NICE LETTER.

In a late letter from Colonel Daniels he writes thus kindly of Fairhope, the Courier and its editor:

"I rejoice to see you are getting new recruits at Fairhope and the old settlers are coming back. I note the criticism and answer. One who has a great mission gets little time to discuss theories.

"While Nehemiah builded the wall, he couldn't stop for the critics of his day. You do well to decline much controversy.

"What interests us most in the paper is the actual life of the Colony. It seems a part of our own life in some way, we rejoice with its successes and sorrow at its losses. The personals are of so many we know and whose doings we like to read of.

"Are you coming to the Jamestown exposition? If so come and see us. Our whole region is a part of the show, redolent of antiquity we might say. I am glad you are having such a run of summer visitors, were I not tied here at present, I would like to try the summer at Fairhope.

"Our fruit crop is a failure, but we have enough for home use and all the vegetables in perfection. So, leading the simple life, we rejoice in the bounty of nature. Hard work gives us good appetites and sound sleep, so we send you fraternal greeting and all good hopes and prayers for your success in the sacred cause of emancipation and uplifting of men."

Mr. Pilcher Back on Str. Fairhope.

Mr. J. M. Pilcher resumed his duties as purser and manager of the Steamer Fairhope on Wednesday morning, and was warmly welcomed back by his host of friends among the patrons of the boat, both in Fairhope and Mobile.

Mr. Pilcher has worked early and late for the steamer and largely through his own genial personality has held the business of the steamer against the cut in rates and other strenuous efforts of the opposition, to an extent of which he has just reason to be proud and which is fully appreciated by the owners, the Fairhope Improvement Company.

The Herald said editorially of Mr. Pilcher:

"There are few men who could have taken hold of an opposition boat in the eastern shore trade, and by personal efforts made her popular with the people of Mobile. For the older company is well managed, has larger boats and employs courteous and competent clerks and officers.

"Yet Mr. Pilcher took hold of the "popularity" end of the steamer Fairhope, and not only retained a full share of the trade, but maintained the original charge for passengers; and that, too, in the face of a cut in rates by the older company."

Captain Roberts, E. B. Gaston and J. W. Braam will be an advisory committee to assist Mr. Pilcher in the management of the steamer.

Stuart McRae Succumbs to Injury Inflicted by Drunken J. P. Smith Labor Day

The gallant fight for life of Stuart McRae, aided by his faithful physicians and nurses and his loving relatives, terminated sadly in death on Thursday morning about seven o'clock.

As reported in the COURIER, his injury was known to be very serious from the start, and while there were times when hope was aroused by apparent improvement, his condition was at all times known to be critical, with the chances against him,

For several days he had been sustained largely by the use of oxygen and a tug came over from Mobile after midnight Wednesday night with a fresh supply.

The steamer Fairhope returned from Mobile on Thursday morning bringing the undertakers and the casket, and left for Mobile about half past twelve with the remains and the attending relatives except the father, who was himself too ill to go and his son Malcolm who remained with him.

The funeral occurs this afternoon in Mobile.

Mr. McRae was not very well known at Fairhope but was one of the most popular business men of Mobile. The Register of this morning said:

The removal by death, in the natural course of events, of one who has demonstrated usefulness and loyalty as a citizen is an occasion of public regret, but in the death of Stuart Mc Rae there is an added sorrow that his life was taken in its prime by violence, of which he was the innocent victim. Among the younger business men of the city the deceased was accounted one of the most active, and he enjoyed a high reputation for probity and honorable dealing. He took a foremost part in progressive movements. A director of the commercial club and in other organizations the value of his service had been frequently acknowledged. Every duty he undertook was well performed and in his social and business relations Stuart McRae won the esteem of all who knew him.

The sorrowing relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of our entire community in their great loss.

At the meeting on last evening to hear th report of the committee on canvass of the voters, with regard to incorporation, the committee was not quite ready to report, further than to say it was somewhat doubtful if the necessary number of qualified petitioners could now be secured within the territory proposed, but that there was no doubt they could be secured, after the voters who were delinquent on poll tax, had an opportunity to pay up, which would be after October first.

Dr. Greeno who had just returned from Bay Minette, statedthat he learned while at the county capital, that poll taxes might be paid at Bay Minette after the first of October, or at Battles, on the round of the tax collector, his first date being Oct. —, and that those entitled to register and not registered, might register by going to Bay Minette, and that after the incorporation election and the town had been declared incorporated, the registration board could come to Fairhope and register any others in time to vote on election of officers.

F. G. Anderson, of Jamestown N. Y. one of the Colony's long time friends writes the Courier exhorting us to stand firm and abate not one jot or title of our Single Tax philosophy. "Our war cry," he says, "must be the Single Tax and its success to the uttermost."

In a postscript he adds: "I must not forget to say I am pleased with the Courier. Your editorials are always fine. Mrs. Howland writes very interestingly and well too. She is elegant in her style. A noble lady she must be.

The Point Clear hotel season closed a week or ten days ago and the lightness of the travel from below on the Pleasure Bay is very noticeable. Ordinarily one of the Bay Steamship Company's boats would have been discontinued by this time, but with the Caloosa getting so much of the trade above and the need for hurrying the Carney off in the morning to get any of it, it is evidently a serious problem with the company to know what to do. It is certain however that both boats can not be continued much longer and as soon as one is discontinued, the business of the Fairhope will show a notable increase.

The "essayists, theorists, and philosophic sophomores" have a rare time writing and talking about how Fairhope ought to be run and what a dismal failure it is: but Fairhope goes steadily forward just the same. Occassionally a prophet of evil gets weary after a few years, of making dire predictions of impending dissolution, and only succeeding in making himself ridiculous, but there are always new ones to take their places.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

Friends of the paper are becoming increasingly interested in the effort to increase its circulation and uselulness and are giving us much encouragement.

Remember we will give a copy of "The Life of Henry George," or any book of your choice, retailing at $1, for a club of five new subscribers; or a copy of Bolton Hall's new book, "Three acres and Liberty" or any book retailing at not more than $1.75, for a club of ten.

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The Stimpsons Return

Mr. and Mrs. Stimpson and children returned from their trip to their former home in England on Monday evening. Their train arrived in Mobile too late for the regular steamers, but the Caloosa happened to be detained and they were able to catch her and come down to Volanta by way of Daphne and thus get home the same evening.

Not having engaged return passage when going over they found it impossible when ready to return, to get passage on any of the New York steamers. It began to look like they would be held up indefinitely, but, thanks to the assistance of Mr. Fels, they secured passage on the steamer Empress of Britain, to Quebec. The return passage was much rougher than the outward one and pretty nearly everybody on board was sick during the first two or three days.

Mr. Stimpson returns more enthusiastic over Fairhope than ever. He said he had his eyes wide open everywhere he went, and saw no place where there were better chances for a workingman than right here. "We have the greatest proposition on earth today" he said, "and all we need to do is to stick to it and do the best we can." And he was right—he is one of the "stickers" too—and "there are others."

W. C. T. U.

Fairhope W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. C. K. Brown Thursday, Sept. 12. It being the annual election of officers these were elected: Mrs. C. K. Brown, president; Mrs. Grace E. Parker sec.; Miss Irene Bell treas. The members present voted to send these words of sympathy to Mrs. Stuart McRae and family.

Grace E. Parker Sec.

The W. C. T. U. of Fairhope tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Stuart McRae and family in their recent affliction caused by the demon alchohol.

Mrs. C. K. Brown Pres.
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Miss Irene Bell, Treas.
Mrs. Jessie H. Bell,
Supt. Contest work.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson who had been here since early last winter, for Mr. Hanson's health, but without permanent benefit, for he was in an advanced stage of tuberculosis, left on Monday morning for their old home in Chicago. Mr. Hanson's father came down to assist them on the return trip. The sick man was very low and even feared himself that he might not have strength for the journey. The sympathy of the entire community was with them.

Mr. Joyce, who is to open a new blacksmith shop in Fairhope, arrived on Monday evening, coming by train while his tools came overland. The shop is being finished up as rapidly as possible, and Mr. Joyce will be ready for business very soon.

Dr. Gibbons and "Rebecca" will leave Fairhope about Oct. 1, for the north western part of Texas on a visit to her parents. This will be her first trip home since they were married which occurred about two years ago in New York city where the Doctor says he found her. They will be away until Jan. 1, and during their absence T. P. Lyon will "batch" at their home on Magnolia Ave.

T. H. Miller left on Tuesday morning for his home at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after a most pleasant visit of nearly two weeks. Mr. Miller is an exceedingly pleasant gentleman, and made many friends here. We are assured that he went away a warm friend of Fairhope and may take out a membership at an early date.

Prof. O. J. Brown left last Tuesday morning for Woodbury, Tenn. He will probably teach there this winter. Prof. Brown is however looking forward to making Fairhope his home in the not distant future.

Miss Herring leaves this morning to attend a Theosophical convention From there she goes to Kansas City, her father's home, where she will spend the winter. She will return to Fairhope some time in the future.

Mrs. Littlegreen resigned the position of operator for the Home Telephone Company, and Miss Bird Sedinger has taken the place. The Sedinger family have moved into the building.

Mr. Watros left on Sunday evening to resume his work at Enid, Okla., feeling much better for his little stay here. We are always glad to see him come and correspondingly sorry to see him leave.

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IN HOURS OF SLEEP

IDEAS HAVE FLOODED BRAINS OF GREAT MEN.

Authors, Statesmen and Inventors All Admit Indebtedness to the Drowsy God—Some Remarkable Cases in Point.

Some people are not satisfied with having done a fair day's work at their regular occupation, but insist upon keeping busy even when they sleep.

Most of this work, done unconsciously during the dead hours of the night, is worthless, but sometimes intellectual feats are accomplished during sleep which during waking hours proved quite impossible.

From his earliest childhood Robert Stevenson was a dreamer, and his dreams were horrible. Later in life he began to dream of journeys wherein he would see strange towns. In the next phase he would read in his sleep, and such wonderful books that never afterward was he content with ordinary literature. Lately he began to dream in sequence, and he would continue the dream from the place where he left off the previous night.

It is admitted that Stevenson dreamed the window scene in "Jekyll and Hyde," and some of his friends are sure that the central theme of the strange book came to the author while he was asleep. "His Brownies showed it to him in the night."

A pupil of Prof. von Swinden in Amsterdam solved a difficult problem in his sleep, after the professor and ten of the brightest students in the class had worked for days in the effort to find the answer. Marquis de Condocet, the famous French mathematician, solved a problem in integral calculus while he was asleep, although the matter had puzzled him for days. He did not write the answer and process down as von Swinden's pupil had done, but he remembered the solution that came in his dream, and put it on paper as soon as he awoke.

Cabanis, the eminent French physician, says that Franklin told him, during one of his political missions to Paris, that over and over again he had gone to bed puzzled by political events which became quite clear to him during his sleep.

Dante is said to have dreamed "The Divine Comedy," or at least the plot and characters, and some part of the details. This vision appeared to him when he was only nine years old. according to some of the stories while as others tell it, the dream came to another child during a trance which came with a long illness.

Voltaire composed the first canto of the "Henriade" while he was asleep. "Ideas occurred to me," he says, "in spite of myself, and in which I had no part whatever."

Some useful and prosaic things also have come from dreams. It long has been known that the making of shot resulted from an idea that came to a Bristol mechanic in his sleep. The man was employed cutting up strips of lead, out of which his fellow workmen made shot. The process was slow and expensive. One night this workman had been drinking, and after he went to bed he dreamed that it was raining. As he watched the rain it turned to lead, and the earth was covered with shot. He awoke, and, filled with his dream, went up into the tower of St. Mary Radcliffe, in Bristol, and, melting some lead, poured it out from the top of the tower. When he went to look for the lead he found that it had taken the form of shot. Thus the shot tower became a fact, and the workman made a fortune out of his dream.

Danger in Single Passion.

Prince Haseba of Japan, in an interview in Spokane, said recently:

"Japan's danger now lies in her prosperity. She is in danger of making money her god. To make money one's god is a bad thing. It is a passion like the maternal instinct, like the mother's love for her young, which causes the mother to be inconsiderate and cruel to husband, servants—all the world save her little child.

"There is a young mother here in Spokane at whom I laughed the other day.

"She had engaged a new nurse for her baby. The nurse came to her and said:

"'I don't know what's the matter, madam, but the little one cries and cries. I can do nothing to quiet it.'

"The mother thought a moment. Then, brightening up, she said:

"'I remember now. Baby's last nurse was a southern mammy. You will find the stove polish on the third shelf of the kitchen closet.'"

His Reason.

"Why do you take the bad roads?"

"The doctor, my employer, wants me to cure his wife of the automobile habit."—Fliegende Blaetter.

His Turn.

Giovanni Allessandro Guiseppe Pietro Tellegreni had been coming to school all winter clad in raiment which raised perpetual wonder in his teacher's mind, both as to how G. A. G. P. Tellegreni managed to keep his circulation working and how the various sections of his clothes succeeded in retaining discreet proximity to each other. But now the warm weather had come, and on the first really hot day, lo! Giovanni appeared in a whole, heavy winter suit, with the coat buttoned up to his chin. After sundry covert glances in his direction, each of which had caused her to mop her perspiring forehead, she asked: "Giovanni, why don't you take off your coat? It makes me warm to look at you." Giovanni looked at her appealingly for a moment and then burst forth: "Oh, teacher, don't make me take it off. Me brother has been wearing it all winter, an' it's my turn now!"

The June Bride.

The June bride frowned.

"These tomatoes," she said, "are just twice as dear as those across the street. Why is it?"

"Ah, ma'am, these—"

And the grocer smiled in pity of her ignorance.

——"these are hand-picked."

She blushed.

"Of course, she said, hastily, "I might have known. Give me a bushel, please."

An Inopportune Rescue.

Rescuer—We found your husband tried to commit suicide, ma'am, but we cut the rope in time—

Considerate Wife—Oh, what made you do that? Poor, dear William does so hate to be taken down.

Down on the Whole Sex.

Hewitt—Do you think that red-haired women are apt to be bad tempered?

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The Foolish Cowboy.

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Mr. Warley is talking of building a log house on his bay front lot.

Mr. Creswell and Miss Minnie have moved into the D. S. Brown cottage.

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The Knotts have had their lot cleared of the fallen trees and brush and it looks much better.

Elzevir Bell was over for a few day visiting the family. He is now employed as motorman in Mobile.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

eimer Poortstra is having the down oak trees on the White tract cut up for wood and clearing up that beautiful tract.

Mr. Edwin Warley, the Mobile produce commission man, who has one of the White bay front lots, expects to begin building soon upon it.

Mrs. Call has a book of styles and samples of goods of the famous Palmer garments and ladies can order suits made to meet their particular desires.

Garden Seeds of all kinds; now is the time to buy your seeds for fall and winter gardens. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The K. P's. will meet tomorrow night and transact some important business. Some visiting Knights are expected over from Mobile to assist in the work.

Don't go to Mobile to buy your trousers, we have a nice line coming and can save you money. Mershon Merchandising Company.

The old log cabin which stood on Mr. Barnhart's place, and which housed for a time some of the very first Fairhope settlers, has been torn down, and given place to a new barn which Mr. Barnhart has put up.

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Mr. Clifton reports that a friend in Louisiana and another in Kansas to Whom he has sent Fairhope booklets, write him that they are thinking of coming with a view to locating.

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The trout fishing is fine now and many is the good string being brought in by fishermen. Master Arthur Gaston—11 years old—caught a dozen fine ones yesterday. Mr. Leo Hughes caught 41 early Thursday morning.

School time will soon be here again. Monday Sept., 30, is opening day. You will need new books, pencils, ink, pens, tablets etc. The Post Office News Stand can supply all your wants. New School Supplies arriving constantly.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Norton came down from Daphne on the Carney Sunday morning for the debate before the Progressive League and returned by the same steamer in the evening.

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Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Mershon, Mr and Mrs. W. C. Sweet, and Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher had a delightful day's outing on Tuesday. They got an early start in the morning and drove over to Fish River at Marlow, eating their breakfast on the way. Arrived at the river, they took a launch ride down the beautiful stream to Weeks Bay, where they stopped awhile; thence up the east prong to Magnolia Springs, and back again over the same route. They got back home about nine o'clock. The day was perfect, and they reported a most delightful time.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday evening, the secretary reported receipt of Mr. Fels' approval of the plan to use the $1000 by him toward a library building, for adding an additional school-room, to be returned later for a library building, and also the receipt of the money.

It was agreed that the matter of building the school-room be pushed as rapidly as possible.

A speccial meeting of the Council will be held Saturday evening to consider Mr. Trenholme's plans.

A full report of the Council proceedings will appear in next issue.

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THE ATTEMPTER

By EDITH M. BLANCHARD

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When Robert Stanwood was led the long length of the room, the fashionable Rexton club diners gazed curiously—for he escorted a woman of regal bearing and rare beauty, whose shimmering frock—and jewels that would have rescued not only kings but modern financiers—instantly created feminine envy.

Most of the lavishly gowned ladies reflected by the mirrored walls stared with that soupcon of impolite hostility that is usually bestowed if any of their sex happens to be too attractive; for their masculine escorts saw, for the moment, only the newcomer's glorious eyes and perfect mouth, her curves and coloring, thick softness of golden hair and the loveliness of the whole.

"Perfection!" breathed Hunt, the artist, as the couple were seated at an adjoining table.

"That parvenue has been flaunting that same Hebe everywhere he could butt in, lately—and then evading introductions in the most miserly way!" murmured a fellow clubman. "No one knows who she is or where she comes from—but we'd like to! Her name is Miss Luddington—Juno Luddington."

"Juno!" exclaimed the first speaker softly, draining his glass again and motioning impatiently for its refilling. "Juno!" he repeated. "It's surprisingly fit! I say, Thornton, it's a beastly shame for such a p-plum to come in the attempter's cake!"

"Sh!" whispered Thornton sharply, for the tables were near and Stanwood's forehead had wrinkled into a sudden frown.

Hunt, desultory artist, prominent clubman, killer of time and hearts, refused to be led from his topic of conversation, and raved in mellow manner of the beautiful woman near—frequently interrupting himself to disparage "the attempter."

"But, really, now," confessed one of the newcomers, "I don't call Stanwood half bad. In looks, at least, he is the gentleman, and when he forgets his game, he comes nearer being one than many whose blood is blue!"

"But did he ever forget his ergame?" sneered Hunt.

"Yes—and quite frequently of late. I'm beginning to think if he'd be real, he'd be deuced clever and—"

"Get lionized!" finished someone else.

"I don't know as a man born in the gutter should be blamed for trying to climb to the curbstone and—"

"Curbstone!" ejaculated Hunt in disgust. "This man aspires to the castle walls—to the princess—therefore to—to heaven itself!"

After more attention from Alphonse, Hunt's mellow mood changed to one of recklessness, and he declared that within an hour he would meet "the princess."

"If Stanwood happens to be willing!" added someone in an undertone.

"'If' wasn't in Napoleon's dictionary and I won't have it in mine!" retorted Hunt. "Besides, can you imagine the attempter refusing a request—any kind of a request—from a member of this club?"

"Well—no!" replied the speaker, honestly. "If he did, he'd be crazy—or made—I don't know which!"

"Nonsense!" muttered Hunt, growing irritable. "He'll be fairly overcome by the honor and—"

"And if he shouldn't be," broke in one of the others, "we can lure him into a corner and be awfully good him!"

"And if that fails, we'll be awfully bad!" chuckled Hunt—which remark pleased him so well that he was quieted with difficulty as the party rose to leave.

At the next table Miss Luddington and Stanwood lingered over their coffee and listened to the soft, delightful music of the palm-hidden orchestra.

Hunt's party, waiting in the foyer, became decidedly impatient. An emissary sent back to discover reason for the unusual delay, reported Stanwood's table vacant and the couple gone. Bribery soon revealed the fact that they had left by a small, private door.

"Now, how is that for a low-down trick?" demanded Hunt, very much out of humor. Backed by his friends, he found the man in livery who had called Stanwood's motor.

"Where's he—what orders did his chauffeur have. Do you know that?" he inquired savagely.

"No, sir," replied the man, touching his cap; "but Mr. Stanwood left a message for you, sir—said you'd give me a dollar, sir. He did not have any change."

Hiding his surprise, Hunt glanced at his friends triumphantly.

"Oh, yes! Of course!" he cried carelessly, as he handed out the money.

"Thank you, sir!" said the man most deferentially. "Mr. Stanwood said, sir,—I'll give you his own words, if you'll excuse me, sir—Mr. Stanwood said that if any gentleman inquired about him, I was to tell them, sir, from him, sir—to go to hell."

Hunt steadied himself against the nearest pillar, and put his hand back into his pocket.

"That's one on me, all right!" he acknowledged thickly, before the others had recovered their breath. "Here—take another dollar!"

The next evening but one, members of the Rexton club attended their regular monthly meeting. At the conclusion of business the chairman surveyed his listeners with a peculiar smile.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I have something here that perhaps may interest you—may possibly make you sit up," he added, noticing their attitudes. "The writer requested me as a personal favor to read it to you to-night. It is from Robert Stanwood."

Members who had looked expectant sank back into boredom.

"Fawn! Parvenue! Butter-in!" they murmured, wearily.

The chairman opened the letter slowly, smiling again.

"Gentlemen of the Rexton club," he read, "when I pushed my way into your exclusive organization, I thought it would be worth while—it wasn't!"

There was an astonished stir—then intense silence.

"I was an outsider at first, as I am still, and always shall be. It was the pork, I presume—but don't you think a man might possibly be a man 'for a' that?' Knowing you to be curious in regard to the lady who has honored me with her company of late, I will say that she wishes you to know that she also was lowly born—to tell the truth, she was born in a bog—yes, bog! But she was honestly born—was honestly poor—and is now honestly rich. And her money, too, was extracted from pork——yes, PORK! So you see from the first we had something in common! Then, too, she had tested society as I had, and like the boy who slashed his toy balloon—found emptiness. This lady's name is not Miss Luddington, as you suppose — Order, gentlemen, please— Two hours ago it was changed to Mrs. Robert Stanwood—"

"Gentlemen!" the gavel fell sharply. "Please be quiet. To continue: 'When you listen to this we shall be on our way abroad. We are off on a hunt for happiness—it doesn't lie in your direction. You fellows did not treat me over-well, but perhaps I should thank you for not using me worse. When we return in a year or two, if you choose to come to us you will be received as cordially, at least, as you received me. But understand, please, that I am out of the race—we are, I should say—we are through. We quit. Socially, we don't give a heliotrope hang for you. Most emphatically, Robert W. Stanwood."

The dumfounded members stared at the chair, at each other, and back again to the platform until the silence grew painful.

"Mr. Chairman," finally quavered one of the eldest, indignantly. "On account of the insulting remarks of one Robert W. Stanwood, I move that his name be stricken from—"

"Mr. Chairman! Mr. Chairman!" shouted Hunt impulsively and most improperly. "I move that the congratulations and best wishes of this club be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Stanwood. Also, that they be asked—no, begged—to allow us to give a fete in their honor the very day they return to this city."

"Seconded!" "Seconded!" cried two score voices, amid hisses and violent pounding of the gavel.

Village Improvement Club Meets

The Village Improvement Club meets with the president, Mrs. Powell, on next Thursday, the 26th, at 3 p. m. The COURIER is requested to announce that the V. I. C. is the only ladies' club devoted to the interests of the whole town, and that any lady in Fairhope who would like to help in its efforts to render Fairhope pleasanter for its citizens and more attractive to others, will be considered a member and welcome at all its meetings. No introduction or credentials are necessary, nor anything further than a desire to help work for Fairhope. No dues are collected.

The family of Rev. W. T. McElroy pastor of the Broad St. Mobile Presbyterian Church, are occupying the Wolf cottage, lately vacated by Mr. Wienand and family. They expect to remain a couple of weeks.

AUCTION SALE.

Of Improvements in Fairhope and Houshold Goods

I have decided to offer for sale to the higheat and best bidders for cash—either as a whole or separately—my improvements on Fairhope Colony land and my horse, buggy and household furniture.

The improvements consist of my home place described as follows:

Five room house, three down and two upstairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop.

Also a 20 acre tract in section 15; 14 acres cleared, house of 4 rooms, large galleries, good barn, large cellar.

Sale to begin Sept. 21, at 10 a. m. at residence on Fairhope Ave. and continue until completed.

Property can be inspected at any time prior to sale.

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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, 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 has been rebuilt by company of citizens under contract by which they will ge it until the obligations incurred by them in the re- are satisfied, when it will be turned back to the on.

It owns water-works system, (the only one in Baldwin county) wit am pumping plant and mains supplying the principal rt of the town with water for domestic use and fire protection; and a local telephone system, with long distance 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.

(Continued from 1st. page.)

I am keeping in as close touch as possible with all you folks at Fairhope. I am sending on to the proper people my subscription promised some time ago to the Library, to be used as a loan in accordance with the general decision to enlarge the school, and to make an addition to the present library room. I take it this money will come back before many years to be used for the ultimate purpose of building a library proper.

I am sending you under separate cover a few pamphlets giving a short account of French gardens as they are promoted around Paris. Perhaps you will scatter them among people who are interested in doing some intensive cultivation. I am particularly anxious that some arrangement be made by the Colony cooperatively to get over large quantities of stable manure from Mobile stables, and so give a fillip to larger cultivation of land thereabouts. The hope of the community is in developing agriculture, after all.

As before written you, Simon's book, "The Chinese City" was translated a generation ago and published by Samson, Low & Co. As soon as I can find an extra copy, I will send you this translation, which of course keep for me. I also intend to see about reprinting it as soon as I can get around to it.

Mrs. Fels and I hope to come across again in December, when I will do my best to visit Fairhope for a few days.

Single-Taxer and Socialist.

Nhere was an interesting discussion last Sunday afternoon at the school-house, between Mr. E. Q. Norton, of Daphne, editor of the Standard and Mr. T. N. Freeman of Fairhope, Sec-treas., of the state socialist party.

The subject proposed for discussion was local option or municipal ownership, but this was largely ignored, and the speakers took the broader grounds of Single Tax and Socialism. There was a good attendance and the interesting informal debate followed the main speeches. Next Sunday Mr. C. K. Brown will address the Progressive League which will meet at its usual hour, three o'clock, in the school-house.

Dr. Mary D. Hussey, treasurer of the Women's National Single Tax league and a member of the F.S.T. Corp., writes the COURIER: "I am as much interested as ever in the Colony, and glad to hear of its prosperity and hope some time to be able to visit it.

I read the COURIER with much interest and think you have a very good selection of Single Tax articles in it."

The Pennsylvania supreme court has declared unconstitutional the two cent fare law enacted by the last legislature.

School Notice.

The Fairhope District School, No. 57, will open September 30, 1907, at 8:45 a. m.

The school will be taught by Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet. The hours for opening and closing will be the same as last year. An incidental fee of 25 cents per month will be required of each pupil until further notice.

Permit me to urge all pupils who expect to attend to be prepared to enter promptly at the beginning.

H. C. Oswalt, Trustee.

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GIVE YE HIS DUE TO CAESAR.

FOR THE COURIER BY WILL ATKINSON.

The Fair Christ came! The fair Christ passed away!
Has He no message for our later day
When Dives denies Lazarus a crumb?
When misery appeals and skies are dumb?

Oh ye of little faith and earth-bound eyes
Lift up your hearts and see Lord Christ arise!
Hear ye once more the words of his dear lips
Men's sophistries and cunning laws eclipse.

"Give ye his due to Caesar!" Yea, Lord, yea
We take shrewd toll from labor day by day
T' at Caesar may be paid his meed of rent!
This law of Thine we keep! Be thou content!"

We spin the wool and weave the linen fine
And reap the fields while Caesars robe and dine!
We, naked, face the winter's cold and storm
To gather wood to keep our Caesars warm.

In mines, Thy children, (who would fain be free
To play with flowers or swim in Thy blue seas)
Are bound to stifling toil that Caesar may be paid
Why not repeat the words thou long hast said?"

"Art sure the rents are Caesar's that ye pay?
Were ye bid slave for others day by day?
Men of scant faith! From your own snares break free!
Men's laws, not God's, bind men to slavery!"

"Blind leaders of the blind! Hear yet again!
This earth God gave to all the sons of men!
The land is for the living! Our earth grieves
O'er men's evil laws. Pay no rent to thieves!

"Ye pay toil's dues to Caesar, and despoil
Your children of the bread wrung from the soil.
Take back the heritage the Lord God gave!
God made ye men; men's laws have made the slave!"

ADVANTAGES OF FAIRHOPE PLAN.

J. W. Braam Gives Enlightening Figures On the Subject For The Courier.

EDITOR COURIER:

The statement has been made by a person who thinks that he is a Single Taxer, that the people who occupy Fairhope land "pay their own taxes just as Daphne people pay theirs;' and that "Fairhope renters have no advantage over citizens of Daphne," etc.

The citizen of Daphne who wants a good lot on the bay front pays something like $500 for it. If he were to invest this money in another manner he could get 8 per cent on the investment. By buying the lot, therefore, he loses this interest, which is $40 per year, and which represents ground rent. If he were to build at Fairhope he could get the same kind of a lot at a rental of $20 or $25 per year at present. One advantage of locating at Fairhope then, is a saving of $15 or $20 per year in land rent. Suppose further, that he builds a good house on the lot. Then, if he lives at Daphne, he pays taxes on something like $1000 at $0,014, or $14. If, however, he lives at Fairhope the Colony pays this tax for him, and he is ahead $14 plus $15, or $29 on rent and taxes alone. Does this look as if the Fairhope renter pays his own taxes, as our clever enemy states?

But this is not all. If our settler wants to bathe at Daphne he must build a bath house and pier, which will cost about $400. The interest which this money would earn if he did not spend it is $32 per annum. His bathing therefore costs him about $32 per year, to say nothing of repairs to bath house and pier which are necessitated by storms etc., and not to mention the fact that he gets salt water less of the season than he would at Fairhope. The Fairhope renter has the use of the Colony bath house free. If the Daphne citizen wants a telephone he pays $18 per year, the Fairhope renter gets the same for $3. If the Daphne citizen wants books to read he buys them, and $5 will not buy him very much per year. The Fairhope renter draws books from the Fairhope public library free of charge. If the Daphne citizen wants more than five months schooling for his children he pays for it, say $2 per month for all of his children. The Fairhope renter gets the schooling free. If the Daphne citizen wants water he digs a well, which, with a pump will cost him not less than $50. Then he still has to do the pumping. The Fairhope renter can get connections with the water-works system for the same money and the water is brought into his house. Furthermore Fairhope has a fire department which decreases the damage done by fires and will lower the rate of insurance if it has not already done so. Fairhope had a hall until the hurricane of last year blew it down, which was at the disposal of Fairhope renters for social occasions, meetings etc. Plans are now under way for the rebuilding of the hall. Has Daphne such a hall? The Daphne citizen will probably pay foot wharfage for the balance of his life, as he has done heretofore; while the Fairhope renter will get free foot wharfage as soon as the new wharf is paid for, as he had while traveling over the old wharf.

Summing up these advantages we find that the case looms up somewhat in this manner.

	Daphne	Fairhope
Ground rent	$40.	$25.
Taxes	14.	00.
School	6.	00.
Bath house and pier	32.	00.
Telephone	18.	3.
Books	5.	00.
	115.	28.
Deducting	28.	
Balance favor Fairhope,	87.	

This cash balance leaves out of consideration the other advantages which have been mentioned the value of which has not been calculated.

Fairhope, J. W. Braam.

ON STRAWBERRIES AT FAIRHOPE.

EDITOR COURIER:

There is no greater opportunity at this age for the free man, the scientific creator or producer from the soil, than the culture and production of delicious strawberries; it furnishes pleasant, healthy and lucrative exercise and employment and rewards with an ample income the independent, liberty-loving home-builder, while only a small investment and small acreage is required to get a start in an honorable business.

An ideal strawberry country.—The past season has demonstrated to a fair degree of satisfaction that berries, especially strawberries, can be successfully raised at Fairhope and adjacent country, the quality of which are par excellence, much superior to the California and equal to if not better than those raised in the Puget Sound and Hood River districts, whose early berries are much sought for by the Seattleite, paying twenty-five dollars, fifteen dollars, and ten dollars per 24 quart crate (usually used by hotels and club houses.) An average price in 1906—7 has been four dollars to five dollars per crate. Their fruiting season begins usually the latter part of the first week in May and lasts for three to four weeks. California berries sell at one half the price of the local product and when the season fully opens the latter shut off the California berries altogether.

Season and varieties.—Our Excelsior began to fruit some in January 1907, the Lady Thompson came on a couple of weeks later (according to location) and the Klondyke and others swelled up the supply during February. It has been generally claimed that no other than the Lady Thompson and possibly the Klondyke do any good here. This is an error, for facts have been demonstrated this season to the contrary. Strawberry plants shipped in from the Chattanooga nurseries (the southern R. M. Kellogg strawberry wizard) and planted upon newly prepared soil after Christmas up to end of January, began to produce some of the most delicious berries by the 23rd of February and up to the 5th of July, brought top prices on our local limited market, ranging from 20 cents to 10 cents and later again 15 cents per quart box. Among these figured conspicuously the following varieties: The Excelsior, Michel's Early, and Texas. these are the earliest; the Lady Thompson and Klondyke, next or medium early; and the Aroma and Gandy late varieties. Had this acre of strawberries been planted in proper season, September or October 1906, a full crop would have been the result which is about 1 quart per plant; set 4 by 1 ft. makes 10,888 to the acre. 6,000 quarts is about a good average per acre for an ordinary season in the early districts of the Pacific

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Advertising rates on application.

Tom L. Johnson has been nominated by the democrats to succeed himself as mayor of Cleveland.

"Andy" Cullen—one of our old time Fairhopers sends through the COURIER his regards to all old Fairhopers.

We are indebted to the Marion County Herald, Palmyra Mo., for republication of the statement regarding Fairhope which appears on the last page of the COURIER.

According to Mr. Moorman, of Fruitdale, who recently returned from Indiana and Ohio, he found men there paying as high as nine dollars per acre, farm land rent, whose crops were failures owing to the extremely wet weather.

Some time ago the "financiers"—meaning those who practically control the money supply—were very much afraid of a "flood of silver," to follow the adoption of free coinage by this country. They must be now getting alarmed over a probable "flood" of gold. New deposits are being constantly discovered including some of the richest ever uncovered. Up in the Larder Lake (Can) Region a new vien has recently been discovered assaying $3,972 to the ton.

Immense Ore Deposits of Alabama.

Every once in a while, alarming reports are published about the approaching exhaustion of the resources of Mother Earth—particularly the fuel and ore deposits.

The cheering news comes from Birmingham, Ala., that diamond drilling has proven the amount of iron ore in that vicinity to be far greater than any one has hitherto undertaken authoritatively to claim. At least one billion tons of ore not before known to exist, have been added to the known supply in that region.

As the great Lake Superior region is only estimated to have one and one half to two billion tons of ore, the significance to Alabama and the world of the ascertaining of this great new supply can hardly be overestimated.

It is cheering to know that nature still holds such great deposits of the indispensible ore in store for us, but not so cheering to know that between nature and the world with its myriad uses for the iron, will stand, under our present system, the holders of paper titles to the land, to levy heavy tribute before the bounty of nature can be availed of.

That, however, it is easily within the power of the people to remedy. Let us hope that before many years they will be wise enough to do so.

Death of J. B. Philbrook.

From the Clarks (Neb.) Enterprise of September 13; we learn of the death of our Mr. James Barton Philbrook, which occurred at his home there on the 9th inst.

Mr. Philbrook and his wife spent last winter here, and while here built a small house just beyond the Creswell home on Section street. They were planning to return next month, though in Mr. Philbrook's last letter to the editor he intimated doubt as to his ever seeing us again.

He was an estimable gentleman, who had become greatly interested in Fairhope, and said a good word for it wherever opportunity offered and we deeply regret that he will never be with us again. We do not know whether Mrs. Philbrook will come again or not. Heart disease was the cause of death.

A Small Change Productive of Far-reaching Results.

EDITOR COURIER:

President Small of the Telegraph Operator's union in his appeal to the public exposes the wrongs inflicted on the operators by the company. But pray tell us how it comes that the small body of men composing the company can exercise so much power over the great army of operators? We may say the same thing in regard to other lines of industry. How does it come that the small body of men, the employers, sometimes called "the capitalistic class," can exercise so much power over the great armies of labor?

According to the natural course of reason, it is the smaller body of men that should court the good will of the larger There must be something radically wrong in our social adjustment to cause such an unbalancing of forces, something that places the larger body on the short end of the lever.

A very slight change in the adjustment of a machine will sometimes produce the most wonderful results. It is the same with the economic relations of society. No such complete reorganization of our industry as that which socialism contemplates is necessary. So slight is the requisite change that the average person is incredulous in regard to its efficiency. Only a little change in our methods of taxation, the abrogation of all taxes on the products of industry, assessing only the land regardless of improvements. How insignificant! How disproportionate to the troubles it is expected to remedy! How singular is the claim that such a small matter can be productive of such far-reaching results!

Yet it goes right to the root of the matter. It removes the cause which in all nations has divided the world into rich and poor. It corrects the great wrong of the ages. It obliterates the landed aristocracy. It places the peasantry on an equality with the nobility, the landed gentry, the great lords, grand dukes and earls. It restores to the common people their long-lost rights in the land.

Chicago Ill. Edward Gates.

Men's Wants Increase With Ability to Supply Them.

Referring to Mr. Hoffman's article in the Courier of Aug 30, does he not seem to lose sight of the universal fact that men desire more than they can produce? The material wants are no sooner supplied than the higher faculties come to the front with demands which increase somewhat as the square of their ability to meet them. As some student of economics has well said; "Some things must always be left undone; any community would immediately double, triple and quadruple its consumption on obtaining the means to do so." Given free land (which includes unrestricted exchange,) a few hours daily labor or a few days a week would bring to any man more than the best can obtain now by continuous struggle. This has been clearly shown in Fairhope, where with land but locally free, and no right at all in the world's markets, men starting bare-handed (socialists please note)—men starting with none of the implements of production—do make themselves homes and rear their families under circumstances and with advantages as good as civilization affords. And if desirous of learning what this really means, just offer to buy one of their votes or try to dictate the terms on which you will allow any of them to work for you. You'll most likely find they have a wood lot. The employer in Fairhope either indoors or out, will learn, if he does not already know, that employes have the same rights as himself, and with the recognition of these rights will come responsibility hand-in-hand with self-respect and good citizenship. With demand in every line of business exceeding supply as nature made it, men everywhere calling for help, I find myself utterly at a loss to see how any one man may be taken advantage of by another, much less masses of men. Men are hard to handle under present conditions, and the fear is that with free land they could not be hired at all.

Naugatuck Conn. F. K. Perry.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Sept. 21—Col E. Daniels—A black, rainy night--I have been reading every word of the Courier of today, a splendid propaganda number, truly, and you may be certain I was pleased to see excerpts from a late letter of yours. Now I distinctly remember making "copy" of a "lot" of your last letter to me, but having doubts whether it ever got "set up" or not, I am overhauling my file to settle the question. If it did not, I shall certainly go for the boss! (He's terribly afraid of me)—How fascinating to me are any old back numbers of the Courier! Almost every article seizes my eye and forces me to read it. Sometimes I notice printer's errors that had wholly escaped me, as in my letters of August 23, I am made to say: "But we cannot talk of short hours for the hausfrau. The routine is repentless, eternal." There is no such word as "repentless" in English. The word must have been "relentless." Then in the issue of Sept. 6, p. 8, near end of letters, I am made to say of Mrs. Johnson that "contiquity lends "enchantment." I hope she felt complimented! I have not an idea what I did write, only it was not that. I never write nonsense(?)

x x x Among our most valuable contributions to the Fairhope library are Putnam's Monthly and the Literary Digest, both from Edmund C. Stedman, loyal friend of over half a century. Harper's Monthly has been sent to me for over thirty years without a break by its venerable editor Mr. Alden. Ah, how precious our friends become as the shadows lengthen in the long journey of life! I met both of these distinguished men last year in that ever-appreciated outing given me by my old friends—But I was going to say about the Literary Digest that I wish more of our library patrons would

read it. They would get so much amusement and so much instruction from it. The cold bare news outlines of the dailies and weeklies also, as a rule, become even fascinating in the Digest. For example most of us have heard of the artificial language, "Esperanto." Indeed we have had the pleasure of listening to an exposition of it by Comrade Coleman, but not many of us know that the third international convention of Esperantist's met this year, at Cambridge England, that "home of the strictest classicism." The Digest of Sept. 7 says: "In addition to the ecclesiastical and academic courtesy extended to this twenty-year-old language, which aims to restore to mankind the easy intercourse of pre-Babel days, the Congress enjoyed the municipal patronage of the town, the Mayor and Mayoress each addressing the opening meeting in unhesitating Esperanto: "There were 1700 people present from all parts of the world some of whom had come 1200 miles for the occasion. The article quotes freely from the London papers. For example, this about the women: "There were bright eyed, alert little French women chattering in Esperanto to tall English girls, who somehow seem more voluble in the new language than in their own. It is one of the odd things about Esperanto that it seems to make everybody unbend.—People who have never met before talk together in Esperanto and are friends in five minutes."

The American Magazine for this month has a remarkable illustrated paper on the Rev. Billy Sunday, the greatest Evangelist preacher in the world, formerly one of the great baseball men belonging to the White Stockings of Chicago. He is "making more church members than all the ministers of the Middle West together." He is an "ordained Presbyterian minister," but makes converts, one hundred thousand in the last ten years, this for all the churches as well as his own. His method is one to make one ashamed of our boasted progress in refinement and common sense. Here is a specimen of his style of praying which shows his great familiarity with the deity: "O, dear Lord Jesus, save Fairfield! Bless Mt. Pleasant, Stockport and Birmingham and Batavia and—er—bless"—(the evangelist opened his eyes, turned to his secretary, Honeywell, and said in the ordinary conversational tone.) "What was that town we went to the other day, over there on the railroad? Oh, yes, Eldon." (Again closing his eyes and resuming the higher pitched tone of addressing the Almighty)—"Bless Eldon, dear Lord, and Packwood and Pleasant Plain. And O, dear Lord, if you think it is of any use, you might tackle those Br.ghton editors. But dear Lord, be careful—take along a bottle of disinfectant, don't know as you can do much with them, Jesus, but if you think it worth while, try it Lord, try it! And if you try it here's a pointer, Lord, wear rubber gloves." One would say that such ribaldry in a prayer would disgust everybody; but the people like it and the ministers forgive everything, even what seems blasphemy to a layman, because he brings converts. Said the Rev. Mr. Pearse Finch of the Fairfield Congregationalist church: "My congregation has been increased by hundreds. I didn't do it. Sunday did it. It is for me to humble myself and thank God for his help."

In his rough way he tells important truths, as: "Merely being a church member isn't as big as a peanut in the sight of God." Fighting a personal devil is his trump card, to use his style of language. He frightens his congregations with "the real genuine, blazing-eyed, cloven-hoofed, fork tail old Devil" which, he tells them clings on to their coat-tails and pulls them back when they have an impulse to go to the anxious seat. Here is an extract from his sermon on temptation:

"The Devil isn't anybody's fool. Lots of people will tell you that there isn't any Devil; that he is just a figure of speech, a poetic personification of the sin in our natures." "The sneaking, time-serving, hypocritical ministers who say that are liars. Liars! Liars! They are calling the Holy Bible a lie." x x x "No sir! You take God's word for it. There is a Devil. Oh, but the Devil is a smoooh guy. x x x He is right on his job all the time." Of the scene in the wilderness Sunday says: Christ was "tired, lonely, hungry, just the way you and I would have been. And the Devil walks up to him and says: 'Son of God, hey?' x x x Are you the man that has been going up and down the country passing as the son of God?' And Christ, all weary and alone, says: 'Yes, that's right.' And the Devil laughs, 'Say,' he says, I'm not so easy as all that! I'm from Missouri; you've got to show me! Make good! Turn some of these stones into bread and get a square meal! Produce the goods!"

The comment of the editor of this article is: "No man can talk to twenty-five hundred or three thousand sensible human beings night after night for a month in such language as this and hold the attention of his audience unless they believe that he is right."

To me the most marvelous part of the popularity of this man is that the tricks of the circus, the music of the concert hall, "shirt sleeve oratory, and melodramatic impersonation, the translation of the testament into drummer's slang," could be by vast audiences regarded as consonant with, or even tolerable to, the teaching of Christ. A friend writing me on the subject says: "It is a business scheme. A big wooden 'tabernacle' has to be built, and a call, signed by all the clergymen of the vicinity, sent to him before he and his corps of assistant will respond. It is a scheme to stir up the masses and get them to pay for being 'saved,' the churches profiting by a sure increase of members."

THE JOHNSONS ARE TO RETURN

And Mrs. Johnson Will Establish School For "Organic Education."

Mrs. M. L. Johnson who is so well and favorably known in Fairhope has decided to cast her lot among us and establish a school for Organic Education in Fairhope, as nearly in harmony with the ideal suggested by Dr. Henderson in his Education and the Higher Life, as possible. This will be an unusual opportunity for northern people desiring to spend the winter in our delightful southern climate to place their children where they will have the home life and the best of educational advantages. There will also be provision for a limited number of all-the-year-round pupils.

Mrs. Johnson will be ready to receive pupils by Nov. 1st and any letters of inquiry addressed to the editor of the COURIER will receive prompt attention.

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Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

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If you are located where you could reach a number of Single Taxers, but unable to give the time for a canvass, write us for our special offer to you, and list of our subscribers in your territory. We will make it worth your while to help us.

Among the friends sending in new subscriptions recently, not before acknowledged in the COURIER, are the following: George Knowles, 3; F. K. Perry, 1 (5 previously reported); Geo. S. Sawyer, 2; Wm. Stimpson, 3; F. G. Anderson, 1; Mrs. E. M. Scofield, 2; Wm. L. Heller, 2; H. Sycamore, 1; E. E. Ayres, 1; H. H. Hardinge, 1; O. J. Brown, 2; W. A. Somers, 2.

John F. Carter, until lately managing editor of the Mobile Daily Herald, has quit the journalistic field—temporarily we doubt not, for a man who has once experienced its fascinations seldom quits it entirely—and is engaged in business with his father in Mobile. Mr. Carter has however, essayed another branch of literary activity and has written a book entitled, "The Destroyers" of which the publishers, the Neale Publishing Companpany, say:

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Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening the 17th.

All members present but Mr. Pilcher.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson janitor service bath-rooms Aug. 12 to Sept. 15	$ 2.00
Renting bath-rooms 6 Sundays	9.00
540 sq. ft. wire netting.	2.70
Putting same on bathrooms.	1.60
Repairing platform at bath-house.	.20
	15.50
Henry Creswell mowing weeds on streets.	2.25

Secretary read letter from Mr. Fels expressing approval of the proposition to use the $1,000 subscribed by him towards the library building for putting an additional room on school-house and forwarding the same.

Mr. Lyon stated that Mr. Littlefield had offered to pay one cent a pound for angle iron and cog wheels from the old windmilll, and it was moved and carried that the proposition be accepted.

Committee to whom was referred the application for membership of J. M. Beckner, reported recommending the acceptance of same and Mr. Beckner was, on motion, accepted as a member.

Messrs. Stimpson and Lyon were appointed a committee to devise means for collecting for gravel hauled from north gulley.

Moved and carried that no standing green pine be allowed to be cut for wood except from streets or where thinning is needed in sections 18 and 17 and that stumpage on same be 50c. per cord. No cutting of green timber except in streets to be allowed east of mill.

Secretary reported an application from Ellen A. Wilson, of Mobile, for lot 2, and west half of lot 3, in block 5 div, 3. It seemed to be the judgment of Council that a change should made in the platting of div., three so as to give more bay front lots, before any applications were accepted there and it was moved and carried that the width of Oak Ave., in front, be reduced to 100 ft.; that other east and west Avenues widen going west from Summit Ave. at same angle and that the bay frontage in each block be divided into 3 lots facing the bay, instead of 2 lots facing the east and west avenues.

Secretary and treasurer appointed a committe to adjust rents on these lots on basis of present rents.

Moved and carried that Mr. Creswell be employed to do a small amount of additional work mowing weeds in streets.

City Ownership a Success.

City ownership of waterworks in Independence is doing pretty well, thank you, according to the report submitted by Mayor Stich at the council meeting last Tuesday evening.

With expenses less than $2,000 for the past quarter, the receipts were $3,545, not counting the collections from delinquents for previous quarters. As the annual interest charge on our first $100,000 of bonds issued for waterworks purchase and extension is $5,000 and we should be paying more than that for hydrant rental with private ownership, it looks as if we were $1,500 to the good during the past quarter. Of course $5,000 more in bonds are to be issued but they are largely for extensions which when completed will add to the revenue more than enough to meet the increased interest charge— certainly if we credit the work with the additional saving in rental, as more hydrants are put in for fire protection. What we shall hope to see, however, is steadily increasing revenue that will eventually not only pay the interest on the bonds and the expenses of running the works, but net a tidy sum for a sinking fund in addition. As it is now, the revenue pays the expenses, and more than enough in addition to meet the interest charge on the first bond issue of $100,000— Independence Times.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dahlgren returned to their home at New Orleans on Tuesday, after a very pleasant stay of a couple of weeks. They were greatly pleased with Fairhope and also with the Fairhope Hotel of which they were guests during their stay. As reported in the COURIER at the time of their arrival they came to Fairhope through the recommendation of Mrs. Currie of Meridian Miss., and they went away planning to come again next year, and try to bring some of their friends with them. Before leaving Mr. Dahlgren dropped into the office and left his subscription to the COURIER so that they could study the Single Tax further and keep in touch with their new friends.

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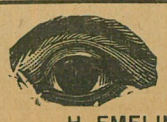

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Personal and Local

Mr. and Mrs. McMurtry, of California, have been here about a month and are occupying the Frank Creswell property. They are much pleased with this section preferring it to California and are negotiating for some property in this vicinity with a view to locating, though they will have to return to California first.

Mr. E. D. Brann returned to Fairhope on Saturday evening, with the intention of spending the winter at Fairhope. Mr. Brann is one of the best contracting mechanics that ever worked in Fairhope and built some of our best residences including the Beckner, Mrs. Coulter and Mrs. Ahrens cottages.

With the withdrawal of the Pleasure Bay from the direct run our mail comes around the shore and is about an hour later in the evening, whereat the public complains greatly. The mail ought to come by the direct steamer.

If you have not been seen by a member of the committee to canvas the voters for their sentiment on incorporating please call at the COURIER office or see Capt. Jos. Lawrence.

The Bay Steamship Company discontinued the direct steamer to Fairhope on Monday and the Pleasure Bay is now making the run around the shore.

Mr. Steenstra's auction sale of improvements and personal property was not held last Saturday on account of rain but will be held tomorrow.

A great improvement in the appearance of our streets has been made by a few days mowing of the yellow weeds by Mr. Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K Hassler who were in Mrs. Hunnel's house for several months, have returned to their home at Indianapolis Ind.

A note from Wm. L. Heller dated September 20th, announced that he was starting the next day for Fairhope, by steamer.

The discontinuance of the steamer Carney left Laurie Thielson out of a job so of course he came back "home" at once.

Rev. Wilkes left last week to hold a series of meetings at Century, Fla. near Pensacola.

The Dr. Rowe pigeons are being moved out to Mr. Luciers, at Euclid.

Summer Temperature

Sept. 12 to 18.
(Omitted last week.)

Sept.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
12	72	86	78
13	75	84	74
14	74	88	79
15	76	86	81
16	75	88	78
17	77	90	78
18	74	89	80

2 clear days, 4 pt. cloudy 1 cloudy; 2 rains.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

Tuberculotic Treatment.

Emmet Keating of Chicago, refers to cases that are really incipient, giving no marked tuberculous symptoms and no physical signs. The facts elicited from physical examination of the chest should be regarded as only confirmatory of the diagnosis.

Important factors are family history, occupation, spitting of small amounts of blood, chilly sensations, slight fever, an indefinite history of night sweats, loss of weight, constipation, clammy hands, a red line on the gums, and shallow breathing. Respiration may be slightly jerking, with harsh inspiration. The pulse is accelerated.

As to the treatment, the author does not favor the use of tuberculin. He recommends beginning treatment with six weeks' rest in bed, in the open air as far as possible. Three meals a day should be taken and milk and eggs used besides. The most useful drugs are arsenic and nux vomica. No cough mixtures should be used. The best sedative is milk and eggs taken before going to rest for the night. Morphine is the only remedy for profuse hemorrhage.—Medical Record.

Short, and to the Point.

Some amusing replies are received by the government officials who are engaged in collecting data for the new official register, familiarly known as the "Blue Book." One of the queries propounded to office holders is: "What are your marital relations?" The answer should be either "married," "single" or "widowed."

An officer who is charged with the task of sending out these questions received two notable replies recently. The first reply was, "My marital relations are very unsatisfactory." Another toiler in one of the departments of Uncle Sam filled out his blank as follows:

"Question. What are your marital relations?"

"Answer. They are hell."—Washington Star.

The Lady and the Story.

Quanah Parker, the millionaire chief of the Comanches, was discussing in Guthrie a new Indian bill.

"The bill is no good," said the chief. "It would not have any effect. It reminds me of a young French lady in Washington.

"I was dining in Washington at an ambassador's house, and this young lady was the only female guest. An Italian duke wanted to tell a story, but he hesitated.

"'My story,' he said, 'is a very good one, but it is rather low in the neck, and before the young lady—'

"But she laughed and interrupted him.

"'Oh, don't mind me,' she said, 'I'll shut my eyes. Go on.'"

The June Bride.

The June bride frowned.

"These tomatoes," she said, "are just twice as dear as those across the street. Why is it?"

"Ah, ma'am, these—"

And the grocer smiled in pity of her ignorance.

——"these are hand-picked."

She blushed.

"Of course, she said, hastily, "I might have known. Give me a bushel, please."

An Inopportune Rescue.

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Mrs. Call is preparing for her Fall Opening which she expects to hold October 16, 17, and 18,

Look out for V. I. C. Social on Oct. 18th. Something new! Make no other arrangements for that date. Fuller particulars next week.

The Mershon Merchandising Company's store force, and families, the Gastons, Littlefields, Dr. Mershons and Ameses had a fish fry on the beach Thursday.

R. F. Powell and Mr. Davis, the tie man, were summoned to Bay Minette on Thursday to testify—before the grand jury, we presume—regarding the McRae murder.

Mr. Jo[illegible], the new blacksmith, retur[illegible] to Bay Minette over Sunday, but got back on Monday and is rapidly getting matters in shape to open up for business.

Capt. Joseph Lawrence has the contract for the Knott and Baumhauer cottages and will go at them as soon as he completes the three cottages he is putting up for Captain Nichols.

Dont go to Mobile to buy your trousers, we have a nice line coming and can save you money. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Dr. and Mrs. Borst and George, were in looking after their property on Thursday, returning to Silver Hill the same day. They are as good friends of Fairhope as ever, though no longer residing with us.

Just in, a nice line of Men and Boys Overalls and Jumpers the famous O'Brien Bros. brand. None better. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Just in; a shipment of Increscent Dissolved Bone Meal. This is a high grade fertilizer, and fast coming to the front as an economical fertilizer, for it is a soil builder. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mrs. Ahrens and daughter Martha got back on Tuesday evening, the first of our winter residents to arrive. Winter is yet a long way off here but Wednesday's dispatches reported a light snow at Chicago and that it was too cold for the ball game scheduled for that day.

Cook Stoves. We just received a shipment of cook stoves direct from the factory. Call and see them, we can save you money. M. M. Co.

The Hughes family returned to Mobile on Thursday morning. They are among our regular summer residents and we shall look for them back next season. Before leaving Mrs. Hughes renewed her subscription to the COURIER, so that she can keep posted on doings at their "other home" while absent from it.

Yes they are in and going out every day, if you want a good pair come before the sizes are broken. Mershon Merchandising Co.

The Fairhope will lay up in Mobile for slight repairs on Monday and will be off her run for a couple of days, expecting to make the trip as usual on Wednesday evening. Patrons please note, and as far as possible, hold your freight, and arrange your travel so as to lose her as little business as possible.

Do you know that Jersey Queen spells BEST and that Jersey Queen Flour spells VERIBEST? For sale by Mershon Merchandising Co.

Dedicating Service at Daphne.

We are requested by Dr. J. A. B. Lovett, president of the Daphne State Normal School, to announce that divine services will be conducted in the College Chapel on next Sunday at 11 a. m.

This will be in the nature of a dedication of the buildings to school purposes. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. J. S. Frazer, of Mobile.

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New fall line of hats now in. Mershon Merchandising Co.

The tug Vivian came over on Tuesday morning, with Capt. E. A. Smith, who has been summering with his family in the Ames cottage and whose baby was sick. The child is all right again.

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Library to be Housed in New Building on Mrs. Howland's Lot.

The Library Association met at Mr. Powell's Tuesday evening, and decided to use so much of the available library fund as is necessary, to build a library building, 16 x 24, on Mrs. Howland's lot, alongside her building, but not connected with it save by a covered passage way. This building will afford room in one end for considerably more than the present number of books, properly and conveniently arranged. And the other will make a very nice reading room. With the new street opened between Fairhope and Magnolia avenues, the location will be very accessible, and it will also have the advantage of Mrs. Howland's beautiful flower garden as a background, always so much admired by visitors and patrons of the library. The exact style of construction has not yet been decided upon; but it will be attractive and substantial, if small. Messrs. Littlefield, Powell and Stimpson are the building committee.

Notice of Advance in Fare.

We are compelled, with much reluctance, to announce an advance in fare on the steamer Fairhope, from 25 cents to 35 cents, effective October first.

It has been the ardent desire of the owners and managers of the steamer to keep the fare at 25 cents the year round, but the great increase in cost of operation due to the demands of labor unions and the increased cost of supplies of all kinds coupled with inability to secure all of the business of our home port, and the normal dulness of the fall and winter season, make it necessary to advance the rate, if the direct service is to be continued.

We trust the steamer's patrons will appreciate the situation, realizing that what is a small matter to them individually, in the aggregate is of much importance to the steamer, and that their greatly appreciated patronage will be continued.

Advisory Board Steamer Fairhope,
J. M. Pilcher, Manager.

Additional Council Proceedings.

The Council held a short special session on Saturday evening to consider Mr. Trenholme's plans for an additional school-room.

These provided for a room 24 x 36 feet, to be placed six feet to the west of the present building and connected therewith by a flat roofed vestibule—really a continuation of the present hall. The method of construction to be plaster within and without, on timber frame, as per recommendations of W. L. Price, of Philadelphia, with solid concrete foundation two feet high with 12 inch base, room to be lighted with two double windows on either side and single windows in the east on either side of the vestibule entrance.

Mr. Trenholme's plans were adopted except that the vestibule between the two buildings be 10 ft. long instead of six; for additional room and greater safety from fire being communicated from one building to the other.

Mr. Trenholme was directed to proceed with putting in foundation and putting up frame by days work, bids to be asked for inside and outside plastering and also for furnishing substantial composition roofing.

Mr. Trenholme was allowed $3.00 a day as supervising architect.

Treasurer directed to honor weekly pay rolls and material hills O K'd by Mr. Trenholme.

Another short session of the Council was held on the evening of the 23rd, to consider the stopping by the secretary of removal of pigeons and pigeon house from Dr. Rowe's place.

A proposition from Jno. P. Lowell to purchase the improvements of Dr Rowe and take a lease of the lots, provided some abatement of accrued rent be made, was, after due consideration accepted. An order ordered drawn in favor of N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co. for $100.

Tax Asssessor's and Collector's Notice.

The Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, will meet the tax payers at times and places as follows:

First Round October	Place	Second Round November
1	Holman's	4
2	Gateswood	5
3	Duck's	6
5	Perdido	8
7	Blacksher	9
8	Montgomery Hill	11
9	Stockton	12
10	Bay Minette	13
11	Hurricane	14
12	Stapleton	15
14	Daphne	16
1	Rosinton	4
2	Seminole	5
3	Camp Powell	6
4	Roberts	7
5	Helton	8
7	Shell Banks	9
8	Bon Secour	11
9	E. Francis	12
10	Marlow	13
11	Battles	14

Wharf Certificates For Sale.

A friend who holds several wharf certificates for amounts ranging from $10 to $52, and aggregating $115., is having an unexpected need for the money and would be glad to sell any or all of the certificates. These bear six per cent interest, payable semi annually with first-class security, and will be sold at par, with interest accrued from July 1st. Address the undersigned.

E. B. Gaston,
Fairhope.

Good meals and lodging and fine home-made bread, pies and cakes at Home Restaurant, Mrs. Toft, prop.

In Council proceedings elsewhere in this issue, is reported the acceptance of plans for the new room to be added to the school building, work is now in active progress, and which will be pushed as rapidly as possible. This will be a substantial, practically fire proof building, of a new style of construction, here, but fully recommended by our friend, Mr. Price. of Philadelphia, ont of the first architects of the country.

The question of handling ties in the easiest and quickest way and within the figure which can be secured for the same has been a matter of much interest to the wharf company and the steamer. The editor, who is also secretary of the wharf company and one of the advisory board of the steamer, engaged some men for early this morning, to put a bunch of ties on the steamer, and worked so hard at it himself, as to be overcome and become unconscious for a few moments—not being accustomed to such "strenuous" labor. He helped to demonstrate however, that they can be handled all right, within the figure allowed, by proper management, and is seriously thinking of taking this or some other form of "physical culture" regularly to keep up his physical condition so as not to be so embarassed again.

Autumn Temperature.

Sept. 19 to 25,

Sept.	19 a. m.	25 m.	7 p. m.
19	74	89	80
20	75	83	78
21	76	81	80
22	76	80	78
23	74	85	79
24	76	90	79
25	76	89	82

3 clear days, 4 pt. cloudy, rain on 4 days, 2 of t em very heavy, with wind.
cloudy; 2 rains.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

For Rent–Two very nice furnished rooms facing park. Mrs. S. L. Wallace.

AUCTION SALE.

Of Improvements in Fairhope and Houshold Goods

I have decided to offer for sale to the higheat and best bidders for cash—either as a whole or separately—my improvements on Fairhope Colony land and my horse, buggy and household furniture.

The improvements consist of my home place described as follows:

Five room house, three down and two upstairs, with wide gallery front and back. The rooms are ceiled and the house is well built. There is a 100-barrel cistern on the place, and the water is cool the hottest days in summer. Three chicken coops and runs. An acre and a quarter of the finest garden ground in Fairhope. 100 fruit trees, including pears, plums, peaches, apricots, nectarines, Japanese persimmons, figs, also grapes, roses, umbrella and maple trees. There is also a shop 12x18 on the place, now used as a tailor shop.

Also a 20 acre tract in section 15; 14 acres cleared, house of 4 rooms, large galleries, good barn, large cellar.

Sale to begin Sept. 28, at 10 a. m. at residence on Fairhope Ave. and continue until completed.

Property can be inspected at any time prior to sale.

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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, 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

On Strawberries at Fairhope.

(Continued from first page.)

coast; here the season running often four to five months, with proper care of culture, such as cultivating, fertilizing, and possibly some irrigation in the dry spells at times, the crop could be greatly increased proportionately without any question of doubt.

Shipping quality and facilities.—Mr. Forsman of Silver Hill, which is ten miles or over east of Fairhope, shipped the past season 125, 24 quart crates to Mobile via Fairhope. This means a journey by wagon of ten miles and by steamer 15. These were Lady Thompson berries. The Klondyke and other varieties above mentioned are more solid and better shippers.

Our shipping facilities both for Mobile and the northern markets are good since the new Steamer Fairhope, under the management of the Fairhope Improvement Cumpany, promises low rates and prompt service during fruiting season. A large number of residents and others should consider this proposition fully and make a good beginning the coming season and thereby demonstrate that by co-operation in production, transportation and distribution (under a system of Single Tax) the realization of the greater social-industrial-economics can be made possible now and anon.

Further the project of the Southern Baldwin County Co-operative Transportation Co., whose aim and object it is to procure Mobile manure, now going largely to waste, and bring it by barge to this shore at the rate of $3 or less per ton, in lieu of the high priced commercial fertilizers ranging from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars per ton, would greatly encourage the business.

The climax of opportunity is reached by leasing your acreage from the Single Tax Corporation for life time or 99 years, at land value rent, ranging now from 35 cents per acre and upwards. The Corporation is holding for settlement some 3,000 acres of the best land in the county adapted for horticulture or agriculture upon which the freed man and homebuilder may secure himself an ideal home in an ideal climate, in a land of plenty.

F. L. Horning,
Prop. Homecroft Hort. Gardens.
Fairhope Alabama.

We have now on hand the paper edition of Progress and Poverty, Henry George's great work, the "Bible" of the Single Tax movement. If you have never read it, you should lose no time in doing so. Price at the office 50c., by mail, postpaid, 58c.

The Montgomery Journal of Sept. 14 had an interview with Capt. W. M. Selden in which he expressed himself very enthusiastically about his visit to Baldwin County.

School Notice.

The Fairhope District School, No. 57, will open September 30, 1907, at 8:45 a. m.

The school will be taught by Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet. The hours for opening and closing will be the same as last year. An incidental fee of 25 cents per month will be required of each pupil until further notice.

Permit me to urge all pupils who expect to attend to be prepared to enter promptly at the beginning.

H. C. Oswalt, Trustee.

To F. S. T. Corporation lessees: The "incidental fee" mentioned above, will probalby be paid for children of lessees, as heretofore, by the Corporation. E. B. Gaston, Sec.

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Sensible Attitude of Baldwin County Times

(From Times of Sept. 26.)

We have had several communications sent us [illegible] colony owners for publication in the Times from parties more or less interested in the Fairhope Single Tax controversy. We have given each of them very careful reading and refuse to publish them for good reasons. They cannot possibly do good. They may do great harm. A great majority of our readers will wish the Fairhope Colony success. At any rate it is an endless discussion in which most of us have little or no interest. We hope Fairhope will be able to settle her own differences and that without making further exhibition of general bad feeling.

Fairhope is a bright and interesting settlement, It is a part of our county and we wish for it that material success which is due it as one of our best towns."

We congratulate the Times upon its fair and sensible attitude toward the greatly magnified "Fairhope controversy."

The principles upon which Fairhope was founded and upon which it is conducted, are, of course, legitimate subject for discussion by any one interested, anywhere, at any time.

Such discussion is indeed welcomed and objection is only made when unsound arguments are attempted to be bolstered up by entirely false or misleading statements regarding conditions existing at Fairhope.

The management of local affairs at Fairhope is however, a matter concerning Fairhope people only. No possible good can be done, as the Times states, by carrying a controversy regarding it into outside newspapers and none but those with a desire to injure, would do so.

A Correspondent Fears Results of Incorporation.

The following letter received from a last winter's visitor who is planning to come again and we hope to become one of our regular winter visitors, if not remain with us all the year round, was not written for publication, but will be of interest to our readers.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I am receiving the Courier steadily now and enjoy reading about Fairhope and its doings.

I am sorry to know that you are thinking of incorporating the village. I have had something to do with incorporating two villages in which I have lived and am sorry for the part I took in both instances and unless the laws on the subject in Alabama are different from those in New York you will be sorry if you incorporate, before you get through.

Incorporation simply takes the management of affairs out of the hands of the people and puts it in the hands of three men. All that you can have after incorporation, you can have before if you are a mind to pay for them. You get nothing for which you do not pay in either case and very often you pay for what you do not get under incorporation. The three "village fathers" generally turn out to be the "village grafters." It is much easier to buy up three men than it is to buy up the entire voters of a village. Concentration of power is the tendency of this nation, I am sorry to say and I shall be sorry to see Fairhope people surrender their governing or managing powers to three men with almost absolute power. It is undemocratic. The people should keep the power in their own hands as long as possible; keep it there surely till you can have the use of the referendum, the initiative and the imperial mandate otherwise your three man team will "take the bits in their mouths," and run away with your nice little town. I have seen this done more than once and know how it feels. I hope you all will "look well before you leap" and see to it that after your leap through incorporation air, your feet do not strike a "rooling bog" that will land you into "the drink," instead of on solid land.

I may bring three or four persons to Fairhope next winter and hope to find it the same cordial town that it was when I saw it last. I have talked it up to many, and I may win some.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
Patchogue, N. Y. A. J. Woodruff.

It is of course, one of the serious defects of our system of government, local, state and national that while the people do have the right to choose their officers by majority vote, the officers when elected, are apt to assume themselves to be the masters rather than the servants of the people, and can be overruled or removed only by conviction of malfeasance.

It was to guard against the officers of our town (should we incorporate) acting contrary to the will of their constituents and to provide an adequate method for the people to express their wishes, that the writer proposed the following resolutions at the first meeting to consider the matter of incorporating:

Whereas, the laws of Alabama do not provide the proper machinery for the expression of the will of the people upon questions and policies as they arise, nor the power to make the same effective when denied by their officers, but these powers may in a large degree be secured by agreement of citizens and pledging of candidates under what is known as the "Winnetka plan," therefore,

Be it resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting, that this plan should be adopted, if Fairhope is incorporated and every candidate for any office within the gift of the people, be asked to pledge himself in writing to obey the will of the majority of the citizens, when expressed in formal manner, under rules and regulations to be agreed upon, or failing to do so to resign.

Resolved further that it is the sense of this meeting that to best secure the expression of the will of the people, the voting of women shall be provided for as well as men and only six months residence within the state be required instead of two years.

Objection was made to the resolutions as out of order by Mr. Wolf and sustained by the chair and by those present on appeal.

We did not care to press them at the time nor do we now as in any way conficting with the plan of incorporating, but think the plan presented well worthy of consideration by our citizens.

A chief reason of many for advocating incorporation is to afford fuller opportunity for citizens to participate in local affairs than is afforded under the constitution of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation—and of course a good many citizens of what constitutes the town do not reside upon corporation land and could not possibly have any right to vote on Corporation affairs. If, however, participation in municipal affairs were limited to qualified electors, under the very restrictive suffrage law of Alabama, the people might really have less voice under incorporation than now.

The adoption of the plan proposed by us, would remedy this difficulty even without any change in the law.

Probate Judge Smith writes the editor, regarding the qualifying of voters who have not paid their poll tax, and desiring to vote upon the question of incorporating:

"I do not believe that those who did not pay their poll tax prior to February 1st last, can by paying the poll tax due by them, vote in any election during this year (1907), and to sustain that conclusion will quote you Section 47 of the Acts of 1903, regulating the elections held in this State. The Section is asfollows: "Each Judge of Probate shall deliver or cause to be delivered to an inspector at each voting place immediately preceding each regular election an alphabetical list of all persons in such precinct who have paid all poll taxes due prior to February 1st preceding the election and an alphabetical list of all registered voters in such precinct."

If the Judge's position be correct, it is exceedingly doubtful if sufficient qualified signers to a petition for incorporation can be secured before next February.

The Tax Problem and its Simple Solution.

EDITOR COURIER:

That there is a tax problem is evident from the agitation of the subject in various ways and sundry methods all over the country. That taxes must be levied and raised in some way is a truism no sane person cares to dispute. But the question is, "How and on what shall we levy taxes?" Many methods have been and are now being tried, but, seemingly without satisfactory results. Is there no true rule guidance whereby we can be guided in tling this matter? Yes, assuredly there is. And it is so simple, that but for its simplicity it might have solved the tax problem long ago.

The people generally want and usually get tax remedies that are intricate, cloudy and uncomprehensible. Hence the present state of confusion and doubt regarding this important problem. But, to come to the point: Why do we have taxes? Because we must have gov-

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ERNEST B. GASTON - - EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
MARIE HOWLAND - - - ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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COMINGS SECURES CREAM SEPARATOR.

EDITOR COURIER:

I note what you say in last Courier in regard to a creamery project, but I hope to do better even than that good idea.

I have just contracted for a fine high-priced cream separator of the latest improved kind, that is to be shipped at once to Fairhope, and I propose to install it where it will be of most service to the farmers who do or will keep cows and at a very nominal rental.

I have just had a long, careful interview with an old friend who is a dairy expert of long standing, and an author of note on the science of dairying, in its most advanced development, and my afternoon's discussion was in reality a good deal of an education in this charming science. I shall be very happy indeed to give all the benefit I can of it to our farmer friends in Fairhope.

He tells me that at the prices that sweet cream sells for in Mobile, it is better to ship the cream, than to make it into butter at 65 cents per pound. That is almost double the price that the best creamery butter will bring and it is such a saving of time and labor to sell the cream.

In my opinion, this will mark an epoch in the history of Fairhope's growth, and will, as soon as its advantages are known, create a demand for every acre of our denuded pine lands, and soon establish a settlement of prosperous intelligent farmers thereon. And with the growth of the dairy industry, will come other features of greatest value.

As an illustration of the value of stock to our lands, I noted last summer in Mr. Freeman's potato patch. all of which was of luxuriant growth, a portion of the tops were fully four to six inches higher than the rest of the field, and he told me it was clearly the effect of stable fertilizer that had been used on that portion of the land three years previous. This is one of the proofs of what can be done by proper fertilizers on our soil.

S. H. Comings.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Oct. 2 '07—Poking around my house in the laziest kind of way; doing only the work that must be done, as feeding the chickens, bringing in the eggs, putting the setting of "broody" hens in durance, etc., you would think, dear Alice, that I am having the saddest kind of time recovering from Job's afflictions, but I am rather enjoying it. To lie down in the day time and read is an almost unknown luxury to me, and I have read more during the last three weeks than ever before in this house. I have "gone over" my old Mexican journals, and those I kept at Casa Tonti, our South Jersey home. What shall I do with all this mass of journals, letters and rejected contributions to magazines, excerpts from periodicals and gems copied from many languages? Let me give you a specimen of these gems, which no doubt is to be found in your library if you know where to look for it.—"So far as men become good and wise and rise above the state of children, so far they become emancipated from the written law and invested with perfect freedom which consists in the fullness and joyfulness of compliance with the higher and unwritten law; a law so universal, so subtle, so glorious, that nothing but the heart can keep it." That is from John Ruskin. Then follows an original drawing in red ink of a very fat grasshopper that used to come out from somewhere on to my desk on that rock at Topolobampo and eat from a lump of sugar. Night after night he was the only caller I had. Underneath the red grasshopper is a poem I always admired.

Could We but Know.

Could we but know,
The land that ends our dark, uncertain travail,
Where lie those happier hills and meadows low
Ah, if beyond the spirit's inmost cavil,
Aught of that country we could surely know,
Who would not go?

Might we but hear
The hovering angels' high imagined chorus,
Or catch betimes, with wakeful eyes and clear,
One radiant vista of the realm before us,
With one rapt moment given to see and hear,
Ah, who would fear?

Were we quite sure
To find the peerless friend who left us lonely,
Or there, by some celestial stream as pure,
To gaze in eyes that here were lovelit only,
This weary, mortal coil, were we quite sure,
Who would endure?

It is by E. C. Stedman. By the way, he is interested in our experiment here and may some day visit us. In his last letter he says: "The Fairhope Courier reaches me regularly, and is read by me with as much attention as the Tribune or the London Academy. I feel well acquainted with your little Colony." What a delight it is to read appreciation like that from such a source!

October 3 x x x At last we are certain, deo volente, to have a library building west of the Pines. The architect, Mr. Littlefield, showed the plans to the Library Association last night at an adjourned meeting at Mr. Powell's, and the building committee was instructed to commence the work at once. We can now say to friends who were asked to defer further contribution of books until we had room for them, to be getting them together against the time when we can say, we are ready. When sufficient volumes are collected to make it necessary to send a box by freight, it would be well to send us a list to prevent too many duplicates of books not much called for, or not of great literary value. I believe the new building is to hold over 6,000 volumes. Once all the books are in this new building, I shall try to rent this north-west room, which should not be difficult. It has a fire-place (an air tight heater in the winter,) a deep bay window giving on the bay, and a wide west veranda; also a large north window and a north, or front door.

x x x The weeds in my neglected garden, especially the vegetable garden, grow apace. But then everybody has the same tale to tell since the late abundant rains. They tell us that this soil "leaches so," meaning that the manure you put on it is washed "down and out." Now this cannot be so, for after every long rain the tender red leaves of all the roses, heralds of buds, every one of them, push out in abundance, so of other flowers. I remember in the North how I used to take infinite pains to make a night-blooming jasmine flourish in a pot; and when I succeeded in coaxing out a few sickly flower s[illegible] it was a triumph. Here that jasmine grows rank as does the lilac in the North, and it perfumes the whole neigborhood. *People perceive it in passing in the street and that must be one hundred feet and more, for the plant is in the rear of the cottage. Another real wonder of the floral world is the Mexican trailing, climbing vine; the San Miguelita, really the antigonon leptopus. It is the grandest of all for decoration. Since early spring, I think, I have been giving away and bringing into the house its long, brilliant pink sprays, pulling them down ruthlessly from the tall trellis where it is a huge, top-heavy mass of most brilliant pink. I am trying to multiply this for friends for every one must wish to have an arbor or trellis of this magnificent thing. It grew wild all over my rock at Topolobampo, but never so luxuriantly, nor were the flowers quite so large as they are here.

*I was afraid of exaggerating. There was no danger. Just now being at Mrs. Gaston's house she told me that last night when her husband came home she noticed him with his lantern hunting for something—"What is it" he asked, "that is smelling so sweet?" She told him he need not look further for it was the night blooming jasmine at Mrs. Howland's. That I think must be two hundred feet away.

The merry clang of the anvil of our new blacksmith, Mr. W. T. Joyce makes pleasant music about the "four corners." Mr. Joyce is reputed to be the best blacksmith in Baldwin county and gives abundant evidence of his ability to sustain the title. He has fitted his new shop up with new tools of the very latest and best models to enable him to do the best work with the quickest dispatch. Among the latest of these tools is one to set tires without heating or removing from the wheels. It is adjustable from the smallest buggy tire to a heavy wagon tire. Scientific horse-shoeing is one of Mr. Joyce's specialties, for which he fitted himself not only by many years experience in the shop but by a course in the anatomy of the horse's foot and leg, in the Detroit, Mich., Horseshoer's school. Work has started off well with him and the prospects are that he will have plenty to keep him busy.

Fairhope heartily congratulates Daphne upon the auspicious opening of its new normal school this week. The loss of the county seat, (in which Fairhope's sympathies were all with Daphne) appears now to have been a "blessing in disguise." From every standpoint a prosperous institution of learning is of vastly greater benefit to a town than to be the seat of county government. Much will remain for Daphne to do to make the institution the great success we all hope and expect it to be, but has a partner in the great state of Alabama, which, having struck hands with her in the enterprise, is financially able and will not turn back. Success to the Daphne State Normal School.

ONWARD MARCH OF SINGLE TAX.

FROM THE PHILADELPHIA EVENING BULLETIN.

Henry George, could he come back to this life and learn that the German kaiser has actually played the part of disciple by giving the "Land Tax" theory practical development, would be very apt to count the imperial system a better field for the theorizer than a democracy. For extraordinary to testify, when the war lord set out to create a German state in the Chinese Territory he seized some years ago, to punish the Chinese for the hard usage visited upon some missionaries, he ordered that six per cent be levied upon all land in the colony, irrespective of its public or private ownership. What is still more astonishing, the result worked so well in the far off colony that some German cities have adopted the same principle and now observing visitors to the fatherland come away with the inquiry: "How is it that German cities are so clean, so handsomely ornamented, so devoid of the sordid contrasts seen in nearly every other country in the world?" Three hundred cities and towns in the empire levy a tax of from two and a half to three per cent on all lands, whether used or not. The first result of the equalization of burdens was to throw open to capital and labor new and increased avenues of employment. In addition to the land tax many of the German cities have added an "unearned increment" levy copied from the imperial tax levied by the authorities of Kiou-Chau, paid when land changes hands. Not long ago the Hamburg-American Steamship line paid a tax of $400,000 for land to extend their yards and offices.

If the city of Hamburg had the unearned increment tax in operation the municipality would have secured $35,000 income from the sale, since the same parcel of land sold a few years ago for $175,000. In Kiou-Chau the government requires the owners of land to give their estimate of the values every three years. Undervaluation has no temptation for the owner. The wonders brought about by the kaiser's experiment in the distant Colony became speedily known to the practical authorities of the larger German towns and they at once adopted, probably without suspecting it, one of the methods urged by Henry George to equalize conditions for all the tax-payers. When to the tax on land the more venturesome municipalities added the unearned, or rather, the community earned, advance on values, cities which have found it difficult to keep streets and public utilities in order, found themselves possessed of ample funds in the exchequer and the entire citizenry relieved of worrisome details over their assessments.

The first effect of the unearned increment levy is to check land monopoly and prepare the way for a national system. In all the German colonies the imperial authorities have decreed that all lands belong to the nation; the law requires owners along railway and canal routes to turn over land for permanent right of way, to add stations free of charge and contribute to the cost of construction of the lines.

Various astonished philosophers, seeking the explanation of the development of Henry George's theories in Germany before the more liberal and democratic countries, explain the phenomenon variously. The more general education of the ordinary masses of the citizenry makes the subject readily comprehensive to the men most interested, the tax-payers. Then again newspapers are more cheaply circulated in Germany than elsewhere in Europe. The general post office distributes journals for a merely nominal sum, But perhaps more cogently explicative than all else is the fact that over $1,500 German towns and villages own and have owned from the far off feudal times so much common land that their inhabitants have never been called on to pay taxes at all; in fact in some communities the rental for communal lands turns in such a handsome sum that each citizen receives $25 to $100 as a "Christmas box" every year. But perhaps the most interesting aspect of this exposition is that in the communally endowed towns and villages the percentage of criminality is far lower than in those which are compelled to raise the civic budgets by tax levies. The statistics make the surprising exhibit that in Hohenzollern, for example, where the communal lands pay all expenses there, for a test of a year, but eight people in a thousand were punished for theft, while in Posen, the easternmost province of Prussia, there were 367 to the 1,000. Similar comparisons with a score of cities, provinces and villages, show the same rate.

British visitors to Germany have been loud in their admiration of the "New Fatherland" and express stupefication that while vaster sums are expended in Britain, there are no such civic properties to be seen as in the German cities. Some Germans account for the "better life" by the germination of the land value theory and assert that when the theory is tried in full as George expounded it, most of the ills that afflict the middling and the toiling ranks will have been ended, There are Germans, however, who explain the disappearance of the squalor of other lands and other times in Germany by nationalization of the railways, canals, post offices, telegraphs and the wonders wrought by making trade free between all the German states following the unity of the empire. The "parcels post," they claim, is of itself enough to explain the increase of comfort to the sixty millions who now make up the German nation. Where a package weighing fifty pounds can be sent for less than five cents, fifty miles, everyone can make his means go farther. Yet Austria enjoys the parcels post, and though its people are not depressed as in other countries, they do not present the same general condition of well being that is marked in Germany.

The League of Land Reformers claims that the land value practice tax is accountable for the ease of the Germans millions, at least where it is in operation. They have petitioned the government to have strips of land along all the proposed canals set apart for the experiment and as there are endless canals projected and in course of construction, the land if granted, will afford the advocates of the system a larger sphere to demonstrate the exact result of the land value theory in unrestricted practice. These tracts of land will be used to repopulate large segments now crowded in towns. Berlin, for example, is increasing so rapidly that its suburbs suggest western boom towns where precious mines have been "located." The towns built upon these tracts are to be "model settlements" where the toiler may have for small rents open spaces and most of the "agreements" that are associated with affluence. More than one fourth of the population of the empire have adopted and are putting in practice the "land value" system of taxing and this with none of the machinery of propaganda required in other countries to stir the legislatures of municipal bodies. Many large towns some of them of more than 50,000 inhabitants, have joined the Land Reform League as corporations, and though there are scarcely a dozen members of the reichstag known as advocates of the land value theory, the reformers are confident that a majority will be found when the question comes up.

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Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

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Attend the Single Tax Conference at New York, November 18th and 19th, if you can possibly arrange to do so.

The Fairhope public school opened on Monday morning, with our efficient teachers of last year, Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet in charge and an enrollment of about seventy-five which will no doubt be materially increased in the next few weeks.

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How Not To Raise Public Revenue.

Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama, furnishes an excellent example of how *not* to raise public revenue, in its license ordinance published in a recent issue of the Progressive Era.

Here are a few of the items of license taxation, most interesting to Fairhopers.

Barber shops	$ 2 50
Blacksmith shops, one forge	2.50
Boarding H. taking transients	10.00
Subscription book agents (per week)	5.00
Carriages, wagons, buggies, etc., (not included in general merchandise)	25.00
Concert or Lecture (except for religious, educational or charitable purposes) each	2.50
Dentists	10.00
Dray one-horse	2.50
" two-horse	5.00
Restaurants per annum or per month	10.00 5.00
Money-loaners	100.00
Ice Co.	200.00
Ice cream and soda fountains	10.00
Insurance agents	25.00
Lawyers	10.00
Livery stables	25.00
Newspapers	10.00
Physicians	10.00
Selling goods by sample	50.00

And so on for a hundred or more items.

Many of these seem intended to be prohibitive. The tendency of all is, of course, to discourage the doing of the thing taxed, consequently to interfere with normal competition and encourage monopoly. The worst sufferers—who pay all the licenses in the form of higher prices for goods and services, with at least as much more on top of them, because of the restriction to competition, are the people, and this is no more than just. They are the ones who uphold the foolish system and they deserve just what they get.

We believe the people of Fairhope know better than to adopt such a foolish method of raising municipal revenue, or we would not favor incorporation.

Defects in Our Road Laws.

The late heavy rains have left the roads in bad shape in almost all directions and now is made especially apparent the defects in our present road law.

Under the law males between the ages of 18 and 45 are liable to be summoned out to work the roads not to exceed ten days in the year.

By ruling of the county commissioners a cash payment of three dollars can be made in lieu of the liability to work. This cash payment is forwarded to Bay Minette, and so far as this vicinity knows, it stays there.

Mr. Louis Barkley who is overseer on the Silver Hill road, reports that he has collected over $30 in cash, from the hands apportioned to his road and sent to Bay Minette —not even receiving a receipt for it to date--and now has no money and no hands to work the road, which is in bad condition.

The COURIER of course believes, that the burden of working the roads should not be wholly saddled on men simply because they are men, and during the years when they have their most strenuos time in the making of homes and providing for their families, but should be borne by those both old and young, male or female, who are financially benefitted in the increase of the value of their property because of road improvement—land being the only kind of property thus increased in value.

But even on the present basis there is too much difference in favor of the man able to raise a few dollars in cash as against the man who has to work his tax out. And certainly the cash paid should be expended on the road to which the payers are apportioned.

To Point the Way Not All.

Half a century ago many of the preachers of the land said that slavery was ordained of God and quoted sceipture to prove it; they agreed that the black man was intended by God to remain a slave because he was black and that slavery should always exist because it had existed. Were they praying. "Thy will be done" as well as that man who arrived at New Orleans on a flatboat, and beholding for the first time the horror of the auction block on which human beings were being sold like cattle, the separation of families, the hopeless sorrow of fathers and mothers whose children were torn from their arms to be plunged into worse than slavery, turned to his companion and said, "Hanks, if ever I get a chance to hit that institution, by God I will hit it hard"?

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To adopt a suggestion made by Henry D. Loyd—a Rousseau who proclaims in words, "This is God's will" is not sufficient unless there follows a Mirabeau who insists by action that God's will shall be done. A Garrison and a Phillips to point the way are not enough unless a Lincoln and a Grant compel actual progress toward the ideal; Ruskin, Carlyle, Victor Hugo, Henry George Mazzini, Carl Marx, Tolstoy, Wagner, Whitman, Emerson, Lowell and others have all pointed in one direction saying, "This is God's will" it remains for us to truly say, "Thy will shall be done."

Thornton A. Mills.

This is the mission of Fairhope upon the land of which with the help of its friends, it can secure control.

Farm Journal Favors Government Ownership of Railroads.

Government control and management of railroads will be looked upon by the capitalistic class as "Socialism" and a terrific howl will go up from those who fatten on dealing in profits rather than in legitimate commerce. It must be admitted that those who favor government control, do so from a desire for the greatest good to the greatest number and not for swollen or stolen fortunes for a few by exploiting the masses. The railroads of this country exist by permission of the people. Their iron tracks run on strips of land to which they are conceded a "right of way." These lines are public highways. Their private ownership by the railroad company is subservient to public welfare and laws are continually being made and recognized by common carriers as right and proper regulating conditions, rates safeguards, etc.

It is only a step—and that one of expedience and not of principle—from government supervision and regulation to government control and ownership. If it appears that the rights and interests of the whole citizen body can not be secured by legislative enactment, commissions and judicial protection, then measures fitting the spirit of the twentieth century will need to be taken and when we have passed through the evolution stage from present day conditions, which are growing more and more exasperating and unbearable every day, we will wonder at our complaisance and crudity under the old state of affairs.—Farmers Voice.

A few nights ago Mr. Lyon was awakened at midnight by a noise in his bedroom up stairs. Getting out of bed he felt a furry animal rubbing against his shins and proceeded to drive out a supposed cat, when he discovered the intruder to be a large possum. With the assistance of Mr. Paton the animal was killed after quite a scrimmage.

A tug came over on Sunday with a barge which was loaded with cross ties for Davis Voss and Co., on Monday and Tuesday.

Tax Asssessor's and Collector's Notice.

The Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, will meet the tax payers at times and places as follows:

First Round October	Place	Second Round November
1	Holman's	4
2	Gateswood	5
3	Duck's	6
5	Perdido	8
7	Blacksher	9
8	Montgomery Hill	11
9	Stockton	12
10	Bay Minette	13
11	Hurricane	14
12	Stapleton	15
14	Daphne	16
1	Rosinton	4
2	Seminole	5
3	Camp Powell	6
4	Roberts	7
5	Helton	8
7	Shell Banks	9
8	Bon Secour	11
9	E. Francis	12
10	Marlow	13
11	Battles	14

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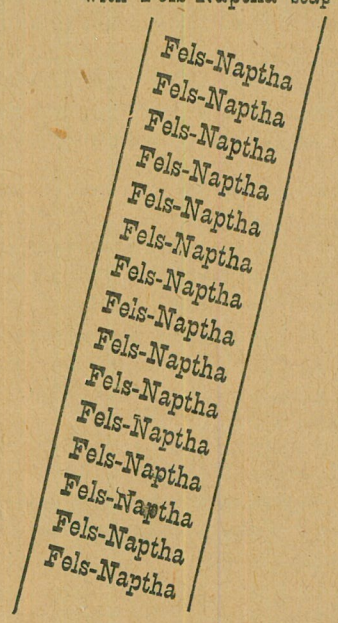

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Mr. F. J. Lefevre left on Wednesday of last week for his home at Louisville Ky., after a pleasant stay of several weeks. His sister, Mrs. Klosterman and her son, a young man, also from Louisville arrived just before Mr. Lefevre left. The son left on Tuesday morning of this week, but Mrs. Klosterman will remain a couple of weeks longer.

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Bayle's Saratoga Chips are certainly fine: they "sure" are. Try a package: only 10c. Mer. M. Co.

Dr. and Mrs. Gibbons left this morning for Seymour Tex. where they expect to spend the next three months or more.

Captain Joseph Lawrence went to work this morning on the Baumhauer cottage on the bay front, for which he has the contract.

Look for my locals next week. Something important. Mrs. Call.

About twenty-five or thirty people came over on the Fairhope Sunday. The Pleasure Bay which made the trip around the shore had none.

Bayle's After Dinner Cheese is better than a $4 bottle of tonic. 20c. per jar. Mershon Merch. Co.

J. W. Ettel and wife, arrived from White Springs, Fla., on Sunday to spend some time at their "Iron Springs" Cottage, adjoining the Colony.

Mr. DeCoudres is over for a week or two enjoying the fine fishing. He used to be one of our crack fishermen and has not forgotten how to pull 'em in.

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Miss Alice Patterson left on Wednesday morning to take a school near Laurel Miss. Miss Alice is one of our bright and capable young ladies, who is developing into an excellent teacher.

School time is here again. You will need new books, pencils ink, pens, tablets etc. The Post Office News Stand can supply all your wants. New School Supplies arriving constantly.

Prof. and Mrs. Vredenburg and Miss Helen, left last week for Bristol, Va., where the professor resumed his duties as instructor in Sullins' College for young ladies, and Miss Helen entered classes for some special work.

Mrs. Hickox and her mother, Mrs. Ripley, left on Monday morning after a stay at the Fairhope Hotel of three months, which they declared to have been one of the pleasantest summers of their lives. They hope to come again.

Miss Louie Shepherd, one of our best and most capable young ladies, who has been Mr. Oswalt's assistant in the post-office, left this morning for Holdridge, Nebraska, where she has an uncle, and where her mother is now visiting, and where she expects to spend the winter.

Some accident occurred to the machinery of the steamer Pleasure Bay on Wednesday evening, just after she had landed at Fairhope and she drifted down nearly off of Battles before her engines were started up again. She made her run as usual, however, the next day.

Look out for V. I. C. Social on Oct. 18th. Something new! Make no other arrangements for that date. Fuller particulars next week.

Mrs. J. F. Harrison and little Dolly Gray Harrison, return to Mobile this week after being here since April. Mrs. Harrison was one of the first of Mobilians to become interested in Fairhope and would, indeed, like to live here the year round. She renewed her subscription to the Courier before leaving.

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While driving out to the Turner Lumber Camp, on Monday evening a Fairhope Livery rig containing Mr. Ira Powell, young Mr. Taylor and a couple of other men, ran into a washout in the road, concealed by the water standing in it, upsetting the carriage and throwing all the party out, Fortunately none were hurt to signify and the carriage was but slightly damaged.

The Progressive League.

The League was addressed last Sunday by Dr. Gibbons, who read an interesting essay on Emerson. This was the doctor's last address in Fairhope for some months, as he left this morning for a trip to Texas and a long visit there.

The usual discussion followed, in w ich some materialistic philosophers objected to Emerson as being too visionary and impractical, and even as being an agent of capitalism.

In a pleasantly satirical way Dr. Gibbons closed by wishing he could summon the departed Emerson to Fairhope, the centre of the intellectual universe, to learn what his true value was, from the eminent philosophers who lived there.

There was a large attendance at the meeting. Next Sunday Mr. Frank Brown, president of the Corporation, will speak, taking the subject, "The Single Tax Enough," answering those who have contended that the Single Tax does not go far enough.

LIBRARY PLANS ADOPTED.

And Work to be Pushed at Once On Erection of Building.

The Library Association met on Tuesday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Powell, to hear the report of the building committee.

The committee presented plans prepared by Mr. Littlefield, after consultation with the rest of the committee, showing a very pretty and appropriate building 16 x 24.

The style of construction recommended by the committee, is reinforced concrete on frame, interior plastered with wood pulp plaster.

With slight changes as to size and style of windows, the plans and specifications were adopted and the committee directed to go ahead at once with the building.

The building will have a very pretty west front upon the new street which is to be opened between Fairhope and Magnolia avenues, arrangements for the immediate opening of which were made on last evening.

The site is right at the summit of the rise from the bay, of which it commands a fine view and the opening of the new street will make it very accessible.

Properly equipped with double cases or stacks, the south end of the building will hold over 4000 volumes and leave a clear space for

reading room in the north end, 14 x 16 feet. The main entrance will be in the center of the building from north to south, with another door on the east exactly opposite, the librarian's desk being just a little south of the line between these openings so that persons securing books or making inquiries of the librarian will not interfere with those in the reading room end of the building. There will be a fireplace in the north end. The estimated cost of the building is $500.

The COURIER has been requested to ask those who have unpaid subscriptions to the building fund to hand or send the same to Mr. Jay S. Paton, treasurer, or, if payable in labor, to notify Mr. Littlefield or Mr. Stimpson of the kind of work they can do and when it would be convenient for them to do it.

Daphne State Normal Opens.

The new State Normal School at Daphne-on-the-bay, opened auspiciously this week.

A large audience gathered in the spacious Chapel room of the main building on Sunday, at 11 a. m., to assist in dedicating the buildings for their new and excellent use.

Aside from a general turnout of the people of Daphne and immediate vicinity, other portions of the county were represented; Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Mershon, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Powell and editor and Mrs. Gaston attending from Fairhope.

Following the pleasing opening exercises, President J. A. B. Lovett gave a very interesting history of the effort to secure the school for Daphne, dating back only to last fall. The Fourth of July celebration marked the conclusion of the big effort to secure the $10,000 necessary to make the state's appropriation available and it was not until July 5th that the board of trustees was duly organized and the building committee appointed and empowered to proceed with preparation of the buildings.

Dr. Lovett's remarks were not only interesting but impressive, as he proceeded in the name of the trustees, of the people of Baldwin County and of the great State of Alabama to finally dedicate the buildings to the high purposes of education.

Following the Doctor, Rev. J. S. Frazier, of Mobile, delivered a very scholarly sermon, which was listened to with the closest attention.

At the close of the services the audience indulged in a general handshake and mutual felicitations over the auspicious occasion.

And our party enjoyed a look over the buildings in company with President Lovett and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bates.

Mr. Heller Back.

Wm. L. Heller arrived last Saturday evening, well and hearty and glad to get back to Fairhope. Mr. Heller will spend the fall and early winter months at work in Mobile but expects to get his ice plant installed in ample time for next season's business.

While in the east, Mr, Heller met many of the Single Taxers, especially in Buffalo and New York. He found them greatly interested in Fairhope and was able to give them "inside facts" which were greatly appreciated.

He reports that two or three Buffalo Single Taxers hope to get down here this winter.

COL. SELDEN AGAIN VISITS FAIRHOPE.

Enthusiastic About Agricultural Prospects in This Vicinty. Fine Cotton Field of Brodbeck and Zundel

Col. W. M. Selden who is arranging the Baldwin County exhibit for the State Fair, was in our town again early this week and went from here to Bon Secour. He is very enthusiastic about this portion of the county saying he saw some of the best fields about here that he has ever seen in the state.

He particularly remarked about a cotton field of Messrs. Brobeck and Zundell, four miles south, which he said was about the finest he had ever seen—and which is a second crop grown after a crop of Irish potato.

Calling up Messrs. Brodbeck and Zundell by phone we were informed that the potato crop preceding the cotton was cut very short this year on account of excessive rains, and only yielded a margin of $15 over and above its cost.

Five acres (out of eight planted to potatoes) was planted to cotton, which is expected to go a bale to the acre, if not more,

The other three acres was left to grow a crop of clover (native) and crab-grass hay (being simply harrowed). About five tons of good hay, have already been cut and another crop is almost ready for cutting.

Last year the potato crop on the same land, 278 barrels, brought $1007.05 to make which $453.50 worth of fertilizer was used,

While in Fairhope this week Col. Selden arranged with Dr. H. S. Greeno, to look after the assembling of the articles for the State Fair display, which have been promised from this vicinity. He asked the COURIER to urge those who have promised articles to deliver them to him not later than October 14th.

Dont forget this.

Mrs. Otto Leaves.

Mrs. Mary E. Otto, realizing that her failing strength made it unwise for her to continue longer to live alone, left this morning for Lake Charles, Louisiana, to make her home with a stepson. Her nephew, Mr. J. P. Haber, of Jennings, La., arrived on Wednesday evening to assist her in closing up her affairs here and accompany her on the journey. Mrs. Otto had been a resident of Fairhope for about five years.

She was a sister of George Partridge, who was with John Brown at the battle of Ossowatome, and lost his life in the early Kansan troubles, at Osage river. Dr. Gibbons was a warm personal friend of George Partridge and Mrs. Otto—then Mary Partridge, and he too engaged in the Kansas fights which preceded the civil war. It was a curious coincidence, that after knowing nothing of each other for many years, they should become neighbors here, and even more curious, that they should, without prearrangement, happen to leave on the same day, as they did, Dr. and Mrs. Gibbons leaving this morning for Texas, to remain for some months.

Mrs. Otto wishes us to say that she feels grateful to the people of Fairhope for their kindness to her in her afflictions. She is seventy-eight years of age, and has been fully able to take care of herself until the past few months, when she began to fail rapidly. Her Fairhope friends will hope for her a quiet and peaceful ending of her days.

Mrs. Klosterman of Louisville, Mrs. Zurhorst's sister-in-law, who is visiting the Zurhorsts sustained very painful and severe injuries on Wednesday evening at the pier-head. Arriving on the Caloosa from Mobile, after dark (the Fairhope not running that day) she walked up the incline at the west side of the warehouse, and in the dim light walked off the elevated portion of the floor, falling across the car track below, breaking her wrist and sustaining a severe bruise on her forehead. The injury is especially serious because of her age. She is under the care of Dr. Sheldon at the Zurhorst home and is doing as well as could be expected.

Autumn Temperature.

Sept. 26 to Oct. 2.

	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Sept .26	75*	84	79
27	76	80	76
28	74	76	76
29	71	81	86
30	67	82	75
Oct. 1	73	88	79
2	76	87	80

* at 8:30

4 clear days; 2 cloudy; 1 pt. cloudy; 2 rains.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

The people of Fairhope and especially the many patrons of the Fairhope Livery will be glad to learn that the genial and affable Laurie Thielson is again connected with this popular livery.

Having had charge of the Livery during the time it was owned by Capt. Babb and Dr. Rowe gives him a wide acquaintance among the traveling men and no doubt will prove himself a valuable man to the new proprietor.

The Fairhope Livery is now one of the best equipped liveries in Baldwin Co., and with the direct boat service to and from Mobile makes all parts of lower Baldwin very accessible to traveling men and others wishing to reach interior points.

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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 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

ernment. And why must we have government? Because the welfare, interest and protection of the population demand it. And if these things for the people are granted, given and achieved, what happens? The community then becomes an attractive place to reside or do business in, and the population increases. With population on the increase, so also the value of the land increases. No other kind of property is increased in value by this same reason. Is not this fact remarkable, and can we not learn something from it? Yes, this very important truth, namely, that we should tax land values and nothing else.

Jamestown N. Y. F. G. Anderson.

Increase in Timber Land Values.

Last week a Louisiana lumber company bought from the estate of the late Jay Gould 60,000 acres of pine land for $2,320,000, or almost $39 an acre. Jay Gould paid $1.25 an acre for it less than 30 years ago, and its value has increased 3,000 per cent.

The people of the United States have been adding to the value of that timber since Jay Gould bought it. He bought a savings bank in which the people have been making deposits payable to the Jay Gould estate. No wonder Grover Cleveland says it's better to put money into real estate than into savings banks. As Andrew Carnegie said some years ago, "The way to get rich is to make other people work for you."—Star.

The effort of the Fairhope management has been to conserve for the future benefit of Fairhopers,—whether old settlers or new comers—its timber and site values. For this it is now subject to more blame than praise, but some day the wisdom of its course will be seen and acknowledged by all men.

Through a letter from her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Williams, of Westernport Md., we learn of the death of one of our subscribers, Mrs. Mary Beedle of the same place. Mrs. Beedle was an earnest worker for many years in the Single Tax cause. Among her valued possessions was a complete file of the Standard, founded and edited by Henry George. She died at the ripe age of 77 years. The daughter continues the COURIER to her own address, showing that her mother unlike many unfortunate Single Taxers, was not without sympathy for her ideas in her own immediate family.

Examination of the school children of Kansas City shows that 67 per cent of the pupils have weak eyes, 25 per cent have throat trouble and almost 10 per cent have defective hearing. The same conditions, to a greater or less degree, exist in most American and European cities. The cause may be said to be, in a general way, malnutrition—a term that covers lack of sanitation as well as lack of good food. In our mad rush for dollars we are neglecting the most valuable of all crops—the crop of children. We think more of the corn crop and the hog crop than of the child crop.

—Star, San Francisco.

J. L. Caldwell, veteran Single Taxer, of Amarillo, Texas, is doing some good work in letters to his local papers and finds Fairhope valuable to excite interest and carry home Single Tax lessons to untaught minds.

Attend the Single Tax Conference at New York, November 18th and 19th, if you can possibly arrange to do so.

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Rents Would Increase If Saloons Were Abolished and Landlords Reap Benefit.

The Alabama Christian reports a sermon by Rev. A. R. Moore, of Birmingham, on the "Economic Features of the Liquor Traffic.

Rev. Moore makes many strong points against the liquor traffic from the economic as well as moral standpoint.

He also however bears testimony to the claim of Single Taxers that every betterment of civic or economic conditions is at once reflected in the rent of land.

To the objection urged that "rents would go down" were saloons prohibited, he said;

"Well, it may be that some rents ought to be reduced, but putting the saloons out of business would not accomplish that end. The history in all such cases shows that all vacant stores fill up and rents are even higher than before."

Not only do store rents increase but home rents increase, so that the workmen in a town free from the blasting influence of the liquor traffic have to pay more rent for homes.

Furthermore, if prohibition had the happy effect hoped for by its advocates, of making workmen generally sober, the competition for jobs of sober workmen—deprived of opportunities for self employment by land monopoly—would increase with their number, and wages for sober men tend downward.

Thus is the claim of Single Taxers demonstrated, that, unless land monopoly be first abolished, every effort for the amelioration of the condition of labor will be futile, and its benefits be absorbed by the landlords.

Mr. Comings' Important Announcement.

We did not find time to comment in last issue, upon the important announcement made therein, in letter of S. H. Comings, that he had contracted for a cream separator of latest and best pattern to be shipped direct to Fairhope, and the use of which he proposed to give on most liberal terms possible, to farmers in this vicinity.

This was indeed, an important announcement. It has long been our conviction as well as that of many students of local agricultural conditions, that stock-raising, especially dairying, is one of the most promising industries for this section. We do not know just the prices which are paid in Mobile for cream, but presume that they were correctly reported by Mr. Comings, to his friend in Michigan, who stated (as quoted by him in his last week's letter) that to sell cream at such prices would be better than making butter in Michigan at sixty-five cents a pound.

We have been informed that Van Antwerp and Co., who require so much cream in their large ice-cream business, have had cream shipped from as far as Illinois. And this in a country where green pasture can actually be had twelve months in the year, and forage for dry-feeding or in the form of ensilage, can be grown in the greatest abundance, and winter is practically unknown.

If Mr. Comings puts a good separator at the command of local farmers he will do the community very great service—which we know is his principal motive in the matter.--and if the farmers on the Colony lands and near by, will get in good milch cows as fast as they can secure them and provide feed for them they will speedily solve two of the most important problems confronting them, viz; provide a source of immediate and steady income, and escape the heavy cash outlay for commercial fertilizer.

ALABAMA EDITORS ON FAIRHOPE.

The Southern Democrat, Oneonta Ala., whose editor was one of the state editorial party entertained at Fairhope in July, recently gave Fairhope a very nice editorial notice.

Following a discriminatlng statement of the policy of the Colony, the article concluded as follows:

"Under this system the town is prospering and the people appear to be content and happy.

"Fairhope is indeed a beautiful town with its many magnificent residences and intelligent citizenship.

"Whether we agree with these people on the Single Tax theory or not all Alabamians will rejoice at their continued success."

Editor E. W. Yerby, of the Greensboro Watchman, another of the editorial party, wrote of his visit to Fairhope in his issue of August 29, in which he said in part:

"We went to Fairhope, the Single Tax Colony in Baldwin county. It is quite a neat and pretty little town situated high above the waters of Mobile Bay. It has a prosperous air about it, and the people seem to be well-to-do.

* * *

"While not agreeing to the theory advocated by these excellent people at Fairhope, yet to one who is accustomed to pay state tax, county tax, city tax, license tax, solvent credit tax, street tax, and many other taxes, "Single Tax" sounded mighty good to the average man who heard the speakers at Fairhope explain their mode of conducting the affairs of the Single Tax Colony."

Special Privileges.

EDITOR COURIER:

A friend of mine was held up last week and had $30 taken away from him. One of the highwaymen handed him a nickel. "That's for car fare home." Said he.

The cost of kerosene, when the world was young to me, just after getting the consent of the best girl that ever lived, was six cents a gallon. The old lady now pays twelve. For a time, (while the university of the "Kerosene King" was building) she paid fifteen cents.

One cent a gallon more means $50,000,000 more a year, and Rockefeller hands out a university. "That's for your education." Says he.

The railroads are held up for defective rails at twenty-eight dollars a ton (which sell for less money in foreign countries) because we must protect the Carnegie-Morgan-26 Wall Street Push who furnish business to we natives, which is nice of them to be sure. "That's for a library." Says Carnegie.

Is it possible, that any fairly posted American still fails to tumble? Well! Lots don't.

This is a great country! We are getting something for nothing.

Edgewater, Chicago, Ill. A. Wangeman.

Sit Up and Take Notice.

EDITOR COURIER:

Statistics carefully gathered by "The Women's Trade Union League show that in Allegheny County Penn. eighty-nine per cent of the dead left no property, and 3.5 per cent only enough to bury them decently. Another 6 per cent left less than $10,000, of which 4.5 per cent left less than $5,000.

It thus appears that in one of America's richest communities per capita, 95 per cent die poor, showing a concentration of wealth into so few hands that it should make the most stupid conservative tremble for the future of his country.

Rome fell, The French Revolution came, and in our day we have the curdling horrors of Russia; all from the same iniquitous social institutions that to day make Allegheny County, Pa, a land of dissolute millionaires and hopeless pauper slaves of the whistle.

Is it not time for thoughtful and patriotic Americans to "view with alarm" this failure to graft democratic policies on our inherited European feudal institutions? What is the value of a right to the ballot compared to the right to own the earth and the fruits thereof?

The remedy for social injustice is a sure and simple one. It is only to distinguish between mine, thine and ours; giving to each his own. Give to the useful worker the full value of his product and to the community for social uses the land and franchise values, which all have aided to produce. This is justice, and justice leads to peace, plenty and freedom.

Mound City Kas. W. H. Wakefield.

Initiative and Referendum Not Unconstitutional.

We are indebted to Frank S. Stone, Esq., of Bay Minette, for the following clipping from "Our Bulletin" issued by the National Reporter system.

"The Initiative provision of the Los Angeles City Charter was upheld by the California Supreme Court in Re Pfaeler, 88 Pacific Reporter, 270, as against, among others, the contention that the provision violated the constitutional guaranty of a republican form of government. This constitutional provision the majority of the court maintains, if it did refer to states, did not refer to local affairs in the state. A dissenting opinion holding a contrary view was, however, filed.

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Hindrance of Increasing Land Values Privately Appropriated in Neighboring Town.

In a recent visit to a neighbor town, we passed over a tract of land which was suggested as a site for our Colony before the exact location had been chosen.

A very short time previous the tract with the somewhat extensive improvements upon it, was purchased for $5,000.

The improvements have not been kept up, but have deteriorated greatly in the intervening years, but we understand that $10,000 has recently been refused for about one-half of the tract, and that the owner thinks by platting it into lots and putting them on the market, he ought to realize over $13,000 for it.

This, we understand, is for only about half the tract, and this is not an extraordinary increase in land values at all. The land is, in our opinion, well worth the prices stated and if it cannot today be sold at the figures named, it will only be a short time until it will have eager takers at the price. Our advice to the holder was to hang on—and why shouldn't he?

If he should put his present buildings in repair, or build new ones, rust and decay would begin at once upon them, while fire or storm might in a few moments wipe them out of existence. And the county and state would begin at once and continue with annual regularity to fine him for his enterprise.

As it is, his property being practically unproductive and presenting quite an unattractive weed-grown appearance, can easily be returned to the assessor at a valuation far below its real worth, while increasing rapidly in value because of the attractions to increasing population resulting from the efforts of others.

While assuring the owner of the great value of his property—and advising him to hold on, we were not unmindful of the fact that to do so would seriously handicap the growth of the town in which it is located—which cannot grow normally and symmetrically without the opening of the land for settlement—but that is the fault of the system, which we understand to be approved by the majority of the people there as well as elsewhere, and we thought that a good striking illustration right "under their noses" of the evil of the policy might be valuable in helping them to a realization of the wisdom of adopting another policy.

Mr. Swift has a fine patch of Cassava. A look at the velvet beans growing in his vineyard is recommended to those who doubt the ability of this soil to produce the forage to make it a competitor of the dairy states of the north.

Absurdity of License Taxes on Desirable Industres.

In the license ordinance of Camden, Ala., to which we called attention last week is an item: "Ice Company $200." This is among the highest on the list.

At Fairhope we want an ice-plant very badly and think it would be a great thing for the town. Were we disposed to give "bonuses" for the establishment of industries we know of scarcely anything we would more cheerfully give one for than an ice factory.

A local ice plant, beside the employment it would give to local labor, would save us the wastage and cost of transporting, which, even a few miles from a plant will nearly double the cost to the consumer.

Fairhope has prospects of getting an ice-plant and has leased a site for one, but what a slap in the face to the projectors it would be to run up against a license of $200 at the outset.

It is most likely it would bluff them out entirely.

If it did not do that it would be an expense to be met just as the cost of fuel or labor, which would have to be figured in the cost of ice, so that it could not be sold as cheaply and we the ice consumers, would have the license to pay in the increased cost of our ice.

Probably the Camden councilmen thought that the ice company had a "cinch" and was making too much money off of them, and thought to "get even" by the license tax, but the method adopted would only tend to confirm the monopoly by discouraging competition, and will act as a boomerang which will come back to give them its hardest blow.

"It is estimated that there are 150,000,000 acres of land in the United States now useless for agriculture on account of either being too dry or too wet but possible of reclamation by irrigation and drainage. The average cost of irrigation reclamation thus far undertaken by the government is about $30 an acre, while the cost of drainage reclamation of swamp lands, according to official estimates, should not exceed $6 an acre. The swamp areas are in the more thickly settled parts of the country, and the engineering problems connected with drainage are much simpler than those connected with irrigation, hence the cost is less. The reclaimed lands should eventually reach a value of $50 to $100 an acre.—Farmers Advocate.

Would that the government could be made to see the importance of conserving for the benefit of all the people, the difference between the present worth of these lands and the value which will come to them because of government drainage and irrigation works and not only this but the value which will continue to come to them as the demand for land increases.

A Public-Service Absurdity.

At any post office in the United States a parcel weighing not more than 11 pounds can be mailed at a charge of 12 cents a pound to many foreign points, including New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Bolivia, Norway, Chili, Mexico, Bahamas and Venezuela. A parcel not weighing more than 6 pounds 6 ounces can be mailed to Germany at the same rate. In the domestic mails weighing more than 4 pounds is rejected, and the rate at any point in the United States is 16 cents a pound. An 11 pound parcel can be mailed to any post office in New Zealand, or to Hong Kong, by the prepayment of $1.32 postage. A like rate is allowed us by the countries named. But if the same articles are sent from St. Louis to East St. Louis or any other post office within the boundaries of our own country, the articles would have to be divided into three parcels, and the postage would be $1.76, or 33 per cent more than the rate to Japan or Chili.

This ridiculous disparity is due to the fact that the parcels post in foreign countries has been immensely developed along popular lines, while our own system has been stationary.

On reaching international postal relations in the matter of transporting packages, the United States was so overwhelmed by its own extravagant domestic rates that it was compelled to agree to lower rates for an interchange of parcels. The postal charge on a domestic parcel in the United States is fourteen times as high as in Germany.

It must astonish foreign departments to learn our domestic parcel rates. When it came to a mutual arrangement the United States was ashamed to ask foreigners as much as it exacts from its own citizens.—Globe Democrat.

The trouble has been that a few express magnates have more power at Washington than all the plain patrons of the post offices.

H. F. Ring Visiting Fairhope.

H. F. Ring, of Houston, Texas, is a Fairhope visitor, having arrived on a launch yesterday morning. He will remain over until tomorrow morning, and will be tendered an informal reception at the Fairhope Hotel this evening.

Mr. Ring is a prominent attorney of his city, and is one of the known Single Taxers of the country, by reputation at any rate, for he is the author of some very effective Single Tax pamphlets of large circulation. Mr. Ring was a delegate from his city to the International Cotton Convention which just met at Atlanta, which gave him the opportunity to visit Fairhope.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Your anxiously waited letter came last night dear Augusta, with the precious news that the household is richer by a "brand new" member, and that her name is just what I hoped it would be: "Augusta." The letter finds the Pines in the midst of a revolution. As I write, snatching the time between the call for books, for it is Library day, I hear the sound of axes, saws, the voices of workmen and the swish and thud of falling trees. The building committee and their assistants are clearing the lot for the new library building. Some of the library callers expressed astonishment that I could permit such havoc among my beautiful pines. Well, it is hard, but, in the first place, I have ceded the lot to the Corporation where the new building is to stand, and there must be a spot cleared for it; then, I must confess that since the "September hurricane" which laid waste this garden, being alone in the house for the most part, I get nervous when the zephyrs freshen a little, and listen for falling trees. And then "everybody" is always scaring me with the picture of gales and falling pines! You see it is not my fault, it is "everybody's" Seriously, I shall leave enough pines for the music they make and which is so charming to me; and for shade and beauty I will cultivate evergreens, the camphor, the oleander, the poplar, and tall species of the lovely accacia

I made a grand commencement to day when I agreed to the felling of the three pines nearest to the west veranda, two, indeed which were built into it, and the other almost touching the steps. That had to be "grubbed" out of the walk and it was an arduous task. The two in the veranda I had sawed off just above the veranda roof, and will use them for climber pillars, that is the stumps of them. It was hard to keep indoors doing prosaic library work while all this excitement was going on outside. It was no child's play to fell trees and make them fall so as to escape the little Satsuma oranges, camphors, the oleanders, etc. But the work was done quite skillfully and satisfactorily until it came to those trees in the veranda balustrade. That would have been a "ticklish" job, even had there been room enough, but with my plantation it required the skill of a woodsman who boasts that he can drive a stake in the ground with his falling tree every time! Comrade Stimpson and his assistants deserve credit, I know, but it was agony to see the first of those veranda pines strip down the top and some of the limbs of a little ailanthus tree, a graceful thing looking so like a fern! I had so feared it would be scorched by the brush fire, but it was reserved for a worse fate. However I will do the best I can to restore it. It should be a most lovely shade tree close in front of the new library. The second of these two trees crashed into a Satsuma orange tree making the fruit dance and shaking off a few, but not greatly hurting the tree. Once during the work the rope used to guide the falling tree broke. The trunk was then almost severed by ax and saw. I must confess that my heart stood still when the young man with linemen's spurs on volunteered to go up the tree and readjust the rope or wire, and, especially as I watched him and saw the tree sway slightly by the wind which was "contrary," and by his weight, perhaps. It was a relief when he got safe down to the veranda roof and took up the saw. It seems to me he did not make a half dozen strokes before the tree swayed and snapped! When he commenced that climb I heard him reply to someone who expressed fear for him, that he could not die but once! I was proud of his nerve.

You have something infinitely higher in you to satisfy than to make a mere living, to get through your day's work as easily as possible. That is, your sense of the right, the demand in you to do your level best, to call out the best thing in you, to be a man, to do the square thing; this should speak so loudly in you that the mere bread-and-butter question, the money making question, should be absolutely insignificant in comparison.

It is the lofty ideal that redeems the life from the curse of commonness, and imparts a touch of nobility to every calling. But a low, sordid aim will take the dignity out of any occupation.

O. S. Marden.

Good results are claimed for the effort of the National Bureau of Animal Industry to eradicate the southern cattle tick. It is claimed that the infested area is being steadily reduced. The great evil of the tick is in the spread of the Texas or splenetic fever, and the worst feature of this is in its menace to the introduction of fine stock from other sections to improve the southern stock.

John P. Lowell, who published the booklet, "Scenes in and about Fairhope" is planning to get out another similar edition. This booklet came at a very opportune time just as the edition of the booklet issued by the COURIER printing office was about exhausted, and Mr. Lowell rendered us a valuable service in publishing it.

Knights of Pythias Meet at Bay Minette.

The District convention of the Knights of Pythias was held at Bay Minette Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and was a decided success, being attended by 75 delegates from counties in the lower part of the state. Fairhope Lodge was represented by the following delegates: J. M. Pilcher, P. Y. Albright, Frank Davis, Harry Gable, Robert Griffin, and Claude Baldwin. Mr. Pilcher was elected fourth vice president of the district, and the convention decided to meet again in six months at Atmore. Bay Minette did herself proud in entertaining the visitors, giving them the freedom of the town, and providing in every possible manner for their comfort and convenience. A banquet was served in the court house, which was worthy of the best up-to-date catering.

The Curtises Back In The Resturant.

Mrs. Lenora Curtis and son Rolland are back in the resturant, which they called the "Curtis," now known as the "Home Resturant." They took possession on Tuesday of this week.

They managed it very successfuly before and will undoubtedly do so again.

Mrs. Toft has moved into the Levi Wells' cottage next door to the COURIER office, where she will do dressmaking.

Additional Local and Personal.

The foundation is going in for the new library building.

The Comingses are expected home the latter part of this month, and their many friends will be glad to see them back again.

The rains seem to be over and a "spell" of fair weather due. We usually have it comparatively dry—frequently too much so—in October. Better get out your garden seed, strawberries, onion sets, etc., before it comes on so dry they won't start.

Mr. Bellangee's garden in the rear of the Call premises, is an attractive stop, but, unfortunatly not being on the street, is unnoticed by most of the people. Mr. Bellangee is doing the public and the county a general service in producing good vegetables and showing what can be done on a small piece of ground by intensive cultivation.

Rev Sedinger returned on Saturday evening after an absence of several weeks, during which he had successful meeting at New Hope and Clinton, and also visited his former home at Athens. He distributed a number of Fairhope booklets on the trip, and interested a number in the Colony. He resumed his work for the local congregation on Sunday, speaking as usual in the morning and evening.

At the double silver medal contest held at Euclid Sept. 20th. Helen Bell Lucier was awarded the medal in the younger class, and Dorothy A. White in the older class. The judges were Miss Mary M. Stelzenmuller, Messrs. E. Smith and G. V. Stelzenmuller. The judges practically agreed as to who should get the medals, though in the general average Miss Lucier was only one-half a point behind Miss White.

Mr. Ring, who lives nearly in the same latitude with us, thinks growing Satsuma oranges and figs, among the most promising industries here and he is right. The Satsuma oranges are unrivaled in quality and the market is not likely to be overstocked,—while the whole country can be reached with the fruit. Figs ahould be canned or preserved at the point of production, as they will not stand shipping any distance, but will then be in demand at a good price everywhere.

Mrs. Jernigan entertained very pleasantly a few of her neighbors and friends on Monday evening. The especial occasion was a surprise to Mr. J. S. Payton on his birthday. There was music in abundance by Mr. Paton on flute and Mr. Lyon on banjo, with solos by various members of the company and the "good old songs" in which all joined. The hostess also read some of her own exquisite poems, and Mr. Freeman read some of his. Mr. Gaston also read a humorous selection entitled "Mr. Dooley in the Custom House." Ice cream and cake were served, and both the hostess and the guest of honor were the recipients of congratulations on the occasion.

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More of the Daphne Trip.

The Fairhope party attending the dedicatory exercises of the Normal School at Daphne, Sunday before last were the recipients of many appreciated courtesies at the hands of the pleasant people of our sister town.

We were most cordially invited to be the guests at dinner of both Mr. and Mrs. Bates and President Lovett, both of which however we were compelled to decline, as we had before leaving home, engaged dinner at the Daphne Hotel.

In the afternoon we enjoyed a very pleasant call upon Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Yuille, at their beautiful home on the bay front, and were shown over the spacious grounds with their great variety of fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs. The grounds include about thirty acres, which have been in possession of the family since 1840,

We also called upon Mr. and Mrs. Bates at their pleasant home about half way up the hill from the bay. Mr. and Mrs. Bates were among the very first to take up the matter of securing the State Normal School for Daphne, were untiring in their efforts for it all along and deserve much of the credit for the success which has finally crowned the effort.

Both Mr. Yuille and Mr. Bates are readers of the COURIER and warm friends of Fairhope, rejoicing in every evidence of its progress, while working hard for the advancement of the interests of their own town.

Daphne has the advantage of Fairhope in years and in the associations which come therewith; also in her wealth of magnificent oak, gum and magnolia trees along the shore and in the little spring streams, which flow down her ravines. She has, too, the same gradual rise from the top of the bay bluff back to the elevated table land whose level is reached in about half a mile. We have some counterbalancing advantages which however it is unnecessary to enumerate.

Daphne is indeed a charmingly located village, furnishing an ideal setting for the new State Normal School and the fortunate youth who fit themselves for higher usefulness to the world in its halls will cherish throughout their lives pleasant memories of the charms which nature has so lavished on this favored spot.

While writing again of the new State Normal School, we want to commend the high service rendered by Dr. J. A. B. Lovett, without whose tact and "generalship" we do not see how it would have been possible to "land the prize". In our several meetings with the Doctor, he has impressed us most favorably as a genuine broad-minded progressive gentleman. We think he was fittingly and wisely honored with the presidency of the institution which he did so much to found.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening, the 7th, with all members present.

Minutes of meetings of Sept. 17th. 21st. and 23rd., and Oct. 3rd. read and approved.

Following bills allowed.

H. Creswell 45 hours mowing weeds in streets Sept. 18 to 27th. $ 6.73

E. B. Gaston, postage Sept. 4 to 30th. 2.00

Bill of Wm. Stimpson for $3.25 balance for building stairway and Fairhope Livery $2.50, for livery, referred back for further particulars.

Following transfers approved:

W. H. G. Rowe to John P. Lowell Lots 1 to 6, blk. 7, div. 2.

Mrs. M. A. Robinson to Mrs. M. M. Crawford, lot 1, blk. 5, div. 2.

Application granted Mrs. F. P. Lacy for lot 1 and west ½ lot 2, blk. 13, div. 2.

Supt. Lands and Highways instructed to put new street between Fairhope and Magnolia Avenues, in passable condition as soon it is opened.

Adjourned.

The editor is indebted to Mr. J. B. Barber for some fine strawberry plants of several varieties, from the great nurseries of W. A. Thompson at Anna Illinois. Mr. Barber has a few of these plants more than he can use and which he will sell to those desiring them. They are "pedigreed" and duly inspected.

Rev. E. R. Clarkson, who once preached for the Christian Church here, and later went to California where he remained for several years, is back in Alabama. He has his family located on a farm near Citronelle and is engaged in evangelistic work.

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POOR DEAR CHARLES

By H. FORREST

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I.

Dearest Mamie: Although it breaks my heart, I must tell you that Charles and I have parted. I shall never get over it. I look forward to misery only; to a future of endless woe and bitter memories. They say that love is a part of Man's life and the whole of Woman's. It is so.

You are shocked. That is only natural; but wait until you have read and fully digested this letter, and were it not for the fact that your hair is mostly someone else's, it would stiffen and stand straight up. Read, mark, learn and observe the moral thereof. See how I joke; and all the while my poor woman's heart is dead. Ah, Mamie, never put your innocent faith in Man. I know there is not much danger of your falling in the trap, but accidents will happen you know, and fore-warned is fore-armed.

Charles has left be because I am TOO FAT. He says that superfluous flesh disgusts him. He admits that he really did love me when I was young and slender, but for the last few years his nerves have been on the rack at the painful sight of the slow, sure departure of the gazelle-like grace that was mine.

You know I had the smallest waist of any girl in Frisco. Everyone thought I was the most Burne-Jonesque person this side of the Rockies. I was willowy, lithe, spirituelle. Alas! I can say that no more. Actually, I have to tie my corset strings to the bedpost and then run with all my might, if I want to have any waist at all. It is appalling. I am so sorry for Charles. He has such an artistic temperament, you know, and Oh, Mamie, it was a comfort to have a husband with an artistic temperament. They don't grow on every bush.

It hurt him to leave me, but he knew he would be very ill if he had to stand it any longer, as always before him rose the vision of my girlhood's lovely slimness!

Dear Charles! I shall ever be faithful to him, though we are parted. What is life, dear Mamie? Lovingly,
Sylpha.

P. S.—What do you think? I found a picture of that horribly skinny actress, Mlle. Berna Sarhardt, in dear Charles' room! This is the finishing touch to my overwrought feelings.

(Scattered throughout this letter were various blotches, supposedly tear-drops.)

II.

San Francisco, Cal., July 1, 1906.

My Darling Mame: Of course you have heard about dear Uncle Willie. It was so sweet of him to die and leave me all his fortune. You are thinking there is no one else to whom he could leave it, but then he might have settled it on some poky college or town hall. Relatives sometimes have a pleasant little way of surprising one. Take that sarcastically if you wish. At any rate, he doted on town halls, and as for me, I am duly thankful for all small favors. I am wearing mourning for him. I think I ought to, don't you? And then, it makes one look so much slimmer.

Now do you know what I am going to do with that money? I am going to get slender! Yes, even if I have to be molded into a cast. I shall be thin again if I die in the attempt. Charles shall be regained at any cost.

Good-by, dear Mamie—I go to put flowers on Uncle Willie's grave.
Yours forever, Sylpha.

III.

Tucson, Ariz., July 18, 1906.

Dearest Mamie: At last I have found a doctor for my case. A love of a doctor, too. He looks something like dear Charles, only nicer; and he has no artistic temperament. I don't suppose any doctor has. He says fat is just so much more sweetness on some people.

He weighed me to-day, and I tipped the scales at 280 pounds. Think of it—and me with my name!

It is awfully hot here. The perspiration runs in streamlets down my face as I write (there are evidences of the truth of this statement here and there on the paper) but Dr. Pihlbochs says that heat is the best fat reducer in the world. I guess it is. I can hear myself sizzle.

You say Charles has failed. Isn't that too bad? But then, painting is such an uncertain business, even if it is gentlemanly. And so he is going into potato-raising, or something of the sort. Is this really true? Poor, dear Charles! It will go hard with him. Would that I were there to comfort him in his hour of tribulation. Yet he would not have it so. Even my money could not overcome his repugnance for fat.

The doctor says I shall regain my former beauty in a very short time now. He is the loveliest man!
Lovingly, Sylpha.

P. S.—I have bought the darlingest diamond tiara. The doctor says I look like a queen with it on my head.

IV.

Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 3, 1906.

Sweetest Mamie: I send you a pin of Mexican filigree work, and a picture of Alonzo—that's the doctor. He proposed to me last night, and I actually don't know what to do. I am between two fires. Whenever was a maid in such a plight as I? You should thank God that you are immune from the wiles of Man. The beautiful woman is not always the happiest, Mamie. Yours is the right to happiness. Would that I were in your shoes.

I have a 22-inch waist now! Alonzo says that he will not rest in his tireless pursuit until I clasp an 18-inch belt around me—not that he minds stoutness, though.

Do you think he really loves me?

Dear me, I am so flurried. Au revoir, write to me at once, my sweetest friend. Sylpha.

Have you seen Charles?

V.

San Francisco, Cal., March 26, 1907.

My Dear Mamie: The 18-inch waist is mine—also a new wedding ring. Now what do you think of that? I wish, though, that you were not quite so touchy. I never have intimated that you were ugly and unable to rope in a man. I make it a point not to hurt people's feelings, no matter what I think. Alonzo says I am the most adorable—(here the writer stops. About an hour later the letter is resumed.)

What do you suppose? Just as I was in the middle of this letter, up comes a card announcing Birdie Flyfether, our old schoolmate, you know. I went downstairs and we raked over everybody's reputation. This, though, is not the thing. Just as she was leaving, who should I come face to face with but Charles de Puyster-Browne! Birdie scented trouble and hurried off. He nearly prostrated himself at my feet, and I think his eyes were full of real tears of pleasure. He said his soul had been hungry for me—ever since dear Uncle Willie's death; that I had no sooner left him than he regretted his rash act, and had spent all this time in spite of poverty, in trying to find me. Once he actually tried to ride a brake-beam. Wasn't that dreadful? How he must have suffered! And all for me! Brake-beams are so inartistic. He went in raptures over my slenderness, and said he was ready to take me back as his own little fairy.

"Sylpha-angel-nymph, come back to my aching arms! he cried. I couldn't help wondering if they ached from hanging to brake-beams.

"I would just love to," I said tenderly and reminiscently at the same time backing away, "but I have already given my heart and hand—and fortune to that famous Reducer of Superfluous Flesh, Dr. Pihlbochs, the Trimmer of Obesity!

I think he fainted as I swept from the room, for there was a sickening crash, then silence. Later I heard the bellboy running with ice water.

I hear Alonzo's dear footstep. Adieu. Sylpha.

(Clipping from the Punktown periodical.)

Our noted brother and fellow-worker, Charlie P. Brown, has the honor of sending to the editor, the largest potato of the season. Charlie is catching on quick. Hurray for you Charles!"

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The local lodge of Masons met in regular monthly session on Saturday and the K. P's. met in the evening.

Reimer Poortstra while plowing at Mr. Braam's on Monday, got his fine mare "Maggie" badly cut by the plow.

H. M. Ewald has been home from Mobile a couple of weeks suffering from an attack of malaria which he contracted in Mobile.

Have you noticed what a variety of Picture Post Cards are kept at the Post Office News Stand, drop in and look them over.

Although much delayed by illness, Mrs. Call will hold her Millinery opening on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Oct. 16, 17 and 18.

Are your hogs healthy? If not, we have the goods that will increase their weight and make them healthy: try a package and be wise. M. M. Co.

L. S. Massey has had removed from his face the tumor which he has borne so long. The operation was successfully performed by Dr. G. A. Sheldon and without any anesthetic, Mr. Massey "grinning and bearing" the pain of operation.

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John P. Lowell has an order in at the saw mill for lumber for a cottage or two, he will build just west of Mrs. Graham's on Fels Avenue.

Collecting Picture Post Cards has become quite a fad. Post Card Albums to keep them in can be obtained at the P. O. News Stand.

Oscar Hall, Esq. who, with his wife and daughter, conducted the Bendermeer hotel at Battles, the past season, was in Fairhope on Tuesday.

A "whole lot" is being said about cheap prices, but cheap prices are like cheap labor: don't satisfy. Live and let live, is our motto.
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Mr. Bellangee is still furnishing okra to the local market, and has also had a lot of nice string beans. He is getting ready for his winter lettuce crop.

Bayle's Salted Peanuts put up in 5c. cartons are going like hot cakes. Come before they are all gone.
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A. C. Staples is confined to his home by a very persistent sore on his ankle, starting from a small breaking of the skin and apparently getting poisoned in some way.

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The Courier has been requested to ask those who have subscribed labor toward the library building to report at the building site on Monday morning.

Mrs Anna B. Hail, and children, were over from Mobile from Saturday evening to Monday morning, visiting Mrs. Hail's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brown.

Look out for V. I. C. Social on Oct. 18th. Something new! Make no other arrangements for that date. Fuller particulars next week.

Mrs. Call, our popular milliner and dry-goods merchant, has been quite ill, being confined to her bed for some time, but is recovering and will soon be ready for her fall opening. It is elsewhere announced for Oct. 16, 17 and 18.

Mr. Stimpson's horse took leave of him when he stopped to shut the gate at Dr. Mershon's and went up the street at a lively pace, but turned the corner at Mershon's store and stopped under the shed without doing any damage.

Mr. Joyce, our new blacksmith, had an annoying experience the first of the week. He went to his home in Bay Minette on Saturday evening intending to catch the Sunday evening steamer to get back here ready for business Monday morning. The train was so late on Sunday evening that he failed to make connection with the boat, and on Monday, he overlooked the change in leaving time of the boats from 3.30 to 3 and got left, obliging him to stay in Mobile until Tuesday evening.

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The first, or "white", table containg china or silver, will be presided over by Mrs. Minnie Brown; the second, or "brown" table, brown bread, baked beans, roast meat, and coffee, in charge of Mrs. Dr. Williams; the third, or "green" table, pickles, cabbage salad and wafers, in charge of Mrs. J. H. Williams; the fourth, or "red" table, scalloped tomatoes, and beet solad, Mrs. J. W. Braam in charge; the fifth, or "orange" table, pumpkin pi and cheese, Mrs. G. M. Bancroft presiding, the sixth or "yellow" table, lemonade and vanilla wafers, Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle presiding; the seventh, or "pink," table, pink cake and pink candy, Mrs. R. F. Powell prsiding.

Procuring tickets from the cashier Mrs. Gaston, the diners or "supperers" will present themselves in relays of four at the first table where they will procure their plates and and silver ware and will be allowed a certain number of minutes at each table, passing on to the next at the tap of a bell, and giving place to four others.

The supper will be held at the pleasant and spacious suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sweet.

The proceeds will be for purchasing shades for the school house and putting in lavatories, where the children can wash and comb after play or noonday lunch—a very desirable and up-to-date feature. So everybody will be expected to come and help with this good work have a good supper and a good time.

Conrad Steigert Sent to Bay Minette.

Conrad Steigert, the old Swiss barber, who had a shop in the building next door to the COURIER office, and who was thought by many to be insane but harmless, went to drinking on Monday, after receiving notice that he would vacate at the expiration of his month and on Tuesday morning developed such a maniacal frenzy that deputy sheriff George Cain had to arrest him and take him before Justice du Mont, who, on complaint duly filed, issued a warrant against him for "using abusive and obscene language in the presence of females," and sent him up to Bay Minette.

Steigert came to Fairhope about 18 months ago, in destitute circumstances and was helped by several of our citizens to get equipment for barbering. He has since been making a living, though a very indifferent barber, but after our late experience with a man who was commonly believed to be a little off mentally but harmless, but who, with his weak intellect inflamed by whiskey murdered a man against whom he had no grudge and did not even know, the community does not feel like taking any more such chances.

Autumn Temperature.

Oct. 3—9 1907.

Oct.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
3	76	—*	78
4	77	88	78
5	82	85	76
6	76	82	77
7	78	84	81
8	80	88	78
9	70	80	76

L. F. Manly, Observer.

*No record.

2 clear days, 5 part cloudy, showers on 5 days.

Mrs. Pilcher and daughters and Miss Gould took an excursion up the Alabama river on the steamer City of Mobile, leaving Mobile on the evening of the first, and arriving back one week later within an hour. They found the trip exceedingly pleasant and interesting There is much beautiful scenery and the loading and unloading at the numerous landings by day and by night, was always interesting. There was a piano on board and plenty of agreeable fellow passengers.

Miss May Miller the daughter of Jno. Miller, living about four miles east of Fairhope, was bitten on the foot by a snake on Monday evening. As the snake made its escape at once it was not learned what kind it was. Mr. and Mrs. Miller gave the young lady attention at once, Mr. Miller sucking the wound thoroughly and other remedies being applied. The bitten foot swelled up and pained severely during the night but on Tuesday when she was brought in to Dr. Sheldon, he reported that the "first aid" had been wisely given and he thought she would come out all right.

A sale of "Rest Cottage", on the bay front at Eairhope was closed up this week, through the agency of Albright and Gaston, Mrs. M. M. Crawford being the purchaser. Mrs. Crawford is a Mobile lady, who spent the summer here in one of the Kimball cottages She is the mother of Mrs. Fonde, wife of one of the leading younger physicians of Mobile, and Dr. and Mrs. Fonde spent much of the summer with her. The place was bought for a summer residence. The deal was a spot cash one and another party was anxious to take it on the same terms.

J. B. Barber has some of the finest chickens the editor ever "laid his eyes on". They are the White Plymouth Rock breed and are well worth seeing. If you are going by, Mr. Barber would, no doubt, take pleasure in showing them to you.



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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

Council Proceedings.

The Council met in special session on the evening of October 3, with all members present except Mr. Lyon.

Samples of roofing were shown by the architect, A, K. Trenholme, with bids submitted for same for roofing new school room. It was moved and carried that best brand of Johns-Manville Company's Asbestos roofing be used, E. W. Jefferson, agent, being present and guaranteeing that it would cover the full number of square feet claimed, and that prompt delivery would be made from New Orleans.

Architect Trenholme called attention to the desire expressed by some of the ladies for lavatories for boys and girls—one for each—put in the addition. Moved and carried that if the money can be secured outside of Mr. Fels' $1,000 they be put in, not less than 4 x 4 feet in size, and located in the passage between the new building and the old.

Moved and carried that the chimney be of brick, lined with terra cotta flue lining.

Mr. Trenholme was instructed to advertise in Mobile for bids for plastering.

Messrs. Gaston and Stimpson a committe appointed by the Library Association on the lot upon which the Association had decided to put a library building and the street to be opened between Fairhope and Magnolia avenues, requested action by the Council upon opening the street. Mr. Stimpson made a proposition to furnish all material and build a 50 inch Elwood wire fence (less posts and setting furnished by Dr. C, L. Mershon along his line) for $25, and it was accepted.

This committee also reported that Mrs, Howland would accept $20 as compensation for improvements on land taken for street and 66 ft. lot on the west, and on a plat 50 x 98 ft. in the northwest corner of her land east of the new street. It was moved and carried that her proposition be accepted.

Moved and carried that 10 feet be taken off the rear of each of the 66 ft. lots lying just west of the new street, for an alley

Moved and carried that an order be drawn on treasurer, payable in regular certificates, for the Vander Beck note given for water connection, cashed by the Improvement Company, but unpaid, and connection not made.

Wm. Stimpson's bill allowed for cutting weeds and clearing school grounds $3 25.

Frederick F. Ingram of Detroit, a well known Single Taxer of Michigan and a friend of Fairhope, was elected on the seventeenth as a delegate from a Republican district to the Michigan Constitutional convention. There will be at least one man—we sincerely hope more—in the convention. who will understand the true function of a constitution, to secure the equal rights of citizens and the necessary regulations to accomplish that aim.

Ten to Seven in Johnson's Favor.

In spite of the fact that Tom Johnson, in his campaign for mayor of Cleveland this year has in order to win overcome the combined opposition of the corporations, the openly exerted influence of the national administration, and a normal republican majority of 10,000 to 15,000 the betting odds are 10 to 7 in Johnson's favor.

Mr. C. S. Whipple and Mr. Whipple's son and wife, were Fairhope visitors on Monday and while here Mr. Whipple renewed his subscription to the Courier which he has taken since before leaving Tennessee for Alabama several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Whipple, Sr. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Powell at dinner.

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FREEDOM'S CALL.

FOR THE COURIER BY WILL ATKINSON.

When Dickens came to Boston
What were the words he said?
"There are no beggars on these streets
Asking us alms for bread."

When Dickens came to Boston,
What was the song we sang?
Oh! Come from ev'ry nation"
To Heaven the chorus rang.

"Oh! Come from ev'ry nation!
And come from ev'ry way!
Come from all wide creation!
Haste! Make you no delay."

"For Uncle Sam is rich enough
To give you all a farm!"
But now in place of welcome,
We view them with alarm!

That song rang o'er the mountains,
'Twas heard across the sea!
'Twas murmured in dark dungeons
And sung there, fearfully!

The tyrant caught its echo
And shuddered as he heard!
The bond slave, staggering to his task
Grew stronger at that word!

For we were then a world power
And our flag floated high!
For Greek or Turk or Slav or Pole
Hope's star shone in our sky.

Aye, we were then a world power
What need for armies then?
Who'd strike at Freedom's refuge
Knew he'd ne'er strike again!

For all the earth was stirring
With hope of Freedom's cheer,
Though slaves at home to despots
They stood as men when here!

From Ireland's ruined hamlets
To far off isles of Greece
Our starry flag lived in the hearts
Of all who sought release!

How have the mighty fallen!
Have Freedom's blessings fled?
Oh! help your recreant children
Ye hosts of mighty dead!

The men who flee from tyrants
Find now no welcome here,
Our hearts which once beat warmly
Are cold with craven fear!

Where once the wide world loved us
And watched us from afar,
And prayed for heaven's blessing
On us, Hope's guiding Star,

Now, we build tariff barriers,
Now, we, like heathen, trust
In steel and shell and cannon,
Which crumble into dust!

Does freedom then forsake us?
Nay! Hear her call again:
"Trust no more in shot and shell
Rise and again be men!"

"For ye a richer future
Than carved by Europe's sword
For ye a grander service
Than aping her War Lord!"

"Sweep, sweep away the barriers
That bar men from God's soil!
Give to all their heritage,
The full fruits of their toil!"

"Then shall earth's sore oppressed
Take heart of hope again!
And bless the starry banner
Which out of slaves makes men!"

Will Atkinson.

RECEPTION TO H. F. RING OF TEXAS.

Many of Our People Meet Distinguished Single Taxer at Reception at the Fairhope House.

Mr. Ring Very Complimentary to Fairhope.

Fairhope had the pleasure last week of entertaining a gentleman of prominence and known as a Single Taxer from one end of the country to the other—Mr. H. F. Ring, of Houston, Texas. Mr. Ring is one of the leading attorneys of Texas. He was a delegate to the recent International Cotton Conference at Atlanta, Ga., which gave him an opportunity to visit Fairhope, which he could not resist. Arriving in Mobile on Thursday morning, he came over on a launch and remained here until Saturday morning.

Mr. Ring is the author of several Single Tax pamphlets, among them being "The Case Plainly Stated," of which hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, were distributed in the early days of the movement, being translated into many foreign languages, and which is still recognized as one of the plainest statements of the case ever made.

Naturally the "Single Tax Colony" was pleased to greet such a man, During his two days stay he was shown over our domain and given opportunity to meet many of our people at their homes and work, and on Friday evening a reception was tendered him at the Fairhope Hotel.

President F. L. Brown presided, and after telling of the guest's service to the cause and his long interest in Fairhope, called upon him for a speech. Mr. Ring responded with an eloquent address, exceedingly congratulatory to the local Single Taxers upon the originality of their effort to teach the benefits of Single Tax by example and the very encouraging degree of success which had attended their effort.

He said that in Houston, as everywhere throughout the country, the "faithful" read from week to week the Fairhope COURIER, from "cover to cover"—"even the advertisements"—that they felt personally acquainted with those whose names they saw regularly in the paper, rejoiced in our successes and sorrowed with us in our disappointments.

In line with most of the friends who come to visit the Colony, he testified to the conservativeness of our local journal in its statements by saying that he found the Colony better in every respect than he had even expected.

He was charmed with the location, enthused over the splendid body of land secured along the bay shore and extending back into the better agricultural country and expressed the utmost confidence in our future great development.

Mr. Ring spoke very interestingly also of the progress of the Single Tax cause in Texas and throughout the would.

The guest of the evening was followed by Secretary Gaston, who read a poem just received from Will Atkinson, and spoke briefly. Short speeches were also made by Professor Bellangee, William L. Heller, A. J. Wolf, R. F. Powell. Mrs. F. L. Brown, president of the Henry George Club, Mrs. Marie Howland, librarian, William Stimpson and Mr. B. F. Bates, of Daphne, a long-time friend, who happened to be present.—Fairhope Cor. Register.

Importance of Eliminating Local Reaper of Unearned Increment.

Those who realize the fundamental importance to individuals seeking places for homes or employment and to the growth of communities, of keeping land open for settlement, will have no fear but that a community which provides for this will grow and prosper, above those similarly situated where land speculation flourishes.

It is true that land speculative towns appear to flourish, where the more enterprising of land owners realize that the encouragement to settlement by expenditures in development, will enable them to more than get back what they thus expend, in increasing land value, but the general tendency is always towards the discouragement of industry and retarding of development, and must necessarly be so, for all the gains of land speculators are at the expense of the real wealth creators.

Those who rightly understand the situation will not expect that there can here be realized --nor from any possible application of the Single Tax, however perfect, over so small an area—the full benefits which Single Taxers claim for their reform, for in no manner could be touched the monopolies which prevail outside and to which the people must contribute whenever they directly or indirectly buy or sell in the world's market.

But the local reaper of unearned increment can, and has been eliminated. Those, who in other communities, are the "leading citizens" in wealth and influence, who dominate the politics and set the pace in social life, are unknown in Fairhope, while the unearned wealth which elsewhere flows to them as land-lords is here distributed in public benefits among all the people.

Adverse circumstances may at times temporarily interfere with the realization of the bene-

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A Song of the Factory.

The trees were white with blossoms, the meadows were broad and fair,
And the care-free birds made music for the children that idled there,
But a man had need of the meadows; his walls and chimneys sprang
From among the swaying branches where the thrush and robin sang.
And the man had need of the children; he gathered them in like sheep
And set them to work to earn his bread, for children are many—and cheap.
They crouch all day by the spindles, wizened and wan and old;
They have given their youth to a master who has minted it into gold.
No longer they idly listen to a warbler's futile song,
No longer they roam the meadows like idle gypsy bands.
For the world is growing richer by the work of their puny hands;
And the man who found them idling among the feathery blooms,
And brought them to watch their lives away beside his clattering looms—
He talks of the goodly riches that his enterprise has won
With the toil of the sad-faced children, and boasts of the things he's done.

—Selected.

Tom Johnson to Win and His Enemies to Exalt Him.

The indications are that the Republican politicians and traction interests, in league in Cleveland to defeat Tom L. Johnson, are going to be sadly disappointed. Daniel Kiefer, of Cincinnati, writes the editor, that he had just visited Cleveland and found Tom and his supporters cock-sure of his overwhelming reelection. Mr. Kiefer who is himself well posted on Ohio politics, is also sure of Johnson's election.

The failure of the unholy combination to defeat Johnson, will enormously increase his prestige not only at home. but throughout the country—and may easily bring him right to the front as a "presidential possibility," especially should anything occur to weaken the position of Mr. Bryan. This does not seem likely, but no one can tell what may happen. Mr. Johnson has been an ardent supporter of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bryan is a warm friend and admirer of Mr. Johnson.

A more gallant fight than Wm. J. Bryan has waged against plutocracy not only without but within his own party, is not recorded in American history. The claim that he has led the party to defeat is absurd in the face of the fact that he polled the largest vote ever polled by a democratic candidate for the presidency, and he richly deserves the highest honor the people can bestow upon him.

He has abundantly shown however, that his first desire is the triumph of the principles for which he stands and if it could be shown that another equally worthy of the people's trust would be a stronger candidate than he, he would step aside and support that other with all his power.

Tom Johnson with an unbroken series of victories in Cleveland, against overwhelming odds and his wonderful record for efficieney and incorruptibility may prove to be that man, and with Bryan's support could be elected.

No wonder all genuine democrats all over the country—and Single Taxers throughout the world—await with eagerness the result of the approaching battle of ballots.

It is only a municipal election (though of the seventh city of the United States) but fraught with immense possibilities,

A Pleased Fairhoper.

We take the liberty of quoting the following extract from a letter of Mrs. Dr. Williams to a friend in Chicago, which we have been permitted to read.

"This is the most delightful climate on the face of the earth, notwithstanding we had a couple of quite cold days, the thermometer dropping I think to about 39. But I am sitting in the house now with both doors open, dressed in summer clothing—and the air itself is perfect. Mrs. C. asked me after I had been here a few days if I did not think the air "tasted good." Talk about the gentle breezes of the south here they are, all of them. We think the best thing we ever did was to get out of Chicago and we found such good friends here right among strangers, that we have had the best of times. I said to a gentleman the other day that we came here on account of the Doctor's health and he remarked. 'I did not know there was anything the matter with him.' How does that correspond with the opinion of Dr. H—and the friends who were at the depot that evening last April to see us off."

Mr. Ring Approved Our Park Reservations and Street Plans.

Mr. Ring in his address at the reception tendered him when here, expressed especial appreciation of the wise provision made for the future of Fairhope in the liberal reservation made for parks along the bay front, and in the laying out of the streets wldening toward the bay, so as to give the benefit of the bay view over the largest possible portion of our land.

He was sure that the importance of these provisions would be increasingly apparent as time passed.

He was particularly delighted with the beautiful knoll in the park between the avenues, which certainly is one of the most perfect efforts of nature in that line.

We are in receipt, we presume by the kindness of the author, of a pamphlet, "Henry George, Poet, prophet and Philosopher, An Appreciation," by Vernon J. Rose, of Kansas City. It is an eloquent tribute from one long known as a disciple of this great man and is given elegant setting by the printers, "The Quality Print shop," Kansas City.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CLERGY OF ALL DENOMINATIONS.

From the Pittsburg Single Tax Association.

Reverend Sirs:

Our Association was organized eight years ago, and we have been striving during that time to interest the general public in economic and social reform, with a measure of success, but not in the degree which the vast importance of the problems of the times (both moral and material) demand.

We appeal to you at this time with the hope of securing your influence and aid in the work of our Association for the relief of humanity and in the name of the common Fatherhood and Brotherhood.

From our point of view social injustice is the rule of the present system; in proof of which we point to the tyrannical trusts and the public corporations having undue privileges, which empower them to exploit the people. These evils are intimately related to industrial strikes and social unrest, which are going from bad to worse, and are threatening peace and prosperity.

Labor and capital, the potent factors in production are not in harmony; on the contrary they are opposed and often engage in destructive conflict.

In theory labor and capital are in harmony and have mutual interests, but this theory cannot be realized in our commercial system.

To correct these errors and many evils that result therefrom, the Single Tax is our proposed remedy.

The foundation principle of the Single Tax is the common right of labor to its full earnings. In practice this tax will take ground rent from private for public revenue, thus abolishing all other taxes.

By this means land will be easy of access (without price) and wealth of all kinds and capital will be free from tax. therefore plentiful and cheap.

These conditions will bring about harmony between capital and labor, stimulate industry and prevent land monopoly,

We therefore most earnestly request the clergy of all denominations to help us in our struggle for better social conditions, consistent with equal rights to all and special privilege to none.

We welcome your enlightened criticism and hope to have the benefit of your advice and instruction.

Baldwin County State Fair Exhibit.

Dr. H. S. Greeno, who had charge of the collecting of the articles contributed in this vicinity for the Baldwin County exhibit at the state fair, completed his work and shipped his collection on Wednesday.

There was corn, cotton, and cane from Carl Barnet.

Rice, six feet tall from N. Mertes.

Sweet potatoes, rice and peanuts from John Miller.

Sweet potatoes from N. J. Nelson.

Sweet potatoes, chufas, lespedeza, and sweet peppers from C. O. White.

Peanuts from K. Koopman.

Corn from Messrs. Damon and Jung.

Ponderosa lemons, Satsuma oranges, Japanese persimmons, fig preserves and a sample of potter's clay, from Dr. Greeno.

Fig preserves, pickled beets and pickled beans from Mrs. W. S. Baldwin.

Florida sweet oranges from N. Mershon.

Kumquats and Japanese persimmons, from C. L. Coleman.

Sugar cane, 3 varieties, 18 feet long, and very large seedling pecans from a tree which blew over last year, but continues to "do business" right along, from Mike Houston.

Dr. Greeno says that Mr. Hutchings, at Battles, also collected and prepared a very striking exhibit.

Baldwin County resources are certain to be presented in very complete shape and the result will undoubtedly be to attract many people hither.

GOOD SINGLE TAX ARGUMENT.

From Montgomery Advertiser.

"The tax assessors will soon be in the field, and it will be well for them to look after and put a fair valuation on the large bodies of land that are held for speculation. Such holdings should be made to pay all they are worth. Let them pay at the price they are held for, and it will not be long before some of it will be on the market where men who want small farms can get them. There are thousands of acres of land in this state not under cultivation, which are held by a few people and given in at a very low valuation. A very high price is demanded when purchasers desire to get hold of any of it."

Soil Survey Being Made.

Messrs. Jennings and Airey, soil experts, from Washington, are in this county and will make a thorough survey and report upon the quality and products for which our various soils are best suited. They are now at Bay Minette, but Dr. Greeno, president of the Baldwin County Agriculturial Society and to whose efforts it is largely due that this work is being done, expects them to get here at an early date.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Oct. 11—You ask me, dear—what chances there are here for succeeding in the livery business. We have two livery stables here. One is Mr. Christman's which is doing well I believe. The other is the establishment of young Mr. Powell, (son of our R. F. Powell, who has been among our most earnest workers for the past six years.) I did not know anything about this other stable, and so I sallied forth a few days ago on a tour of investigation in your interest. The first thing to greet me on arriving at the livery was the pleasant smile of our old friend, Laurie Thielson. He was busy putting things in order. I did not have the pleasure of meeting the proprieter of the stables, as he was in Mobile for the day. His father was there, however, and very kindly answered my many questions. This is what I learned. Young Powell began his business some eight months ago with only three very poor horses; two well worn buggies, a dilapidated surrey, and two nearly worthless trunk-wagons. The business was nearly on its "last legs," the building much out of repair. Today about all of the old stuff has been "traded off," except the barn, and new horses, harnesses, carriages and wagons have taken their places. A large building 32 by 54 is being added to the old barn. It is to have a concrete floor; a cement basin in which to wash buggies; a good office; ample room for harnessing horses, and for storing carriages. Eight good box stalls are being put in the old building and ten others are being arranged, giving place when completed for eighteen horses and a dozen or more vehicles. Of the horses now in the establishment, seven of them are young, strong and willing, and give satisfactory service.

The best part of all, the answers to my queries shows that young Powell has earned in his business most of the money that paid for the new equipment. He left a business in Philadelphia that paid him nearly one thousand dollars a year, but he believes that the opportunities of Fairhope, if rightly improved, will prove more profitable.

You see why I cannot encourage you to come to Fairhope for your own particular business; but should either of these livery men give up their plants, you will know by the Courier I will send you, a paper I am sure you would do well to subscribe for.

Oct 15.—Our blonde Mrs. Jernigan left this morning on the Fairhope. I am sure that the bay, the sail-boats, and the picnic grounds—not to mention her inconsolable admirers, will greatly miss her, for she has crowded more swimming, high-diving, sailing, picnicking, dancing, and dining out into her summer than I could have believed possible. She made friends of all of us and will not fail to talk of Fairhope nor of the Courier, to which she subscribed before leaving, to her friends, and we may count on having her with us again if coming may depend upon her.

The Trusts and the Single Tax.

At the Progressive League last Sunday. Mrs. Frank L. Brown read an article by Louis F. Post, setting forth his view of the trusts from a Single Tax standpoint.

Mr. Post believes that we we were on the way to one great trust, unless checked by some drastic remedy. There could be, he said, good trusts, as well as bad trusts, but that there were none in existence.

The bad trust was growing larger and larger and getting its feet on the earth, which occured when the manufacturer controlled the source of his raw material.

The universal trust could be now foreseen, unless the ground were taken from under its feet by the application of the Single Tax.

In the ensuing debate the socialists claimed that the evolutionary process was evidently leading up to the Cooperative Commonwealth; when the nation would simply assume the control of the universal trust. This idea was combatted by the Single Taxers who thought that the bad trust would have such a grip on the voters that it could control them entirely and retain its power indefinitely.

The debate was friendly and interesting.

Next Sunday Miss A. Chapman will speak on "The Cause and Cure of Disease." Com.

Neat cards, received from the St. Louis Single Tax League, announced a public memorial service at 8 p. m. Oct. 18, for Mrs. Louise G. Nake and Miss Nellie Nake, mother and daughter, who were lost in the sinking of the "Columbia" off the coast of California in July. Both were members of the Association. The principal addresses, were to be delivered by Rev. H. S. Bigelow and Dr. Wm. Preston Hill.

In an item on the fourth page we referred to the unusually cold weather for the season and said the mercury dropped on Saturday to 39 degrees, according to Miss Manly's observations, This was an error, the lowest figure was 47 degrees.

M. V. Watros writes that he thinks he has got in on a big thing, having secured an interest in a deposit of chalk, said by the state geologist for Arkansas to be the largest known in the United States and in chemical analysis practically identical with that of Medway, England, from which the genuine Portland Cement is made. All of Watros' plans if the venture succeeds as he hopes, are for returning to Fairhope to live and helping to develop its resources and carry forward its purposes.

See on seventh page, advertisement of most interesting books for Americans of today, for sale by the "People's Book Club" Lock box 1030 Chicago. Order some or all of these books, read them carefully and lend them to your friends.

A Henry George Club has been organized in Norway with Mr. Ullman ex-president of the Storthing, the Norwegian parliament at its head.

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Personal and Local

The ground back of Dr. Mershon's drug store has been fitted up for a tennis court and games are played there almost daily.

The high north wind on Sunday drove the water down the bay until one could walk 200 feet farther out on the beach than usual.

Mr, Joyce's wife and two beautiful children, joined him here on Saturday to remain throughout this week. They have rooms at Mrs. Call's.

The Caloosa has been in financial difficulties and has been seized by the U. S Marshal on a libel for wages of the engineer and others of the crew.

The steamer Fairhope made a trip up to Daphne on Tuesday evening after landing at Fairhope, with a lot of freight for Daphne merchants, who are determined not to patronize the Pleasure Bay.

We had an extraordinarily cold spell for the season, beginning on Saturday and continuing through Monday, the thermometer reaching, on Saturday morning, according to Miss Manley's observations, 39 degrees.

Mrs. Evelyn Jernigan, left on Tuesday morning, intending to stay in Mobile a few days and then proceed to her home in Saint Louis.

Mrs. Jernigan was one of our most appreciated summer visitors, and herself became enamoured of Fairhope, its policy and its people. She had not heard of the colony prior to coming, but its policy appealed at once to her sense of justice and before leaving she became quite an ardent Single Taxer. The Courier follows her to her home in St. Louis. She would like to live in Fairhope if circumstances would permit, and hopes to come back again next summer.

Several of our people have been missing their oranges and Japanese persimmons. Nathaniel Mershon whose orange tree was visited, got a line on the guilty parties, and one of them being "called on the carpet" gave away his accomplices. The boys, when the seriousness of their act was brought home to them proffered restitution and pledged themselves not to do so any more. it is sincerely to be hoped that there will be no further cause of complaint. It is most distressing to people who have striven for years to bring fruit trees into bearing condition, as much, many of them, for the pleasure of the sight to passers by and to divide with friends, as for their own use, to have them stripped from the trees by night marauders. Such acts are particularly out of place in a community organized, as Fairhope is, to secure to people the right to produce and enjoy the products of their labor.

New Resort to be Developed, Between Montrose and Daphne.

Big improvements are planned on the old Mrs. Tatum Homestead between Montrose and Daphne. In fact, much work has already been done.

This beautiful tract has been purchased by a company which proposes to build there a large hotel, cottages, wharf, electric light plant, park, etc., to be ready for opening next June.

It was at first announced that fast steamers would be put on to make the trip hourly from Mobile, but latest announcement is that the idea of special steamers has been abandoned for the present.

Leading stockholders of the Bay Steamship Company are connected with the enterprise, and the probabilities are that the development company and the Bay Steamship Company will work together.

The company is capitalized at $100,000 and it is proposed to expend $85,000 on the improvements now planned.

Let the good work of developing the Eastern Shore go on! The whole shore is destined to be lined with summer and winter homes and utilized as a health and pleasure resort and every portion will share in the benefit of all that is done.

Mrs. Turner was over and packed up her things last week to move them to Calvert, Ala., the home of her father, where she will remain for a time at least, Mrs. Turner was quite successful in her summer business in Rest Cottage and would have liked to continue there. She would have purchased the property but for Mrs. Crawford securing it.

Mrs. L. H. Read, we note by the Fruitdale Herald, is teaching the "North Pine School" at Fruitdale, Ala.

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The new street between Fairhope and Magnolia avenues is now open. We presume this will be known as "Summit" street, as it crosses Magnolia avenue just about at the summit of the rise and is practically in line with Summit street as platted in division three, north of Mr. Swift's and in division two south of the gulley, with which it will, no doubt, eventually connect. The opening of the new street will be a great convenience to travel between the avenues, as the block from Bay View Avenue to Church street was entirely too long, being over 1000 feet. It will make access to the new library very convenient.

A camphor farm is established near Floresville, Texas, under the auspices of the bureau of plant industry of the United States department of agriculture. The government has already a large experimental farm in operation near Wharton, Texas. It is believed that the new industry has wonderful possibilities and that the time is not far distant when the State of Texas will be one of the greatest camphor producing regions of the world.—Ex.

There are a number of beautiful camphor trees at Fairhope. They flourish well here, without fertilizing or cultivation.

Mrs. Homer D. Cope, our pleasant visitor of last winter, writes; "Now that the cold gray days have come, I have homesick longings for beautiful Fairhope. I think one having been there for several months cannot shake off the spell of its charm."

Calvin B. Power, of Fayette City, Pa., writes the Courier: "You are making a great fight for the right, and it is not thinkable that this reform will not win." Mr. Power and his wife were among the first party of Fairhope colonists, arriving in Baldwin County Nov. 15, 1894.

Prof. O. J. Brown, now at Woodbury, Tenn., has sent lists of names to which to send copies of the new booklet, with stamps for same, and says: "Am doing what I can to advertise the advantages of our Colony."

As winter approaches inquiries increase from parties in the north who are thinking of seeking a warmer clime. The prospects are good for a good run of winter visitors.

Wharf Certificates For Sale.

A friend who holds several wharf certificates for amounts ranging from $10 to $52, and aggregating $115, is having an unexpected need for the money and would be glad to sell any or all of the certificates. These bear six per cent interest payable semi annually with first-class security, and will be sold at par, with interest accrued from July 1st. Address the undersigned.

E. B. Gaston,
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IN LOVELY PHOENIX PARK.

The Scene of the Murders Is Remembered—Though Not Kept Green.

Of all the pleasure grounds we saw abroad I liked Phoenix Park in Dublin the best, says a writer in the Guidon. It covers nearly 2,000 acres, and the seven mile drive around it is delightful.

Acres of it are let to citizens for pasturage and herds of fat kine lazily chewing under the trees or idly standing in a cool stream give a touch not found in any other resort.

On one plat when we were there a detail of his majesty's red coats were practicing target shooting. Yonder came three dragoons back from a cross-country run. The vice-regal lodge, plain and white, looked, in spite of the vastness of the green grounds about it, hot and uninviting in the glare of the August sun.

In sight of the house, but a long way from it, is the spot where Cavendish and Burke were murdered some years ago. In vain do the gardeners try to keep grass above it. As fast as a bit grows it is taken up and carried off by relic hunters.

Scores of deer were roaming about, so tame that they frequently came close to our car. One big stretch of rolling land was crossed and recrossed with what looked in the distance like ditches. They are troughs, our driver told us, into which at morning and night water is pumped for the deer, which come there by the hundred to drink.

Book, Once Napoleon's, Found.

Students at Berkeley university, browsing through the shelves of the university library discovered an old work on algebra, on the flyleaf of which was written: "This book belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte." On the inside of the cover were the words: 'This was one of the volumes that formed Bonaparte's library at St. Helena.' On the next page were the words: "Bonaparte's library, Islande de St. Helene." These notes are supposed to have been written by owners of the book, which was printed 95 years ago. The seal of Napoleon is found on one of its pages.

The Retort Pat.

The statesman scribbled this on a card and sent it out to the waiting reporter:

"I refuse to be intervude. As to the political situation it suits me well enuf, and I believe in letting well enuf alone."

The reported sent him this reply, written on the other side of the card:

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Mr. Laurence Winberg who is now fireman on the Fairhope, has moved his family into the Dougherty cottage, now owned by the Improvement Co.

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Ladies Aid at their meeting on Wednesday decided to hold a bazar in the near future.

Mr. Paton and Miss Kile went to Mobile in Mr. Paton's 16 ft. sailboat, on Wednesday.

Bayle's After Dinner Cheese is better than a $4 bottle of tonic. 20c. per jar. Mershon Merch. Co.

Ary Van Bendegom is just back from a two or three weeks trip to his old home in Michigan.

Mrs. DeCoudres was over from Mobile and spent some days here with Mr. DeCoudres,

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Mrs. Shepherd returned on Wednesday evening from her extended visit with relatives in Nebraska.

Bayle's Saratoga Chips are certainly fine: they "sure" are. Try a package: only 10c. Mer. M. Co.

Mr. Massey had an oyster supper and dance at the pavilion last evening. There was a nice crowd and all enjoyed themselves immensely.

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W. S. Summer has beeu writing about cottages for rent, and probably expects to bring some friends with him this winter.

P. K. Dealy has a field of fine cotton this year, which is now being being picked and which it is claimed will go a bale to the acre.

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Bayle's Salted Peanuts put up in 5c. cartons are going like hot cakes Come before they are all gone.
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Miss Millie Beckner is now Mr. Oswalt's chief assistant in the post office, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Louie Shepherd.

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Mr. Koopman went to Bay Minette this week to answer a complaint against him for keeping a sheep-killing dog, but for some reason the case was not heard.

George Lewis writes the Courier that he and Mrs. Lewis are planning on spending the coming winter in Fairhope and have had letters from a number who are looking this way.

The V. I. C. meets with the president, Mrs. Powell, on next Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. Remember that all ladies interested in their home town—which includes everyone—are welcome at these meetings and considered members.

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The Mershon Merchandizing Company awards tomorrow, the buggy it has offered to the holder of the lucky numbered coupon. The award will be made at 2.30 p. m. and free coffee will be served. Much interest is manifested in the contest.

Mrs. Crawford and her brother, came over on Monday evening and on Tuesday moved Mrs. Crawford's effects from the Kimball cottage, which she occupied during the summer, into Rest Cottage, which she has just purchased.

Mrs. Annie B. Call's millinery opening occurred this week and she and her assistant, Miss Patterson, have been kept busy showing and fitting their late and artistic creations in the line of fall hats. Her pleasant parlors were tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Local Fairhopers who know the J. W. Posey family from their summers spent here, will be glad to know that he writes renewing his subscription to the Courier: "We appreciate the Courier too much to not continue it. Abundant success for Fairhope and the Courier is the wish of all of the Poseys in Albany, Ga."

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blank arrived on Thursday evening of last week from Miller Ind. to spend the winter with us in their pleasant cottage lately occupied by the Pilchers. Mr. and Mrs. Blank are very pleasant people, and continue deeply interested in Fairhope. Mr. Blank is a clock and watch repairer by trade and is equipped to attend to the wants of the people in that line.

Mrs. Klosterman left for her home at Louisville, this morning. The pleasure of her visit was marred by her accident in falling in the warehouse, breaking her arm and sustaining other painful injuries, which was most deeply regretted by every one. Her arm was still in a sling when she left, and will be for weeks to come, but she felt able to travel without assistance.

Captain Joseph Lawrence is ready to begin on the Knott cottage.

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The Steenstra family have moved to Saint Louis. Mr. Steenstra was our merchant tailor, an occupation which could hardly be expected to pay in a community the size of ours, though the business he secured was quite beyond our expectation. We regret to lose the family but wish them success in their new home.

Mr. Henry W. Rucker, of New York city, arrived on Wednesday evening with a view to locating if pleased on investigation. Mr. Rucker and his friend Mr. Fred Brossman have been readers of the Courier for a couple of years. Mr. Brossman has a good position and they plan to have him retain that while Mr. Rucker, with his financial aid, is developing a farm for both of them—a very good idea.

The Henry George Club resumed its sessions this week with a very pleasant meeting at Mrs. Gaston's Two new members were admitted and the club decided in addition to its regular afternoon meetings, to meet the first Thursday afternoon of each month, at the library, and to invite the husbands or gentleman friends of the members to meet with them to study Progress and Poverty.

Mrs. Curtis and her son, are well pleased with the way in which business starts up again for them in the restaurant and bakery. In spite of the fact that we have another baker in town—and a good one too—they make and sell the same amount of bread they used to. Business in the restaurant is increasing, and will, for the place is kept most attractive and homelike and the meals are excellent.

Autumn Temperature.

Oct. 10—16 1907.

Oct.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
10	62	78	70
11	60	77	70
12	61	76	66
13	49	64	59
14	47	67	61
15	53	72	60
16	56	76	65

6 clear days, 1 part cloudy.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

Two Special Sermons

At the Church Sunday Oct. 20, '07 Subject, at 11 a. M., "The Two Adams and Their Wives." Subject at 8 p. m., "The Wedding Ring." You ought to hear both these sermons.

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Cow for Sale.

A registered Jersey cow, about four years old, exceedingly kind and gentle, gives about six quarts very rich milk a day. E. B. Gaston.

WERE CARRYING OFF CANOE.

Wonderful Story as Told by the Veracious Guard.

Curious things happen on the Maine lakes. It isn't the prohibition law that affects veracity, apparently—not a bit of it! It's the piny air which undoubtedly is stimulating to the imaginative perceptions. A guide told me this story by the smudge fire at the door of a log camp this spring:

"There was a gang of Canucks at Goose Lake, where we had our 'sports' camping 'n' they had some sort of a trawl rigged up on the lake, with the shore end made fast to a canoe. Laws? They didn't care about no laws! It was cert'in sure a great place for ducks and white perch—schools of 'em—and for geese and 'sports.' At night us would hear 'em honking overhead and settling on the water for supper and lodging—the geese, not the 'sports.'

"One night I went down to the lake for water an hour or so after the Canucks had set their trawl. But I didn't draw no water. I yelled for the Canucks to come quick and get their canoe, an' they come quick. The canoe was going out pretty fast, and there was the greatest honking and splashing out on that lake that you ever heard.

"Well, when they got hold o' that canoe and drew it in they had a perch on nigh every hook o' that trawl, and hooked to the perches and flapping outrageous was the geese. They had tried to walk away with the whole outfit, fish, trawl, canoe and all."

"Is it a true story?"

"You city 'sports' make me tired."

TRICK OF THE RAT CATCHER.

Paid by the Piece, the Professional Brings Victims Along.

"There are tricks in all trades, and probably as many in mine as in any other line," said a professional rat catcher. "Catching rats is not always an easy or pleasant task, but with the methods I have adopted I find it a more profitable occupation than running a shell game at a country fair. In the extermination of rodents I use ferrets, and when I receive an order to clear a warehouse or an hotel cellar of the pests I insist that the pay shall be gauged by the number of rats killed.

"I carry my ferrets in a big tin box, made something like a trunk, with side ventilators. This box has a false bottom, and in this secret compartment I place from four to five dozen live rats before starting out. On reaching the place that is to be rid of rodents, I let my ferrets out, and when they have killed all the rats they can reach, often not more than a dozen, I liberate the rodents I have brought with me. Of course, with fifty or sixty rats running around loose there is great slaughter, and sometimes my ferrets will kill all the rats I turn free, as they cannot find any holes, which I have taken the precaution to block up. In this way I am always sure of receiving good money for a few hours' work, after counting and showing the carcases to the parties who employ me."

Wasted Energy.

"It looks like some people are born to ill luck," sighed the old lady.

"Why do you think so?" queried the chance caller.

"Well, take myself for instance," said the old lady. "I have collected nearly 10,000 medical recipes and pasted them into a book during the last 50 years and I have never been sick a day in my life."



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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

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IMPORTANCE OF ELIMINATING LOCAL REAPER OF UNEARNED INCREMENT.

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fits which should follow this juster policy. As for instance, the very general prejudice of people against giving up the opportunity for land speculation; their fear of insecurity of possession from any change in the method of land holding with which they are familiar; the plaint of "knockers" agalnst local conditions of soil or climate, plans or management.

But, in the long run, a policy which eliminates the drones in the local industrial hive; which keeps land open for use by making it unprofitable to hold it out of use, and by the very same means, encourages the user by freeing him from the burdens of taxation upon his industry imposed elsewhere, must win.

Our Chronic Land Hunger.

EDITOR COURIER:

The very people and the newspapers which so loudly proclaim the rights of the worker to work are vitally interested in the perpetuation of an institution which is the bottom cause of the whole difficulty, and is the only thing that can and does stand between the worker and his continuous remunerative employment.

This institution is land monopoly. It came over in the May-flower, has been here ever since and has embraced the whole country with its crushing grip, until to-day our people have a condition of chronic land hunger. This was attested in Oklahoma many years ago, when twenty thousand boomers surrounded the territory. The speculators on fleet horses got there first, seized the choice locations and held up the later arrivals, the real farmers and business men who were the real citizens of the future, and who brought in the "land value" which they had to buy back from the speculator at an enormous increase. This occured again on the opening of the Cherokee Strip, and on every other reservation opened for settlement, until the crime, injustices and abuses became so flagrant that the authorities at Washington adopted the lottery system of allotment.

That Oklahoma rush with its murders, outrages and theft was American society in miniture, it has its parallel every day in our public, private and commercial life, with federal, state and municipal "grafting" all but universal; one huge political and economical mire, and it is the result of land monopoly. It is this that narrows opportunity, for all opportunity for the production of wealth and useful exertion of human effort in the last analysis, lies in the bosom of mother nature. That bosom is fenced in, not used; but fenced in by paper against both God and man; only a fraction of it is used. Two thousand million people could not use it all, and twice that number could not exhaust it.

The artificial scarcity of land, due to speculation, must be destroyed by taxation, no other agency of government is so powerful, and no other so suitable and effective. It is speculative values that make farming lands so hard to get in this country. That is what is driving Americans by the thousands into the wilds of western Canada, where the climate is not so good, but land is cheap, rent is low and a man has a chance to get a home for himself. The high priced land of the Mississippi Valley makes it impossible for thousands of farmers to be anything but tenants.

Take a trip if you will, into northern Minnesota and you will find thousands of acres of splendid land cut over by timbermen, rioting in luxuriant vegetation and not a sign of life anywhere for miles. You will find, at every settlement, the influence of the "timber lord" to be supreme: "They own the earth" and everyone in the region fears them more than any other power. It is this more than anything else that keeps out settlers, hinders growth and limits the production of wealth.

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Change of Precinct Boundaries.

In a communication of Judge J. H. H. Smith published in both the Times and Standard, he refers to a matter which is of interest to Fairhope, as well as other sections of the county. This is the changing of precinct boundaries so as to suit the convenience of the voters of the several communities.

There seems to have been several requests made to the county commissioners for changes in precinct boundaries and the commissioners have requested those interested to assist them by getting up petitions signed by the residents within the boundaries of the proposed precincts.

The law prescribes that notice of changes must be given at least three months before action can be taken by the commissioners and that no changes can be made in precinct boundaries within sixty days of any election, so that action must be taken soon if any changes are to be made before next year's election.

Great complaint has been made by the people of Fairhope at having to go to Battles to vote and there is thus outlined a possible means of securing relief.

Missouri Land Values Increasing.

According to the State Board of Equalization, Missouri land values have increased enormously during the past few years, the increase in their assessed valuation from 1901 to 1907 being $175,271,842, or 24 per cent. In 1901 the assessed valuation was $813,183,009, and in 1908 it was $988,454,851.

Presumably the term "land values" as used here includes improvement values also. But no doubt, also, the real land value increase was enormously beyond the figures returned for assessment, especially on unimproved land, which often increases in actual selling value many dollars for a dollar increase in the assessment.

Col. Seldon Expects to Take First Prize.

Col. W. M. Selden, of Montgomery, was in Mobile yesterday, coming over from Baldwin county, where he has been engaged for the past thirty days gathering an exhibit for that county to be shown at the state fair at Montgomery.

Col. Selden says that he has no doubt but that he will take the capital prize of $1,000 for the best exhibit made by any county in the state, as he feels sure that the great and varied interests of Baldwin have furnished him material such as he could have secured in no other county of Alabama.

Last year Col. Selden won the first prize with an exhibit from Cullman county, and this year that county took first prize at the state fair in Birmingham. The contest between the two counties of the state—one from the north and one from the south—will prove of much interest to visitors to the Montgomery fair.

—Mobile Herald.

The Barriers Between the Hands and The Lands.

Governor Smith, of Georgia in an address to the late cotton conference at Atlanta, said that less than one-fifth of the land in what is known as the "Cotton States" is in cultivation. It is probably also easily true that the land which is nominally in cultivation is not producing one-fifth of what it is capable of producing.

Think what room there is to grow in, what opportunities for homes and employment. But, alas, what a barrier is raised by land speculation, between the people and the lands.

Assessed Valuation and Division of Baldwin County Tax Funds.

Bay Minette Ala; Oct. 12, 1907.

I herewith report to you for the year 1907, the value of all taxable property in your county, together with the rates levied by your Commissioners to support each object of taxation in the probable amounts accruing to its support.

The assessed value of all property in Baldwin County for the year 1907 is $5,332,103. The court levied 30 cents on each $100 for the support of the county government which would give $15,996.30 for that purpose. Thirty cents on each one hundred dollars were levied for the support of schools which would give to that fund $15,996.30. Ten cents on each $100 were levied for public roads which should raise for that purpose $5,332.10. Five cents on each $100 were levied for bridges which should give for that purpose $2,666.05. Ten cents on each $100 were levied for building purposes which should give $5,332.10 for that purpose. The state levied thirty cents on each $100 of taxable value for the support of state government, which should give for that purpose $15,996.30. It levied ten cents on each one hundred dollars for the support of needy ex-Confederate Soldiers which should give to that purpose five thousand three hundred and thirty-two dollars and ten cents.

The aggregate amount of levy of both State and County governments is about one dollar and fifty cents on each one hundred dollars worth of taxable property, an increase of ten cents on each one hundred dollars caused by the people voting the .001 school tax allowed under the Constitution at the election held in 1906.

Yours Very Truly,
J. H. H. Smith, Judge of Probate.

SINGLE TAX VS. SOCIALISM.

EDITOR COURIER:

As a reader of your paper and as a disciple of Henry George, the greatest leader since Christ, I ask permission to say a word on Single Tax vs. Socialism.

Both Karl Marx and Henry George were great men and what Marx saw through a glass darkly, Henry George saw face to face.

Like the socialists, I believe in the class struggle. There are two classes, sure enough, those who get without earning and those who earn without getting. Again, those opposed to any move in the direction of Single Tax reform, fight it just as furiously as they denounce the socialists.

Look at Johnson's scrap in Cleveland. It is class struggle all right.

In 1848 in his Manifesto, Marx suggested as the very first step to be taken before we get socialism complete, "The taking of all rent for revenue".—That is the Single Tax exactly, Marx's heart was right. But Marx did not see the relation of the value of land to getting wealth.

Both Single Taxers and socialists aim at the one goal, to leave to each according to his industry. Their methods are somewhat different, but not so far apart after all. I believe that if we are ever to get Single Tax we must get it through the socialist party. Socialist Aldermen, Mayors, Members, etc, all work in this direction when they get elected.

The socialists are a little mixed in their economics. Karl Marx tells us that "the expropriation of the people from the soil forms the basis of capitalistic production." Henry George's gospel was: "Root the people into the soil." Capital in the eyes of the socialist is different from capital in the eyes of the Single Taxer. Capital is the instrument of labor, the tackling that the boy goes fishing with. But to the socialist capital is the relation that one man holds to others that enables him to pocket the fruits of their toil. The hearts of socialists and of Single Taxers are together. Surely it is an easy matter to get their heads together.

Between the two there is only a misunderstanding. Surely that can be removed? The socialists are doing a world of good. They are arousing thought, are teaching the people to think on economic matters, are clearing the ground, breaking the soil, getting the seedbed ready. They are doing their share in bringing about the "Good Time Coming." All honor to them! They will right their mistakes in economics in time.

A Student of Marx.

Baldwin County Agricultural Society Meets at Bay Minette Oct. 30.

The Baldwin County Agricultural Society will meet at Bay Minette on Wednesday, Oct., 30, and a full attendance of the members is hoped for.

The soil experts now at work in this county will both be present and address the meeting.

W. K. Smith, of Chicago, one of the Courier's staunch friends of many years, sent a list of 29 names to which he asked that marked copies of the paper containing the article from the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin be sent, and asked that we preserve the list as he might desire copies of other issues containing especially valuable articles sent them. Here is a hint for you, of a good way in which to do some missionary work.

Fairhope Courier

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SOCIALISM VS. SINGLE TAX.

Our correspondent, who writes upon "Socialism vs. Single Tax," over the signature of a "Student of Marx"—he is also a disciple of Henry George—takes the position that "If we are to get Single Tax we are to get it through the Socialist party."

In this the Courier does not agree with him, though we understand that this is the opinion of a good many Single Taxers--especially in the east.

They reason that as soon as the socialists begin to get power, the tendency to increasing conservatism, which has been so noticeable in all parties, coming into power, would take possession of it and an equilibrium would probably be reached on the "safe and sane" proposals of the Single Taxers.

Our own opinion is that Single Tax must come through the education of the mass of people in all parties to its justice and practicability.

Along with this education should proceed the agitation for direct legislation by the people, in the form of the optional initiative and referendum; providing the machinery for the expression of the sentiment of the people upon measures, independent of parties or persons, and the power to make that sentiment effective.

Andrew Hutton, Schenectady, New York, one of the Courier's readers, is a candidate for assessor on the Independence League ticket and according to his announcement, stands for "government local state and national securing as much of the revenue required for governmental purposes, from value given to land by government, and as little tax from buildings and other products of labor as existing laws will permit. Thus making land cheaper for factories, stores and homes, and thereby reducing living expenses, and furthermore paying more respect to industry and home-seekers than to the mere land speculator, and thereby permitting Schenectady to expand."

Here's hoping that Brother Hutton is elected.

Our attention has just been called to the June—July number of "North and South," Louisville Ky., which is devoted to Baldwin County. It is a beautifully and profusely illustrated number and we know of no publication giving so much information upon the subject of our great county, its climate, products, people, development, etc. About a page is devoted to Fairhope. Copies can be secured—if the edition is not exhausted, by addressing the publishers, Messrs. C. C. Packard and Sons, Louisville Ky., and enclosing ten cents.

Here and There.

For the Courier by A. C. Staples.

Here our joys are few and fleeting
And the world is very cold:
There are ransomed spirits greeting
Companions of the Heavenly fold.

Here our paths are rough and thorny
And the heart is oft oppressed:
There the air is soft and balmy
And the weary are at rest.

Here the world is very evil
And the righteous share its pain:
There is peace and joy primeval
Through the Lamb forever slain.

Here we pay to Caesar tribute,
Ask an alms, at Dives' gate:
There angelic songs contribute
To the bliss for which we wait.

Here we see but dim and darkly,
Walk by faith and not by sight:
There the light is shining brightly,
And there shall be no more night.

Here the poor are always with us
Fear and want upon them prey:
There no landlord robs the tenant
Fearing never "quarter day."

But the world is growing brighter,
God, has written on the wall,
That its sorrows shall be lighter
When the earth is free to all.

Fairhope, Ala.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

October 21st. x x x We drove through our new street for the first time yesterday, a party of four, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, our visitor, Mr. Ross, and myself, by the courtesy of Mr. Powell. It was a much appreciated treat to see the fine thrifty farms of the Hollanders. We wanted to stop at many places but could not, because we were due at the hall (schoolhouse) at 3 p. m. to hear Miss Chapman's address on the subject of food and health. It was excellent I will say here, and the discussion that followed very interesting. We passed Mr. Horning's place. I had seen it before and was pleased to see the progress he has made. His long rows of fine strawberries extending from the highway was a gratifying sight. He calls the place the Homecroft Gardens; and if his courage holds out to work hard for small profits at first as should everyone who opens new gardens on new land, I believe he will have great success. He is a young, single man of high principles.

It was regrettable that we could not stop at Brother Bancroft's, but Mr. Powell was able to answer Mr. Ross' many question about that beautiful, thrifty place, and others on the route. We called at the poultry ranch of Mr. Yarnelle. It is the moulting season when no self respecting hen would think of laying eggs. But all hens do not moult at exactly the same period. Just now from 175 laying hens he gets but sixty eggs. (I am not quite certain as to the numbers.) Mr. Yarnelle is of the opinion that the business pays, but that it requires scientific management. I understand that he is successful, and yet he buys all his feed! Now if this is so, how much greater must be the success by keeping the runs plowed and a certain proportion of them planted to poultry food crops! Hen manure is counted most valuable in the raising of all crops. I wanted to stay longer and ask more questions, but the time was short and we hurried on behind the fine, willing horses of the Powell livery stable, straight on to the large, carefully tilled farm of Mr. Vander Wall., one of the most successful of our Colony farmers. He received us cordially, introduced us to his wife and daughter, and after examining the cotton plantation which had made a large growth of stalk but would not yield a bale to the acre, Mr. V. said, like some fields we passed, Mr. Powell showed us the boll weevil, an innocent little flea-like creature that eats a round hole into the boll, or pod. The Government, he said, had offered a prize of one hundred thousand dollars to the discoverer of a remedy for this pest. The fall crops were all gathered except the sweet potatoes, and the late white potatoes which were nearly ready. The long green rows were inspiring to the agricultural eye. I asked Madame Vander Wall to tell me who did all of that plowing. She said her husband did it all. He has twenty acres, and I think every foot is under cultivation, and there is scarcely a weed in sight. All the furrows were marvels of straightness and evenness, yet he never uses a line or a stake. Seventy thrifty chickens were foraging over the plowed fields, as there are no crops for them to injure now. And with all this work he keeps but one horse for all kinds of service. He has several cows in prime condition and aims to have many, for he can profitably use many tons of stable manure. He believes in intensive culture but says you cannot do it successfully without stable manure. He must be right, for the greatest exemplifiers of intensive culture, and the raisers of the greatest crops to the acre are the Chinese who keep their land so rich that they cannot afford to lose an inch of it. They plant out every stalk of rice separate in the close rows. Travelers rave over their rice fields, and the quality of the oriental rice. We are just learning in this country that the secret is the same as with wheat—we throw away the best part, that richest in proteids, the part immediately under the husk. We saw the rice sheaves of Mr. Vander Wall. The heads were I should say, ten inches long, some of them, and filled with large grains. He tethers his cattle on plowed ground so as to save all the manure, particularly all the ammonia. I cannot over state the value to this Colony of an example of farming like that of the thrifty, orderly genial, intelligent Mr. Vander Wall.

[More of Mrs. Howland's visit to the Hollanders in next issue. —Editor.]

x x x How magnificent is the weather. No fires in this library yet, and the warm sun is opening the roses and jasmines, and ripening the second crop of dwarf guavas,* the little kumquats, the oranges and Ponderosa lemons. On my big tree which was injured badly, but is most vigorous now, there are two lemons, but they are immense ones. x x x I write to the inspiriting accompaniment of hammers, saws, and the pleasant voices of many citizens who are donating their labor to the building of the new library. They are now almost ready for the roof. It is to be of stucco, the foundations of artificial stone. What I dread is the removal of the books. The catalog should be revised, and the work on the card catalogue,

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*The dwarf guava is a delicious fruit and I urge all who call to taste it and give it a place in their gardens. Of course it must be protected a little in winter. It is unrivaled for jam and jelly.

so long ago commenced by Mrs. Dougherty, should be resumed. I think the best way will be to put the books in the new library cases in the order they stand here, labeling the cases the same, temporarily, and when we get settled there in the more spacious premises, get the Library Association together, and find out our best way to get the card catalog finished. This surely will be best, for our friends will be sending new books which should be in place before we commence cataloging.

Stock values have been tumbling—many to the lowest figures ever touched—in Wall street and it has only been by the Treasurer of the United States and the great "Captains of Finance" like Morgan and Rockefeller coming to the rescue, that a general smash in New York has been averted. It is possible that the acute condition known as a "panic," may be averted but that a period of retrenchment and liquidation has set in is certain. It is idle to shout "prosperity" and exhort the people to have "confidence." The wave of speculation in stocks, in products, and, most important of all, in land, has reached its limit, and must have a period of subsidence. The man who has his "feet on the earth," and can produce first-handed from nature, to supply a large part, at least, of his wants, will be the least disturbed.

The Cause and Cure of Disease.

At the Progressive League last Sunday Miss A. Chapman gave an interesting address on "Disease."

Miss Chapman's ideas were very radical and were well received by the radical audience.

The cause of disease, the speaker said, was due to filth; all diseases were filth diseases. This filth was continually in course of production in the human body and unless thrown off by the skin, the bowels, the kidneys, or the lungs, inflammation occured in some organ and nature made a special effort to expel the poison with the result that what we call a disease was set up.

The cure consisted in seeing that this waste matter was not produced faster than it could be carried off in the usual way, and if it should be produced faster and disease occurred, simply by aiding nature in her work of expelling it was sufficient.

Fasting and water were the great remedial agents. Drugs were to be shunned as simply more poison. In the ensuing discussion considerable correlative evidence was offered.

Next Sunday Mr. W. Ferguson will speak on "Free Money." Everybody is welcome.

A HALLOW'EEN PARTY.

The school children will give a Halloween sociable, to which all are invited, Dr. Sheldon thus cleverly announces it for them in verse:

Next Thursday night is Hallow-E'en
When queerest sights of all are seen—
Ghosts and goblins shriek and stare,
Hoodoo witches everywhere!
So at the school-house on that night
Have fortune told and see the sight,
Refreshments also you may buy—
Cake, candy, coffee, pumpkin-pie:
We will the proceeds, gen'rous friend,
For window-blinds for school-house spend,
Five cents admission lets you in,
At eight o'clock we will begin.

The V. I. C. will give a "Ten-cent Social" at the Pilcher home on the evening of Friday, Nov. 8th. Keep it in mind.

"Feast of Seven Tables" a Great Success.

One of the most pleasant and successful affairs ever "pulled off" in Fairhope was the V. I. C. "Feast of Seven Tables" at the Sweets' on last Friday evening. The evening was delightful, the cause for which the entertainment was given, the school, one in which all are interested, and the popularity of the host and hostess great; all combining to bring out a large attendance. The seven decorated tables were loaded with choice eatables, and the novelty of going the rounds increased the interest and made much merriment. Thirty dollars was raised for the school, the specific purpose being the putting in of the lavatories in connection with the new building now being put up.

HENRY GEORGE CLUB PROGRAM.

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Vice President—Mrs. Abbie Braam.
Secretary—Mrs. Delia K. Bancroft.
Treasurer—Mrs. Clara M. Gaston.

Subject for study,
First Five Books of Progress and Poverty by Henry George.

October Meeting

Pages 1 – 30 reviewed by Dr. Clara Atkinson, followed by discussion.

November Meeting

Pages 31–62 reviewed by Mrs. Marie Howland, followed by discussion.

December Meeting

Pages 62–87 reviewed by Mrs. Hazel Trenholme, followed by discussion.

January Meeting, 1908

Pages 91 – 124 reviewed by Mrs. Anne B. Call, followed by discussion.

February Meeting

Pages 124–150 reviewed by Mrs. Laura Powell, followed by discussion.

March Meeting

Pages 153–188 reviewed by Mrs. L. J. N. Comings, followed by discussion.

April Meeting

Pages 189–222 reviewed by Mrs. Delia K. Bancroft, followed by discussion.

May Meeting

Pages 225–258 reviewed by Miss Alice Herring, followed by discussion.

June Meeting

Pages 261 to end of Book V, reviewed by Mrs. Clara M. Gaston, followed by discussion.
Election of officers for ensuing year.

Evening Meetings

Tuesday, Nov. 19, with Mrs. G. M. Bancroft.
Address by Rev. Sedinger: subject, The American Idea and the Single Tax.
Music Committee: Mrs. Minnie H. Brown
" Anne B. Call
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Thursday, Jan. 16, with Mrs. Anna G. Pilcher.
Reading—Selections from Shakespeare—
Mr. P. Y. Albright.
Com. on Music, Mrs. Gaston and Mrs. Braam.
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Mrs. Anna G. Pilcher.
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Thursday, March 12, with Mrs. Laura Powell.
Address—How Single Tax will Solve the Labor Problem— by Mr. E. B. Gaston.
Music Com., Mrs. L. J. N. Comings and
Mrs. M. E. Mann.
Chairman Refreshment Com., Mrs. Powell.
Silver collection.

W. L. Ross Visiting Fairhope.

W. L. Ross, one of Fairhope's good friends of many years and one of the best known Single Taxers of the country, arrived on last Friday evening and will remain until Sunday morning.

Mr. Ross has been superintendent of the public baths, of Philadelphia for years, and has acquired an almost national reputation as an expert upon matters pertaining to public baths' management.

He was, until recently, president of the Henry George Society of Philadelphia and is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the approaching Single Tax Conference.

He is a brother of Mr. Ed. Ross who was here for some time in charge of the Fairhope Hotel of which property they are joint owners. Mr. Ross is a member of the Single Tax Corporation and greatly interested in everything pertaining to Fairnope.

BOOST THE COURIER LIST.

Don't forget that the circulation of the COURIER *must* be increased and that we look to our subscribers to help in this work.

We can get out the paper, but you are in touch—or at any rate within reach—of the people who ought to be added to our list.

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A HOUSE-WARMING FOR THE RIEL'S.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Riel were pleasantly surprised on Tuesday evening, by the unannounced advent of a lot of Fairhope friends, to give them a sort of "house-warming" and welcome to the community.

Mr. Riel has been here frequently during the last two or three years, in which time he has been opening and developing a farm and the family have been here several months but it was only a few days since that they got moved into their handsome now concrete block house.

They are from Chicago, and are very pleasant people, with three nice children, two of whom have entered the public school. Their home is about two and a half miles north-east of town, not on colony land.

The house was constructed by the Littlefield Concrete Company and is probably the nicest farm home in this part of the county. It is perhaps not larger than the Bancroft home but more ornate in architecture, having a very handsome circular gallery or veranda and three bay windows. The contractors had bad luck in the building having had the walls up ready for the roof when the big storm of Sept. last year came and leveled them to the ground. Their work has however, been well done and the house should stand for generations. The interior walls and ceilings are plastered, and the wood-work and floors of carefully selected material oiled and polished.

The Courier joins in the wish expressed by the friends who participated in the pleasant surprise that the Riels will prosper and enjoy to the utmost their nice home and live long among us.

SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

Also, "The Land Question" what it involves and how alone it can be settled, by Henry George; in paper 10 cents. Also, "Progress and Poverty", the Single Tax Bible, "Protection or Free Trade", and The Perplexed Philosopher" ,all by Henry George, in paper each 50c.

Two cents will cover the postage on the 10c. books and 10c, on the 50c. books, for which additional we will be glad to send them by mail to any address.

If possibly you have never read any of Henry George's works don't let it be said any more.

FATHER KNOWLES RETURNS.

Father Knowles returned on Sunday morning from his extended western trip, looking well and hearty He spent most of his time in Kansas running down also into Oklahoma, and returning by way of Galveston and New Orleans. He reports a large degree of prosperity among the farmers about his old home in Kansas, in part due to goo d crops for their staples and good prices for them and partly to increasing land values, for land has increased greatly in price. A good many farmers are selling or renting their farms and moving into town.

Father Knowles reports the dairying business as increasing in importance in Kansas and he agrees with the editor of the Courier that it should become a leading industry in this vicinity.

There seems to be one thing lacking in Fairhope for which there is almost constant demand and that is "board in private family." We are pretty well supplied with hotel accommodations and at very moderate figures, but many people, do not care to go to hotels and are asking for board in private families. Several have signified a willingness to go to the country for such board. It seems to us that this ought to be a good opportunity for some of our families to supplement their present income and meet this want by taking a boarder or two. If any will do so and will notify the editor-secretary he will refer inquiries to them.

Mrs. Frances R. Riley, a visitor of two years ago, writes: "My heart turns to Fairhope with a quick bound, after reading the Courier which I doenjoy very much. Am glad to see that the new library is to be built on Mrs. Howland's ground though it has given her quite a jolt to have her beloved "Pines" cut down. Am glad to note all improvements and suppose if I do not get there for a few years I will hardly know the place."

Mrs. DeCoudres and daughters Frances and Mary and their friend Miss Dolly Ellis, came over on the Fairhope Friday evening and remained until Tuesday morning, when they returned to Mobile, Mr. DeCoudres accompanying them. The DeCoudres are still warm friends of Fairhope and their many friends are always glad to see them.

T. N. Freeman left on Saturday morning on a lecture trip in the northern part of the state, expecting to be gone about three weeks. He spoke in Bricklayers Hall, Birmingham on Sunday on "What the Socialists Would Do With the Liquor Traffic."

The Soy Bean.

The culture in France of the soy bean, whose products are so important in the dietary of the Chinese and Japanese, is being urged in Paris. A puree pressed from the boiled seeds yields both milk and cheese, thinning with water, producing a very good substitute for animal milk, and coagulating with a mineral salt fitting the material for cheese-making. The cheese is usually eaten fresh though it may be preserved by salting or smoking, first being cooked.

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"I don't see why you should say you are surprised," insisted the young man in one end of the rowboat as he rested on the oars.



"You're the First."

"Why, of course it's a surprise," repeated the girl in the ridiculously frilly white sunbonnet, who sat in the other end. "I—I am not a mind reader!"

The young man lifted exasperated eyes to the sky. "Didn't you have any idea at all that I—that is—say honestly, Sallie, have'nt you been expecting right along that I'd say what I just said? Didn't you know I was head over heels——"

"I never thought any such thing," said the pretty girl, dabbling her fingers in the lake. "The idea! I'm not in the habit of supposing that every man who looks at me is in love with me! There isn't any reason anyhow why you should be—or should think you are!"

"Say," declared the young man earnestly, "this is no summer-resort romance; it's the real thing. I don't think—I know I am in love with you. And now you are pained and amazed and all the rest of it, and can't make up your mind. Why——"

"If you have such a poor idea of me as that," interrupted the girl in the white sunbonnet, "I don't see why you should care about me. To think that all this time you thought I was patiently waiting for you to give me a chance to say yes! I suppose you thought I was so hopelessly in love with you that I'd never get over it, and you'd break my heart if you didn't ask me! It seems to me that it was conceited as well as unkind of you!"

"I never thought any such thing!" cried the young man. "I——"

"Then if you didn't think I was in love with you there is no reason for you to be surprised that I am surprised," said the pretty girl, triumphantly. "It's one or the other, don't you see?"

The young man looked gloomy. "I know one thing, though," he said, darkly. "I know you can't care two straws about me or you would say yes right away. If you are in love with anybody, you know it!"

"Did the others say yes promptly?" inquired the pretty girl, maliciously, but with a hint of interest in her voice.

"You're the first," said the young man. "The first and only."

"They all say that," murmured the pretty girl pessimistically.

The young man looked gloomier. "I suppose a proposal doesn't mean much to you," he said. "They're as common as breakfast food. Yet, if you were used to them you would surely have seen this one coming from me."

"Oh, I don't know," said the girl in the sunbonnet, with a reminiscent smile that instantly presented before the young man's vision a long line of rejected suitors. "I just thought we were good friends. I didn't know—"

"You thought nothing of the sort," said the young man. "You knew I was merely existing on the sight of you 15 hours out of the 24. Didn't you, now?"

"Oh, I supposed you liked me a little bit," admitted the pretty girl, "or else you would have gone around with some of the other girls. But——"

"How did you suppose," went on the young man, "I could help falling in love with you? You are too modest. You don't realize what a fascinating——"

"We're drifting on a sandbar," said the pretty girl.

"That'll be a nice comfortable place to stay while you make up your mind," pursued the young man.

"I don't see why I am obliged to make up my mind," she said. "You can't make up your mind quickly over something that is entirely new and unexpected to you, you know. I had never thought of such a thing!"

"I should think you would," persisted the young man. "Haven't I made deadly enemies of every other man up here by keeping you away from them?"

"You couldn't have kept me away from them if I hadn't let you," unguardedly boasted the pretty girl.

The young man's face lost its gloom as if by magic. "You can't keep up the bluff!" he cried. "Come now—you know you had your mind made up weeks ago and you might as well tell me. Look at me, Sallie!"

"Well, anyhow," fenced the pretty girl as the boat drifted beneath some sheltering willow branches, "you needn't have been so sure to start with!"—Chicago Daily News.

Satisfied Young Litigant.

The Independent tells of a newsboy who brought suit against another newsboy who had tried to capture his corner on the street. The paper sent a lawyer to defend its representative, while the youngster had to present his case himself. He had been watching the progress of several cases before his was called, and as soon as the justice said: "Jones vs. Smith," he jumped up and yelled: "I object."

"State your objection," commanded the justice.

"Well, he's got a lawyer, and I have not, and that's not fair," he answered.

"Don't you think you and I can take care of them, young man?" inquired the justice.

"Oh, well, if the court's on my side, I'm ready," instantly replied the youngster, and the case proceeded.

Spotting Another Fake.

The marble statue of the immortal Bob Fitzsimmons had been finished and a few newspaper men had been admitted to an informal view of it in advance of the great public.

"It's a monumental fake!" exclaimed one of the sporting editors.

"What's wrong with it?" inquired the others.

"Can't you see?" he said. "This is pure white and Bob has freckles all over him."

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The Misses Powell visited in Mobile for several days this week and attended the Elks' ball on Tuesday evening.

Colonel Jones continues to supply tomatoes to the local market, in small quantities, They retail at 10c a pound.

Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle spent several days at her son's E. W. Yarnelle's, on account of the illness of Mrs. Yarnelle, Jr.

Don't go away from home to buy your Shoes until you have looked through our stock. We have some good bargains, and are sure we can please you. Mershon Merch. Co.

Will Stimpson sent a postal card to the postal correspondence page of the Practical Farmer and received a number of inquiries for further information about Fairhope.

Cabbage Plants for sale 10 and 15 cents per dozen. Homecroft Horticultural Gardens. F. L. Horning Prop.

Laurie Thielson and Alex Beam caught 150 trout between 10.30 a. m. and 2.30 on Thursday. The "string" made about all two men cared to carry. The editor was favored with a fine bunch from the catch.

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Two suites of 3 rooms, each well furnished, centrally located, for rent. Mary Hunnel.

"Captain" J. M. Pilcher was reported in the Register of Thursday as among the speakers at a big Pythian meeting in Mobile on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Pilcher says the presiding officer in calling upon him referred in the most complimentary terms to Fairhope and to the steamer Fairhope.

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Mrs. W. E. Sweet, received a telegram on Thursday announcing the death of her father, Mr. J. D. Strattan, which occured at Galva Ill., on Wednesday evening. Mr. Strattan had long been a sufferer from heart disease, which was, no doubt, the immediate cause of death, though full particulars have not been received. The Strattans had many friends here from their residence of more than a year, who join in sympathy with the wife and daughter.

Mr. J. C. Porter, of Chicago, who has been here for several weeks looking over the situation with a view to locating, was joined last week by Mrs. Porter, who is becoming acquainted with our people Fortunately she arrived in time to attend the pleasant gathering at the Sweets last Friday evening, and had an especially favorable introduction to our social circles. We hope she and Mr. Porter will decide to remain and make their home with us.

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Much interest was manifested last Saturday in the announced drawing of the winner of the buggy to be given by the Mershon Merchandising Company.

The winning number which had been sent postmaster Oswalt and locked up in a sealed envelope at the beginning of the contest proved to be number 25,169. Messrs. A. M. Dealy and P. Y. Albright were selected by the Mershon Merchandising Co. to go over the big bunch of tickets to find the lucky ticket and see whose name it bore.

A careful search of the tickets deposited, however failed to disclose No. 25,169. The nearest to it was 25,167, which bore Mr. Albright's name. Look about your pockets and cupboards and see if you haven't 25,169. If you have the buggy is waiting for you. If it cannot be found in a reasonable time, and there is another ticket as near as Mr. Albright's 25,167, the holder will be asked to draw cuts with him to see who gets the buggy.

If Mr. Albright's is the nearest, we presume it will be awarded to him. Coffee was served by "the big store" to its many customers throughout the entire afternoon and was much enjoyed by them.

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19	62	80	69
20	66	78	72
21	68	80	72
22	68	78	72
23	67	78	70

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L. F. Manly, Observer.

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A registered Jersey cow, about four years old, exceedingly kind and gentle, gives about six quarts very rich milk a day. E. B. Gaston.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present.

Minutes of Oct. 7 read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

Fairhope livery rig used in making sale of tie-stumpage, $ 2.50
R. Vander Wall, use of horse in road work, .50
Wm. Stimpson bal. of cost of stairway south of gully (itemized bill furnished) 3.25
Wm. Stimpson, building fence between Fairhope and Magnolia Ave's. as per contract. 25.00
Gate at library, 1 50

The bill of Fairhope Improvement Company for $288.66 for furnishing and laying water-pipe to pier-head allowed to be credited to Company and paid in water for steamer at $6 00 a month as per agreement.

Fairhope Improvement Company allowed for note of Abe Strauss for water connection (and interest thereon) discounted by Company, but uncollected.

An ordes ordered drawn for $67.97 to apply on water-works indebtedness carried at bank by Powell, Pilcher, Patterson, Brown, Bancroft, Comings and Gaston.

Timber Committe instructed to take steps at once to collect stumpage due from Davis. Voss and Co. on ties cut.

Supervising architect Trenholme reported that there had been but one bid received on plastering and stuccoing schoolhouse, that of Mr. Littlefield which was opened and found to be $104.80 for plastering and $307 for stuccoing, the latter however, not on architects specifications (those of Mr. Price) which Mr. Littlefield condemned and refused to make any bid upon, but upon bider's own specifications. Mr. Trenholme said that there seemed to be great disagreement among architects and builders as to specifications for stuccoing and the durability of same.

After considerable discussion a motion prevailed that the outside of building be sided in same manner as the present building.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Littlefield be offered 35 cents a yard for inside plastering.

Communication read from Mrs. Crawford, purchaser of Rest Cottage in regard to wash through that property.

Motion prevailed that Superintendent of lands and highways attend to this and also to gully in front of White tract; also to repair shute near livery stable.

Communication from Mrs. Howland relative to compensation for improvements on account of Summi street, referred to committee on same.

Transfer from J. P. Haber to Mrs. A. G. Pilcher of north 100 ft. of Haber lot on corner Section street and Magnolia ave. approved.

Treasurer's report for September submitted as follows:

Receipts		
Balance on hand Sept. 1,		$368.90
Stumpage		111.56
Rents 1906		40.69
" 1907		124.31
" 1908		7.90
" Penality		5.88
Sundries		24.65
Telephone		6.00
Schoolhouse Annex		800.00
		1489.89
Disbursements		
*Sundries	$ 25.	
Telephone	17.70	
Schoolhouse annex	73.40	
Highways	12.25	
Salaries	8.00	
Taxes	18.82	
Water	142.31	
† Postage and Ptg.	39.32	
		336.80
Balance on hand Sept. 30,		1153.09
Balance consisting of		
Reg. Certificates,		$180.30
Water "		271.15
Wharf "		1.00
Cash in Bank		750.64
		1153.09

* Three months' advertising in Courier $25.00
John P. Lowell booklet ad. 11 00
Postage and letter heads, 3 32

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WOMEN IN INVENTIVE FIELD.

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Women are stepping at a lively gait into the field of invention. There are many successful devices patented in the names of women, and a few of these have made large returns to their inventors. One woman had offered to her as soon as it was patented $20,000 for her device of a satchel-bottomed paper bag. The glove fasteners which have almost superseded the old-fashioned buttons and buttonholes are the invention of a woman.

Domestic utensils naturally attract the ingenuity of women, and there are flatirons, pie tins, ovens, stoves and baking dishes which are paying their originators well from every-day-in-the-year sales.

But women are not confined to any field. "No pent-up Utica contracts their powers."

A letter-box with a signal for the postman when there is a letter in the box is one of woman's inventions. Another woman has invented an embalming fluid for undertakers—gruesome thing to think about. There are pages of women's names in the patent office reports. There are wheels, locks, brakes, alarm clocks, fire escapes and all sorts of patents issued to women.



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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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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 has been 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 long distance connection.

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Hereafter any package of merchandise which does not weigh over five pounds, can be shipped by express to any point in Alabama for 22 cents. Ten pound packages can be shipped at from 25 cents to 40 cents, 20-pound packages from 25 cents to 50 cents, 30-pound packages from 25 cents to 55 cents, 40-pound packages from 25 cents to 70 cents, 100-pound packages now 30 cents to $1.05.

Another very cheap rate which is put on by the express company, off the coast, is the new tariff on fish and oysters.

The rates on chickens and eggs have also been reduced to a very low rate.—Exchange.

Cope Reports Freak of Nature.

EDITOR COURIER:

I think you will be interested in a piece of nature's handiwork which a friend and myself found a few days ago while walking through the forest; a most perfect piece of grafting between two post oak trees.

The trees are about one foot in diameter, and stand about four or five feet apart.

About six feet from the ground a limb springs out from one tree and goes to the other where at about eight feet from the ground it is perfectly united to the other tree. The limb is about one and one-fourth inches in diameter at the smallest point, but where it unites with the other tree it is enlarged to about two and one-half inches. There is no visible scar and if the limb was severed no one would suspect that it is grafted in. This curiosity is on the farm of Mr. Hugo Leusch in Marengo county about two miles from Flatwood station.

There is nothing else here of more than ordinary interest. Everybody is either busy making timber or building houses or other buildings. There is a scarcity of cars just now which makes the planing mill a crowded place.

Flatwood Ala, M. M. Cope.

Friends of the Courier at Work.

Among the friends of the Courier who have recently sent in new subscriptions are the following:

George Knowles, 2; Wm. Brown, 1; F. K. Perry, 2; W, K. Smith, 1; H. W. Meyer, 1.

John N. Macomb writes: "I enclose draft for five dollars. Kindly set my subscription one year in advance and apply the remainder to the best interest of the Fairhope Courier. I consider the success of this newspaper of the greatest importance to the Single Tax cause for it comes to us every week with an object lesson of practical worth."

The Montrose Park Company is reported to be considering the purchase of a 2,000 passenger steamer the "Margaret" formerly of the Plant line fleet, to run between Mobile and the new hotel and amusement park between Montrose and Daphne. The projectors must expect a regular Coney Island business, but there is no New York to draw from. It strikes us that a 2,000 passenger steamer in the present stage of development of this section would be the biggest kind of an elephant on the hands of the operators.

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AN INSTRUCTIVE COMPARISON.

Adantages of Renting Corporation Land Over Purchasing Alongside Shown in "Figures that Don't Lie."

A lot on Bay View Avenue—Lot Colony property—has just been sold. It is 84½ ft. front on Bay View Avenue by 118 ft. deep and brought $350. It is not a bay front lot, but commands at present a fine view of the bay, which however, is likely to be interfered with by buildings on the lots in front. Adjoining it is a Colony lot and an interesting comparison can be made of the advantages of renting under the Colony plan with purchasing.

The Colony lot is 55 ft. front by 209 ft. deep. A little larger in area, but just about the equivalent in desirability. The rent on this lot for this year is $9. The holder has connection with the water mains and has water pumped free, worth at least $5 per annum. He and his family, tenants and friends have free access to the Colony bath-rooms, built and kept in order at the public expense. He can put in a telephone at an original cost for a phone (which he owns) of about $10 to $14 and at an annual charge for central service of three dollars. Had he children he would save on their tuition and incidentals—paid by the Corporation—at least $5.75 cents each.

These are some of the principal items—not all—of advantage to the resident on Corporation land.

Let us tabulate and contrast the cost to each party.

Private Owner.

Int. on investment at 6 per cent	$21.00
Tax on improvement	7.00
" on lot at sixty per cent valuation	2.94
Water rent	5.00
Bathing privilege 50 cents each for family of 5. (Colony charge to outsiders)	2.50
Telephone	18.00
Tuition 2 children	11.50
	$67.94

Lessee of Corporation.

Rent, covering all advantages cited but telephone	9.00	
Telephone, allowing $2 per year on phone and rental	5.00	$14.00
Difference in favor of lessee		$53.94

Eliminate water, telephone, school and bathing privileges, and count only interest on investment, at low rate of 6 per cent, and taxes, and the lessee is still twenty three dollars and ninety four cents ahead.

Don't the figures talk for the advantages of the Colony policy? Why should any one buy in the face of such a showing? We confess it is passing strange, but analyzed, the reasons are only two; ignorance or unwillingness to forego the privilege of collecting unearned increment.

We do not mean to use the word "ignorance" in an offensive sense but to denote a lack of understanding of the principles underlying and methods pursued by the Colony. Such was the case, we believe, with the purchaser of the lot in question, an excellent gentleman we presume, but who has never given any thought to the Single Tax policy in general, or the Fairhope method of applying it in particular.

INTERESTING EXTRACTS FROM PERSONAL LETTER

Of One Who, Though Absent, Has Fond Recollections of Fairhope and Plans to Return.

The following extracts from a letter of Wilmer P. Hoopes, a recent resident and still a leaseholder, will be of interest to our readers at home and abroad, for its favorable comparisons made between Fairhope and other sections and its practical suggestions. Also for the warm regard manifested for Fairhope, its people and its policies and the missionary zeal shown, begotten of a stay in the environment of Fairhope.

"We have a lot of apples this year but haven't had time to pick the late ones yet. Buyers are paying as much as 75 cents per bushel now and it looks as if they would be very high to consumers before very long. They are being shipped now from here to Kansas, and other places in the west.

"We had a fine lot of grapes too and I had all I could eat just a week ago, from vines that I planted out five or six years ago, and today I was over and picked some late plums.

"But all the apples, cherries, pears, grapes and plums do not make up for the fresh figs, Japanese persimmons, and Satsumas of Fairhope.

"A month ago I escorted a lot of cows to the State Exp. Station at Raleigh, N. C. and got along very nicely with them even if I couldn't get around very well. My! how good the cotton did look to me and the cow peas too! even if they were not near so good as at Fairhope; and if I could only have gone on south to Mobile and thence over home. I saw acres and acres and acres of cotton that would take four and five to make a bale of cotton and very little corn better than the poorest that grows at Fairhope and if those people can live there we certainly can at farming about Fairhope. I am glad Mr. Comings is bringing in a separator and it seems to me since there is plenty of steam at the mill, that would be the place to start with it and run it there till there is enough business to warrant putting up a creamery. To ship cream to Mobile seems to me by far the best proposition, but it will need ice for that, but it would as well for making butter. To run a creamery cheaply and satisfactorily in the south it needs a refrigerating plant in connection with it and as the first cost of all that is considerable it would need quite a good sized business to start with to make it pay.

"We have about 100 milking cows and handle the cream from as many more, and we expect to have in a sample milking machine, which is to be run with water-power-generated electricity in a short time now.

"Feed of all kinds is so high and we were getting so little for our product that we were not making anything at it and about a month ago we decided to sell the cows and go out of the milk business, had a sale manager come on here to arrange for the sale, and father went to Baltimore to see about having catalogues printed. The men who get our cream found out his intention and then they told him they just had to have his cream even if they made nothing on it and agreed to pay what he told them he would have to have to continue so he gave up the sale, but we are talking now of having it in about a year. There is so much confining work and worry about it all and so little more than just a bare living in it that we do not see the use of continuing at it.

I generally milk 12 to 15 cows and one morning a few weeks ago I milked 25, so you see I am earning my bread at least.

Last Monday night I drove into our country town, six miles, and back and though I put on extra clothes and an overcoat I got very cold, and may be it didn't make me think longingly of Fairhope. I am planning to get back for a few weeks at least winter after next, for I want to set out some more trees not later than then, even if I am not able to do anything more than that. One thing is certain, I am not going to stay away any longer than I absolutely have to, and I wish many times I could go back right away and not have to live here through this or any other winter.

"I enjoy the Public every week and talk Single Tax whenever I get a chance; I have 'P. & P.,' 'Social Problems,' 'Natural Taxation,' and 'Protection or Free Trade?' all loaned out to friends, and I hope they are doing some good."

A Pleased Visitor.

C. L. Dahlgren, of New Orleans, who with his wife spent a couple of weeks here in September writes:

"I am talking Fairhope to every one of my friends. Called on the L. & N. ticket agent soon after my return and told him all about it; also told him to route any business by the Steamer 'Fairhope.' He was glad to hear such favorable news of the place. Am looking forward with pleasure to my next visit. You have a very bright, chatty paper and I enjoy reading it."

Mr. Dahlgren is an ex-railroad man, now connected with a bank at New Orleans and in position to do us much good. It is pleasant to know of his friendship.

Charles Schalkenbach Revisits Old Home.

Mr. E. Q. Norton drove up to the COURIER office on Tuesday, with a prosperous looking stranger, whom the editor, with a little effort, recalled to memory as Mr. Charles Schalkenbach, who is entitled to distinction as the original settler (northern) of Fairhope.

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J. M. Eilers, one of our staunch Single Taxers of Cincinnati writes: "When I read of all your fruits and vegetables I get a strong notion to come down and board with you a week or two. Most of we Single Taxers up here are vegetarians."

Frances H. Warren, of Detroit, president of the Liberia Development Association, which proposes to found in Africa, a colony of negroes announces in his Detroit Informer, that November 1st, 1908, has been decided upon as the date of sailing of the initial party. This party is expected to number no less than 1,000. Editor Warren is a man of much ability, an ardent Single Taxer, and will so far as he is able, direct the enterprise along sound lines.

Limited Suspension of Payment by Banks

The banks of Mobile in common with those of almost every other city in the country have joined in measures of self protection in the strained financial situation. They have agreed to enforce the sixty day rule on time deposits, to issue clearing house certificates, based on securities deposited, for settling balances among themselves and will only pay out $50 to any one depositor in one day.

We have been told that the flurry was a Wall street matter, but this is evidence that the whole country is affected. And it seems to us that the action of the banks, while perhaps reasonable precautions to prevent a general collapse, cannot but powerfully affect the public. It will perforce, prevent the people who have money in the banks from withdrawing it in a lump, but it will also, no doubt, deter those who have cash from depositing it. With notice given that once deposited they will not be allowed to withdraw except at the pleasure of their bankers, they will prefer to be their own bankers and keep their money in their safes or "socks," where they know they can get it when they want it.

Furthermore, what an example the banks set to their debtors and to debtors generally. If the banks refuse to pay their depositors except in sums to suit their convenience, those who have borrowed of the banks will be quite likely to claim a like privilege as their notes mature.

The precautionary measures adopted may, as stated, stave off an absolute collapse, but nothing in our opinion can stave off a tedious and distressing period of retrenchment and liquidation. A period of rising prices, with its temptation to speculation—especially in land in which there should be no temptation because no opportunity to speculate—has reached its limit and the tendency must as inevitably be downward as a bullet shot skyward will be drawn back by gravity, when the propelling force is exhausted. When the opportunity to sell at an advance no longer exists, speculative demand for land ceases, and prices must descend to the level where profitable use of the land can be made.

Now is an excellent time to come to Fairhope. It will be least affected by panics because there is no speculation in land here. Its ease of access to land, the mildness of its climate and the fact that something can be produced from the soil for direct consumption, every day in the year, give it advantages that exist nowhere else.

The Temptation to Steal Because Title to Land gives Power to Get Without Giving.

EDITOR COURIER:

Every few days the newspapers tell us of prominent citizens, U. S senators, etc. being implicated in land frauds in the west, and this to the thoughtful citizen raises the question: What is it these distinguished citizens steal? Is it land? Certainly not, in the same sense that a man can steal a coat or a bicycle and run away with it, or any other portable object.

Evidently the thing they steal is the title to land. Now why do they wish to steal land titles? Simply because the title gives them the power to steal from others the result of human labor for the privilege of using land; this is the real object. Now what is a title? Just a piece of parchment or paper. What gives it value? Organized society, called government. This thing alone guarantees titles. What is the title for? To secure a legal monopoly of land. Who wrote the first land titles? Lawyers? No; soldiers. What with? Pens? No; swords. Did they use ink? No; blood. All original titles all over the world originated in brute force. What validates them now? Public sentiment. Why? Customs; backed by centuries of usage, coupled with the further fact that the private possession of land is absolutely necessary to the best use of land and a stable civilization.

Where then is the fault? Right here: Private possession is necessary and the private appropriation of ground rent or value is not. These land thieves steal this land because they know that population is steadily increasing, but land is not; hence the constant rise in its value. This is called the unearned increment; this increment of value is due to society at large and not to the few who own the titles, and the only substantial difference between the legal and illegal owner of land is a foolish notion, almost universally entertained, that after a man has obtained title he has a right to take that which he has not earned, land values, a difference between legal and illegal stealing: just tweedledee and tweedledum morality.

Stealing, no matter what the method, consists in getting something for nothing, and it is because it is morally wrong it can be successfully condemned; and if government, which establishes and maintains land titles, but which itself is sustained by taxes, would only concentrate taxation upon the unearned increment of land it would at once destroy the desire to steal land, it would destroy speculation in land, that primary cause of panics, It would make land cheap and easy of access, make men dear and scarce, open up unlimited areas, now held out of use for a "rise," and bring about a normal adjustment in the affairs of men, such as has never obtained in the history of the world.

Chicago, Ill., Henry H. Hardinge.

The Way to Success.

In his speech to the colored people of a small town in Mississippi where his train stopped for two or three minutes President Roosevelt said:

"I congratulate you upon the evidences of prosperity that even tonight I can see here and upon what I have heard about you. There is no royal road to good citizenship or to success in life. If a man is a good bread winner, if he works hard and faithfully, if he is thrifty and if he tries to save money, if the woman is a good house-wife, if she does her part, then that man and that woman will achieve success in life. No one can give it to them from without. all that can be done is to try to get them fair play, and then to trust to their own qualities for the actual achievements."

If this were true it would be glorious. But it is not true, though it ought to be true. Success in life is not always the reward of hard and faithful work and thrifty habits. Millions of men and women work hard and faithfully; they practice thrift and economy; they are sober; they do their full part in the domestic relation; yet they are never very far from the verge of want. The failure of employment for a single week in thousands and tens of thousand of instances means actual privation.

There is a royal road to success. But it is barred by many privileges. There is the privilege of land monopoly. There is the privilege of private taxation. There is the privilege of moneymonopoly. There is the privilege of private control of the public highways. All these are bars thrown by legislation across the royal road to success. If these bars were torn down any man willing to work hard and faithfully and to save money could traverse that road safely and surely to success—to material prosperity and to a competence for old age.

Nor is the president within the mark when he says that no one can give success from without. Can not the government bestow privileges which give success to those receiving them? Has Carnegie not had his success literally handed to him in the form of tariff legislation? Was not the Rockefeller success a gift in the form of secret rebates and of other like advantages over his competitors?

It is to be regretted that Mr. Roosevelt refuses to carry his logic to its conclusion. He frequently touches upon very vital points and every now and again he declares a principle which if rightly applied would cut the ground from beneath the feet of the whole brood of favorites which government is fostering. But he never goes quite to the mark. He never quite lives up to his logic. Johnston Democrat.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Oct. 28 x x x Dr. L. Meyer of New York renews his subscription and writes: "I am glad that you are soon to have a new library building. The COURIER reaches me regularly and is always a welcome guest. I read it with the greatest interest and am only too glad that Fairhope is progressing so well." I visited Dr. Meyer while North, at his new home in the Bronx. He is a good friend to our Colony and I hope one day may settle here. Why, everybody, nearly, is attracted to the country and especially to the genial south. See the November Everybody's magazine for a remarkable paper by Ogden on the present

rush of immigrants to the southwest, especially Oklahoma where the last government lands, practically, are opened to settlers. The writer states postively that in ten years or less there will be no more land for the people for they cannot buy it at the monopolists' price.

Oct. 29 x x x This morning my new andirons came into use for the first time and a big pine root burns cheerily on them. They are rather too large for this fire place but will be just right for that of the new library. Meanwhile, I have written to Mr. Ferdinand for a set of smaller ones for this room. Of course as he made the library a present of these, we ought to pay for the second set, and will gladly.

The mercury is at 52° this morning, the sky cloudless. Work on the library is interrupted by lack of the plaster or stucco material which will probably come today. I feel lost without the music of those seven or eight builders, who most or perhaps all of them, kindly donate a part or all of their time for the "cause." Father Knowles, seventy-four years old, seems as spry as any of them. I must confess that I do not feel right to see him working on the roof. However, he is looking younger than he did four years ago, and disclaims all right to age privileges. He is a war veteran and his personal reminiscences are very interesting. No citizen of Fairhope is more loved and honored than Father Knowles. You remember he is the father of Mrs. Delia Bancroft on whose dramatic talent we depend so much when we have entertainments.

x x x Now let me tell you some good news. It seems certain that my sister Ada, and her husband, Mr. Stockbridge, will sell the old Stockbridge homestead and move here. Fifty years ago I remember its green front yard, and across the way, the Stockbridge blacksmith shop. It is a romantic spot among the great hills. Tall Spitzenberg apple trees drop their red fruit at this time into the stony brook skirting the garden. You can understand how hard it is to part with the old home, even though in ruins. The house was built by the elder Stockbridge over one-hundred years ago.

A VISIT TO THE C. O. WHITE FARM.

Messrs. Ross and Rucker were guests of R. F. Powell and the editor on a trip one day last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. White about six miles southeast of Fairhope, a trip which was declared exceedingly pleasant and profitable by all of the party.

We had been hearing for some time of the great things accomplished by Mr. White in the short time he has been upon the farm, but were even then hardly prepared for the reality.

The ground which constitutes the White farm was taken possession of two years before our visit, almost to a day. It was then ordinary unbroken, unfenced, piny woods land.

Today there are forty-three acres well fenced, cleared of every stump and in cultivation—including the Bermuda grass pasture and the house lot.

There is a large two-story house, large barns, much fruit out, some of it bearing some this season, lots of chickens and hogs, all the necessary stock and tools to work the farm, plenty of feed for all in barn and granary, grown on the farm, fine crops approaching maturity in the fields and others coming on for winter feeding.

To accomplish all this has been a herculean task, but to accomplish it Mr. White and his son Earl, have labored early and late themselves and money has been spent freely.

What has been done is an example of what can be done in a short time here with the intelligent use of capital.

It should be particularly encouraging to those who, having as Mr. White had, accumulated some capital in manufacturing—he was an inventor and manufacturer—or in merchandising, yet have that hunger to get "back to the land" which is characteristic of so large a portian of mankind. It is still further encouraging because Mr. White declares he had absolutely no prior experience in farming.

Mr. White's experience, while not possible to those who lack capital, is yet of great value to them because of the experiments he is making in crops and methods, and of which by observation they can get much benefit.

The editor had his eyes and ears open for facts from Mr. White's experience, which he thought would be of value to those who are working with the soil here or hope to be.

One of the first things noted with an approving eye, was the Bermuda grass pasture, of which there is twelve acres. This was secured by sowing the seed. A good sod was secured. At intervals of about 4ft. we noted furrows turned and learned that it is the intention to about every so often (every year we believe) turn another furrow--this with the idea that Bermuda sod will thrive better turned over occasionally; further, the furrows across the wash will catch the fertilizing materials deposited by the stock and prevent their loss in the heavy rains.

The cattle, seven head of Jerseys, two milking, were running in the pasture, as were the hogs, forty-five big and little. These have access also to a field of 4½ acres of chufas, which they were enjoying and with fine results. A full blooded Berkshire male, weighing full 300lbs. called by name, pricked up his ears and came in from a distance of a couple of hundred feet to be sociable.

In an adjoining field—separated by a portable fence—green was just beginning to show on several acres sown to rye and rape for winter pasture.

A flock of 60 or 70 snow-white chickens, white Wyandottes, were noted and Mr. White said they were exceedingly pleased with their experience with chickens. They had done extremely well, been almost entirely free from disease, no lice or mites, and they would enlarge their flock materially. The chickens are fed principally Kaffir corn, which had yielded well. One crop had been cut, and another pretty good crop was in sight in the same rows. Our own experience had been that birds are very bad in Kaffir corn. They did not seem to have bothered this much. The reason perhaps that enough was grown for the birds, as well as the farmer.

One and a quarter acres of fall Irish potatoes looked exceedingly well. They were planted Aug. 29th and were green and growing vigorously, with potatoes already cracking the ground. 1300lbs. of fertilizer was used at $26 a ton. They looked to us like a hundred bushels to the acre easily, which should sell on the local market, without expense of barrelling, at $1.00 a bushel, (now retailing at 35 cents a peck.) This was the third crop since oats was sown on the ground Dec. 26, 1906. Cow peas followed the oats, and were plowed under. Potatoes will be planted again in January.

Adjoining the potatoes was a small patch of Japanese clover or "lespedeza" which Mr. White declared he believed to be of greater importance to this section than any other crop—even cow peas. We are inclined to think he is correct. It is a native of Japan, as its name implies, introduced into this country, as the encyclopedia says, in 1840 or 50, since which time it has been successfully making its way against the native grasses, until it has become quite general. It can be noted all around Fairhope in the yards and alongside the roads. It is a true legume, with the power to draw its supply of nitrogen from the air and deposit it in the soil for use of other crops, and deep-rooting, enabling it to withstand dry weather, while the roots decaying add humus as well as nitrogen to the soil and leave it open, porous.

It will thrive in this soil absolutely without fertilizer, yield crops of excellent hay, which, having thick juicy stems like cow peas will cure in a day and will also stand pasturing almost equal to Bermuda grass.

It would seem that this is the long sought plant for this country, the sure foundation for profitable farming and stock growing.

(Concluded next week.)

The V. I. C. will give a "Ten-cent Social" at the Pilcher home on the evening of Friday. Nov. 8th Keep it in mind, don't fail to attend. The V. I. C. is the one society which works for the interest of the whole community, and deserves the support of all.

"FREE MONEY."

Last Sunday at the Progressive League, Mr. Ferguson gave a talk on Free Money. By this, the speaker said, he meant the direct lending of money to the people, by the government, on the usual security, without interest; and, in this way getting rid of the interest which the banks exacted from the people for the loan of their own money.

This view was heartily endorsed by the audience in the ensuing discussion; and in addition stress was laid on the necessity of freeing the land from monopoly, by the operation of the Single Tax, without which these other reforms would have but little effect in raising the condition of the people.

Next Sunday Mrs. Lydia J. Newcomb Comings will address the League.

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The Heavens are Filled With Nitrogen.

It is a wonderful provision set apart by the Maker of the heavens and earth that he has made part of the atmosphere we breathe to become a fertilizer. Nitrogen must enter into the growth of every blade of grass, grain of wheat, or bushel of corn produced on this earth. Prof. Hopkins of the Illinois Experiment station, who is among the leading minds of this nation, declared a few months since that 37,000 tons of nitrogen covered each acre of land in the world. Why was this nitrogen placed thus over the heads of the people? To keep up the fertility of the lands. The air over each acre, at the price paid for it by the farmers of America, is worth eleven-million dollars. This great strata of nitrogen is floating over the world, and God has provided laws by which a large part of it can be captured and placed in the soil to render poor soils rich. He has given the farmer cowpeas, that will catch 10 dollars worth of nitrogen in one season, and place the nitrogen in little tubercules as large as a pin head to the size of a grain of wheat. The soja bean will draw from the clouds as much as 15 dollars worth of nitrogen per acre, and deposit it in the sub-soil to make corn grow, and yet when the editor of the Agriculturist tells these wonderful facts to its patrons they are so indifferent to these scientific truths that they will not heed the advice, and fail to use the nitrogen traps to capture so grand a utility.

Everybody is wanting alfalfa, the greatest forage plant known to mankind, but it being of a higher order of feeding tastes, must have the soil prepared through nitrogen before it will grow on even good lands. The pea, soja bean, etc., can be used to prepare the soil for the alfalfa, and they are the forerunners that will not fail. The farmer who sows an acre of burr clover this fall can feel assured that in one year he can follow on that plat of land an acre of alfalfa with a guarantee of a stand. The burr clover will gather from the atmosphere about 20 dollars worth of nitrogen on its roots which it will leave in the soil to feed the alfalfa. What a wonderful discovery! Sow burr clover at once, and let it be gathering in nitrogen from the heavens to sustain a future crop of alfalfa. Oh, that the people would learn to appreciate and apply the wonderful provisions of plants to enrich the lands, and even grow alfalfa on thin soils!—Southern Agriculturist.

Blacksmith Suffers Loss by Fire.

Mr. W. T. Joyce had a very narrow escape from losing his shop and even his life by fire on Monday night and did sustain a loss of about $40 in clothing, bedding and cash burned. It happened by his accidentally overturning a lamp filled with oil just as he was ready for bed. The lamp broke spilling the oil which immediately caught fire. He caught up the bed-clothing and attempted to smother the fire with it, and was just about to give it up and rush to the door and call for help when he thought of the window right at hand and dashing it open he threw the blazing bedding outside. In picking this up he also caught up his pants containing a considerable sum and befored they were gone they had burned with the money, all but the coin, which he recovered.

Mathew McMurtry and his wife left on Saturday for Petaluma California, after a stay here of several weeks. While here they purchased several lots including the Hoitt lots on Section street, one of Dr. Atkinson's lots on Bay View ave., and one or two of Mr. Swift. They expect to close out their interests in California and return to make their home here. They are evidently people of means and will probably make some good improvements here.

Frank Starr of Hillsdale Mich. started for Fairhope last week overland. He has a family of three and they expect to reach here before the first of January. They carry with them an electric picture show and will give entertainments on the way where they can get an audience. Mr. Jefferson received word from them and also from another family who expect to get here about the seventh of November.

James Gable, who was born and raised in a mile or two of the postoffice but who has been in Mobile for several years, has moved into the Blank cottage, corner Section st., and Magnolia avenue. He returns to the shore for his health, and will, we understand, go to work for Mr. Berglin in the telephone pole business.

For Sale.

Tane Nashi Japanese persimmon trees, bearing size 50 cents each at my place, Ingleside, Fairhope Ala.
C. L. Coleman.

SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

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It was in the early morning and quite warm when, with their lunches on their arms and wads of gum in their mouths, that they met as they were on their way to their places of employment. The conversation which took place between them from the time they met until they parted follows:

"Hello, Maggie!"
"Hello, Sadie."
"Hot, ain't it?"
"Betcher life."
"Say, Maggie, I seen you last Sunday."
"Didju? Where at?"
"Down the shore."
"Where wasju?"
"On the next shore. Say, Maggie, whose tha bloke you were with?"
"He's no bloke—he's a mutt."
"W'at's the dif?"
A bloke's tha feller who's easy, spends his money an' don't grunt 'bout it; but a mutt's always growlin' an' t'inks he ownsyu' cause he takesyu out. Ha! ha!"
"Ha! ha! I'm wise."
"Say, Mag, didju have a good time?"
"Oh, ye-es."
"Wudju take 'im for?"
"Sadie, it's just like this: Me an' me steady had a split. I wanna go, so I uses tha mutt."
"Ha! ha!"
"Ha! ha!"
"Say, Sade, I flirted just twice as much because the mutt ain't no sport, and, say, Sade, I made a hit."
"Didju, Mag? Who wit?"
"A swell guy. Oh, he's a dandy!"
"Wots he do?"
"Got a politics job. He told me confidenchally that he's a rainspout inspector an' he says it's a cinch."
"Get next to 'im, Mag."
"Bet cher life I will. I know my oats all rite, all rite."
"Make a date?"
"Yep; he's comin' around to-morrow night."
"Cantchu nock 'im down to me?"
"Not chet."
"Say, Sade, he owns a honk-honk."
"Wots at?"
"That's one of them things you look pooty in—a auto, yu know; but he says the city's machine broke down and he loaned 'em his'n."
"Deed?"
"Yep."
"Say, Sade, I heerd yu ain't liv'n home eny more; that's so?"
"Naw, 'taint so; only me and me people had a rumpus an' I skidooed fer awhile."
"Wot was tha trouble, Sade?"
"Well, Mag, it was jest like this. Yu know Kate Rielly got married one night an' I went to thu shindig. Now 'taint right fer a lady to run b'fore the fest-fest-festivi-ties are all over, an' yu know Katie an' me was good fren's once, so when she says, 'Sadie, stay awhile, won't chu?' why I just stayed an' when I got home the old man an' ol woman wouldn't let me in, so I goes board'n; but's all over now an' I'm home agen."
"Say, Mag, bin to thu new park?"
"Naw. Have yu?"
"Yep, but 'taint nothin'."
"Why not?"
"It's like a semitary."
"That's so?"
"Yep, dry an' full of dead 'uns?"
"Ha! Ha!"
"Ha! Ha!"
"Well, Mag, I leave yu here."
"All right, Sadie."
"Oh, say, Sade wyanchu come round to see me?"
"Where yer livin' at now?"
"Same place."
"All rite, I'll be 'round."
"By the way, Sade, wot cher got on fer Friday?"
"Nothin'. Why?"
"Kin yu git off?"
"Yep."
"Wanna go down the bay?"
"I'll go."
"Mite as well. I've gotta couple of passes, an' we kin carry the grub."
"Sure! I'll fix the grub box up all rite."
"Good! That's us on the job."
"Well, I'll leave you now, Mag."
"All rite, Sade."
"Don't cher ferget Friday."
"All rite, meetchu at thu wharf."
"So long."
"So long."

Spare the Fighters.

This is a day of iron steamships, but there never will be a time when seamen will not have to understand navigation by sail. It is taught now at Annapolis, and always will be. The old Saratoga is a relic of days when fighting was a more personal affair than now, when long-range guns make the struggle more scientific. But so long as boys read history, so long as they read Marryatt and Cooper—and they always will—there will be an interest in the old-time frigate, and it seems entirely fitting that a specimen of naval architecture of the "hearts of oak" days be preserved. The ship which has sailed every sea, has served in two wars and which is connected with much that is interesting in our history ought not to be broken up for firewood.—Philadelphia Enquirer.

Mexican University.

A national university to be located in the City of Mexico is part of a scheme put forward by Justo Sierra, Mexican minister of public instruction, at the recent closing session of the Mexican congress. This national university is intended to be modeled after the French plan, and to unite and coordinate the educational institutions of the republic as a whole with somewhat the same relations that the University of Paris has to the framework of French education.

Learned Lawyer's Pun.

One of the most eminent London surgeons at the beginning of the last century was a Mr. Heaviside. His industry was phenomenal, and so often were his services requisitioned that the report of a case in the courts of justice hardly seemed complete unless his name was heard in connection with it. "Egad!" said a distinguished legal luminary of the day "we never have a homicide nor a suicide, nor any other cide now without a Heaviside."

Reconciled.

It was a small and select company of diners out. One of the pretty young women had just ordered broiled lobster.

"Gee!" spoke up the only man in the group who hadn't said a word hitherto; "for the first time in my life I'm glad everybody calls me a lobster!"

Uncertain what to do in this emergency, the company hesitated a moment and then applauded, while the pretty young woman hastily decided that her proper course of action would be to smile and blush becomingly.

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The Fairhope Hotel is to be painted at once and other improvements are to follow.

A recently organized club gave a sheet and pillow-case dance at the pavilion Wednesday evening.

Are your hogs healthy? If not, we have the goods that will increase their weight and make them healthy: try a package and be wise. M. M. Co

The front of the C. K. Brown home cottage has been sided and other improvements made to it.

Messrs. R. F. and Ira Powell, Dr. Sheldon and George Cain were in Bay Minette this week before the grand jury.

Don't go away from home to buy your Shoes until you have looked through our stock. We have some good bargains, and are sure we can please you. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mrs. P. Y. Albright returned Thursday evening from Pittsburg, Pa., where she had been visiting for four months.

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The roses are blooming finely now Among the most beautiful are those in Mrs. Mary Hunnel's yard which are greatly admired by passersby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon, purchasers of the F. W. Rose place, returned from Iowa on Tuesday evening and are at home now in their cottage.

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Trout fishing continues fine, and mullet are also plentiful. The food supply yielded by the waters of the bay is an important economic consideration.

Milton Sedinger got accidentally struck on the nose with a ball bat by a play-mate on Wednesday. It was at first thought to be broken, but was found not to be.

Mr. Nixon, C. E., who as engineer for the Home Telephone Co., while it was building lines in this vicinity was a frequent visitor here, made the Courier office a call on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Bryant and her daughter Mrs. Tyrrell and baby visted Thomas Wilson and family this week. Mrs. Tyrrell attended the Hallowe'en dance at the pavilion on wednesday evening.

Have you had any Satsuma Oranges? If not, come visit us. We can prove to you that they are fine, that delicate flavor hits the right spot. Mershon Merchandising Co.

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Committee on Canvass of Voters Will Report to Citizens on Tuesday Evening.

The committee appointed to make a canvass of the voters upon the question of incorporating have completed their work and authorize the Courier to call a meeting of all interested, at the school-house, on next Tuesday evening, Nov. 5.

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In response to the request of a number of patrons the managers have decided to make a trial of this schedule in the hope of accommodating a larger number of patrons.

It will enable a number of Fairhopers who are employed in the city to get home on Saturday evening who have had to wait and come over on Sunday morning.

It will give opportunity also for those who would like to attend the theater in the city occasionally but have not been able to do so without losing two days and being at the expense of staying over night, to attend the matinee performances on Saturday afternoon and get home the same day.

It will also enable passengers arriving on the L. & N. evening train that day, who would otherwise have to remain in Mobile over night, to come right on over the same evening.

It will probably discommode a few patrons who wish to get home early but it is hoped these will arrange to make their trip on another day of the week.

Reception to W. L. Ross.

An informal reception was tendered Mr. W. L. Ross at the Fairhope Hotel on last Friday evening and a very enjoyable time was had bp the goodly number present.

Mr. Ross expressed his hearty appreciation of the honor shown him, testified to his great interest in Fairhope and then talked for some very interestingly of conditions throughout the country dwelling particularly upon Johnson's campaign in Cleveland.

Dr. Sheldon recited a couple of his inimitable dialect stories, Mr. Albright gave a selection from Richard third, the Dealy Brothers Mr. Pilcher and Dr. Sheldon sang. Short speeches were made by Messrs. Powell and Gaston.

The Comingses Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Comings have returned from their summer stay in the north. Mrs. Comings arrived on Saturday evening but Mr. Comings did not get in until Monday, being delayed in attendance upon the Civic Federation Conference, at Chicago, to which he was a delegate from Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Comings are looking well though suffering from colds which they think they would have missed if they had been at Fairhope.

Mr. Comings has promised the Courier a communication regarding their trip, but did not get ready for this issue.

25,169 is the lucky number for which the buggy waits. Look and see if you hav'nt got it somewhere. If 25,169 can't be found and 25,168 and 25,170 show up—neither has yet—we will let the holders draw cuts. Mershon Merchandizing Co.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church will give an oyster supper and bazaar at the church on the evening of November 15th. Look out for it. Come and have a good time.

The Hallowe'en party last night by the children of the school was a great success, and $15 was realized for the object for which it was given, the buying of shutters for the school-house windows.

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"In the cheaper restaurants they have a much better plan for setting your mind at rest. There you get a piece of wood as broad as two chopsticks, split to within an inch of the end.

"When you take this piece of wood you split it the rest of the way and there you have the two sticks. You can be sure then that no other person has used them."

The Police Population.

Today a uniformed, organized and disciplined police force for a systematic patrol of the streets exists not only in all large cities of the world, but also in every considerable town in Europe and America. The London force of 14,000 constitutes by far the largest body, while other large cities follow in the order of their population —New York, 10,000; Paris, 7,200; Berlin, 4,200; Vienna, 3,400. These are not only the largest in total number of men, but in each case they represent the largest number of policemen in proportion to population, as compared with other towns in the same country.

The New Thermometer.

A new form of thermometer, which may prove useful in laboratories and factories, has been invented by Monieur Fournier, of the Sorbonne, Paris. It makes use of the principle that the tension of a saturated vapor depends solely on the temperature, and is independent of the volume, as long as the liquor from which it is produced has not been wholly vaporized. The apparatus consists simply of a reservoir to contain the vapor, connected with a copper tube of any required length. A manometer at the end of the tube registers the tension, which varies with and so reveals the temperature. By means of this instrument an engineer in his office may watch the changes of temperature taking place at a distant point.—Youth's Companion.



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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.

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 has been 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 long distance 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

Leaving this model new farm, we were soon at Mr. Van Bavel's. We stopped at his big barn and he showed us some of the ears of the corn which yielded this year eighty bushels to the acre. I first heard one hundred bushels, but Mr. Van Bavel's report is eighty. It is hard for me to credit even this for I once raised one-fourth of an acre of dent corn in Southern N. J. where the soil was good. I bragged of that field which was magnificent in appearance—tall stalks, big ears and "thick" as you looked through the field. I counted the bushels of ears as they were brought to the barn; but when half the field was gathered I left off counting. The yield was only at the rate of forty-eight bushels to the acre, and ears at that! I stopped bragging right off. We had to hurry away but first had a drink from Mr. Van Bavel's well, and admired the arrangement he has made for carrying the water into the kitchen for the convenience of the women. The hurricane of last year did much damage to the buildings of our "Holland contingent" but all the colonists came to each other's aid and the havoc was soon reduced to something like order. But the signs of that awful storm remain in many places, in leaning and broken off trees, etc.

x x x It is good to see our handsome, genial Mrs. Curtis back in the bakery restaurant. You will remember I wrote of her paintings years ago when she had built the beginning of Red Roof cottage. Since then she has hardly touched her brushes, having been much away and seen many changes. Lately, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. K. Trenholme, she resumed painting, and has continued it since returning to the restaurant. In the opinion of those who apprectate her work, she ought to devote herself to art, for she is an artist, unquestionably. I greatly admire her copy of the painting of Ruth and Naomi. It is a lovely, large canvas and she has generously devoted it to the new library. Another friend, Mr. Powell, will send, for temporary use, a fine, solid oak library table. The new school house is also to be honored by one of Mrs. Curtis' oil paintings.

CHAS. SCHALKENBACH REVISITS OLD HOME.

(Continued from first page.)

Mr. Schalkenbach and his wife preceded the Colony pioneers just about a year, purchasing of Mrs. Tatum (of whom we also purchased) a tract of 23 acres, now under the ownership of A. Swift, Dr. Atkinson and Mr. Weaver. Upon this Mr. Schalkenbach built a dwelling, on the site of the present Swift home and set out a large vineyard. He also went into truck farming and raised some of the best crops of Irish and sweet potatoes we have seen grown here.

He soon decided however, that the opportunities for acquiring wealth here, were not sufficiently good, and selling out his holdings left. He was in Minneapolis for a time and at the outbreak of the Alaska gold fever, found his way to that country, where he prospected for a time and then went into the Mercantile business, first at Dawson, B. C. and later at Fairbanks, Alasks.

Fortune seems to have smiled upon Mr. Schalkenbach, who looks well and prosperous. He is closing out his Alaskan interests and he and his wife now reside at Seattle Wash.

Mr. Schalkenbach was on his way back to the Pacific coast, via the Southern Pacific and took the opportunity to run over here from New Orleans to rev.sit his former home. Most of the development of Fairhope has occurred since he left, and it interested him very much.

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CHANGE OF SUNDAY SCHEDULE

At the request of many patrons, steamer Fairhope will, beginning Saturday, Nov. 2, leave Mobile on Saturdays, at 5 instead of 3 p. m.

This to accommodate Fairhopers working in Mobile and unable to leave as early as 3.

Also to enable those desiring to attend the Saturday matinees at Mobile theaters.

This will also enable passengers arriving in Mobile on afternoon trains to reach Fairhope the same day.

SUNDAY RUN DISCONTINUED.

Marie Howland

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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Obstacles to Success of a Single Tax Colony.

An Iowa correspondent says that he is "satfied a Single Tax Colony will never be much of a success under our present social system."

We replied that we did not think one would be as much of a success as it really ought to be, and for these reasons:

That the application of the Single Tax principle on so limited a scale—however perfect it might be—could not possibly bring the larger benefits which Single Taxers are sure would fellow its general application.

That Single Taxers, who only could be expected to be enthusiastic supporters of such a Colony constituted a very small proportion of the people and of these a much smaller portion was willing to forego the opportunities for land speculation which present laws afforded, to share in the benefits of the local destruction of land speculation.

In other words the attitude of many, we will not say most, is that they favor the Single Tax as many socialists favor socialism, because they think it would mean larger wages for less work. If it will not bring this result it does not interest them as a "practical question."

Permit us to say that this was not the attitude of those who projected Fairhope, or those who are today laboring in its behalf. Their idea was and is to demonstrate the benefits to a community and to individuals unable to reap the benefits of prevalent unjust conditions, of the application of the Single Tax even on a limited scale and to do so they were individually willing to forego the opportuuity to profit by the injustice which they condemned.

Our Iowa correspondent says: "I have been a farmer all my mature years, and all practically that I have 'saved' has come through the rise of land, which has been phenomenal of late." (This, in rich old Iowa, let Baldwin county farmers note.)

There has been a great increase in the value of land at Fairhope also, but, under the policy which those who furnished the money to buy it have voluntarily imposed upon themselves, they have not individually "saved" a dollar of it. All that they have "saved," if any, has been of the product of their labor—and their labor not under the favorable conditions which the general application of the system would bring, but under the conditions which special privilege elsewhere rampant, imposes.

Fairhope therefore, it will be seen appeals only to Single Taxers willing to sacrifice for the Single Tax, or to those, Single Taxers or non-Single Taxers, too poor to profit from prevalent injustice.

Do not therefore expect too much of us—especially if you are not yourself a Single Taxer of the first class.

The Single T[illegible] Review promises in its next issue an account [illegible] Arden, the Single Tax Colony of Delaware [illegible] which Frank Stephens and Will Price are the leading spirits.

Hopeful View of Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Extract from address of Mr. Garrison at the annual meetng of the Massachusetts Single Tax League.

Tonight we have substantial reasons to rejoice over the progress of our cause and its recognized entrance into practical politics, never to be eliminated until its triumph comes. The long years of elementary teaching have borne their fruit. The contemptuous treatment of Henry George's ideas by accepted economists, the cheap wit of the press, the indifference of established privilege—these things are of the past. A day of reckoning has arrived and the world's attention is compelled to the issue now forced upon parties, cabinets and statesmen.

From patient explanations of Single Tax methods and reasons for our belief that its application would bring safety to society and true greatness to nations, the movement has reached a commanding position. The steady advance of the principles enunciated in "Progress and Poverty" makes it no longer a negligible questisn in the seats of the mighty. This is not to say that the goal is near or that the truth is plain even to the eyes of many now laboring in its behalf. Reforms march forward on side issues and gain their victories under obscuring names. It is not yet the nature of mankind avowedly to face an abstract truth and serve or die under its motto. The civil war was waged to save the union and, until the Emancipation Proclamation, it was unpopular to affirm that slavery was the real wager of battle. But the historian discerns no other cause for the conflict.

To illustrate my contention—passing by the experiments of New Zealand and Australia, the object lesson in Russia, where the land question underlies the current revolution—turning from unmistakable symptoms of the onward movement in many lands, let me confine your attention to England and the United States. In both a direct clash between democracy and the depotism of vested wrongs is in evidence. Watch and wait. Whether for the time being, democracy goes down before entrenched monopoly or holds its grounds, it matters little. Each defeat of right gives it fresh strength; every brutal triumph of evil hastens its final collapse. In the sententious phrase of Tom Johnson, "Freedom loses many battles, but no wars."

Progressive Action in the "Fatherland."

EDITOR COURIER:

There comes a story from the town of Jauer, Germany, where in consequence of scarcity of houses rents were soaring skyward. Its perwise town council voted as subsidy one hundred dollars to any one who would build for renting purpos es a house costing one thousand dollars.

But there comes a report from another town in the Fatherland where similiar conditions prevailed. The town council of Schoeneberg profited in wisdom from the Jauer council, and voted 32 against 10, that vacant sites in the city limits be taxed double that of improved sites. Since like causes produce like effects, it cannot fail that like results will follow in Schoeneberg. It did in several other German towns where they applied a similar remedy by increasing taxes on land which decreased the taxes on buildings.

The higher the taxes on land the lower its selling price, consequently the lower the rent of houses, since taxes on land do not enter into the house rent.

No doubt we could stand a little of that remedy in this country, where you see newspaper reports of overcrowding; or as J. H. Jenyday puts it: "At noon-time I visited the slums of New York. In one house I found four families in one room. By chalk lines on the floor was marked where each family belonged."

Cleveland Heights, O., F. BURGDORFF.

Baldwin County Gets Third Place.

The Baldwin County exhibit at the State fair at Montgomery won the third prize, a cash premium of $150, for county display of products and first premium for largest and most artistic display of tropical fruits.

In view of the limited time in which the exhibit was gotten together this was an exceedingly good showing. And those who attended the fair say that no exhibit attracted the attention of the public like that of Baldwin County. A throng was always about it.

The first prize was won by the exhibit of Cullman County and the second by Montgomery County.

Mr. Fels for Free Trade and Land Reform Conference.

EDITOR COURIER:

In a communication just received from T. Fisher Unwin, the publisher, of London, who is a son-in-law of the late great reformer, Richard Cobden, the following paragraph may interest your readers:

"In connection with Free Trade, you will be interested in knowing I have recently returned from a tour on the continent. I visited several cities, met many men who were interested in the subject, and discussed with them the possibilities of an International conference on Free Trade.

Now I am glad to inform you that the Cobden club, of which I am a member of the Executive Committee, have agreed to hold an International conference of Free Traders in London, most likely in August next year. A great many Free Traders will be coming from the United States, as well as from the Continent of Europe."

In connection with this, I promptly wrote Mr. Unwin my entire agreement with the project, and hope I may be able to attend, but I have tendered the suggestion that it should be a Free Trade and Land Reform conference, the freeing of the land being a more imminent necessity, which, when brought about in the right way, would bring Free Trade as a natural consequence.

London Eng. JOSEPH FELS.

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Our Visit to the Farm of C. O. White.

We promised last week a continuation of our report of the visit to the C. O. White farm.

A look into the mow of the big farm disclosed it well filled with feed. There were oats—in the straw, there is not a single threshing machine in this section—nicely cured, affording both grain and "roughness;" several tons of exceedingly rich, nutritious, peanut hay, the Spanish nut, vines cured with the nuts attached. These were grown at the rate of 3 tons to the acre and harvested by running a horse potato digger under the row. Mr. White thinks these are one of the most valuable crops of this section, and very good for both human and stock food. There were also other kinds of hay, all piled with narrow paths between them so that feed could be readily taken from either pile.

A ten foot wind-mill on a fifty foot tower, with a 25-barrel tank 30 ft. up, furnishes water under pressure in the house, and to various substantial concrete troughs for stock use.

A scuppernong arbor 150 or 200 ft. long attracted our attention favorably, for the scuppernong is one of our most valuable fruits and peculiar to the south. One full bearing scuppernong vine will yield enough grapes for an ordinary family, and when that 150 or 200 ft. arbor gets down to business, there will be scuppernongs to spare, and by the way scuppernong wine is "the limit." There is nothing finer. A friend recently wrote us to find what a five-gallon cask could be had for, and the best quotation we got was $1.20 a gallon with an extra charge for the package.

Long rows of strawberries in fine condition guaranteed abundance of this delicious fruit. They were mostly of the excelsior variety, and Mr. White said they had them last spring from in February up to about the fourth of July—don't remember the exact date.

A hedge of Citrus Trifoliata was started in front of the house and thousands stood in the nursery row, which Mr. White intends to transplant and then graft to Satsumas.

Much more information, interesting and valuable, we might have gathered had our time permitted, and we intend to go again and get it.

Mr. White deserves a great deal of credit for his enterprise and is doing a public service as well as benefiting himself, in demonstrating the possibilities of lower Baldwin.

We wish he were nearer Fairhope—and of course we think it would be better for him to not only be nearer, but in.

A visit to his place is a pleasure and an inspiration, and we are going to take the liberty of urging all who can do so, to go and see what he has done and is doing.

A Visit from Dr. Henderson.

At the Progressive League on Sunday Dr. C. Hanford Henderson, author of Education and the Larger Life and John Percifield, gave a most instructive talk on Education. This was followed by a Round Table at the Gables on Monday evening, where questions were asked with a rapidity that showed the people were deeply interested and seeking for the better way.

The doctor would have the child educated first through the sense organs, hence the name Organic education, it having been fully demonstrated that this is the surest and best way to develop the different areas of the brain. The first effort should be to insure a sound body with a cultivated touch, a seeing eye and a hearing ear, then all things else may be added.

He said the object of all education should be to create human wealth, to develop a man or woman who would be pleasant to live with, companionable, interesting, useful.

In our present school system we give too much time to non-essentials and almost totally neglect the essentials of bodily vigor, keen observation, the trained hand and things of like importance. In reply to the question what about the boys who must leave school before they are 14, he said any system of education to be of value must fit every case, and boys and girls trained in this way would be more alert, more ready to care for themselves and more helpful to their employers than those trained in the ordinary public school.

He would allow a child to learn to read when it wishes to, just as we encourage it to walk and talk when it makes the effort of itself and few children would reach the age of 12 or 14 without wanting to read. Up to this age however books should be incidental, while handicraft, nature study and like pursuits should be the important part of education. He would place boys and girls over 14 in schools according to age, not previous acquirements having initial courses, so one might begin at the beginning of any study. In many cases mentaf deficiencies are due to physical defects, and he pleads for more out door life, more rational dress and food.

We think the claim is made that the influence upon the moral nature is incalculable.

Bad boys often seem to be regenerated when given an outlet for their activity through work with the hands and an interest in nature through out door work and walks.

He told of a remarkable case of an incorrigable at Elmira who when put to manual training changed at once, and in six months became the trusted librarian of the Institution.

During the summer the doctor is in charge of a camp for boys in New Hampshire called Marunfeld. Here for nine weeks he carries out these new ideas of education with quite astonishing results. To show how this training can be made a part of our public school system he cited cases where the time for manual training had been taken from the time for the arithmetic lesson with a decided improvement in arithmetic.

It was suggested that it would be a long time before teachers could be trained for this sort of teaching; but when teachers become imbued with the need of this kind of education, it can be grafted on to the old syestem, where it is impossible to begin anew, by increasing the activities of the kindergarten, the school garden, the physical culture—Sloyd, and the manual training. These are all steps in the right direction and should be regarded as essentials during the formative period of a childs life, and formal book study as the non-essential. Let the three H's which make the complete whole take the place of the 3 R's, and let us get at the developement of the heart and the head in the rational way, through the cultivation of the hand.

It will be of interest to those who desire to have this training for their children to know that Mrs. Johnson, who is so well known and beloved in Fairhope, has opened a school for organic training in the cottage south of the Gables. She now has a kindergarten, a class doing grammer school work and a class in American History and Literature. Those who know Mrs. Johnson need no assurance that the work will be well done. Other classes will be added as there is demand for them.

This is an unusual opportunity for our northern visitors to place their children where they will have the best of care and training.

HURRAH FOR TOM L. JOHNSON!

Tom Johnson Re-elected for a Fourth Term as Mayor of Ohio's Greatest City.

Brand Whitlock Also Re-elected.

The people of Fairhope heartily rejoice in the triumphant re-election of gallant Tom L. Johnson, to a fourth term as mayor of Cleveland, by a plurality estimated in the latest reports received at this writing—Wednesday—to be between 9,000 and 10,000.

The first word was received by telephone from Mobile on Tuesday evening, and reported to the meeting at the school house on the incorporation matter, where it was received with great enthusiasm and the following telegram approved as the sentiment of the meeting.

Tom L. Johnson,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Citizens of Fairhope, Alabama, in mass meeting assembled, extend hearty congratulations to you and the people of Cleveland.

Talk of the Single Tax cause not progressing—as some imagine because there is no Single Tax party in politics and little organization of Single Taxers! Just think what it means that a man who has always openly and freely declared that the philosophy of Henry George is his guide and inspiration in everything he does, should, for the fourth time, be elected mayor—and as a democrat in a republican city—of the seventh city of the Union, and the last time against a man whose own good character and excellent public service was admitted by his opponents. And who was supported with all the influence at the command of one of the most popular presidents the country has ever had.

This means something. It means that the people are becoming awakened to the sound moral principle underlying the Single Tax crusade against special privilege.

It now looks quite within the range of possibilities that, with the radical element in control of the democratic party, Tom Johnson, the man guided by one simple yet potent principle—the principle of equal freedom, by which every proposal is measured—the man who "does things"—the man who has demonstrated executive ability of a marvelous order and who plays the game of politics open and above board and with a mastery of command, should be nominated for the presidency. And if nominated he will be elected.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Nov. 3. x x x Today a most gratifying session of the Progressive League. Dr. C. Hanford Henderson, author of "Education and the Larger Life," and Mrs. M. L. Johnson whom we may justly call his disciple in the religion of Education, were with us. Dr. Henderson's address on "Organic Education" was one long to be remembered. It was quiet, scholarly, earnest, and from the first word to the last, instructive. He is the advance guard of a movement that, but for economic barriers, would save the world. I say "save," for, when we reflect calmly upon the world's gigantic evils—famines, wars, plagues, race deterioration, the holocaust of children in mills, the yearly sacrifice of human life not only through the cataclysms of nature but through what we call "accidents by fire and flood," exposures and derailments—we may well wonder if this old world can be saved from its "sins." At the contemplation the sensitive, humanity-loving soul folds its wings in upon itself and prays for oblivion until roused to new hope by the advent of a new teacher, a new savior. x x x When I learned that Mrs. Johnson had a copy of Dr. Henderson's book I besieged her house until I got it. It is really a wonderful book—a mine of high instruction. Like all great books, great lessons for the people, it is easy to understand. Every page is luminous with great truths, simple truths for educators and for all thinking people. Who will send copies of this book to our library? We should have several, but will be grateful for one. x x x Dr. Henderson takes his pupils into the heart of nature, preferably, though his principles can be less effectively applied in any training school. In New Hampshire he has a summer school of over one hundred children He has his own buildings—for home and school. and there, unhampered, the body, the mind, and the heart of the child are made to "grow in beauty like the rose"

x x x He can be with us but a short time, being on his way to California, and I can give but this fragment of the man and his work. However, we are likely to know more of his system right here in Fairhope, commencing in a model way through the school just opened by Mrs. Johnson with a gratifying support and good prospect for the future.

Nov. 7. x x x The last of the dwarf guavas is gathered. I have three little bushes and one has just finished an abundant second crop. I want to say to all who have any land that it will "pay" to cultivate a bush or two for the family. Many have tasted this fruit and not one has failed to like it, while most people call it delicious. I have not yet had enough to preserve or make jelly of them, but the books say they are fine for this purpose, as they must be, for they have a pleasant acid with their fine, high flavor—not so high as the tree guava, which many do not fancy at first. To be sure these pleasant semi-tropical plants must be protected from freezing. They can be laid down—"pegged down," technically, and covered lightly with gunny sacks or pine needles with a little earth thrown over to keep them in place. The best is two boards with edges nailed together. Lay these over the laid down plant and cover with earth. These will keep the leaves dry in winter, and they will come out looking fresh and beautiful. To be sure it is a little trouble, but so are all things, even those not worth having. See the vision of Sir Launfal.

"For a cap and bell our lives we pay,
Bubbles we earn with a whole soul's tasking:
'Tis only heaven that is given away."

x x x Let me thank you in the name of this Library, Comrade Ring, for the valuable book: "Industrial Alcohol, Its Manufacture and uses," received soon after your late visit to our Colony. You advocate its manufacture here in connection with our prospective ice plant. All whom I have heard mention it, commend the project. Our lack of means, the res augusta domi, is our only hindrance to more rapid growth.

x x x Miss Chapman's admirable little pamphlet, "Uncle Samuel's Heirs, an Allegory," has been long on my desk, and at last I have carefully read and greatly enjoyed it. As a writer the author is terse, logical and graphic. Everyone desiring to get a clear conception of the basic principles of the Single Tax with no more wearisome mental strain than in reading any ordinary story, should read this admirable little work. Here is your chance Mrs. K. B. for you say you find Progress and Poverty rather too difficult for a busy woman.

This Correspondent, Mrs. Katherine Boisselier is on the way to Fairhope and will be my guest while she stays. Her little son, Edward is in Mrs. Johnson's school at the Gables.

One Evil of Our Land System.

A deed was filed a few days since in the probate court of Mobile county by W. E. Dinwiddie, of Bay Minette, which marked the beginning of a contest for possession of lands in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi, on an immense scale.

The lands in Louisiania are close to New Orleans, and those in Alabama comprise some of the most valuable business property in the city of Mobile.

These lands are alleged to have been formerly in the possession of Dr. Joseph Chastang, deceased, and held under the treaty guaranteed by the United States government in the Louisiana purchase act. They are now in the possession of several hundred owners, and it is alleged have never been transferred under the treaty right. Forty heirs of Dr. Chastang have entered into an arrangement with Mr. Dinwiddie for the recovering of the land.

The probabilities are that this discovery of the defect in the titles of the present holders was made by Mr. Dinwiddie, and that the heirs who never suspected that they had any valid claim were approached by him and the agreement referred to entered into.

Of course the interest of Mr. Dinwiddie and the heirs, is to secure unearned wealth by establishing title to the land. The present holders, who, presumably, acted in good faith in securing titles which they supposed were good, and for which they gave valid considerations, and to the value of which they have added by their labor and expenditures, will be put to great expense in defending their titles, suffer, perhaps for years, from uncertainty of the outcome, and if they lose will be dispossessed of their homes.

Such cases are a phase of the unjust system which gives profits without merits to the holders of paper titles to land. If title only gave the right to reap the results of individual effort, no such suits would be brought.

Perpetual Land Monopoly.

How many minds have gone daffy trying to invent a machine with perpetual motion? The scientists, especially the technical scientists, coming in contact with mechanics of ingenious minds, grimly realize the fascination of inventors of that sort.

Being of a somewhat altruistic disposition, and strenuously willing to serve humanity; I herewith publish the specifications of the only working "Perpetuum Mobile" contrivance possible in the present stage of economic ignorance.

Get acquainted with the technique of the legal wheels used in constructing the machine called "the sacred rights of property," wheels invented by cunning feudal lords dead long ago. Then take a walk among the weeds and tin-cans in the direction where a lot of strangers to you are apt to desire to locate homes. Its easy to find the location; anywhere within the city limits. Then build your "Perpetuum Mobile" machine by using ink on certain legal forms, which any stationer will sell to you, if you ask for warranty and other deed machines of feudal times. Have your machine trued by a good lawyer or a title company. Then put your deed machine in storage in a down-town safety-vault and forget it.

But, they won't let you forget. The "Perpetuum Mobile" machine has now started a'-going. Soon wild-eyed Phillistines will bother you to get your machine. Don't pay any attention to them. Let'r run. It's perpetual, you know, and can't wear out. No risk. Just oil'r with a little tax-oil once a year.

After a while you might rent your machine for a good consideration. For, that machine, once set a'-going, will run smoothly for you, your heirs and assigns until Gabriel blows his horn. It's the only perpetual machine ever invented by the genius of man.

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Valuable Bulletins.

The editor is in receipt, through the kindness of Congressman A. A. Wiley, of very valuable bulletins of the Agricultural Department. These are: "Hog Raising in the South", "Southern Forage Plants." "Beans Peas and Other Legumes as Food" and "Renovation of Worn-out Soils." We have no doubt but that Mr. Wiley would take pleasure in seeing that copies of these bulletins were sent to anyone requesting them and they should be in the hands of everyone cultivating the land in this section or contemplating doing so.

Dr. Lovett a Caller at Courier Office.

Dr. J. A. B. Lovett and Mr. Mackenzie of Daphne, were among last Saturday's visitors to Fairhope and were callers at the Courier office. While the Doctor was here the editor partially "made good" on his offer made the day of the dedicatory service at Daphne, to present the Normal School Library with a set of Henry George's works, by delivering to him, "Progress and Poverty" "Protection or Free Trade". "The Perplexed Philosopher", and "The Science of Political Economy." We shall follow these with the remaining volumes of Mr. George's works as soon as received. Ours was the first offer of books for the library Doctor Lovett said. We hope many others will be received and suggest that readers of the Courier help to sow seeds of truth in fruitful soil by contributing other progressive volumes to this library.

While Dr. Lovett was in the COURIER office on last Saturday the subject of Alfalfa was brought up and we were much interested in the Doctor's report of success achieved by him in growing alfalfa in the northern part of the state—the first success he thinks in alfalfa culture in the state. The doctor first tried inoculated seed and then seed treated with the "nitro-culture" sent out from Washington, but neither would thrive. The seed would germinate all right and start off well, but in a little while the plants would turn yellow and soon die. He then sent to Tennessee and got a sack of soil from a thriving alfalfa field and sowed this with the seed. The soil was first thoroughly subsoiled, given an application of lime at the rate of 20 bushels to the acre and moderately fertilized. Full success attended this effort, and from the small plot grown, the soil was used to inoculate larger tracts which after a lapse of several years, are still thriving and yielding about five tons of hay to the acre annually.

The Doctor is confident that like methods will bring like results in Baldwin.

The McDermaids are expected down from Rockford, Ill., this month.

All work has been stopped by the Montrose Park Company, which was to build a big hotel and amusement park between Montrose and Daphne, put in a 2,000 passenger steamer, etc. The reason given is the fear of prohibition, which has carried in so many counties of the state, including the most populous, Jefferson county in which Birmingham is located and which bids fair to sweep the state.

The masked party given by Miss Bird Sedinger and Miss Maud Wilson, on last Thursday evening, was one of the most pleasant events of the social season. The young people, of which there were a large number present, were not permitted to disclose their identity until late in the evening when the masks were removed.

We understand that Mr. Rucker of New York, who has been with us a couple of weeks, has decided to make his home with us, but that the coming of his wife and the wife of his friend, Mr. Brossman, is delayed on account of their inability to get their money out of the bank in New York.

R. F. Powell has, by arrangement with Messrs. Davis, Voss & Company, and the timber committee of the Corporation taken hold of the marketing of the ties cut on Corporation land. He has been getting them hauled to the wharf and expects to make a shipment of a barge load soon.

Miss Ella Jellison left on Monday for her home in Des Moines, Iowa. She was one of Fairhope's pretty young girls and will certainly be missed.

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SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

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GEORGE GUESSED

The girl who had come to visit wandered to the piano after dinner, struck a few desultory notes, then adjourned to the mirror over the mantel and gave her hair some extra touches.

"Do you suppose, Mabel," asked her hostess, "that George Moran will call to-night, seeing that you got here only to-day?"

"My gracious!" said the girl who was visiting, a trifle sharply, "I'm sure I don't expect him to call at all. Really, how did you ever happen to speak of him? You have such odd notions, Sadie."

"Well, I never!" cried Sadie in amazement. "After the way he hung around when you were here six months ago! I thought you and he had kept up a correspondence and I supposed that of course he'd call. Didn't you let him know you were coming?"

"There may be girls," said the young woman who was visiting, "who would feel right about announcing to a man that they were soon to be in his town, but I think that is downright fishing. Why, I'd never dream of writing to a man that way.

"I don't care," she continued, whether George comes to see me or not. I'm perfectly happy with you, dear. What time is it?"

"Eight o'clock," said her hostess. "Well, I supposed you expected him. You and he havn't quarreled, have you?"

"Quarreled!" echoed the girl who was visiting, going to the mirror again. "I don't see how a girl can quarrel with a man who is nothing but a—a—well, a casual friend. Why, I have never devoted enough thought to George Moran to be able to quarrel with him. Besides, it would take him a whole hour to get here since he has moved. If he had dinner at 7 he could not start much before 8, could he? And——"

"Well he isn't likely to start, since you didn't tell him you'd be here," remarked Sadie, a little shortly. "I'm sure I don't see—when he's such a splendid fellow. Anyhow, his feelings will be fearfully hurt, for he's so sensitive. He'll think you didn't care about seeing him."

"I think I can endure life if I don't lay eyes on him," said the girl who was visiting, picking out a piece of sheet music and then rejecting it. "It's really annoying for you to assume that I care in the least about him just because I went around with him the other time. Goodness! I go around with lots of the boys at home and nobody thinks anything of it. Listen!"

The two girls stared at each other in silence and then Mabel colored a trifle. "I thought it was the doorbell," she explained, indifferently. "Some one to see you, you know. The suburban train runs every half hour here, doesn't it?"

"Yes," said her hostess. "Well, if you aren't to have callers let's go upstairs and get into kimonos and be comfortable. I have some new books and a box of candy——"

"Of course, if you want to very much, dear," said the girl who was visiting, reluctantly. "But I feel like playing the piano awhile. Isn't my hair flying loose in the back? I can't see in this glass."

"Your hair looks fine," said Sadie. "You must have spent at least an hour on it. It's a shame to waste so much effort on just me, but I appreciate the compliment. Do play if you feel like it."

"I don't suppose George Moran is very popular, is he?" carelessly inquired the girl who was visiting as she sat down at the piano. "He's not attractive enough to——"

"Popular!" cried Sadie. "I should say he is! Why, he's perfectly splendid! Just because you don't seem to appreciate him——"

"Really, he never interested me especially," said the girl at the piano. "I never think of him unless I see him or hear from him. He does not appeal to me. Doesn't this blouse wrinkle across the shoulders? I believe I'll change it."

"What for?" asked her hostess in amazement. "Nobody will see it now except me and I've stood it remarkably well thus far. Why don't you play something?"

"I will," said Mabel,, taking out her side combs and readjusting them before the mirror. "It is so nice to see you again and have a chance to visit with you, Sadie. I do hope no one will interrupt us."

"That's sweet of you," said her hostess. "Only I can't see why you didn't write George that you were coming. I believe I'll telephone him."

"Mercy, no!" protested Mabel. "As if I cared! Do you think my hair is as becoming done this way as the way I used to wear it six months ago? There's the bell!"

She flew to the mirror, and as Sadie recognized the voice of the caller in the hall she looked with dawning suspicion at her guest.

"That's George Moran," she said, in a stage whisper. "And you said you hadn't written him that you were coming and didn't care for him!"

"I don't care!" insisted the girl who was visiting, with wabbly dignity. "And I didn't tell—only maybe he guessed it from something or other that I wrote. It's likely——"

"Yes, I think it is," agreed Sadie.—Chicago Daily News.

The Cock's Comb Trade.

"A trade in cocks' combs is gradually springing up," said a chicken farmer. "A New York hotel pays me a good price for all the combs I can supply."

"But do people eat cocks' combs?"

"Epicures do. The French love them; they mix them with giblets, and serve them in a great many sorts of sauces. We Americans are adopting French cooking more and more, and a French cook without his cocks' combs is almost as badly handicapped as a sharpshooter without cartridges.

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Doubtful Compliment.

Mrs. Green—I told Mrs. Knox the other day that my complexion wasn't what it ought to be, and what do you suppose she said?

Mrs. Brown—Really, I don't know. What did she say?

Mrs. Green—She said she only hoped she would look as well when she was my age—the hateful thing!

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T. P. Lyon is nursing a very sore hand which is giving him lots of pain.

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Dr. and Mrs. Reinsel of Pittsburg Pa., arrived last night and are stopping at the Gables.

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L. S. Massey did jury duty at Bay Minette and did not get home for over a week.

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Don Littlefield was surprised by a lot of his school-mates on Monday evening, the occasion being his birthday.

A. H. Mershon was confined to his home several days with rheumatism principally in his left arm, which is to him what the right arm is to most people.

C. E. Stersic was in town Sunday and while here made a bid upon the plastering of the school-house and library buildings.

Mrs. DeWolf, a former resident, returned to her home in Evergreen yesterday morning after spending a few days here visiting friends.

Dr. Atkinson has delayed her return home at the slicitation of friends in Des Moines and will not be home until the latter part of this month.

Mrs. R. A. Hail, and children, of Mobile, are yisiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brown, this week. Dr. Hail was over on Thursday night.

Frank L. Brown was on the jury at Bay Minette, this week. During his absence Mrs. L. E. Page Mrs. Brown's mother is staying with her.

Shoes—talk about it. We have lots of them. Good as can be made for the price. Are you from Missouri? If so come in and we will show you. Mershon Merch. Co.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church will give an oyster supper and bazaar at the church on the evening of November 15th. Look out for it. Come and have a good time.

Saturday was Miss Leah Gaston's fourteenth birthday and a lot of her school-friends made it the occasion for a delightful surprise on her by coming in to spend the evening and also presented her with a beautiful bracelet.

If you are thinking of subscribing for some paper or magazine the Post Office News Stand will attend to it for you, saving you the trouble and expense of so doing. All you pay is the publisher's price for the periodical.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mogg arrived on Wednesday evening for the winter. Mr. Mogg is looking well and we will have to try and enlist his services in some good public or semi-public improvement. He is not happy unless doing something.

25,169 is the lucky number for which the buggy waits. Look and see if you hav'nt got it somewhere. If 25,169 can't be found and 25,168 and 25,170 show up—neither has yet—we will let the holders draw cuts. Mershon Merchandizing Co.

Two letters were received in the same mail from parties inquiring about Fairhope, who had spent last winter somewhere else in the south but had met parties on the way home who had recommended Fairhope so highly that they thought of coming here.

Council Proceedings.

The Council held a very short session on Monday evening, and adjourned that the members might attend the "round table" conducted by Dr. Henderson at The Gables,

The only business transacted was the passage of a motion authorizing Mr. Trenholme to proceed with the lathing of the new school-room by local labor, at the regular rate per yard, and conduct further negotiations regarding a plasterer.

The house of Henderson Morgan, colored, about three-quarters of a mile out, was burned on Tuesday evening. No one was in the house at the time and the exact cause of the fire is unknown.

The flames were seen in town and the fire-bell called out the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department, which made a good run to the scene, and did good service in helping to keep the fire from spreading to the large new Colored Masonic Hall and another dwelling, between which the burning building stood.

Colored Neighbors Express Thanks.

Fairhope Ala. Nov. 8 '07.
To our Fairhope Friends:

I wish to say that I regard the movement that was made Tuesday night as one of the most timely necessary and important, which has been projected in the last decade.

I will now speak more pointedly of the excellent work done by the faithful, energetic, firemen of Fairhope. Therefore be it resolved that the thanks of this entire settlement are hereby tendered our Fairhope friends.

May God endow you with the power to make you fit and qualified for the duties which confront you.

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At the call of the committee appointed to make a canvass of the voters to ascertain their sentiment upon the matter of incorporation a meeting of citizens was held on Wednesday evening to hear the committee's report.

The committee reported that it had found the necessary number of qualified voters favoring incorporation but that in section 16, which was included in the territory which it was to canvass, only one voter was found to favor incorporation while five other voters were opposed to it.

After considerable discussion of the question of boundary and various motions and amendments being offered, it was moved and carried that the committee which had made the canvass (substituting Mr. Albright for Mr. Gaston at the latter's request) prepare a petition and circulate it for signatures for the submission of the question of incorporating a territory extending from a quarter of a mile north of the north line of section 18, to a like distance south of the south line of same section and east to the east line of sections 8 16 and 20, approximately one and one-half miles square The meeting was well attended and the action practically unanimous except as to boundary, upon which there was considerable difference of opinion, many favoring a smaller territory.

Fall Temperature.

Oct. 31 to Nov. 6, 1907.

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Oct. 31	65	80	70
Nov. 1	66	76	70
2	70	73	68
3	55	70	64
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5	58	70	63
6	60	70	62

4 clear days, 3 partly cloudy. 1 rain.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

There will be a special meeting of the V. I. C. at Mrs. Powell's, Monday at 3 p. m., upon arrangements for the Thanksgiving dinner. A full attendance is desired.

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The Club Corner.

Edited by
LYDIA J. NEWCOMB COMINGS.

After a four months' absence in the north, we return to find the Club work just beginning after the summer vacation; for summer in the south is not conducive to work, either mental or physical. The Year Book, a neat little pamphlet of eight pages, is ready for use, and we learn that the

Henry George Club

are to study the first five books of Progress and Poverty. The October work was the first 31 pages; aud as it was rather long and somewhat imperfectly reviewed at the regular meeting, it was decided to have a special meetiug hereafter at the Library, the first Thursday evening of every month, to complete the work, to which all gentlemen as well as ladies are invited. There is also to be an evening meeting at Mrs. Bancroft's November 19th, addressed by Rev. Sedinger. Subject, "The American Idea and the Single Tax." There will be music. Refreshments will be served, and a collection taken.

The Village Improvement Club

planned for a Feast of Seven Tables, which was given and fully reported in a previous issue. The ladies realized over $30. They are to have a social the second Friday in each month. This month with Mrs. Anna G. Pilcher on the 8th. Miss Manly will read a paper on Forestry and Civic Pride. Dr. Henderson is expected to speak on some phase of civic improvement, and all are most cordially invited.

The Fifth Thursday Club

met with Mrs. Powell; but the attendance was small, as the people had not been sufficiently reminded. This club does not specialize, but aims to discuss subjects of general interest, and most of all desires to bring together the women of the town for a social time; but when the meetings are so widely separated, many do not remember, unless attention is specially called to the day.

Miss Manly read a most excellent paper on Forestry and Civic Pride, which will be repeated on Friday evening at the V. I. C. social.

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Mrs. M. L. Johnson arrived last week, and has opened her school. We expected a somewhat full report of her plans for this issue but in the editor's absence failed to secure it. Mr. Johnson will be along later.

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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

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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 has been 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 long distance connection.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Letter From Dr. and Mrs. Gibbons.

EDITOR COURIER:

May I disturb your busy editorial corner by giving you a little sketch of our whereabouts. On the fourth day after our departure from Fairhope we landed in this country of wonderful possibilities. Everything out here in northwestern Texas is on the "boom," a real healthy, vigorous "boom."

No Single Tax out here. Land which two years ago was a drug on the market is now selling for big money. Thirty to fifty dollars an acre everywhere on these vast rich prairies. Cotton—cotton everywhere. Every little town has one or two cotton gins, and oil mills about thirty miles apart. The farmers are well united in Texas. Almost every town one passes through on the railroad has a Farmer's Union cotton gin, with large warehouses attached. In these the farmer stores his cotton awaiting a fifteen cent price. At present they are offered eleven and a fraction.

It is a cheering sight to see the well loaded wagons coming into town, and the bales of cotton going to the warehouses. Everything denotes thrift and prosperity. Labor is high. Some well-to-do-men with two or three hundred acres of cotton go to Eastern Texas or Louisiana and import colored help to take care of the crop.

My new-found friends the Bedfords and the Fanchers—all well-to-do, are making it very pleasant for us, giving us, Rebecca and I, long excursions in carriages over these beautiful, rolling, rich lands. The transformation from a great grazing country to farming communities has been very sudden. "Miss Rebecca" as my wife is known for many miles around, meets with a hearty welcome to the ranch-land of her childhood and later on as a teacher to this young now rising generation. We are both exceedingly well. Let me say that all the charm of this new land does not in any particular allure us from our Fairhope attachments.

The COURIER comes to us like the visit of an old and true friend. After reading I distribute them among the editors of the near by towns. Such funny names these towns have, Garee, Benjamin, Monday, etc., etc. The hospitality of this far west is so refreshing, one meets with a hearty welcome everywhere. Everybody seems to be cousins.

With kindest regards for all our Fairhope friends, Sincerely and truly,

WILLIAM AND REBECCA GIBBONS.

The autumn number of the Single Tax Review is at hand with an interesting table of contents, more readably presented than before because of being set leaded instead of solid.

The Review is now issued bi-monthly instead of quarterly.

Attend the Single Tax Conference at New York, November 18th and 19th, if you can possibly arrange to do so.

Since the earth was made for man's use, why should a few men be permitted to monopolize it to the detriment and enslavement of others?

Does mere land ownership ever earn or produce anything useful to mankind?

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Was a town or city ever built up by landlordism?

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This will also enable passengers arriving in Mobile on afternoon trains to reach Fairhope the same day.

SUNDAY RUN DISCONTINUED.

Marie Howland

The Fairhope Courier

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Mr. Comings Report of the Trust Convention in Chicago.

To the Council of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

Gentlemen: I hereby gratefully acknowledge the honor of your appointment as delegate to the conference in Chicago under the auspices of the Nat'onal Civic Federation, to discuss the problem of the trusts, and their relations to the government, and states. And hereby submit my report.

I had for a long time suspected the Civic Federation, to be one of the "Bamboozle Schools" so many of which have been organized to help keep the people quiet and submissive under the tyrannies and oppressions of organized capital; the prevailing tone of this conference confirmed the suspicion.

The letter from the President, Belmont, the program as laid out by the active secretary, were all along the line of taffy to "good and useful trusts," and but an accidental speech or two from fundamental reformers broke the placidness of the conclave with a few words of striking "at the root of the tree" instead of platitudes about palliatives, and gentle methods of curbing the rapacity for profits of the "bad combines," whose only ideal is to "charge all the traffic will bear."

It will always be a matter of pride to Single Taxers, that the only speech that really stirred the convention to enthusiastic applause, and most hearty response, was the ringing speech of our great co-worker John S. Crosby of New York.

His words were like a steam hammer of fifty tons power, and delivered at fundamentals wholly, and though we did not know at the moment who had the floor, we saw at once that his heart was on fire with the philosophy of the great prophet of "equal opportunity to all God's children in the bounties of the land and all the gifts of nature, that were so obviously given for all, and not for the soul-less creatures of only legal pedigree."

His speech delivered under most depressing conditions after the time for adjournment had passed; at once aroused the audience to excited and prolonged applause, and when he proposed to cut it short, cries came from all quarters "to go on" and "give us all he had of that sort," and he did give us enough to burn into hearts not already callous to the cry of the oppressed.

During another session when discussion was opened to five minute speeches, the floor was secured by Mr. John Bearup of the Albuquerque co-operative woolen mills, and he too got a hearty response from the people so many of whom hear but little from year to year of genuine democratic reform, from those who are seeking for the real thing.

During most all of the convention we were oppressed and depressed with the tone of so many, who spoke as if strife and contention, was all we had any expectation of looking forward to, in the future of this so-called democratic, and Christian (?) civilization, between the public service corporations and the people, or between the workers and the idlers, the latter having secured paper titles to land and all the treasures of nature, and are thus enabled to enslave those less privileged by "purchased legislation." It had not seemed to enter the philosophy of these wise savants, that there could ever be such a thing as a mutual interest, and collective right to either the land and opportunities, or to the products of labor for a common good, which would bring an era of peace and content, but the whole tone was as if hoggish selfishness was to rule the world for all time, and the only study was to see how courts and judges were to be helped to settle the conflicts in a quicker and possibly a little more equitable manner, with less likelihood for fraud and bribery.

Such a pessimistic view would be enough to make an anarchist or misanthrope of any one, and we most heartily wished some missionary with the power and spirit of our esteemed Crosby, could have had half the time wasted in listening to such dreariness, and hopelessness, to preach the gospel of a practical way out of this quagmire we are in of injustice to one class, and the ruination of the other through profligacy, and the vices and follies that always come from a surplus wrung from the enslaved by privilege and favoritism.

This conference was in striking contrast to the one of five years since, as that was called "Anti Trust" and its key note was to "Bust the Trusts" while this was to make them "goody good," with scarce a suggestion of "busting" them.

We were much amused at the query of a preacher, who innocently asked "What is this Single Tax?" Others spoke of not favoring it, but when asked if they knew what it really was in philosophy, admitted that they did not know, but supposed it an oppression on land interests.

In a private conversation with an ex-governor, we called attention to the discrepancy between the salaries of post-masters, judges, college professors, etc., the class that serve the people, and railroad presidents, and attorneys, etc., the class that rob the people. And as Prof. Frank Parsons opportunely came along, we asked what the German Government paid the presidents of the government rail roads, and how much they spent for litigation.

He promptly replied the salaries range from $3,000 to $8,000 for the best of men, while in this country they range from $25,000 to $150,000 (with immense perquisites) and the German government railroads have nothing to spend for litigation, nor lobbying. A very suggestive contrast indeed.

Am sorry neither space nor time permit a fuller report.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Comings.

Mr. Bellangee Reinforces the Courier's Argument.

EDITOR COURIER:

In your issue of Nov. 1 you set forth a very instructive comparison between the advantages of living on Corporation lands and the burdens of owning a home on a contiguous location.

I think your illustration a very good one and typical of the true conditions. However it might have been somewhat more extended and the lesson could have been more forcibly taught by dwelling at greater length on some of the features. With your permission I will suggest for instance the saving in the Fairhope plan of the expense connected with the acknowledgement and recording of the deed of transfer and the abstract fee. This of course is a small item but it is a saving worth while. Even in our little community it already amounts to several hundred dollars a year. Recording deeds and looking up abstracts which our laws make necessary are never-the-less in an economic sense wasteful forms of labor.

Every thorough business man will readily see that to own land is equivalent to denying himself the use of a yearly sum equal to the interest on the current value of his land at the current rate of interest. All can see this when attention is called to it but many do not realize it in all cases. It takes iteration and reiteration to fully impress them. It should be constantly set forth for it is the one great point of distinction that gives to one living under the Single Tax system the great advantage.

Even the rich man who may well afford the luxury of land owning cannot escape the cost of his investment in this yearly interest.

But the great advantage of our system lies in the fact that one does not have to invest in the land at all. To the poor man this is a great consideration, for the money thus saved he can put into his house or his business, thereby rewarding labor and enterprise. And it is just this advantage that has caused Fairhope in the twelve years of her existence to outstrip all the other villages on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay with a history of more than a half a century. When the writer first visited this section in search of a location for Fairhope this whole neighborhood was grown up to pines like our park with but a small farm and negro quarters in the vicinity where Mr. Creswell now lives and a clearing just opened where is located the lot whose transfer you mention.

That lot since then has been simply under cultivation as garden land while the one adjoining on Colony land with which you compare it has for two years or more been the site of two homes and almost constantly occupied. There has been much boasting about what capital is going to do in the neighborhood of Montrose where an investment of upwards of $100,000 has been promised. Now it is announced that operations will be suspended until after the extra session of the legislature with its menace

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Fairhope Courier

Devoted to the LAW of EQUAL FREEDOM—"Every man has freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man"—and to the immediate application of that law to the fullest extent possible under existing conditions, by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, at Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama.

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Standard Further Discusses Fairhope.

In the Standard for November first, the editor, Mr. E. Q. Norton, pnblishes an article by the editor of the COURIER, written prior to the issue of the Standard containing Mr. Wolf's broadside against Fairhope, and for the nonpublication of which at the time of receipt the COTRIER criticised the Standard in the issue of September 20.

With the publication of our article, the editor of the Standard makes excuse for, or explanation of the failure to publish the letter earlier, which we are disposed to accept as sufficient, fully appreciating the tax the publication of so much Fairhope matter must be upon him, and the difficulty he labors under in having to have his matter in the hands of his distant publishers so far in advance of his publication day.

Our article was written in response to a challenge to show wherein Mr. Norton had misrepresented Fairhope and been unsound upon the Single Tax. Whether or not we "made good" the charge we leave the readers of the article to judge.

In the same issue the Standard publishes an article by Daniel Kiefer, the well-known Single Taxer of Cincinnati, in criticism of Mr. Norton's position from a Single Tax standpoint and made what appears to us a very weak and labored reply thereto. The Standard was not however fair enough to print Mr. Kiefer's name to his article, nor the name of Mr. R. S. Mc Mahon, another well known Single Taxer, to this article, a short extract of which was made.

"We cannot burden the columns of the COURIER with much of this controversial matter. Our work at Fairhope is constructive—entered into because we personally (referring here to the members of the Colony in general) could not be satisfied with simply talking about good theories, but because we wanted to see them "work" and were willing to devote our lives to the effort to make them do so.

Every effort to really "do something" is quite sure to invoke a storm of criticism, and were we to attempt to present in the COURIER every criticism and reply to it, (and as often as presented; they have all been presented and replied to repeatedly) we would have no space to devote to what the readers of the COURIER we find want most to know: What is being done at Fairhope and what in plan, location, climate, soil, business opportunities, etc., it offers to those who do approve of its major purpose and would like to become a part of it.

We have always, however, been not only willing but anxious that those interested should be fully advised of the criticism, offered against our plans.

The editor of the COURIER has ordered a number of extra copies of the issue of the Standard containing his article and that of Mr. Kiefer with Mr. Norton's comments thereon, and will be pleased to forward copies to those requesting the same and enclosing two cent stamps.

Since writing the foregoing we have decided to publish in the OOURIER a statement regarding the methods and accomplishments of Fairhope and replying to some of the arguments made against it, prepared especially for Single Taxers, who may not have given the Colony careful consideration and on that account and because of misrepresentation, possibly looked unfavorably upon it.

A portion of this article is published in this issue.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

A friend from St. Louis has been with me several days: Mrs. Boisselier (pronounce Bwaw-sel-lee-a). Her son of thirteen is in Mrs. Johnson's training school, and she is highly pleased with his already apparent effects of his training. It is Mrs. Boisselier's intention to settle here if she sees her way clear to earning a living while being of service to the Colony. Her services here as typewriter have been twice applied for. She is an expert stenographer, also a teacher of Stenography lately in a business college of her town, St. Louis. Had she been here she could have prepared the young women as Stenographers and type-writers who have recently qualified themselves for good positions in Mobile.

Today we send Mr. Gaston to represent our Corporation at the National Single Tax Conference in New York. Already some have gone with expressed object of undoing our work here in the minds of outside friends—convincing them that our plan is all wrong. The one absurd and often reiterated statement is that a vast majority of our members and lessees hold the same views as they do, and want the present plan of organization to fail. We have answered that pretty effectively by our efforts to send Mr. Gaston to represent us. We know he stands for the best good of Fairhope, now and every time; that he is amply able to defend our cause, and he is of the faithful Old Guard.

M. H.

LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued).

From 1786 to 1794: the whole number contributed since the opening of the Library in 1900.

From John R. Kelso, the author,
Government Analyzed.

From C. E. Hoffman,
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The Religion of Democracy, by Charles Ferguson.

From H. F. Ring,
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From J. G. Simpson,
Iowa Yearbook of Agriculture for 1906.

From W. 1. Boorman,
The Fat of the Land: The Story of an American Farm, by John William Streeter.

Thirteenth Anniversary of Fairhope.

Today Nov 15 is the anniversary of the landing of the Fa rhope "Pilgrims" as we sometimes call the real pioneers of our Colony. Every year we have honored the occasion by a reunion with addresses, poems, music and something of a banquet. It is our most honored day, but for convenience we usually celebrate it on New Year's day.

The first landing was made at Battles, four miles from here, as the Colony land was not yet legally purchased. Those who landed were the Gastons and Mr. and Mrs. Hunnel. While in Battles the type was set for the first number of the COURIER which was a continuation of the Liberty Bell of Des Moines. The first numbers were printed in Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith reached Battles in their own team a few days after the Gastons. The old type cases made by father Hunnel before the pioneers left Battles, are still in use in the COURIER office. On Jan. 25 the Gastons and Hunnels moved to Fairhope. Their houses were not finished. The flooring and roof of the Gaston house were finished after moving in.

Ellen Fairhope Cullen was the first child born here. Arthur Fairhope Gaston the first boy.

M. H.

Baldwin County has a new paper, The Onlooker, of Foley, the first number of which was issued on November eighth. It is a four page, and the first number presents a lot of interesting matter. We welcome the Onlooker to the ranks of Baldwin County journals, and wish it all deserved success.

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One practical method of Single Tax work presented for consideration of Single Taxers.

At a time when Single Taxers are especially considering methods for forwarding the cause, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation takes the liberty of presenting the method which it has been practically applying at Fairhope, Alabama, for nearly thirteen years.

This presentation is made, not to advocate ours as the best method of Single Tax work, nor to solicit financial assistance, but to present it simply as one effective method of work, best suited for the talents and condition of many Single Taxers; a genuine application of the Single Tax principle, bringing results justifying the claims of Single Taxers for it, and entitling those participating in it to the hearty fellowship and good wishes of their brethren of the faith.

THE FAIRHOPE PLAN.

The practical proposition upon which Fairhope was founded is: That the essential feature of the Single Tax is the taking of land values only for public use. This first, to secure the equal right of men to the use of the earth, and second, because the value of land and the need of a public fund, both arise from the presence of population, making the one the just and natural source of the other.

Those who founded Fairhope have been zealous workers for legislative action along this line. But, realizing that an indefinitely long period of education must precede any possibility of results in this way, during which they must individually choose—where choice was possible to them—to be either victims or beneficiaries at the expense of others, of the unjust conditions which they opposed; and, realizing further that the most potent educational force is the force of example, they adopted the plan here presented.

That plan was simply to secure control of land by the ordinary means of purchase—the means every day and everywhere used to exploit the landless, but having done so, to use this power to collect land values not for their private benefit, but for the equal benefit of all who might desire to avail themselves of the opportunities offered.

In other words, to collect as rent the value of land which Single Taxers contend should be taken through taxation; and by paying out of this rent fund the direct taxes assessed against not only the land, but the improvements and other personal property of the rent payers, to, in effect, and to all practical intent and purpose, accomplish the very end to be attained by the enactment of the Single Tax into law.

PROGRESS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The initiators of this effort were few in number and feeble in purse.

The plan found favor with few recognized leaders of the Single Tax movement.

By many the word "Colony" was immediately associated with the multitude of socialistic colony undertakings, with their uniform record of failure, and they declined even to investigate.

The necessity—for a poor colony as for a poor individual—to go where land was cheap, required the selection of a location whose advantages, great though they have been demonstrated to be, were unknown, and had to be taken—as the benefits to flow from the policy to be applied—on faith.

A period of hard times was on, and most of those who would have liked to participate were unable to realize upon investments elsewhere, that they might do so.

Despite all these obstacles—and a multitude of others—Fairhope has gone steadily forward.

During a time when Single Tax organizations throughout the country were falling into "innocuous desuetude;" when individual Single Taxers were, thousands of them, practically giving up the fight, many of them going into the socialist party because it promised to do something to overthrow the reign of graft and monopoly; when Single Tax congressmen were being retired; when Single Tax papers were ceasing publication one by one; while campaigns in Delaware, in Colorado, and in Washington were ending in disappointment, a flame, small but steady, burned down on Mobile Bay.

Justifying the belief that example would be a more effective propaganda than mere words, the effort at Fairhope attracted attention in all directions. Metropolitan papers, which appreciate that the world is more interested in what the people are doing than in what they are preaching, gave it pages, frequently illustrated at much expense. Students of political economy and even professors, visited it. Magazines solicited and paid for articles descriptive of it and its policies, and a constant stream of visitors passing through, came within the influence of its underlying principle, many to be strongly and permanently affected thereby.

Some Single Taxers have condemned the idea of Single Taxers "going off to themselves," rather than staying where they were, to help leaven the mass of humanity, but we assert that in no other way could we have exerted so wide and potent an influence.

RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT.

Today the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation owns in fee simple and absolutely free of incumbrance, nearly four thousand acres of land.

It has a frontage of about three-fifths of a mile on Mobile Bay, in attractiveness not to be excelled on the Coast line from New Jersey to the Rio Grande.

The land extends back into the country, connected, though irregularly, a distance of nearly six miles, and comprises a body admirably adapted to a wide range of farm, garden and fruit crops.

There are on this land more than 125 dwellings, housing an average population of about 500. There are four general stores, one doing a business of about $50,000 a year; a millinery and ladies' furnishings store; drug store; notion store; two bakeries, one with restaurant in connection; three hotels; meat market; cafe and amusement pavilion; blacksmith shop; saw and planing mill, with corn grinding and rice hulling in connection; brick yard; power printing plant, issuing the Fairhope Courier and doing job work; two resident practicing physicians, and the central stations for Baldwin County of both the Home Telephone Company and Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Of public improvements may be mentioned the following: Waterworks, with large well and steam pumping plant, distributing water through about two miles of mains through the principal part of town, supplying about forty premises directly connected and many others using the water without being connected; the only waterworks system in Baldwin County. Well built and furnished school house of two rooms, with a third just being completed (this the property of the Corporation, there being no provision for school buildings from the public fund, even the county seat not owning its own school building). Telephone system—wires and poles owned by the Corporation, phones by the individuals, and central service furnished under contract by the Home Telephone Company, with charge to users of only $3.00 per year, including free connection with other shore towns, and toll service to Mobile. Substantial wharf extending out into the Bay 1,800 feet with commodious warehouses at either end, and steel track. The wharf is now in the hands of a company of citizens, the original wharf having been swept away in the great storm of September, 1906, and the company referred to having by agreement with the Corporation assumed the task of rebuilding—at a cost of $4,000.00—and repaying the cost out of the earnings, when they will return it to the Corporation. Suitable bath-houses for free use of public, and connected with the wharf, are owned by the Corporation. Free public library of over 3,000 volumes. Abundant reservation for parks along the Bay Front has been made. Much money has been spent on roads, evidenced in part by bridges spanning two of the deep dry gulleys which cut into the land.

This seems to us a record of accomplishment well worth while, and particularly as every advance gained makes easier further advancement.

But in fairly measuring these results, not only must be taken into consideration obstacles before enumerated (and others, which we will later call to your attention), but the fact, of which you need hardly to be reminded, that the tangible benefits of the policy of taking land values for public use, are small where land values are small, and increase directly as land values increase. During our first years our land values were practically nothing. Even now the total annual values collected are only equal to the salary of a high class employe. Our accomplishments must also be measured by comparison with those of similarly situated communities pursuing the prevalent policy.

Fairhope shines most brightly in such a comparison. Every disinterested person conversant with the facts admit that she has outstripped all of her neighboring towns in growth and in public conveniences secured for her people. This brings us to the question of—

BENEFITS ACTUALLY SECURED TO THE PEOPLE.

No one will expect the application of the Single Tax, on so small a scale, however perfect it be, or however accomplished, to bring the results in the way of increasing the earnings of labor, which Single Taxers believe would follow its general application. The most that can be expected is by eliminating the local land monopolist to make land easy of access; by taking for public use the fund which elsewhere enriches individuals, to increase public advantages and conveniences, and, by relieving individuals of burdensome taxes upon their improvements, to encourage home building and other useful industry. Every one of these results has been amply realized in Fairhope.

Land is easier of access today in Fairhope, we assert, than anywhere else on earth, enjoying comparative advantages.

Not only has the necessity for meeting a purchase price been removed, but the rents will not average the lowest reasonable interest upon the valuations which any man familiar with land values in this section and in towns of similar size and advantages would give as the reasonable selling value under usual conditions.

Thus the main business corners, upon one of which a business of about $5,000 a month is being done, rents for $55 a year for a lot 100x220 feet.

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Mr. Albright Wins His Case.

The case against P. Y. Albright for illegally holding a public office came before Judge Browne in the Circuit Court at Bay Minette last week and Mr. Albright was discharged, it being the opinion of the court that the arrest was illegal. Mr. Albright was indicted by the Grand Jury in July and arrested for acting as Justice of the Peace without being a qualified voter. The statute of this state requires a voter to be a resident of the state for two years. and he has not been here that long. The court thought the question should have been raised quo warranto; and not by criminal indictment and the defendant was discharged on habeas corpus proceedings.

The Solicitor was desirous of having the question of whether a man must be a qualified voter to hold public office passed on by the supreme court and for that reason took an appeal from the decision of the Circuit court. A statement of facts was agreed on by the attorneys for the defense and the case will now go before the Supreme Court and will probably be heard in April. Mr. Albright will have been a resident of the state two years in April.

A fine specimen of a ripe strawberry was brought into our shop the other day by F. L. Horning, proprietor of the Homecroft Horticultural Gardens (two blocks S. E. from Fairhope Schoolhouse). Everyone is invited to call and see the blossoming berries; among which are the Michell's, Early Texas and the Excelsior. A few showers will hasten the ripening fruit, and may give a handsome crop especially if he mild weather continues. No effort has been made to raise a fall crop by Mr. Horning; but it may be made profitable in future years, by giving the plants proper care in way of fertilizing cultivating and mulching, the latter of which will protect the fruit from light frosts and will hasten the fruiting of delicious berries.

The social held by the ladies of the V. I. C. at Mrs. Pilchers last Friday evening was a great success The address given by Dr. Henderson was a very interesting one and enjoyed by all. Cocoa was served after the address.

The "Country Store" at the Brown Block Saturday afternoon and night was a very successful affair the ladies taking in the neighborhood of $35, we understand. Mr. Freeman gave a recitation during an intermission between dances in the evening.

Mr. Geo. Salzman, of Chicago, was here over Sunday and looked at sev eral places. He thinks some of locating.

Miss Maud Wilson returned home Monday evening after spending several days visiting with friends in Mobile.

The case against Turk Smith for the murder of Stuart McRae was continued to the next term of Circuit Court of Baldwin County, because of the absence of witnesses.

Mr. Freeman returned from his tour in the northern part of the state on last Saturday evening. His sister came down with him and will visit with them for a while.

Miss Grace Williams came over from Mobile Saturday evening and spent Sunday with her parents returning to Mobile Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ettel left hastily for their home in Florida last Sunday on account of receipt of a telegram announcing the falling of the water tower and tank at their hotel. They had not intended leaving so soon.

Eor Sale: A few Berkshire pigs and sows. These are in good condition and are good stock. Will sell at reasonable price. Address C. O. White, Fairhope, Ala.

A son was born to Mr and Mrs. Bruno Van Bavel on last Sunday. The boy is named Bruno after his father.

Miss Evelyn McGuire and Miss Elsie Barron of Mobile spent Sunday with the Powells.

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Tane Nashi Japanese persimmon trees, bearing size 50 cents each at my place, Ingleside, Fairhope Ala.
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SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

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Two cents will cover the postage on the 10c. books and 10c, on the 50c. books, for which additiona we will be glad to send them by mail to any address.

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The amateur sociologist said:

"The impassioned declarations of love and the hetup proposals of marriage as made by the lovely young male pieces of work in the novels had always impressed me as being grotesquely overdrawn. I could not picture the lovely young male pieces of works saying such things to girls who were not insane.

"So I instituted such quiet inquiries among my married friends for the purpose of ascertaining whether any of these idiotic manifestations had happened to them at their mating time. I am giving you the result of these investigations.

"The first man I tackled was the head clerk in a crockery store and he'd been going with the girl for a year and a half when it happened. One Sunday afternoon he took a walk with her.

"'Aggie,' he said to her after they'd been looking at some marked down refrigerators in a furniture store window, 'the old man boosted my pay to 30 a week last night. Guess we ought to be able to scrabble along on 30 a week, hadn't we?'

"'Well, I should say,' was Aggie's offhand reply. 'There are thousands of folks in New York who live mighty comfortably on half of 30 a week, and—'

"And the date of that wedding was immediately arranged.

"Next man, clerk in an insurance office, had been going with her for about eight months. There were two or three others in the field against him, but he was game enough to take a gambler's chance. They were at a show one night and between the first and second acts he leaned over to her and said:

"'Say, Hazel, where do I stand with you, anyhow?'

"'Now, pul-lease, Jim, don't get sentimental,' she replied.

"'But, Hazel,' he persisted. 'I'm getting pretty anxious to find out, you know. I don't know now whether I'm aces or an also ran.

"Oh, I don't know that you have any occasion to worry,' was her reply, and that, of course, was enough for him. The date was fixed a couple of evenings later.

"Third friend of mine whom I tackled on this investigation was a shorthand man in a broker's office, and he'd been calling on her about three times a week, taking her out, too, with considerable regularity, for a period covering about a year. One evening he was sitting on the front steps with her when she said to him:

"'Say, Charlie, guess who ran away and got married last week? Edith Startsomething!'

"'That so?' said he. 'Well, say, Ethel, how good on the run are you?'

"Thus it was fixed.

"My fourth informant was a young lawyer—briefless at that—who'd been a frequent caller at the home of a wealthy girl for two years. Good-looking chap, and the girl was there with the looks, too, in addition to having the coin. One night they formed part of a chaperoned box party at a play. The play was about a family suddenly plunged from wealth to poverty.

"'D'ye know, Kate,' he'd said to her, 'without desiring to appear mean or cruel, I wish something of that sort would happen to you.'

"'What a very friendly wish!' was her reply. 'Why, pray?' she added, although, of course, she understood him perfectly well.

"'Because, then, my dear,' he very quickly made answer. 'I wouldn't feel like such an infernal muff if I asked you to share the little I have with me.'

"'O, is that it?' she inquired, gazing tenderly into his eyes. 'Well, you know very well, Ed, that I should never consider you a muff under any circumstances, no matter what you did; and it is mean of you to reproach me for not being poor. I can't help it, can I?'

"This looked good enough to my friend the young lawyer, and it was. They'd decided upon the date before the end of that week.

"Fifth man I asked was another lawyer, and he'd been calling and sending her candy and flowers and taking her out right often for nearly a twelvemonth. One evening they were taking a car ride when they passed a tidy apartment house in course of construction and nearly completed.

"'Saw the plans of those flats a few days ago,' he said to her nonchalantly. 'They're daisies—best arranged I ever saw. Burlap walls and all that. Mighty cheap at that—only $50 a month for the best of 'em, and there is an elevator, too.

"'I just love red burlap for the dining room of a flat, don't you?' was her reply.

"That was good enough for him, and he filed his caveat then and there.

"I think," concluded the amateur sociologist, "that these few random cases which I quote, the results, as I say, of careful investigation along this line, clearly indicate that the flab-dubbish junk as to declarations and proposals set down in the fiction books simply does not go. They don't kneel, they don't claw the air, they don't crawl on their stomachs. They just ask them like sensible human beings. They're glad if they get 'em, and they take their medicine as a rule like little men if they're turned down."

Her Pointed Retort.

When the old lady put her head out of the window and inquired of the young railway porter what the train was stopping for, the young man thought he would have a little fun at the old lady's expense.

"Engine was out late last night, ma'am," he remarked with a smile, "so she's got a thirst on her this morning; they're giving 'er a drop o' water."

"Ah! it's water," said the old lady.

"If you'll wait a minute, ma'am," he grinned, "I'll inquire whether they're givin' her port wine."

"Never mind," came the answer, "don't you trouble, young man. I thought perhaps by the way we've been getting along she was run on sloe gin!"—Tit-Bits.

With the Children.

Two little boys and two little girls were playing "house," the boys being the papas, of course. All went well until the papas insisted upon coming home to luncheon, although their wives repeatedly told them that they should stay downtown in their offices and kill bears until 5 o'clock. The argument finally grew so noisy that auntie came to investigate.

"Boys, why do you come home when the girls ask you not to? Is it because you are so fond of them you cannot keep away?"

"No," said Tom, disgustedly.

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"No," said Bob, with even more disgust in his tones. "It's because the girls eat chocolate for lunch and we want some."

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Mrs. Dr. R. A. Hail and two younger children, left Wednesday morning after spending a few days with Mrs. Hail's mother. The Doctor himself came over Monday but left the next morning.

Just received a large assortment of nice fresh candies at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Messrs. Jennings of Washington and Airey of Alabama, engaged in making a soil survey in Baldwin county this week. Their work is preliminary to that of another member of the commission, who will be here soon.

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Mr. W. W. Kile returned from his trip to Dayton Ohio, last Monday.

Now is the time for cough syrup. Stop in and get a bottle at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening with all members present. President in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treasurers report for Oct., presented as follows:

Bill for tuition of 56 Colony pupils allowed, $14 50

Resignation of P. Y. Albright as water clerk presented and on motion accepted, with thanks to Mr. Albright for his services

The following petition signed by a large majority of the lessees was received.

"We, the undersigned, members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, and lessees, do hereby petition that you appoint one or more delegates to attend the Single Tax Conference, to be held according to call in New York the 18th and 19th of this month.

"And we do further petition that the necessary expenses of one such delegate be paid from the treasury of the colony with such other local expense as may be necessary for printing etc."

After full discussion it was moved and carried that E. B. Gaston and R. F. Powell be appointed delegates to the conference, and that $50 be appropriateq towards Mr. Gaston's expense, to be paid after January first.

Messrs. F. L. Brown, P. Y. Albright, and Wm. L. Heller also appointed delegates if they found it possible to go.

Request of Mrs. Lillie V. Clifton for transfer to O. J. Brown of a joint interest in the land leased to her, was approved, subject to filing of usual applcation by Mr. Brown.

Request of A. K. Trenholme and Mrs. L. J. Curtis for transfer to Mrs. A. K. Trenholme of their interests in lot 2, block 5, div, 1, was granted.

J. J. Mogg appointed water clerk.

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		7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Nov.	7	57	70	62
	8	62	81	68
	9	68	75	70
	10	71	76	70
	11	55	61	58
	12	42	52	52
	13	37	53	51

3 clear days, 4 cloudy, slight rain on the 10th. Frost and thin ice in exposed places, on the 13th.

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We have numbers of families in town, the total cost to whom of access to the land for homes, with taxes paid and numerous advantages not enjoyed elsewhere, is under $10 a year—and numbers of these hold land indifferently used, by relinquishing which they might cut their rents in two. One farmer, on ten well cultivated and fairly improved acres—all he wants—pays $3.50 as his total annual charge for his opportunities. A number pay only $7; among these one whose 20-acre farm, a recent visitor declared, was not only a credit to Fairhope, but would be a credit to any farming community of which he knew.

With all these low rents (which, to tell the truth, seem simply ridiculous to most of our visitors), and which are only complained of by those who are holding land which they are making poor use of, and who would have the same complaint coming if the Single Tax were applied by legislation, Fairhope is able to secure to her people advantages not enjoyed by any other similarly situated community of like size and age.

Of these may be mentioned in addition to exemption from the necessity of buying land and payment of State and County taxes out of rents, free schooling for eight months (where the public fund provides but five); water under pressure free for a house under six rooms, (at a charge for connection of half the cost of a well); telephone for $3 a year, costing outside of Fairhope, $18; free use of public library of 3,000 volumes; free access to water front and use of public bath houses, etc., etc.

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We believe that this sum has been more effective in a propaganda way alone, than any like sum expended for that purpose. But funds expended in other methods of propaganda are gone forever, while there remains for this expenditure, a splendid body of land, worth for ordinary speculative purposes several times the total outlay.

This land is ample for the needs, at varied occupations, of a population of many thousands. Its administration upon Single Tax principles, guaranteed by the Fairhope plan, will demonstrate the wisdom and practical benefits of the Single Tax with increasing force and effect year by year, and with increasing benefits to an increasing number, until its general acceptance will make such a method unnecessary.

Such a record of accomplishment seems to us to deserve the hearty commendation of all Single Taxers. It has won us the approval of many, whose cheering words and substantial co-operation have gratified us greatly.

Mr. Joseph Fels, whose opportunities for observation and business judgment are alike exceptional, declares that Fairhope has accomplished more for the effort and money expended, than has been accomplished elsewhere in the world during the same time.

CRITICISMS OF THE PLAN.

No work, be it ever so well intentioned or efficient, can, however, escape criticism. And with ours as with many other efforts, the most bitter and hurtful criticism has come from those, from whom it would seem help should have been expected. And, most extraordinary and most unfortunate for us, our chief critic has been one who, by virtue of an appointment received more than fourteen years ago as member for Alabama of the National Single Tax Committee, has assumed for his illogical opinions the weight of recognized authority.

We invite your attention to some of these criticisms, and our replies to them. We shall cast no aspersions upon the motives of the critics, but we propose to show that the arguments with which they attempt to justify their criticisms are utterly unsound and are really the arguments of the opponents of the Single Tax.

The most important (if true) of these criticisms, may well be considered first. That there may be no danger of a charge of unfairness and to show that this "National Committeeman" actually argues that there is no difference between requiring payment from individuals for the public expense, upon the basis of the value of the land they hold, and upon the basis of their labor-created wealth, we ask your patience to quote his exact language:

"Since the fund from which all Fairhope taxes are paid comes in the form of land rents from the people who occupy Fairhope land, it follows that they pay their own taxes, just as the people of Daphne pay theirs."—Standard, Daphne, Ala.

When taken to task upon this statement by the Fairhope Courier and by Mr. Daniel Kiefer, of Cincinnati he reaffirms the correctness of the statement and argues further, in the Standard of Nov. 1, 1907:

From what source did the money come with which these taxes were paid?

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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 has been 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 long distance connection.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

MR. BELLANGEE REINFORCES COURIER'S ARGUMENT,

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to capital and the prohibition wave has passed by.

Only a few miles apart this boasted and much advertised enterprise and Fairhope will present a splendid contrast between the two systems of home building here and the exploitations by capital of the sensation seekers and revelers there.

In your parallel you show that it is cheaper to live in Fairhope than on adjoining lands, leaving out of consideration the advantages of schools, water, telephones, etc. That shows either that we are not taking all the unearned increment or that the sale noted is exceptional, Even as it is we are able to present our people with advantages of local value for which outsiders must pay, thus clearly demonstrating the advantage of our system.

Until the land rentals are high enough to absorb all the unearned increment we cannot fully demonstrate the advantages of the Single Tax in furnishing public services but we have already done enough to show that by patience and wise management we can in a few years without doubt equip ourselves with all necessary facilities for public service placing the entire burden where it belongs upon the use of the land benefitted.

Everywhere else capital exploits labor by compelling it to pay for the use of the land it occupies and for the public services it furnishes thus increasing its hold on the wealth of the country. Here the higher the value of land and the greater the rent taken the more is returned to labor in the public services afforded. What elsewhere goes to the land owner as landlord goes here to the public.

This contrast will grow with increasing velocity if by prudent management we make the most of the situation and the public appreciation of it will increase rapidly if we trust ourselves wholly to the principle and do not complicate the situation by the introduction of other devices of public financiering.

If we would show the power and beauty of the Single Tax we must trust ourselves to it wholly. We must make the example clear cut. If we would cultivate a public spirit that would make the largest use of its benefits it is necessary that all should feel that the rents collected are spent for what they want and that they are getting value received for all they pay. That the revenues are not only used for them but in a way to suit them.

Nor should we be impatient with those who are slow to appreciate the value of our plan, but wish to take advantage of our progress in buying land in the vicinity. The whole trend of our civilization teaches that success means getting something for nothing and they have learned the lesson that way. If we consistently and insistently show that we make the unearned increment go to public uses because the public creates it they will not be oblivious to the influence of that public sentiment. They may for a while be disposed to glory in their shrewdness but as time wears on they will more and more suspect that they are simply making of themselves "horrible examples" of opposition to a righteous principle.

J. BELLANGEE.

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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY.

PLAN. ACHIEVEMENTS. BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS. CRITICS.

One practical method of Single Tax work presented for consideration of Single Taxers.

(Continued from last issue.)

Under the full and complete operation of the Single Tax system of Mr George, the occupier, user or monopolizer of land would pay into the public pocket the rental value thereof, and his relief would come from the abolition of all other forms of taxation, but in the "Fairhope plan" there is no such relief. * * * * * *

The actual facts in the case, as figures shown in the tax books will demonstrate, is that there has been only a shifting of taxes but no abolition, excepting in those cases where those who have the most personal property and improvements have much if not all of their tax paid for them out of the sum which is made up from land rents paid in to the Corporation by those who have the smaller amounts of personal property and improvements. To the many bad features of our present tax system the Fairhope plan accentuates this of making those having the least property pay the taxes of those having the most property.

The plain proposition of the Single Tax is that all expense of government (taxes) should be collected from land values. This the critic admits is done at Fairhope (so far as State and County taxes are concerned), but he claims that this makes no difference because there has been "only a shifting of taxes." We assert that this is in effect just what the Single Tax is intended to do; to shift the taxes from where they now principally rest upon labor values, to where they belong, upon land values. And that this would make all the difference in the world.

Mr. Norton makes the common argument of the non-Single Taxer: that you have got the expense of government to pay and it makes comparatively little difference how it is paid.

If it were seriously contended that the Single Tax would greatly decrease the amount of public revenue, there would be some basis for Mr. Norton's argument; but there is everywhere a cry for more revenue, and Single Taxers claim that the land values will furnish even a greater revenue than we now have.

If this be true, the Single Tax will not "abolish" any of the taxes now paid in the sense that we will no longer pay their sum, but will simply "shift" the present total of tax payments to the land. This is exactly what Fairhope does.

The natural effect of Mr. Norton's argument would be to mislead his readers into thinking that the Single Tax would "abolish" all taxes save that now levied upon the land, for it is only upon such an assumption that his argument has any weight whatever.

Did it come from the lessees? If so, how are they relieved from paying it?

In his attempts to show that an injustice is done to those who have little personal property by paying out of the ground rents the taxes of those who have more, Mr. Norton makes the very argument so commonly heard by Single Taxers, from its opponents—that the Single Tax is going to relieve the owners of big factories, department stores, fine homes, etc., at the expense of the poorer. It is a repetition of the familiar argument of the "poor widow" with small improvements upon a valuable lot, from whose increased land tax would be taken the sum of which the rich owner of a fine home would be relieved. And this, from the man who calls himself "National Single Tax Committeeman for Alabama." That the policy is not at the expense of the poorer people is proven by the low figures we have given of rentals paid.

When he says that if it were not for its payment of improvement and personal property taxes out of the rents, the Corporation "could rent its lands that much lower," he gets the hearty approval of those Fairhope lessees who are always clamoring for "low rents;" but our aim has never been either "high rents" or "low rents," but to get the real rental value. If the rents were reduced below the real rental value the present holders would collect the difference from new comers, and an immediate result would be an artificial stimulus to land values by making speculation possible.

(2) That Fairhope can't be an example of Single Tax, because it has no taxing power.

The essential thing is not that land values be taken as a "tax" and be so labelled, but that they **be taken for public use.** Single Taxers are fond of saying that the "Single Tax is not in reality a tax at all," but simply a payment for value received." Not having the power to take land values for public use as a "tax," Fairhope takes them as rent. The alternative is to leave individuals to collect them for private benefit.

(3) That it misrepresnts the Single Tax, by its policy of common ownership and individual holding under lease, while the Single Tax would not disturb present titles.

Every evil against which the Single Tax would strike arises from the ownership of land as at present understood and protected. Henry George opposed "Property in Land," but he proposed to "take the kernel while leaving them (land owners) the shell." As we can't take the kernel and leave them the shell we take both."

(4) That the rents as fixed are not the actual rental values at all; that the real rental value cannot in fact be now determined, and that under the Single Tax most of the land of Fairhope would have no rental value at all, but be "beyond the margin of cultivation."

We think that Single Taxers generally understand that the Single Tax would set in motion contrary tendencies affecting land values. One by destroying land speculation would tend to decrease land values. The other by removing all taxes upon labor products would enormously encourage the demand for land for use, and thus tend to increase land values. Just where the equilibrium between these contrary tendencies would be reached no man can tell. Our only practical course is to be guided by conditions in and about Fairhope, and by the inquiries and applications for lots, transfers of land and improvements, prices asked or realized for adjoining privately owned properties, and similarly located properties in adjacent villages.

All of these things are carefully considered at Fairhope, and it is certainly true that our rents are far below what the prices paid for similar land privately owned would justify, thus showing the effect of our policy of removing the speculative demand in lowering values.

(5) That rents are "arbitrarily fixed" not determined by "competition" as the Single Tax would provide.

Some of the critics making this objection seem to imply that under the Single Tax, land values would be determined automatically and impersonally, with absolute accuracy. There is no warrant for such an assumption. The Single Tax platform of 1893 provided for "impartial periodical assessments." There was no hint of a change in ordinary assessing methods, but in principle upon which assessments should be made. In practice at Fairhope the rental values are tentatively appraised by a Council of five members, the list submitted to the whole body of lessees, and a hearing given all, after which the Council revises its appraisement and the same is then subject to vote of the whole resident membership under the general provisions of the referendum.

(6) That Fairhope is not Single Tax because "not democratic."

The Fairhope plan was originally designed for Single Taxers, who would come into it upon a common basis of devotion to the underlying principle and payment of a membership fee.

Within the limits of the membership the organization is as democratic as it is possible to be, except that a three-fourths vote is required to amend the constitution; (which in a voluntary organization, we contend is not in violation of the law of equal freedom, but which we will not here discuss).

Adopted nearly fourteen years ago, the Fairhope Constitution embodied provisions for the initiative, referendum and imperative mandate as full and perfect as anywhere advocated today.

A membership fee was required as the only means for securing funds for the purchase of land, but being ardent believers in equal suffrage and anxious for the benefit of the participation of women in communal affairs, the wives of members were given the right to vote upon all matters. The women have ever been an active and very helpful factor in the business of the community.

It was early found, however, that to limit the benefits of the Colony to Single Taxers, willing and able to pay a membership fee, was to greatly limit its growth and usefulness, and it was decided to admit non-members to

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Word From the Editor.

DEAR COURIER:

On train between Danville and Norfolk. We are much annoyed that being wrongly advised at Mobile we took a route and train which failing to make connections is going to put us into New York, after the opening session of the convention.

Having a wait of several hours yesterday afternoon and evening at Danville, Va., we thought we would see if we could not locate some Single Taxers. Inquiry in two or three, stores indicated that the quest was rather a hopeless one, for the parties questioned, not only knew of no Single Taxers, but appeared never to have heard of the Single Tax.

Inquiry at the editorial rooms of the Register and Bee—morning and afternoon papers published from the same office—resulted no better.

We talked Single Tax some to the young city editor, who manifested some curiosity, and supplied him with our literature about Fairhope. Then went up to the municipal building, where we had a pleasant talk with the revenue commissioner, who had heard of the Single Tax, but not given it serious thoughts thinking it impracticable. We heard that the prosecuting attorney, Mr. Hamlin, was something of a "George man" and hunted him up. He acknowledged interest in the subject and said that he had lately had special evidence of the evil of taxing personal property and incomes, in the wholesale perjury committed by "prominent citizens" in return for taxation. It incited to perjury and rested most heavily on the poor man whose little possessions were returned at approximately their value. "Had we come to Danville ten years ago," he said "you would have found quite a number interested in the Single Tax," but they had become scattered and he did not know of another one. The most active Single Taxer, their superintendent of public schools, C. P. Williamson, died a couple of years ago. Mr. Williamson was interested in Fairhope and a subscriber to the COURIER.

Mr. Hamlin called up the mayor for us and secured permission for a street meeting. He also took us up to the handsome Elks Club and though we were none of us Elks, exercised his right as a member to secure us the privileges of the Club, evidenced by cards duly issued to each of us. He and his fellow Elks were exceedingly kind to us and helped to make our quite unwilling stay in their town pass quickly and pleasantly. After getting supper, I tarried in a store where we made some small purchases. talking to the proprietor who seemed quite interested in the story of Fairhope and the Single Tax.

When I got out after awhile, I found our president making a speech up on the next corner. He had come an old "Chicago trick" of engaging a Salvation army harauguer in an argument, of which the S. A. man soon tired and left, leaving Mr. Brown the crowd. Mr. Brown talked some time and anwered many questions and then Mr. Powell took up the argument. Several stayed to talk longer and manifested much approval of the ideas presented.

Leaving Danville early this morning we arrived at Norfolk a little after noon. Found the exposition grounds closed for Sunday—in fact the exposition practically at an end. It has been a failure financially, and not much of a success in any way. The location however is very attractive. It is a ride of several miles from down town to the exposition grounds. There are some fine truck gardens on the way and innumerable vacant lots. In fact, the vacant lots are the most conspicuous things about the cities, to a Single Taxer, who knows the connection between land speculation and poverty—and panics.

The panic is certainly on up in this section. In Danville cash payments are almost entirely suspended by the banks, cash being superseded by clearing house ninety-day certificates, bearing 2 per cent interest. These are used by the big mills and other manufacturers in paying off their hands, and all over the city you see cards in the windows, "Clearing house certificates taken here." This mornings paper announced that six banks in New York city were placed in the hands of receivers. The outlook is certainly dark and the end will not be reached in years.

The general public seems to have no definite idea of the cause, most attributing it merely to "lack of confidence." To the Single Taxer it is very clear that the root of the trouble is speculation—speculation in land and in stocks and bonds based on land values. This speculation has been induced by conditions under which men profit not by the use but by the mere ownership of land. This makes demand for land—not for use but for speculation. The speculation demand runs up prices for land and securities based on land beyond what the use will justify. When the limit of advancing prices is reached, demand ceases, and prices immediately begin to decline under the inexorable law of supply and demand as soon as prices begin to decline, everybody wants to sell and nobody to buy.

Those who have borrowed to buy for speculation—or for any other purpose—upon that which is declining in value, cannot meet their obligations, the banks, which have loaned their depositors money and are unable to get it back, cannot pay and that condition of "loss of confidence" arises which the superficial. think is the chief cause of panics, and which does powerfully augment the trouble, but which is itself an effort of the deeper rooted trouble we have located.

The Single Tax Conference convenes at an opportune time to plan the best means for educating the people to see the justice and wisdom of a great reform.

Our observations on the trip, press sadly home to us the tremendous burden of ignorance to our cause. And when we see how much in a material way we have been able to accomplish at Fairhope and how much easier it is to interest people in our concrete illustration, than in abstract theorizing, we appreciate the im portance of our work more than ever, and more than ever feel that our method deserves the hearty approval of Single Taxers, and might well be applied in like efforts all over the country.

To Mrs. Marie Howland of Fairhope.

WRITTEN FOR THE COURIER BY C. J. BUELL.

I

I have read thy kindly letters
In the Courier week by week,
And thru them unto my spirit
Doth thy gentle spirit speak;
And I've come to know the sweetess
Of thy woman's heart so true,
From the deeds of love and kindness
Thou art ever glad to do.

II

Let thy kindly light continue
Thus to shine for all thy kin,
Ever point the way to virtue,
Warn away from shame and sin,
Let the God that dwells within thee
Speak to us from week to week,
Send the cheering word and helpful
Out to all who comfort seek.

III

Now the soul that loves its brethren,
Urging ever toward the best,
Well deserves a smile of gladness—
Well deserves the peace and rest
That are sure to come and bless it
In the years of life's decline;
And I'm sure that thou wilt have them
In the closing years of thine.

IV

May thy days be long and useful
Yet among thy brethren here,
May thy path be set with blossoms,
May thy friends be true and dear,
May thy joys be deep as ocean,
May thy cares be light as foam,
May thy soul find sweet communion
In its bright eternal home.

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Dr. Henderson's Visit.

To those who met or heard Dr. Henderson while here, it would be impossible to exagerate fhe social, moral, or intellectual advantage it would be to Fairhope, to have such a man, one among us, and there is yet the bare possibility of his coming back to locate his winter school near us.

While in Chicago lately we metanother quite similar character, a gentleman we had long corresponded with, but never met before, and we found him fully as cultured, winsome, and ideal a man for an educator as Dr. Henderson, and having the additional advantage of having a most charming and able lady for a wife, and both were enthusiastic about coming to Fairhope to organize some sort of a school or college.

Both are widely known, and immensely popular as lecturers, and have an enviable record as educators, and both are full-fledged reformers, holding the name of our great leader, in due reverence as one of the world's great prophets, and they would glory in exalting the ideal he set up for the world's healing.

They will likely be here later in the winter and give us a lecture or two, and in the meantime, it is well for us all to be thinking hard and constantly, how we can help to establish here such a school as we will all be proud of as a step forward toward our ultimate aim.

They both hold enviable positions on the staff of lecturers and instructors in the great Chicago University, but dislike the atmosphere of city life, and would be as much happier, as more useful leading a school of reformed methods, in a town of reformed ideals.

S. H. COMINGS.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Nov. 20. x x x D. D. Chidester:—Let me thank you for your prompt answer in regard to the financial situation of the country and pardon me for quoting your words:

"With our present financial system by which the whole business and industrial world is compelled to do business with confidence instead of with cash, with debt instead of with cash, with debt instead of with the legal means of payment, no one can accurately forecast or foretell just what will happen a year, a month or even a day ahead.

"My own impression is that the present financial flurry is simply one of the minor convulsine spasms inevitably recurring at irregular intervals under the present financial system that exists in all our Western nations. By this I mean that I do not think it is a regular, old-fashioned, tail-twisting gold standard panic, though it may turn out to be the prelude of one, just as the Baring failure and panic in October 1890 was the prelude of the gold standard of 1893. All the banks in all our large cities throughout the country have practically suspended cash payments, repudiating their obligations to pay their depositors on demand.

"The despised 'flat money,' 'rags and lamp black,' of the so-called 'greenbackers' is at a premium of from 2 to 4 per cent over bank checks and clearing house certificates and is at a slight premiun over gold coin. If the theories of the advocates of the so called gold standard are correct, then the present premium on these partially monetized paper coin (which they claim are only promises to pay gold coin) is analgous to a spring rising higher than its source.

"My present opinion is that the whole financial situation may clear up within the next few weeks, the banks resume cash payments and financial and business conditions become more or less normal; though the effects of this little 'financial trembiore' will be felt more or less for months to come throughout the country and will affect bussiness, trade and industry more or less for the next year or so. This will be shown by a halting of trade and manufacturers, declining prices in commodities, and in the wages of labor, and a general lessening and recession of bnsiness activity in almost every direction." * * * "The present disturbed business and industrial conditions should be an object lesson to our Single Tax friends of the all-potent influence of financial systems which rest mainly on legislation."

x x x We have all been much disturbed in Fairhope as everywhere else in the country, over the widespread financial disturbance. As for me I am reassured by the above letter. And if the worse should come we are as well off in Fairhope as anywhere, and I think better, for we are united by a strong bond and we can help each other. How fortunate are those who are solidly fixed on the land with their live stock and gathered crops! "Back to the land" is now a telling cry in the most progressive countries of the world. Witness the Garden City movement in England, and that in which Mr. Fels is so interested. By the way he sent me a London journal describing his work there I lent it to a friend who intended to make "copy" out of it for our paper, but did not. I mean to do so when it comes back, if not "ancient history" by that time.

There are thirty five single men and twenty five single women in Fairhope. We have young and old bachelors; widows and widowers, both grass and otherwise, and some who have been married three times; spinsters, young girls, old girls, and girls who were born when they were quite young; men and women who are married but don't live together; and men who would like to be married but haven't the nerve to ask a girl to help support them. Some have experienced the bonds of matrimony but found them too restraining for congenial relationship. With these restless spirits to contend with it is not surprising that all is not smooth sailing in this small burg. We rise to remark here that a yielding disposition is essential not only to wedded life but also to community life.

P. Y. A.

Glen St. Mary's New Ad.

We present a new ad.—on a new contract—of the Glen St. Mary Nursery Company, of Glen St. Mary, Florida. This is beyond question one of the largest and best nurseries in the South. It has for years enjoyed a large trade in the vicinity of Fairhope, which has been helped greatly by advertisements wisely placed in the COURIER, but which is even more due to the the uniform satisfaction given its patrons. The president, Col. G. L. Taber, is a man of the highest integrity; and "Taber's rees " are always true to name, and of superitor quality in the various grades.

Local and Personal.

Be sure and attend the Thanksgiving dinner at the Fairhope House, given by the V. I. C. ladies for the benefit of the school.

The Southern Alabama District Convention of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held at Citronelle during the first week in December. Rev. H. G. Sedinger, Mrs. Bertha Mershon and Wm. L. Heller of the Fairhope society will take part in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis of Scranton, Iowa, came in town last night and will remain until spring, this being their sixth winter in Fairhope. While traveling in Iowa they met Mr. and Mrs. Crosbie and had a pleasant visit with them on the train.

Mrs. Tiffany was taken to the Southern Infirmary Hospital in Mobile and operated on, twenty three gaul stones were taken from her. The doctors were unable to tell what her trouble was until she was on the operating table, and at first were of the opinion that it might be appendicitis. She stood the operation very well, and is doing as well as could be expected, although she is a very sick woman Her daughtea Goldie, who is a nurse at the hospital, is attending Mrs. Tiffany at night.

Word has been received here by W. S. Baldwin that an experiment station will be established at Loxley, Baldwin County., and that a meeting will be held at that place on Monday the 25th to take steps to institute the station. Several government officials from Montgomery are expected, among them Congressman Wiley, Prof. Broady of the Dept. of Agriculture at Washington who will address the meeting. The farmers in this vicinity are urged to be present, and if sufficient interest is manifested in the matter, the station will be assured. The metting will be at 1 o'clock.

Not many fish are being caught in the bay now, but we understand they are biting fine in the rivers now. The Dealy boys went to Magnolia last Saturday to fish and returned Monday with about 30 big speckled trout and a red fish which weighed very near 6 pounds.

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The bazaar and oyster supper held at the church last Friday evening proved to be a success in every respect. The ladies served a bountiful repast which was gratefully enjoyed. The fancy booth attracted much attention and was liberally patronized.

The feature of the evening was the candy booth in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society. Here, in addition to the home made candy, peanuts and pop corn, was to be found the wonderful Empire Floss candy machine, operated by Mr. Clifton and wife.

The cotton-like appearance of the candy attracted the attention and enthusiasm of all present, and orders came pouring in faster than the candy could be made.

Much amusement was afforded by the cotton candy contest in which six of Fairhope's stalwart sons tried to outdo each other in efforts to masticate the elusive cotton. The winner of this contest is still unknown.

The ladies of the church are to be congratulated upon the successful issue of the Bazaar and supper.

One of the beautiful sights at this season of the year, in this vicinity, is the orange groves at Battles, which are now in bearing and full of fruit. Dr. Scott has 350 trees of Satsuma, and at Moog's and Hutchings' there are other varieties of both sweet and sour oranges. The trees at Dr. Scotts are loaded down, one which they call the pet having 240 oranges on it. This is the shipping season, and they find Mobile an excellent market. Satsuma oranges bear in three years after planting, and stand the cold weather better than any other fruit, but strange to say they have not been cultiyated very much here in Fairhope.

James Gaston, Ira Powell, Tom Wilson and Ed Stapleton made a party of hunters who left Saturday and returned Monday with bags full of doves, quail and squirrels. They drove about fifteen miles southeast of Fairhope and pitched their tent on the old hunting grounds, but the only thing they saw resembling an animal was a squirrels tail, which one of them swore was a fox.

For a period of about two months after the summer visitors left there were about 50 vacant houses and 12 unoccupied apartments in Fairhope. This includes the Nichols cottages which are only rented in the summer. There were only six vacant houses in Fairhope during the past summer, which was an unusually good season, and the prospects for this winter are nearly as good. Nicely furnished cottages are always in demand, both summer and winter, and are usually occupied about 8 months in the year.

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SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

Also, "The Land Question" what it involves and how alone it can be settled, by Henry George; in paper 10 cents. Also, "Progress and Poverty", the Single Tax Bible, "Protection or Free Trade", and The Perplexed Philosopher", all by Henry George, in paper each 50c.

Two cents will cover the postage on the 10c. books and 10c, on the 50c. books, for which additiona we will be glad to send them by mail to any address.

If possibly you have never read any of Henry George's works don't et it be said anymore.

Mr. Sedinger has just concluded three weeks of revival meetings in Daphne, some of which were held in the Baptist church, and others in the school house.

Mr. Joyce is back from a weeks trip to Bay Minnette, his shop here bing in charge of his brother-in-law, D. A. Hall, during his absence.

Miss Mary Gould spent a week at Yuille's, Daphne. Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle has gone there in her stead and will remain for some time.

A Future Magnate.

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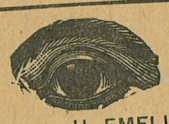
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THE GUARDSMAN AT THE DEAD LINE

By EDGAR WHITE

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In the kingdom of Lights and Shadows there blossomed a queen with a fair young face and bright blue eyes. Hard by the gilt and white throne stood a tall, brown knight, brave and honest, with dark, unseeing eyes. Across the hall of state, with fine gold lace and 'broidery, was a courtier with soft, white face and large, moist lips beneath a waxed mustache. At times he bowed and smiled, and his smiles and bows were all for the fair queen, as become a loyal subject.

In the background of the gilt and white throne was a horrid creature, dressed in sables, with a long, glittering halberd which threw blood-red reflections from the footlights. He was the villain of the play, the tireless weaver of evil, the sinister chessman who moved all his pieces down to hell. In the last act he was hurled from the ramparts amid terrific thunder claps, red light and general rejoicing.

The others were lords, men-at-arms, friars, a trio of somber witches, a masked executioner and some genteel ladies-in-waiting, all forming a dark blue sky for the four great stars to shine upon.

In the tinsel kingdom the handsome courtier was the hero, the man whom the audience cheered and who subdued the uncanny one in sable garments, winning the love of the beautiful girl queen by his valor.

Off the stage, at God's holy altar, the brown knight with the honest face and unseeing eyes had sworn to cherish and protect her as long as life were his.

As the show journeyed from town to town the queen and the courtier rehearsed their parts with singular industry for those who knew their lines so well. "Mephisto"—who wasn't a bad sort when he stepped out of the land of Lights and Shadows—saw this, and his scarred and haggard face became gloomier yet. He did not like to talk about it to the brown knight, because the business of stirring up trouble was confined strictly to the hours in which he wore the sable cloak and carried the glittering halberd. But he remembered the dark days when the ruthless artist, Disease, was painting those dreadful marks upon his face, and when all the world had stepped aside save the brown knight, who had ministered to him till he was well and strong again. He brought back a stalwart frame, but a face so hideous that children ran from the sight of it. Still, in the economy of the universe, there is nothing wasted, and the knight took up the man he had befriended and cast him for a part where his looks added strength to the character.

It was in the land of the magnolia and the date palm, where passion's irrepressible fires rise stronger and higher than the fragrance of the trees and the flowers, that the final act was played. The knight was not there, but the man in sable was, and when he gently reproached the queen, whom he had taken unawares, the courtier's white face grew whiter still, and he plunged a dagger into the breast of the uninvited guest and then, craven-like, fled the scene.

The queen, with eyes now open wide, knelt on the greensward beside the man who had come just in time and implored one word of mercy and of forgiveness. At this the man looked up at the girlish face bending over him and something like a sweep of sunlight seemed to brighten the marks and the wrinkles.

"The knight," he whispered, "be good to him; he does not know."

This was his absolution, and when she received it at his hands she bent her golden head still lower and the warm coral lips of the queen rested for a moment on those of the one whose blood had saved her honor.

When they buried him next day, thinking him the victim of prowling thugs of the forest, the members of the troupe noted it as a curious circumstance that somehow the features no longer looked fierce and coarse, but were full of kindly curves, and that the great, wide mouth which used to utter such awful anathemas at the brink of the brimstone abyss was fashioned into a pleasant smile.

WHAT THE LAWYERS GOT.

The Usual Thing When Two Fools Go to Law About Nothing.

Under the headline, "An expensive Gooseberry Bush," an American paper prints this story: "On the boundary line of two farms near R— there is a large gooseberry bush, from which the two farmers have for years gathered the product. 'What grows on my side is mine, and you may have the rest,' was the agreement. Three years ago the neighbors had a misunderstanding, and this came to a climax when the gooseberries became ripe. A lawsuit followed, and appeals were made to higher judicial bodies. The final decision has just been recorded. This gives both parties the right to pick the berries which grow on their side of the line—just as it was originally—and denies the right to destroy the bush to both contestants. The costs were charged half to each litigant. Each farmer had to pay 225 kronen. The yearly yield of the bush will bring about ½ krone, and the judge told the fighting farmers: 'With good luck, it will take you only 800 years to make the bush pay Take good care of it.'"

DINA MOE AND DINA MITE.

Second Answer Gave Young Lover Cause to Hope.

Mr. Cracker, a young colored gentleman of our city, had just obtained employment in one of our department stores as an experienced porter but after a short time proved to be unfit for the position. Being fired, he therefore gained the nickname of Fire Cracker. Fire Cracker was deeply in love with a young woman of his own race of the name of Miss Moe, and after a short acquaintance found that her surname was Dina. He went to Dina Moe and said:

"Dina Moe, does you lub me?"

She quickly replied, "No."

Not being disheartened and at the same time remembering the motto he learned at school—"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again"—he went to Dina Moe again and said,

"Dina Moe, could you learn to lub me?"

Dina this time rolled the white of her eyes and, looking Fire Cracker in the face, answered,

"Dina—Mite!"—Judge's Library.

In Berlin Streets.

Kaiser Wilhelm has just sanctioned a gigantic street improvement in Berlin, involving an expenditure of $37,500,000. It is proposed to widen the narrowest part of Friedrichstrasse 20 feet and replace the present insignificant array of palaces, galleries and hotels, making the street one of the grandest thoroughfares in the world. It is announced that four German banks and one British bank will finance the project.

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Frank Johnson arrived in Fairhope this week and will remain here if he can find some kind of occupation, otherwise he will go to Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Perkins, of Des Moines Iowa are here, and will probably remain all winter, having rented the Crosbie house.

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Mr. Murphy, the new clerk of the steamer Fairhope, who succeeded Mr. Pilcher, resigned, expects to move his family over to Fairhope from Mobile this week.

Kirkmans house was destroyed by fire last week due to burning paper which had been put in the stove and flew out of the chimney on to the roof.

Ted J. Christmann is in Robertsdale taking care of the Southern Plantation Developement Company's excursionists. He went over Wednesday evening as a large delegation from the north was expected down

Monroe Smith's barn was entirely destroyed by fire last Sunday night, supposed to be due to some cigarettes left in the hay by boys. He lost his crop of hay and several bundles of shingles.

The Ladies of the V. I. C. are preparing to give their annual Thanksgiving dinner, which will occur this year at the Fairhope Hotel Last year ti was held at the church and nearly half the population of the town attended. The price will be thirty-five cents.

The "Union" lathers who completed the job of lathing on the new library this week, are all first class journeymen consisting of the following, every man a boss: J. J. Mogg, Wm. Stimpson, J. M. Pilcher, P. Y. Albright, W. W. Kile, Jay Paton, C. W. Lyon, J. W. Braam, Wm Gray and Mr. Armitage.

There was a small blaze at Mr. Sedinger's house on Wednesday of last week which but for the timely arrival of Henry Gunnison, who gave the alarm, proven disastrous. It started in an old barrel under the house and soon enveloped the kitchen floor and side of the house, but was quickly extinguished. The fire is supposed to have originated from the kitchen stove. This is the fifth fire in a month. all due to carelessness. It ought to be a warning to others to be more careful of their fires.

Attention Ladies!

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18	—	—	—
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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

PLAN -- ACHIEVEMENTS -- BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS. CRITICS.

One practical method of Single Tax work presented for consideration of Single Taxers.

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settlement, guaranteeing them by their lease contracts the enjoyment of every material benefit arising from the Colony policies, but limiting the final authority to the members, in order to guarantee that the Single Tax policy should not be overthrown.

We contend that as the great majority of the people do not understand and approve the Single Tax, only two alternatives were open to us, either to limit the opportunity of access to our land to Single Taxers, or to limit the final authority over it to Single Taxers.

We regret the necessity of making a choice of these, but we have chosen what we believed to be the least objectionable.

It is possible that we could safely and properly extend further privileges to non-member lessees in the disposition of the rent fund. Many of us believe that this could and should be done. Whenever the members of the Corporation—who, we assert, have actually done more to prove their genuine devotion to the law of equal freedom than has been done by any other body—are convinced that this is wise and safe, it will be done.

(7) That Fairhope might fail from circumstances with which the Single Tax was in no wise connected, and thus injure the cause.

There might have been ground for this years ago, but it has been practically eliminated by thirteen years of successful accomplishment. If there were any danger the wise thing would be to help avert such a calamity, not contribute to it.

These are the chief criticisms offered by a very few Single Taxers, of whom this so-called "National Committeeman" is the most insistent and persistent.

Most of them seem to us so utterly unsound from the Single Tax standpoint as to hardly need more than their mere statement to prevent their having any effect upon Single Taxers, but they have been so persistently stated and restated and so positively asserted to have the approval of the great majority of the people at Fairhope and of Single Taxers of prominence outside of Fairhope, whose attention has been called to them, that we have thus fully and patiently set them forth and replied to them.

CRITICS NOT SUPPORTED BY PROMINENT SINGLE TAXERS, NOR BY PEOPLE OF FAIRHOPE.

We have yet to learn of another Single Taxer of prominence approving the first and chief criticism, or any considerable portion of the others.

As to the position of this chief critic being "approved by the majority of those now living at Fairhope, or who have lived there," as claimed, the statement is absolutely untrue.

CRITICISMS OF MANAGEMENT.

Some criticism has been directed at details of management of affairs at Fairhope.

We deem it hardly necessary to go at any length into replies to criticisms of this character.

It will be readily understood that details of management in the conduct of any business give rise to endless opportunities for differences of opinion, even among people who generally agree.

As before stated, within the membership of the Corporation the most complete democracy prevails. Each member has one vote only. There is no proxy voting, by which non-resident members can dominate local conditions. The initiative, referendum and right of recall, provide the machinery by which a majority of the members can, at any time, upon petition of a small percentage of their number, and on twenty-four hours' notice, if the case be urgent, assert themselves to veto or initiate any action, or to remove any officer.

That the management has in the main been wise, as it is conceded to have been well intentioned, is proven by the results accomplished, and it needs no vindication.

Individuals who would go outside the community under the circumstances to carry a controversy about local management, before those who have not the interest at stake and cannot possibly be put in position to pass as intelligently upon the same as those on the ground, is by that very act convicted either of supreme egotism in assuming for his own mere opinions the weight of absolute wisdom, or in malicious purpose to injure that which he cannot dominate—or both.

Mrs. Bertha Christmn of Ottowa, Ills. arrived here Tuesday to spend the winter with her son O. J. Christmann, and grandson Ted J. Mrs. Christmann is an ardent Rebeccah of 48 years standing and charter member of Florence lodge No. 1, of Ottowa Ills. She would be pleased to meet some of the local sisters.

M. V. Mathews went before R. P. Irwin, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the Federal Court for this District, on Wednesday of last week and requested that all his debts and obligations be discharged in Bankruptcy. The court granted his request and Mr. Mathews will now be permitted to start over again with a clean slate. His business will continued as usual.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester of La Crosse Wis. arrived Tuesday and are at the Curtis House.

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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 has been 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 long distance 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.

Land the One Essential Thing.

(From Middleton Eng. Guardian.)

Workers of all kinds, whether in factory or shop, office or warehouse, are absolutely dependent upon the land, and it follows that he who owns the land owns also the workers.

And yet so mixed have our many-sided industrial and commercial concerns rendered us that many now say that land is altogether a secondary matter!

Mrs. Stetson, in "This Our World," perhaps best expresses this prevalent error:--

Free land is not enough. In earliest days
When man, the baby, from the earth's bare breast
Drew for himself his simple sustenance,
Then freedom and his effort were enough.
The world to which a man is born today
Is a constructed, human, man-built world.
As the first savage needed the free wood,
We need the road, the ship, the bridge, the house,
The government, society, and church—
These are the basis of our life to-day—
As much necessities to modern man
As was the forest to his ancestor
To say to the new-born, "Take here your land:
In primal freedom settle where you will,
And work your own salvation in the world;"
Is but to put the last come upon earth
Back with the dim forerunners of his race;
To climb the race's stairway in one life!
Allied society owes to the young—
The new men come to carry on the world--
Account for all the past, the deeds, the keys,
Full access to the riches of the earth.
Why? that these new ones may not be compelled
Each for himself to do our work again;
But reach their manhood even with to-day,
And gain tomorrow sooner. To go on—
To start from where we are and go ahead—
That is true progress, true humanity.

Just the same misapprehension was in the mind of Mr. Victor Grayson, M. P, who the other day said: "I do not give priority to the land over the means of production."

Why, there are no other "means of production" save the land, for how can we produce anything expect by the use of the land?

Land and labor—land and human exertion—while they remain men will live and thrive.

But so long as land is held absolutely as private property, labor cannot apply itself freely to "the means of production," and man must suffer and die.

So the man who holds the land holds also the bodies of the people who live upon it, and can and does do with them as he pleases.

The fallacy that Mrs. Stetson puts into such beautiful poetry is that mind is dependent upon artificialities.

If all the manufactured things in the world could by some possibility be swept away to-night, would surviviug man be as "the dim fore-runners of his race?"

To ask the question is to answer it in the negative, for any school boy knows that the accumulated knowledge which is communally transmitted in growing quantity from generation to generation would enable men under such conditions to restore and improve on what we now see in an incredibly short period.

A little thinking on this important question would clear the air a very great deal, and enable those who are spending their lives for the good of humanity to accomplish their purpose with accelerated speed.

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The Gospel of Labor.

The Curse of toil! Oh! rather the ovation
Of man's true soul, whose life must be creation,
The curse! Oh! Blessing—in mysterious guise!
Without it man were cursed in Paradise!
Where sloth exposed him to the Tempter's art,
And Pleasure enervated brain and heart;
Man lived not till he crossed fair Eden's portal:
The doom of death first made his soul immortal.
The death of ease was but the birth of power;
He lost the Past--but gained the Future's dower.
Behind him scarce had closed the flaming gate,
when man, the creature, godlike, could create!
He smote the rocks and crystal waves outstreamed;
He struck the plains, the plains with harvests teemed;
He clove the mines, the mines their treasures gave;
He grasped the sea—the sea became his slave!
Oh! when did Eden's golden sunshine fade?
Ah! when were Eden's bowers to dust decayed?
It was—when man his sacred birthright gave
For pottage, and became his brother's slave!
It was, when, thriftless of the blessing Toil,
He sold his title to the teeming soil!
It was, when paralyzed and servile grown,
He knelt and sued for that which was his own;
That which was given and ne'er reclaimed by God,—
The inalienable birthright of the sod!

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The Land, the Earth! O, this the glorious goal,
Which gleamed upon each soul!
The land that God had given them for their own,
Which they through toil should win,—
This was the mighty heritage that alone
Led them through desert Zin.
Those Hebrew multitudes were led
Through cloven waters—they were fed
With heaven's unstinted bread:
And not for one, but ALL, the loving feast was spread:
Priest, Levite, yea! or Publican—
It mattered not—'Twas bread for Man.

AUGUSTUS H. DUGANNE.

A Blow to Private Ownership of Public Utilities.

Public utilities are natural monopolies. A city is a business corporation whose directors (Aldermen) and general manager (Mayor) are elected to attend to business. If they don't then we elect others. If they do we re-elect them and think much of them. If we run our public utilities and make a profit thereon, that profit lowers tax or is used to enlarge the plants—anyway, for public gain. If we temporarily run the plants at higher cost then private citizens would run them; the facts remain that 1, we get an object lesson how not to run public business, 2, that every fact stimulates the sense of civic responsibility and the instinct of "self-government" in the intelligent voter; 3, we automatically raise the public spirit and enterprise of the community by giving the whole citizenship a practical responsibility and thus we raise the "moral" tone of the community.

It that is not worth while, even at a temporary higher expense, if need be, in running public utilities for public gain, then American Democracy, as applied to cities, is a failure. I am not ready to concede that at all.

Another thing, this civic influence of private corporations exploiting public utilities is not always bad in small towns at all. In fact, many small towns would have to do without the usual modern improvements, temporarily, at least, if wealthy persons did not chip in to start these public utilities at their own risk and profit. However, the best modern economic civic thought insists that such special privileges should be granted only for definite periods (twenty years) and contain the "Supreme Court proof" option of public purchase of the improvements.

The principal objection against the indiscriminate mixing up of public and private "interests" in conducting public business for the greatest good of the greatest number is, that as the towns grow and as the public utilities (under private management) become more profitable—often immensely profitable—that the perpetuation of the "private snaps" is brought about by political corruption and the advent of boss rule—the boss being sustained by the private corporations.

This fact is so well sustained that I merely mention it.

This fact is the principal reason of civic debauchery, and of the decay of the spirit of self-government in the metropolitan cities. Like a cancer this social poison insidiuously enters in our public life. The remedy is to remove the cause, and that is gradually done by the fight for public control of public utilities—the so-called Municipalship of municipal monopolies.

No price is too high to achieve public decency, I say.

The insincerity of the anti-M. O. S. howler is best proved by their pitiable exclusive "dollar" argument, and even that argument is false.

They appeal to the ignorance of those not posted on these rather complicated problems of public progress and self-government.

And in conclusion, if we must have a campaign of education quick, that is a campaign to post the masses of honest men and women—the overwhelming majority of the nation—on the laws of social and political economy, which laws underlay our politics as our present system of genteel graft by privileges—our moral and social life, it is necessary that the laws at present be "popularly" understood.

When they are thus understood, then the individual will be able to exercise his public function as a citizen—intelligently—and I, for one, have no fear but that he will act right.

A. WANGEMANN.

The Money Problem Again.

"Nothing is settled until it is settled rightly." Is a trite saying, and a true proverb. The cry has been that the money problem has been settled, and for all time, but here it is again as lively as ever, and quite as pressing, and portentous a problem as ever.

A great deal of eloquence used to be expended in denouncing the so-called "wild-cat banking system" of the early days, as if it was one of the by-gone superstitions of paganish days. But we would in all candor ask if there has ever been a system more correctly named w"ild-cat" than the present crash reveals. It is reported that the banks have on deposit about twelve billions of dollars, while of all sorts and kinds of currency and money, paper, gold and silver, there is less than three billions.

Thus we have potential claimants for three times as many dollars as are in existence, and when from any cause people begin to ask for their own individual dollars, on deposit, it soon creates a crash, and woe is the inevitable result. Yet no doubt the privilege of loaning dollars that do not exist, and collecting interest on them, is so dear to the average banker's heart, that they will stubbornly resist any more scientific system, and in this effort, every monopoly and privilege, will feel the "community of interest" and help hold the country to the outworn system.

Proudhon a century since foretold the utter failure of the so-called "capitalistic" (monopolistic) system, and that it would in time break down from its inherent falsity. And how terribly his predictions are coming about. Last year the railways were found utterly inadequate to transact the necessary transportation of the country, and people froze for want of coal and wood (and will again) and now the money condition is in chaos, all along the lines laid down by the great seer.

S. H. C.

On Tuesday morning Mr. J. M. Beckner brought into our office two large sweet potatoes, the largest one weighing 5 lbs. when first dug. Mr. Beckner dug three bushels from two and one-half sq. rods of ground and then he says they were badly eaten by moles. This is the second crop he has raised on the same piece of land this year. The first being not potatoes but other vegetables.

The steamer Jas. A. Carney broke her shaft on Monday morning when near the mouth of Mobile river, on her way over to make her usual morning run. As the Pleasure Bay was at the same time undergoing extensive repairs, manager Murray telephoned to Fairhope for the steamer Fairhope to take the Carney's run around the shore, carrying the mail, which she is still doing and will until the Carney is out again which will be ten days at least.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

Nov. 21. x x x Last evening on entering the Curtis Hotel, Mrs. C. very impressively led me up to the table where sat a bearded, blond gentleman and waited results. I stared at him and he returned the compliment. I suppose she expected we would fall into each other's arms. I did not know him "from Adam," as we say; but his face did look familiar, I could not "place him," till he told me he was Mr. Runyen, once associated with me in the Topolobampo enterprise. The thought would come to me: "Was he one of our "kickers?" I am quite sure he was not, or his face would have been burned into my brain. I beg his pardon for the involuntary suggestion. But oh! friend, when you are in the hard struggle of building up a colony in a foreign country, especially when you are one-hundred miles from the post office as we were there at the bay camp, every harsh criticism sinks into the heart. Friendly criticism, is right and helpful; but when you are struggling for life in the sea, you have a right to expect that a brother will throw you a rope instead of burdening you with his ideas of the way you should swim. Mr. Runyen will call at the library, and I anticipate a pleasant conversation over those old times in Mexico.

Last Friday was the day of the Woman's Henry George Club. We are still laboring with the more difficult first chapters of Progress and Poverty. It was my turn to review the third and fourth chapters, We do not, any of us I fear, in these reviews, cover ourselves with glory; but we are a determined set of students of our immortal leader and we are learning a great deal, We will make more progress now that we have instituted a monthly meeting, the first Thursday, for informal questions and answers. There is nothing more simple than the fundamental principles of the Single Tax philosophy; but the necessary analysis and comparison of the terms "money," "wealth," "capital" "labor," etc., put forward by the various teachers of the "dismal science," was distracting, even to Henry George himself.

v x x The pine wood burns cheerfully on the fine wrought iron andirons we owe to friend Claude Ferdinand. The night is still and bright, and there may be frost. I hope not, for I have not been able to get even my big India-rubber plant into the cold pit. Flowers are still blooming; but none very vigorously except the jasmine (gracillimum), the cosmos (Klondyke), and the blue moon flower which I train on a pillar and scarcely touch from year to year, for it sows its own seed all around its base. x x x There are many returned colonists in Fairhope now: notably Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who regret the time lost endeavoring to do better in Mississippi, as they had great prospect of doing at first. A fire which burned everything they had, accounts largely for their failure. Mrs. Johnson assures me that they have come to stay. They have taken a Gables cottage, the one Col. and Mrs Daniels had last winter. There Mrs. Johnson has opened her "organic" training school under many difficulties, but she is able, persistent and "dead earnest" in her work. Every morning she may be seen by the roadside before her cottage, exercising with her pupils in running, jumping, etc. In the afternoon she has the ordinary studies, but no books for little tots. We have an excellent public school, under the charge of Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet, two able teachers. The new addition to the schoolhouse, built by Mr. Trenholme, is a valuable addition. It is almost completed. In time we shall have a building for the new training system, if Mrs. Johnson's health and energy hold out. I have accepted the Frœbel system ever since I heard of it. Dr. Henderson's own school is a kind of glorified kindergarten for big boys. By the description he gave of that New Hampshire school, it must be a sort of Paradise for boys—for rich people's boys, alas! tho there are several free scholarships for those so fortunate as to win them.

x x x If any friend misses his COURIER after this issue—friend I mean who has been receiving it from me for a long time, he will know that it is an invitation to subscribe, and an expression of gratitude for receiving it gratis heretofore, tho I do not need any assurance on that score.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS AT SUMMERDALE.

Next Meeting to be Held at Fairhope Last Wednesday in January.

Dr. Greeno attended the meeting of the Baldwin County Agricultural Association at Summerdale on Wednesday and reports it one of the best meetings in the history of the Association.

There were about fifty farmers in attendance, and much enthusiasm manifested in the agricultural possibilities of "old Baldwin."

Mr. A. F. Hutchings gave an exceedingly interesting report of his experience at Montgomery in connection with the Baldwin County display at the fair, and was unanimously selected to get up a display for next year's state fairs.

The matter of having a county fair next year was discussed, and will be further considered at the next meeting.

The committee on incorporation of the society reported progress and is expected to complete its work before next meeting.

The ladies of Summerdale and vicinity "did themselves proud" in entertaining those attending the meeting, providing a sumptuous dinner for all.

The invitation of Dr. Greeno to the Association to hold the next meeting at Fairhope was accepted. This will be held the last Wednesday in January. The doctor has the positive promise of Commissioner of Agriculture Wilkinson, Prof. McIntosh and Dr. Lovett to attend, and Fairhope must do her part to make the meeting a notable one.

AMERICAN SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE

In Two Days' Session at New York City Perfects Organization of American Single Tax League, with Bolton Hall President and J. J. Murphy Secretary.

Contrary to our letter in the last issue the Fairhope delegation to the Single Tax Conference at New York, reached that city in time for the opening session.

The Conference was called to order soon after the announced hour—10 a. m. November 18th.—by Wm. L. Ross, chairman of the committee on arrangements, who made an eloquent but brief address and introduced Senator Fred C. Howe, of Cleveland as temporary chairman. Senator Howe made an address of some length which was well received. He is a talented young man, and a forceful and polished speaker.

The convention then organized for business by electing W. A. Douglas, the veteran Single Taxer of Toronto, as permanent chairman and Joseph Dana Miller as secretary. Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe of Washington, D. C. presided at several sessions.

The list of persons registered as in attendance at the conference, read by the secretary included about one hundred and fifty names, among which the writer noted a large number of subscribers to the COURIER and friends of Fairhope. Our delegation from Fairhope was the only one, we were informed, bearing credentials from any organized body of Single Taxers; the conference being in fact, a mass meeting composed of individual Single Taxers finding it convenient to attend.

Naturally the Single Taxers of New York and Brooklyn composed a large part of the number and were easily the dominating influence of the conference.

Eighteen persons were named from the house to act as committees on resolutions and organization.

Numerous resolutions were submitted to the committee some with the endorsement of a majority of the conference after more or less discussion—usually more. It was nearly noon on Tuesday before the committee was ready to report and it was sent back several times for further consideration of its report as well as additional resolutions presented.

As should be expected in a Single Tax Conference there were a large number with positive and definite ideas and the ability and disposition to argue them at length. The discussions were conducted however in very good spirit and the resolutions as finally adopted, met with general approval.

The COURIER representative was unable to get a revised copy of the resolutions before leaving and was disappointed in not finding them in the last issue of the Public. We hope to present them in our next issue.

The chief work of the convention was done in the forming of the American Single Tax League with Bolton Hall as president and J. J. Murphy, secretary, both of New York.

We doubt if selections could have been made more satisfactory to the Single Taxers of the country, or more likely to bring results in consistent and effective work.

All Single Taxers are eligible to membership on payment of $1, and the COURIER urges Single Taxers to send in their dollars and enroll themselves as members of the League.

A largely attended meeting was held on Menday evening, presided over by Henry George, Jr., at which addresses were made by Mr. George, Hon. L. F. C. Garvin of Rhode Island, Senator Fred. C. Howe of Cleveland, Ray-

mond Robins of Chicago, William Lloyd Garrson of Boston, Hamlin Garland of New York, J. W. Bengough of Toronto, and "Billy Radcliffe, S. T.," of Ohio. The hit of the evening was made by Mr. Robins; and the thing which made his short speech so tremendously effective, was his story of the finding of gold in the unmonopolizable tide-water sands of Nome, as one who was there at the time, and a personal witness to its immediate effect in solving the then pressing "labor problem" there.

The concluding feature of the Conference was a banquet on Tuesday evening, at which about two hundred and thirty were served, with an enjoyable program of speeches following, of which the chief was again by Mr. Robins, and was indeed a masterly effort. Among the other speakers were Henry George, Frank Stephens, Mr. Garrison (who read a very witty original poem), F. H. Warren, and two ladies whose names we did not get. Fred Cyrus Leubuscher of New York presided.

The Fairhope delegation immediately on arrival at New York consulted with other ardent friends of Fairhope and influential Single Taxers, Daniel Kiefer, Bolton Hall, Wm. L. Ross, Harold Sudell, and others, as to the course to be pursued regarding Fairhope and on their advice no effort was made to formally bring the Colony plan and work before the conference. The same was the policy of Mr. Stephens regarding his work at Arden, which he says interests him more than any other phase of Single Tax work.

Copies of the statement regarding Fairhope given in the two last issues was put in neat pamphlet form into the hands of practically every person in attendance and the numerous opportunities afforded to present Fairhope's claims in private conversations, fully availed of by the Fairhope delegates, ably assisted by the friends before mentioned and others of whom there were many, several of whom were personally informed by visits here, and who took pleasure in testifying to the value of our work.

Like opportunities were also afforded at Buffalo, Cleveland and Cincinnati, at which cities Mr. Brown and the editor stopped on the return trip as also at Warren Ohio, the home of our good friend and member, E. C. Wolcott and wife.

We shall telll more fully of our experiences outside of New York in another issue.

We parted from Mr. Powell at New York leaving him to go thence to Philadelphia where he will remain for some time before returning to Fairhope.

We all felt that the results accomplished by our inconspicuous, but none the less effective work, fully justified the time and expenditure.

Fairhope has a host of ardent friends and well-wishers, including a large percentage of the real active workers for the Single Tax throughout the country.

The Colony's delegation are united in the belief from the broader view of the situation which their trip enabled them to take, that we are really doing here the most practical and most effective Single Tax work which is being done in the country. We return with a new sense of its possibilities and of our individual responsibility, and a renewed determination to do all in our power for the upbuilding of Fairhope—the one place in all the world where access to land is *now* open, free of tribute to forestallers, where rental values are *now* collected for public benefit instead of private profit, and where the unjust weight of taxation upon improvements is *now* lifted from the shoulders of individuals.

In this effort we invite the cordial co-operation of all friends of Fairhope and the Single Tax at home and abroad.

WEDDING BELLS.

Rolland Curtis and Miss Eva Lawrence were married in Mobile, Wednesday, in the presence of a few relatives, the wedding being private. The ceremony took place at the First Christian Church, Rev. H. G. Sedinger officiating. The young couple are very well known in Fairhope, both having lived here many years.

The bride is the daughter of the late Captain G. A. R. Lawrence and wife, and is a capable and in every way most estimable young lady. The groom is engaged with his mother in the Curtis Hotel and Bakery and is an industrious and high-minded young man.

An infair dinner was served at the Curtis Hotal Thanksgiving day, at which the relatives and a few friends of the bride and groom were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis will go to house-keeping at once in their own home situated about a mile east of town on Colony land. The Courier wishes the young married people a pleasant journey through life.

Rev. D. M. Breckenridge renews his subscription to the COURIER from Jensen, Fla., and says he and Mrs B. are still much interested in Fairhope and hope to visit it again before the winter is over.

The COURIER notes with deep regret the death of Mrs. G. G. Black, which occurred at Rogers, Ark., on November 14th. Mrs. Black spent considerable time at Fairhope with her husband, during the last few years and had many friends here.

Fairhope is the Mecca for reformers, not only in economics, but science, religion, education, and even dress reformers find their way here Some of these are extremists, and present the ludicrous side of the situation. A local wit says all the cranks in the country are in Fairhope, or on the way here. Reformers as a rule are restless to do something, but lacking in practical experience. W. T. Croasdale used to speak of a class of reformers who spell reform with a big R, and who count all motion as progress, without regard to the direction it takes. Faultfiinders would describe a few of these better than anything else. Opposition to be effective must be intelligent, with some definite plan to replace the old, and not merely the vaporings of discontent. Disraeli once spoke of he "harebrained chatteri ng of irresponsible frivolity." P. Y. A.

We call attention to the advertisement in another column of the sale of the Fairhope Hotel at a bargain. The owners are willing to put in needed improvements, if the furniture is sold; and we believe with these additions the property will be one of the best hotel propositions to be found anywhere.

The regular November meeting of the V. I. C. failed of being held on account of the Thanksgiving dinner and will be held at the residence of the president, Mrs. Powell, on next Thursday at three o'clock.

If we are poor at Fairhope we are poor together. We have no holders of unearned riches flaunting their wealth in our faces, setting a standard of living and expenditure, impossible of attainment by the many, and dividing our society into classes according to possession rather than character or mental attainments.

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E. L. Williams' state and county tax for this year ls eleven dollars. this is for the house that George Fredericks owned and sold to Mr. Williams for one hundred and fifty dollars, but the property still appears on the tax list in Fredericks' name and at the value he gave the assessor, namely, seven hundred dollars. One hundred dollars would be a good valuation for this property for purposes of taxation, but because of Frederick's dispute with the Colony, and the fact that the Colony pays the State and County taxes, he put the value at this ridiculously high figure. Mr. Williams of course can have it changed next year, but in the meanwhile unless the county commissioners make some concessions we will have to pay eleven dollars taxes this year on an old building that is'nt worth one hundred and fifty dollars.

Dr. Henderson, in his remarks before the V. I. C. at Pilchers the other evening, said he was frank to admit that our town was not beautiful; and made some simple suggestions as to how it might be improved. He thought the water tank would be greatly improved in appearance by painting it brown and green, these colors corresponding to the green pine trees and brown bark. A better suggestion would be to remove the unsightly tower to another place. The homely pile stands in the most conspicuous place in the village, let it be moved over to the east end of the lot where the hall stood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coleman entertained a company of friends with a dance at their beutiful home, "Ingleside", last Friday night. Their new phonograph furnished the music, which was unusually good, and especially suited for square dances. About 30 spent a very enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served.

W. A. Murphy a travelling man from Chicago, is here for two weeks and is staying at the Gables. He is a Single Taxer, a subscriber to the Courier and a good friend of Fairhope.

Mrs. Ted Christmann came back from Chicago last week and the family are now living in Mr. Ruge's small house just opposite the school house.

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SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

Also, "The Land Question" what it involves and how alone it can be settled, by Henry George; in paper 10 cents. Also, "Progress and Poverty", the Single Tax Bible, "Protection or Free Trade", and The Perplexed Philosopher" ,all by Henry George, in paper each 50c.

Two cents will cover the postage on the 10c. books and 10c, on the 50c. books, for which additiona we will be glad to send them by mail to any address.

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ONE SONG BROUGHT FAME.

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Dr. F. H. Cowen, the famous composer, was a young man of only 25 when he wrote the music of "The Better Land;" he is now over 50. During the intervening years he has written much beautiful music, but it is doubtful whether anything from his pen has obtained the world-wide renown of this simple ballad. It was written in in an hour or two on the suggestion of the late Mme. Antoinette Sterling. Dr. Cowen was calling one day upon the popular vocalist, when she read Mrs. Hemans' poem to him, saying she thought it would make a beautiful song for her. When the score was sent to her next morning, Mme. Sterling liked it so much that she offered to buy the copyright from the composer—an unusual course for a singer to take; but to this Dr. Cowen, fortunately for himself, would not agree.

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THE GIFT

By BARRY PAIN

It was in the old days, before the making of love was conducted with that due regard to the formalities and to commercial considerations that we now find so charming and civilized. It was springtime, and the world was young, and the sun was shining.

By the footpath on the hillside sat a young shepherd. Beside him were two young lambs wherewith he had just started in the business or profession of being a shepherd. The lambs had nothing to do but eat, and they were doing it vigorously. For the time the shepherd had nothing to do but think; and as it was springtime and he and the world were both young, you know as well as I do what he was thinking about.

There came a maiden that way. (These shepherds have all the luck.) Her hair was golden and somewhat brief but curly. She sat down and began to play with one of the lambs. The shepherd joined in the game. After he had caught her round the waist and kissed her twice on the ear, because that was all she allowed him to get at, she said she must be going on.

The shepherd caught up the lamb she had been playing with and put it in her arms.

"What!" she said, "is that for me?"

"Yes," he said, "if you will have it."

"All of it?"

He nodded, laughing. She held up the lamb and kissed it, looking out at him with bright eyes as she did so. He took a step nearer, and she ran off, calling back her thanks.

So there was half the flock gone. The shepherd sat down and went on thinking much what he had been thinking before.

Presently another maiden came that way. (Really, these shepherds are too astonishing.) This maiden had red hair that would have made a painter mad for pure joy, and she had tied it up with a blue ribbon; and that blue and that red went together much better than you suppose. So the shepherd began to talk to her, without previous introduction surety, security or preliminary fees. She did not mind it in the least, because, as I have already explained, this was in the bad old days, which, I am thankful to say, now are gone forever. She had gray eyes, and looked far, far more poetical than she ever was. She sat still and listened to the boy's praise of her, which made a pleasant music that spring morning in her ears. Her wide sleeve fell back and showed how beautiful her white arm was.

"I should like to kiss that," said the boy, reflectively.

She neither moved nor answered. So he did as he liked. And then she sprang to her feet, for she remembered that she had to go to a neighboring farmhouse to buy three pounds of bacon exactly like the last. It is a sin and a shame that girls made for poetry should have to do these things. But it occasionally happens.

"Do take that lamb with you," said the shepherd.

"You don't really mean it?" said the girl. But at the same time she undid the blue ribbon from her hair wherewith to lead it home, and as she fastened it round the lamb's neck she said how sweet it was of him. Her red hair tumbled in a charming disorder. I hate to have to say that she went on to buy the bacon; it is, unfortunately, true.

So now the shepherd was left with no flock at all, which is generally considered, I believe, to be an irritating thing to happen to a shepherd.

Then, walking quite slowly, there came along another maiden. (O, alas! poor shepherd!) She looked straight before her, with big brown eyes that were full of wonder and of faith. Her midnight hair fell over her shapely shoulders. She was dressed but in rags, and I doubt if she really had received a superior education. To the boy these defects meant nothing. He knew that his true love had come at last, and there was a pain in his heart. She passed by him in silence. He ran after her and caught her by the hand.

"Have I found you at last?" he said in a low voice. "O, my beloved!"

This was a little rapid. The girl turned and looked at him, and he was a good sort of a boy to look at.

He persuaded her to come and sit by him on the grass, and told her that he was a shepherd.

"But you have no flock."

"I had one once," he said; "I had two lambs. It was a hundred years ago."

"Where are they?"

"A maiden passed this way," he said, "and I gave her one of them."

"And the other?"

"Well, a maiden happened to——"

"I see," she said. "Did you kiss them?"

"It was a hundred years ago," the boy said dreamily.

She seized his hand and bit it. "Now you are punished enough," she said, "since it seems to you a hundred years ago."

"No," he said. "It was my punishment that I have nothing to give to you, whom I love more than all the world."

She turned her head right away from him, as if she were talking to some one else, and she said: "I also have nothing. Yet you have to give what I have to give."

Far into the sweet scented, noiseless dusk they waited on the hillside together.

Rattler in Bedroom.

A well known citizen of this county, who resides in the Ridge, or North Side community, relates the following:

"Not long since my wife went into the bedroom and was horrified to find a large rattlesnake wriggling from behind a bicycle that leaned against the wall. The baby had crawled into the room a few moments before and was playing not three feet from the serpent. My wife attempted to strike the snake with a broom, but it sought refuge behind the bicycle wheel, and occasionally thrust its ugly head at her in a threatening manner. She called to me, but by this time the snake had sought refuge under the bed, and I killed it with a load of shot from my gun. How long the snake had been in the room or just how it had got there nobody knows."—Gallatin Cor. Nashville American.

Where He Got It.

Miss Pauline Frederick, a young actress of remarkable beauty and skill, tells an amusing story of an author who recently wished to read her a translation of a foreign play. Miss Frederick made an appointment and the writer appeared promptly. He was accompanied by a beautiful little dog. During the reading the actress became more interested in watching the capering of the little animal than in listening to the play of its master. When the dramatist had finally "rung down" on the last act, Miss Frederick said to him: "What a beautiful little dog. Where did you get it?"

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James Runyan and wife and Daniel Runyan of Redkey Ind. are here for the winter and are in the S. S. Mann cottage.

Ben Hanford a prominent socialist of Brooklyn, N. Y. is stopping with W. S. Baldwin, and expects to spend the winter here.

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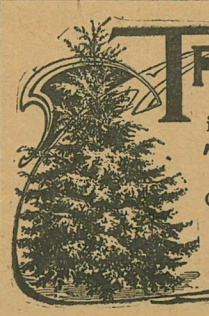

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A. K. Trenholme went to Mobile this morning where he will have work for a time with Evans and Trueman, picture frame dealers.

Capt. Owen Roberts has purchased the house now occupied by Rev. Sedinger and family and as the central office of the Home Telephone Company

J. W. Taylor of Pittsford, Michigan, has transformed Steenstra's tailor shop into a living room, and is comfortably installed there for the winter.

The president might have fared better on his bear hunt if he had come to Baldwin County. A she-bear and two cubs were killed near Foley on Monday of this week.

J. C. Burns of Bay Minette will make the run for county treasurer in the Democratic primary in the spring. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, a fine young fellow, and deserves to win.

G. F. Thomas, wife and two children are here from La Pointe, Wis. and have rented the Haworth cottage for the winter. Mr. Thomas is interested in the Colony, and says a number of others from his town are anxious to hear a good report with a view to coming here.

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New Church Services.

Dr. Spier, general missionary of the New Church, will arrive at Fairhope on Saturday evening. He will speak at the Gables at eleven a. m. Sunday and at the Church at 8 in the evening, to which services all are invited, as also to a reception to be tendered him at the Fairhope Hotel on Monday evening.

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Mr. Rucker's wife and three children, and Mrs. Brossman and child, arrived here Monday from New York and are at the Curtis Hotel. They have rented the Brown place opposite the school-house. Mr. Rucker has been here for several weeks investigating.

Rev. H. G. Sedinger delivered a Thanksgiving sermon at Daphne on Thursday morning and spoke again at Fairhope in the evening. The editor did not have the pleasure of attending but hears the evening address spoken of as one of the best delivered by Mr. Sedinger in Fairhope.

Frank Brown and E. B. Gaston of the Fairhope delegation to the Single Tax Conference, returned on Tuesday evening. Mr. Wolf and Mrs. Ada Graham, who also attended the conference, got back on Wednesday evening. Mr. Brown contracted a severe cold on the trip which has confined him to the house since his return.

The Thanksgiving dinner at the Fairhope Hotel by the V. I. C. ladies was sadly interfered with by a persistent downpour of rain which began before the dinner hour and continued for several hours keeping many away. The number attending was surprising under the circumstances, and all felt amply rewarded in enjoyment of the fine dinner provided and the pleasant social intercourse afforded. The good ladies in charge of the dinner deserve the thanks of the community for their unselfish efforts and themselves were full of thanks for the unstinted kindness of Mrs. Ferguson and Mr. Ferguson of the Fairhope Hotel.

Parable of Life.

A little clock sat on a little table wishing the time away. The Minute-hand bustled by, and taunted the Hour-hand with being slow. "I'm around this dial a dozen times while you are getting over it once." "Very true," responded the Hour-hand, "but without me you would not know day from night." "Don't quarrel, you two, gasped the little Second-hand, as he rushed along, "Remember I'm of more importance that either of you. In a quarter of a second of time a thousand lives may be lost and at every stroke of my puny hand a soul is born." "He is only a child," said the Hour-hand, wearily. "Wait till I strike Twelve! That will mean something." And so the Minute-hand went its eternal way, and the fussy Second-hand never paused, and the little dial grew white in the moonlight that hung over one who was watching and waiting for that moment when his hour should be struck by the unseen hand. At last! But without stopping, the little clock ticked on and on.

Ballooning Records.

Many notable trips have been made in balloons. In 1849 Mr. Wise started from St. Louis and came down in Henderson county, N. Y., having made about 800 miles. This stood as the world's long distance record until the Paris exposition of 1900, when the Count de la Vaulx sailed over into Russia. His distance was about 1,200 miles, and he was in the air over 36 hours.

The present record for time was established by two German aeronauts last spring. They succeeded in remaining in the air over 51 hours.—Outing Magazine.

HARD TEST OF MAN'S PRIDE.

Dislikes to Apply to Woman Manager for a Situation.

A big city department store has in its employ a woman whose ability finally gained for her a position of such importance that many persons wishing a situation were forced to apply to her. On her judgment depended the fate of men seeking work in the grocery department, the rug department and the picture department. Soon it became apparent that the demand for labor was exceeding the supply. One day the proprietors of the store found themselves in the anomalous position of being short of help. One of the managers set out to dicover the cause of this unprecedented scarcity of labor.

"There are plenty of men looking for work of this kind," said one old clerk who was questioned, "but they just can't bring themselves to the point of applying to a woman for a situation. I wouldn't be here myself if I hadn't got this place before Miss A—— was raised to her present position. It's bad enough to have to work alongside women at equal wages without having to beg them for a job. That is something that no man with a grain of sand in his make-up is going to stand for."

The manager saw the force of the clerk's reasoning and the next day he undertook to hire clerks for those departments himself.

AIRS OF ALL NATIONS.

Each Country Has Its Own Particular Patriotic Song.

Here is a list of the national airs of all nations: Argentina, "Old, Mortales el Grito Sagrado;" Austria, "Gott Erhalte Unsern Kaiser;" Belgium, "La Brabanconne;" Bohemia, "War Song of the Hussites;" Brazil, "Hymo da Proclamacao da Republica;" Burmah, "Thaya Than;" Chile, "Dulce Patria;" Costa Rica, "De la Patria;" Denmark, "King Kristian Stod ved Hojen Mast;" Ecuador, "Salve, O Patria;" Egypt, "Salaam, Effendina;" Finland, "Vart Land;" France, "La Marseillaise;" Germany, "Hei Dir in Siegerkranz;" Great Britain, "God Save the King;" Holland, "Wien Nierlansch;" Hungary, "Isten Ald Meg a Magyart;" Italy, "Royal March," Japan, "Keemee Gajo;" Mexico, "Mexicanos, al Grito de Guerra;" Persia, "Salamati Shah;" Peru, "Somos Libres, Seamoslo Siempre;" Roumania, "Traeasca Regale;" Russia, "Bozhe Zaria, Chrany;" Salvador, "Saludemos la Patria;" Servia, "God in His Goodness;" Spain, "Himno de Riego;" Sweden, "Un Svenska Hjertans;" Switzerland, "Rufs du Mein Faterland;" United States, "Star Spangled Banner;" Uruguay, "Himno Nactional de la Repulicia Oriental del Uruguay;" Venezuela, "Gloria al Bravo Pueblo."

Humorist Now Sedate.

Rev. Robert J. Burdette, returning to his home in southern California from a visit eastward, congratulates himself on his good luck and remarks that any kind of vacation east of the Rocky mountains is harder than the toughest kind of work on the Pacific slope. This Rev. Mr. Burdette used to be known as Bob Burdette in his younger and gayer days, and his Hawkeyeisms were wont to set the tables in a roar.

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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 has been 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.

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Letter From S. H. Comings.

EDITOR COURIER:

I hereby hand you a little clipping I have carried in my pocket for some years, and it seems immensely suggestive and opportune just now, when if our government, was run in the interest of the people, instead of monopolies, it would at once issue enough Greenbacks to set all the labor being turned adrift, at work in creating some of the permanent wealth, so much needed.

The noted railway magnate, J. J. Hill, says it will require five billions of dollars in new railway building and equipment to fit our transportation for the already expanded business. The President and other statesmen desire to expend several hundreds of millions, in improving our waterways, not only for expanding commerce, but for reclaiming waste lands, now semi-submerged.

If the unemployed labor caused by the financial panic, was set at work at these colosal national improvements, it would at once open an era of such prosperity along all lines, as has as yet not been seen, and be in the line of a scientific financial system, organized to aid the people, instead of robbing them, and plunging us all into distress, and suffering from its periodic panics, the sure indications of an unscientific system, and as unjust as it is wrong in principle.

At the close of our Civil war in 1865, there appeared in the London Times the following:

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S. H. COMINGS.

LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued).

(An error in the last report leaves out the whole number of books received from various friends since 1900, which was 650: to-day 664.)

From Albert K. Owen: 1794 1808
- The Guernsey Market Plan of Payments;
- The Problems of the Hour;
- The National and State Auto-Highways, by A. K. Owen; also
- The Military, Postal and Commercial Highways of Mexico and the United States,
- The Texcoco-Huehuetoca Canal, and
- A Dream of an Ideal City.

From C. P. Betts (overlooked):
- Ye Thoroughbred, by Novus Homo.

From Mrs. Alice Kyle Neibel:
- Marcella, by Mrs. Humphrey Ward; and
- The Life of Oliver Cromwell, by H. W. Herbert,

From the National Bureau of Education:
- The Tenth Annual Report of the Introduction of the Domestic Reindeer into Alaska.

From James S. Paton,
- A Perfect Money System, by the donor.

From Miss Altona A. Chapman:
- Uncle Samuel's Heirs, by the donor.

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A Lancashire Town—5 A. M.

BY EDWARD AVELING.

Hear the clang of the wooden shoon.
Ah, good God! but it starteth soon,
Ten in years and at five o' day,
Summer, Autumn, December, May.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, how they tramp along;
Thousands marching, an army strong,
Led by Generals Dire Distress,
Cold and hunger and nakedness.

Led? Ah no, they are whipped and driven;
Saddest sight to see under Heaven;
Sound more sad than the clogs at dawn
Never was heard since the world was born.

See the followers of the camp:
Foul diseases; the killing damp;
Prostitution; the blinding drink;
Sores that fester, and clothes that stink.

Still they go on their weary way,
Every morning of every day;
Uncomplaining and silent folk,
Crushed and bruised by the master's yoke.

Faces carved with the knife of toil;
Marked with canker of ceaseless moil.
Bodies cramped in the master's vise;
Stunted limbs, and such empty eyes!

Men with features all waste and wan;
Men without any stamp of man;
Men that look like, and are, machines;
Men, alas, that have wife and weans.

Women lost to the grace of life;
Every sweetness of sister, wife,
Daughter, mother, all crushed and spent:
See how fingers and backs are bent.

Youths whose youth is a mockery;
Coarse and hard and not good to see;
Life to them is a football shove;
Lust they think is the same as love.

Girls with faces too pale to blush;
Girls whose maidenhood—hush, oh hush!
Draw the shawl over head and eyes:
Happy the maiden that early dies.

Children, listen! their little feet
Tramping down the unlovely street;
Feet that should be in folds of rest,
Like the wings in a silent nest,

If they move let it be through flowers,
To the march of the golden hours;
Or by the shores that are wild and free,
To the sound of the silver sea.

Or through wood where the green of trees,
Scent of cones, and the hum of bees,
Waterfalls, and the song of birds,
Make a harmony past all words.

Ah, not so in that somber town
Children's feet are a-marching down
To the mill and the weaving-shed:
Master's children are still abed.

Man and youth, the wife and the maid,
Boy and girl, with their faces staid,
Old with anguish and not with age,
With no thought of revenge or rage,

Go their way to the waiting mill,
Without feeling, or hope, or will,
Without care about drawing breath;
Like a man that is doomed to death.

As one listened one would have said
That the manifold, clattering tread
Of the myriad wooden feet
Blended in a colossal beat;

And the footsteps so much confused
Of the workers so sore abused
Had a rhythm and a unison,
With a menace in their tone.

Telling ears that will really hear
That the hour of the fight is near,
That the army is falling in,
That above all the battle din

Sound the loudest, as is most meet
Is the sound of the workers' feet,
Keeping time, as they march along,
Till their march is a psalm and song.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, how they tramp along,
Millions marching, an army strong,
Side by side, and knee to knee;
Battle cry: That we will be free!

Workers all, to the fight, the fight;
Length and breadth of the world unite;
What to lose but a galling chain?
What to win? Why, a world to gain!

Ms. of the foregoing, exceedingly strong, poem which we have not before seen in print was forwarded to Mrs. Howland by her old friend Evacustes A. Phipson of England. Mr. Phipson says: "I should be very glad if you could find space for it and cannot doubt but that it will appeal to your readers, even if they can hardly realize, amid their arcadian surroundings, the conditions under which so many millions live in the old country". The conditions are only a little less terrible in some of the manufacturing sections of our own new country.

The Single Tax Colony.

Editorial Mobile Daily Herald, Nov. 15.

Today marks the thirteenth birthday of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony. Thirteen years ago today the pilgrims, undaunted by the chances for failure which presented themselves on every side, landed on the eastern shore to establish the colony which was to be an experment with the theories of Henry George.

The experiment has succeeded.

The Fairhope Single Tax Colony stands out pre-eminently as the grandest achievement in the South. It set out to follow principles which were questioned on every side, principles which were jeered at by every leader in the study of politics and government, But this Colony has withstood the attacks made upon it. It has been a success.

It is nothing but a coincidence, and of little moment in its relation to the Colony's birthday, but on this day the president and secretary of the Colony's corporation, Messrs. F. L. Brown and E. B. Gaston, left for New York to attend the American Single Tax conference. At the conference these gentlemen will set forth the work which the Fairhope Colony has done, and will show that it is far from being the failure as a Single Tax proposition that its enemies have represented.

If there has been a single experiment tried in the southland within the past twenty years which has proven an undoubted success, it is this Single Tax Colony across the bay from Mobile. Fighting against odds, before which many stronger men might have quailed in fear, these men who are fighting for the Single Tax principles have won. Their bark of hope has landed, fully laden, and today the little village of Fairhope, snugly settled on the shores o the eastern side of the bay, is enjoying those fruits which the bark has brought.

A FAIR VIEW OF FAIRHOPE.

The following letter by Dr. Henry Borst, a former resident, now living at Silver Hill, but still owning property at Fairhope, not a member of the colony corporation, will help our friends at a distance to a clearer view of local conditions and accomplishments. The COURIER thinks Dr. Borst puts the farming situation in too dark a light, but he presents it as he sees it and we want our readers to have the views of others to contrast with ours.

To the Friends of the Single Tax Everywhere.

Being requested to give my views of the situation at Fairhope I shall try to give a fair picture so that those at a distance may see what I have seen on the spot.

I began to study the fundamental propositions twenty years ago and had been out of touch with the movement for some years prior to coming to Fairhope three years ago. Meanwhile I had studied other economic remedies considerably, so that while believing in the inherent justice of the Single Tax, yet I was not blind to the good in other reform movements. This merely to show that I was not a "red-hot" Single Taxer on arrival at the economic experiment station in Alabama. In other words I was "from Missouri."

The first acquaintanceships I formed proceeded to favor me with all the current criticisms regarding the Colony, its management, and the individual pecularities of members and residents. The more I followed up the alleged shortcomings of the Colony leaders the more clearly it dawned upon me that the most of the complaints lodged against the enterprise were no just complaints at all, but proceeded largely from those who were no Single Taxers, were not in sympathy with the movement; in fact seeking to down it. The real basis of the complaints was then and is now, the non-success of the enterprises engaged in by the complainers individually. In the case of merchants unable to compete successfully for trade, the cause was not traced logically to trade conditions as it would have been in any other community but blamed on "the management."

In the case of laborers and skilled mechan-

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Fairhope Courier

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INCIDENTS OF EDITOR'S LATE TRIP.

Meeting on Board the Steamer "Maryland" Dinner with Prospective Settlers in New York City.

We promised further report of occurrences of interest, aside from the Single Tax Conference, on our late trip.

On the way up we crossed by splendid new steel steamer, the "Maryland," over from Norfolk, Virginia, to Cape Charles, at the lower point of the peninsula on the east side of Chesapeake Bay, where we again took train, the run taking perhaps two hours. It was Sunday evening. The fine saloon on the upper deck and the smoking room below were well filled with passengers. After we had investigated the steamer from pilot house to stoke-room, Powell (who is certainly one of the most indefatigable propogandists on the face of the earth) thought the opportunity to talk a little Single Tax to the two or three score male passengers in the smoking room, most of them like ourselves without acquaintances and with time hanging heavy on their hands, was too good to be missed. He secured permission of the captain, made a short speech himself and pressed the editor into service. We talked particularly about the "panic" which is on everybody's mind—advancing the position that the root of the trouble is speculation in land and legal privileges. This had reached its logical end in advancing land prices beyond the limit of possible profitable use, and the watering of stocks based on privileges, beyond the possibility of dividends, with the natural result of "destruction of confidence" which superficial observers see as the only cause of panics, but which is only a symptom of the deeper-seated disease. We explained the economic error of classing alike things so totally unlike as the opportunity to labor, the land, and the product of labor; and the folly of a taxing system which rewarded idleness and fined industry: and showed how the placing of taxation upon land and privileges and removing it from the products of industry, would stop speculation in land and privileges, thereby preventing panics, stimulating all useful activities and distributing more justly the benefits of advancing civilization. We were accorded the best of attention.

Among our pleasantest experiences in New York was meeting Mr. Brossman, Mr. Rucker's friend, whose wife and baby had already left for Fairhope. Mr. Brossman has been a reader of the COURIER for several years. It was though him that Mr. Rucker was interested in Fairhope, and he has also interested a number of others in New York. He is a waiter at noon (the "lunch hour" in New York) at a small but excellent cafe down near the heart of the wholesale and financial district, and in the evening, the "dinner" time, at a very fine dining "Casino," farther up town. At both places we found Mr. Brossman had talked Fairhope to his associates, until they too were filled with a lively interest. At the up-town Casino Mr. Powell and the writer were guests at dinner of Mr. Brossman, and were treated to the best the house afforded, while having the added pleasure of meeting also his friends, Messrs. Spencer, Kaden, Blanke and Greenbaum, all of whom he had interested in Fairhope, and who subscribed then and there for the COURIER.

All of these are prospective immigrants to Fairhope. They are earning fairly good wages— certainly more than Fairhope can now offer them as money wages only, but they want *homes*. They want room for their children to live natural, healthful lives. They realize the impossibility of securing homes in New York and they are mindful of the fate of the homeless aged in that great city. We enjoyed no part of the trip better than our visit with these worthy fellows. We hope to see them in Fairhope, and we hope their dreams may here be realized.

The Educational Value of Fairhope and the Courier.

One of the facts standing out most clearly in our minds from our mingling with people on our recent trip, is the difficulty of interesting the average person in an abstract economic proposition, but the ease with which his attention can be attracted to something which is actually now, this very day, at some geographically definite spot, being done.

This is one of the features of greatest importance about our work here at Fairhope. It has human interest. It arrests attention and takes hold of people where no amount of mere argument or suppositious illustrations will do so.

This advantage is reflected in the COURIER as a propaganda sheet, to which we have many testimonials from Single Taxers who have tried it on their friends, and from non-Single Taxers who have been interested in the philosophy through reading it.

To give it greatest usefulness in this way we must have the help of our friends in extending the circulation. "Now is the time to subscribe" for your friends or get them to subscribe.

R. Ockel, Hon. Sec. of the Warrington Branch English League for the Taxation of Land Values, sends the Courier a check for £1 1s. 3d. equivalent to $5 at the current exchange rate, as advance subscription, and says if he could choose, he would come and live in our colony.

In Germany and England Mr. Ockel has been a hard worker for the cause. It has been hard slow work but as he says: "I am not fighting alone now as it seemed to be in the past in Germany. There is quite a little army of ready fighters here now, as in every civilized country and the chief thing is that we all work together and pull all one string. In the end then the victory must be ours!"

Miss Herring writes her regret that she did not know of our passing through Norfolk, Va., on the way to New York, that she might have arranged a meeting with a prominent lawyer there, a Mr. Warrington and a Mrs. McKinley whom she met and who told her the details of an extensive colony plan in which they are chief movers, to be located on Chesapeake Bay and which involves Single Tax methods as to land. Our time might have permitted a brief call and we would have been greatly pleased to learn of these plans. Miss Herring says they "gladly listened to all I had to say about Fairhope and you know of course they heard of all the good things Fairhope possesses and it took a long time to tell them."

Mrs. Howland's Letters

November 30. * * * A most pleasant afternoon. Mrs. Sweet, one of our public-school teachers, and her neighbor, Mrs. Ames, invited Mrs. Johnson and myself to a drive to see the orange groves of Dr. Scott at Battles, some three miles from Fairhope. The day, the conversation, the odors of the wild woods, were enjoyed by me, and all the rest also I trust. Certainly we did not waste much time in silence while on the road nor while being shown over the fine premises by Mrs. Scott, a charming, courteous lady, who, no doubt, pressed for time and troubled by the discovery of the theft of oranges the previous night, was unwearied in her politeness, tho, no doubt, answering the same questions day after day. She even helped me gather up the southern moss from the fallen limbs under her great picturesque live oak, now greatly injured by this beautiful parasite. And, by the way, an immense old tree with its long masses of this soft grey moss is of itself worth a visit to the South. It clings to the limbs with great tenacity, and breaks before it will release its deadly grip upon the bark. I have discovered that this soft, clean moss is the best thing imaginable for hens' nests. We nearly filled the box of the carriage, and found it warm for the feet. x x x But those Satsuma oranges! There are between three hundred and four hundred trees, all in bearing this year; and they have been shipping them for a long time. Look where I would, I saw no poor or imperfect fruit— it was all a sea of great golden balls, except at the farther boundary, where the harvesting was finished. Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Johnson and myself counted the oranges on several trees. On the smallest tree, with a stem scarcely an inch in diameter, there were thirty-nine large oranges; and on one about five feet tall, that we thought had the greatest number, we counted over four hundred. It was difficult to be exact; for after you had held aside the heavily laden limbs and counted their fruit, there were masses of branches underneath to be counted. A well cultivated grove like that must "pay" well; and our people are setting out the Satsuma more extensively, since the magnificent success of Dr. Scott and others. Occasionally we have a frost that will kill the top of the tree, but it always springs up afresh. I have nine trees, and have not lost one, and should not, probably, had I not piled up pine needles around them every winter. The coldest winter since I have been here, the mercury fell fourteen degrees below freezing: a little lower, I am told, back from the bay.

December 4. Dear C. F. Your letter is here. You cannot quite conceal your disappointment with the late S. T. Conference, which you attended, because there was no time given to co-operation. Remember that they had but two days and much business on hand. Before this you have read the report of the splendid address of Henry George, jr., and I hope you have read also the general report and the important resolutions that were passed, in the *Public* of

Chicago. On the whole, I think they did well and deserve our praise. x x x You say: "I am very busy, but will take time to make you a pair of andirons and fire set." I hasten to tell you to take your own time about it. We can spare to the new library the set you have already presented, because I have already had the library heater set up here, and if the other should not get here until the spring, that will do. x x x x

Today, talking with the workmen who were plastering or "stuccoing" on the new building— you see I have to go out once every day at least, to make sure that the new library is not an illusion— we agreed that the failure of one of the library-fund subscribers to send the generous amount he promised (but which we still hope for) has made our funds inadequate to the finishing up, removing the debris etc. We discussed the plan, which we were certain the Library Association and all our friends would enter into heartily, of having all the volunteer workers we can get for the last day; a supper in the new building (cooked mostly or partly at the Pines), and then, the temporary tables being removed and the big room swept, to build a rousing pine-knot fire in the new fireplace on the new andirons, and dance till we are tired! That will do for a "working hypothesis" I think, and the Library Association can change or modify it as they deem best. Our able and self-sacrificing V. I. C. will help us, especially as many prominent citizens are members of both societies. Let us have a general meeting and invite all to co-operate with us. This, or any other plan agreed upon, I will fall in with, cordially.

Fairhope Citizen in Bad Train Wreck.

Dr. Greeno, en route to Montgomery, was a passenger on the L. and N. fast train leaving Mobile at 1.33 p. m. which went into the ditch about 10 miles this side of Flomaton. The train was running about 45 miles an hour when the tender left the track—presumably by the spreading of the rails by the heavy engine—dragging the mail and baggage cars and several coaches with it. The Doctor had his leg painfully bruised, but was able to go on when opportunity was afforded, after several hours. A number of passengers were injured, though none very seriously; and there were no fatalities. How this could be so was a mystery the Doctor says, when one realized the speed at which the train was traveling and saw the wrecked cars.

The Doctor says with others he examined the torn-up tracks after the accident and they thought they saw sufficient cause for it in the rotten condition of the ties, a large portion of them being decayed until they could be kicked to pieces by the foot.

The Baldwin County Court-house was broken into on last Sunday night and over $9,000 of county tax collections taken from the safe of the tax collector, The safe was entered by drilling and with a hammer and stiff punch breaking the lock. There is no clue to the robbers. The loss it is claimed will be covered by the bond of the tax collector, made by a large bonding company.

Southern District W. C. T. U. Institute.

PALMETTO STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, MOBILE,
SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 1907.

10 a. m. Prayer: Mrs. Patterson, Mobile. Paper: "The Education of medal Contests," Mrs. Jessie H. Bell, Fairhope, Contest Superintendent of Baldwin County: discussion. Report of Alabama state W. C. T. U. convention, by delegates Mesdames Ellen Ash of Mobile, Backstel of Toulminville, Westover of Fruitdale. "What next?" Symposium led by Mesdames Hail and Barnet.

12 m. Basket lunch in S. S. room.

1:30 p. m. Devotional exercises: Rev. E. Bruce Airy, Oakdale. Paper: "Scientific Temperance in the Schools," Mrs. M. J. Thompson, president Perdido W. C. T. U.: discussion. Report of national W. C. T. U. convention, by delegates Mesdames W. D. Rayford of Mobile and C. B. Read of Fruitdale. Pastor's hour, led by Rev. J. W. Sandlin.

6:00. Basket supper in S. S. room.

7:30 sharp. Gold and Grand Gold Medal contests. Contestants for Gold: Misses Dorothy White, "Our Future," and Celina Roberts, "The Saloon Must Be Abolished," of Fairhope; Miss Nellie Glass, Plateau; Bart Stafford, Clayton Baldwin, Eelya Scrivven and others of Mobile. Contestants for Grand Gold Medal: Uhlma Hail, Toulminville, "What do You Think?" Vera Littlefield, Fairhope, "The Factory Chimney;" Volney Mathison, Fairhope, "How Kipling Became a Prohibitionist;" Miss Irene Bell, Fairhope, "An Old Man's Story;" Miss Inez Van Arsdale, Fruitdale, "College Oil Cans;" Miss Ruth Yerion, Citronelle, "A Terrible Charge;" Pauline Winkler, Daphne Normal School, "Selected."

All are invited to attend, bring luncheon and take part in discussions.

Take Charleston St. car on Royal Street. Hot coffee and cocoa will be served free. Collections taken.

President, Mrs. Anna B. Hail.
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Secretary, Mrs. F.A.Maguire, Crighton.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Read, Fruitdale.

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A FAIR VIEW OF FAIRHOPE.

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farmer who must put dollars into the ground ics not finding remunerative employment all the time, it was not charged against the absence of factories or public works, but blamed against the Colony or the Single Tax.

In the case of non-farmers from widely differing climates, many of whom were poorly equipped with capital besides the handicap of no agricultural training, being unable to raise paying crops out of a soil they did not understand, in a climate that was new, and without labor-saving machinery; the fault was not charged up to these self-evident conditions, but blamed against the Colony.

It is the old story of those who lift and those who lean, as told so beautifully by Ella Wheeler Wilcox in the poem of the two classes in the world. Many have come to Fairhope to be helped. Few have come to help. If more Single Taxers that are willing to help will come to Fairhope, the next ten years will show wonderful strides in material progress of individuals, in citizens being able to earn a good living as they can in any other community of sufficient size to demand their services.

In a sanitary way Fairhope has the best soil in existence, in an agricultural way it is next to the poorest. Because the soil is so free from mineral plant foods, it yields the purest natural water in existence. Because it is high, dry, well-drained sandy clay it filters out and absorbs all refuse animal and vegetable matter. Hence it will stand crowding with a dense population without danger of contamination of drinking water. It is ideal for the health-seeker, but a severe trial to the

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I HEREBY announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Baldwin County subject to the action of the Democratic Primary; and I respectfully solicit the support and influence of the people of Baldwin County. JAMES M. VOLTZ.

Personal and Local

J. B. Barber is adding an addition to his dwelling.

Lettuce, radishes and turnips are now supplied in plenty from local gardens.

Some of the Knotts were over to spend Thanksgiving in their new bay front cottage.

Sale of another barge-load of ties has been made and they have been loaded this week.

The new school room has been neatly painted and makes the need o another coat on the original building very apparent.

The Courier failed to note last week the birth of another daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnhart, which occurred on Nov.

Dr. Greeno was in Montgomery Monday and Tuesday in attendance at the annual meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alabama.

The Fairhope's greater draft than the other bay boats gives her some trouble in getting into Battles and Daphne when the tide is low.

G. F. Thomas, who has travelled extensively and spent several winters in the south, thinks Fairhope's location the most desirable he has seen anywhere. He thinks more effort should be made to advertise our advantages.

Mr. Gaston was due to address the Progressive League on last Sunday afternoon but being indisposed was unable to do so. Rev. Spier, the New Church minister, who was a Fairhope visitor over Sunday, occupied the time.

Frost on a few mornings recently has nipped tender vegetation. It has not, however, hurt our regular winter garden stuff, like radishes, lettuce, beets, onions, turnips etc., but for them has had the good effect of putting out of business the worms which were bothering some, especially on the lettuce.

Mr. Coleman neglected to insert in his ad of bearing Tane Nashi persimmon trees for sale, that this was on account of the thinning out of his orchard. This has been corrected in this issue. Don't get the idea that Mr. Coleman has gone back on Japanese persimmons. He still considers them one of the most reliable and profitable fruits for this section.

Miss Puckaber, Mrs. Johnson's friend, has purchased the Chas. F. Blank nice two-story cottage on Magnolia ave. and it will be occupied by the Johnson's and Miss Puckaber as soon as possession can be secured, which will be in a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Blank will move into the small cottage which is sufficient for their needs. The cottage in question is one of the neatest in the village. Albright and Gaston made the sale.

Mr. Murphy, purser of the Fairhope, brought his family over from Mobile on Monday and has them domiciled in the west cottage of Mr. Joseph Keller.

Scare-headed articles in the Mobile papers of last Sunday told of the arrest of two New York ladies, en route to Fairhope, on the arrival of the Rio Grande of the Mallory line on which they were passengers. The ladies were Mrs. Hermann and her sister Miss Edlson, who had learned of Fairhope through Miss Lyon at Brooklyn, and had also corresponded with Mrs. Comings. The arrest proved to have been due to an unfortunate error, and an investigation led to instruction from New York to release the ladies. They are Jewesses and received very kindly assistance from prominent Jews in Mobile. They came over to Fairhope on Monday evening and Mrs. Hermann placed her three children in Mrs. Johnson's school. They then returned to Mobile where both ladies were offered employment. Mrs. Hermann is an expert dressmaker.

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SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

Also, "The Land Question" what it involves and how alone it can be settled, by Henry George; in paper 10 cents. Also, "Progress and Poverty", the Single Tax Bible, "Protection or Free Trade", and The Perplexed Philosopher", all by Henry George, in paper each 50c.

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"Everybody ought to have surgical training enough to render aid to the injured in the case of a stab or cut in one of the limbs," said a St. Louis physician.

"If the blood flows freely, it is an indication that one or more blood vessels have been severed. If the flowing blood is a bright red and comes in jets, an artery has been cut. If it is dark red it comes from a vein and the importance of this fact becomes apparent when an effort is made to stop the flow. Veins carry the blood to the heart, the arteries convey it in the opposite direction, so when a vein is severed, pressure should be applied below the wound, but in the case of an artery, pressure above or between the wound and the heart is necessary. Sometimes, in the case of an extensive cut, both arteries and veins may be severed, and then pressure ought to be applied both above and below the wound. More than one man has bled to death with a crowd looking on simply because none of the bystanders knew enough to stop the flow of blood until a doctor could arrive. A handkerchief with a knot in it, tied around the limb, will often answer the purpose. Even the pressure of a thumb will sometimes hold back the blood until a surgeon can apply more effective means."

OBJECTED TO LONG NAMES.

English Clergyman Had His Own Way at Christenings.

An English clergyman, Dr. Frederick Lee, had a prejudice against a long string of Christian names, and held that if such names were proposed the clergyman should alter them at baptism, whether the parents were willing or not. It was said of him that he christened all the boys Frederick after himself and all the girls Mary after the Virgin. The author of "The Life of Walter Pater" gives Dr. Lee's method of chirstening as follows:

"Name this child," he would say in his authoritative voice.

"Archibald Cholmondeley Constantine Ferdinand," perhaps the mother would whisper.

"Frederick," she would hear, to her amazement, and then would follow the formula of baptism.

In the vestry, of course, there would be objection.

"This child," Dr. Lee would reply, "will have to get his living in the world, and what do you want to handicap him with Archibald Campbell Cholmondeley and all the rest of them for? Anyhow, it's done, and can't be altered."

NEW PRODUCTS OF FARM.

Profitable Use for Much That Has Been Thought Valueless.

While nearly every product of the farm can be and is distilled for special purposes, the French farmer is chiefly interested in the utilization of the residue resulting from wine and cider manufacture, and in the south of flowers and aromatic plants. It is quite a common occurrence in the Alps to pass farm houses where the crops having been gathered the farmer and his sons are forking fragrant lavender, like so much hay, into a huge caldron from which it will issue in the form of essence.

All of these distilling processes are within the easy grasp of men of ordinary intelligence, and offer new sources of revenue to the farmer, particularly in the fruit-growing regions, where thousands of bushels of wine and cider residue are returned to the soil or burned, and where inferior apples are at times not even gathered for lack of remunerative market. If American manufacturers will provide first-class stills of moderate price, and encourage farmers to make use of them, the latter will have a new rainy-day occupation that is both interesting and moderately profitable.

A Woman's Oath.

"Do I believe a woman under oath?" commented a judge whose name has figured prominently in many big cases. "Well," and there was a twinkle in the judicial eye, "I'll tell you what I know about women in that connection and perhaps you can figure it out for yourself. If a woman likes a lawyer or the judge or the defendant at the bar or any one who happens to be related to him, she will swear to anything that she thinks will help him win his case. Not purposely, certainly, but that's the peculiar kink in a woman's mind. Whatever she wants to believe, she does believe, and honestly believes it to be true, and the same is good of the opposite proposition. If she dislikes a man, nothing she can say will be too bad for him; if she likes him she can't say anything good enough. Now, do you still want an answer to that question?"—San Francisco Call.

AN AGED BRITISH TREE.

Cowthorpe Oak, Reputed 500 Years Old, Flourishing in Yorkshire.

One of the oldest of British trees is the Cowthorpe oak, which has been standing near Wetherby in Yorkshire for 500 years, according to veracious chronicle. It is a tree that has been described often and has figured in works of fiction.

It is related of this tree that on occasion as many as forty persons have been gathered within the hollow of its trunk, although it must be confessed that some of these were children. The most recent measurement showed that its girth of trunk at the ground was 54 feet 3 inches and the cavity was 11 feet by 9 feet.

The tree is not now so very tall, reaching only 37 feet into the air. There are twenty-five props about the tree to support the falling branches.

The cavity has been noticeable only since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Many of the earlier measurements show that the tree once was much greater in girth than now.

Aged as it is the tree bore acorns in 1901 and 1905 and always produces a fair amount of foliage. In 1893 an acorn borne by the Cowthorpe oak was planted near by and a tree is growing up slowly as a memorial to the parent.

The Captain's Answer.

There was a little girl crossing the ocean last summer who was given to asking many idle questions. The captain of the steamer on which she sailed was a gruff old fellow who did not like to be interviewed unnecessarily. One day, when it was quite rough, the little girl spied the captain, and, running up to him, said:

"Oh, captain, do tell me, is it always as rough here as it is now?"

He looked at her for a moment, then said calmly:

"I am not always here. I think God alone could answer that question."

The present record for time was established by two German aeronauts last spring. They succeeded in remaining in the air over 51 hours.—Outing Magazine.

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Dr. Lester and wife left on Wednesday for New Orleans to visit for a few days a son there.

Coming Yes Coming—a nice line of Christmas and Holiday toys and presents. Mershon Merch. Co.

Pigs Feet, Vienna Sausage, Mince Meat, Cranberries etc. Mershon Merch. Co.

Huxley's Menthol and Wintergreen Cream for all muscular pains for sale by the Fairhope Pharmacy, 25c.

Bolton Hall writes commending highly the Jewish ladies spoken of in another column as recent arrivals from New York.

C. M. Brady a former resident for a time, now at Catlin Ills., writes that they are seriously considering spending January, February and March at Fairhope.

Say how about it, do you owe us? If you do we certainly need it, and you will confer a favor upon us if you will call and let us have settlement, thanking you for all past favors. Mershon Merch, Co.

C. K. Brown is still confined to his home with his sore foot. it is now nearly the close of the fifth week that it has kept him idle, very hard on one of his active temperament Mrs. Hail is over helping to care for her father.

The tide was so low on Wednesday that the Fairhope was unable to reach Daphne either morning or evening. She could not even get up to Montrose wharf in the morning but had to send a skiff in after the mail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burnham of Rogers, Ark. got back Wednesday evening to spend another winter—their third—here. They went into the Ames cottage on Bay View Ave, which their friends who had preceded them had warmed and ready for them.

Fairhope merchants are making due preparations for the holiday trade and expect to make Fairhope as it has been for years, the Eastern Shore headquarters for everything seasonable. They will probably have some announcements to make next week.

25,169 is the lucky number for which the buggy waits. Look and see if you hav'nt got it somewhere. If 25,169 can't be found and 25,168 and 25,170 show up—neither has yet—we will let the holders draw cuts. Mershon Merchandizing Co.

Clayton F. Woods writes from Nucla, Col., to ask that his Courier be sent to Santa Barbara Calif. He says he is glad to note the "recovery of your enterprising village from the terrific hurricane you had a year ago, and its continued prosperity"; and sends regards to his local friends.

Mrs. Call will open up her line of collars, belts, neck ruffs, purses, combs, sterling silver novelties etc. for Christmas, the first of the coming week, so that those who desire to send packages away may have ample time to do so. Her line of imported china, and Japanese goods will arrive during the week and be on display as soon as received.

Recent heavy rains have caused considerable washing along the bay front. Some vigorous action to prevent the forming of new gullies ought to be at once taken. The only plan within reach seems to be to confine the water over the bluff to as few points as practicable, and protect against washing at these by substantial plank chutes, similar to that west of the livery stable.

FREE KINDERGARTEN.

From 9 to 11 a. m. Mrs. Johnson conducts a kindergarten to which all the children of Fairhope between the ages of 4 and 10, who are not otherwise employed, are not only invited but urged to come.

This is a part of the school for organic education and older pupils will find classes suitable to their needs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Lose Their Baby.

One of the saddest occurrences in the history of Fairhope was the death, about noon Thursday, of Franklin, the two and a half year old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson.

The little fellow was playing about the room with other children of Mrs. Johnson's school, when he stumbled and fell heavily, and immediately went into convulsions. He was carried at once to Dr. Sheldon's office and every effort made, with everything needful at hand, to secure relaxation, but without avail; and in less than an hour he was dead.

He was a child of exceptional beauty and promise, and the poor parents are heartbroken. Mr. Johnson was in Mobile at the time, and the sad news was telephoned him.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The stricken parents have only the consolation of being among friends whose hearts are full of sympathy for them.

Reads "Every Word of Every Number."

I like to get the Courier. I read every word in every number. In my day dreams I walk your streets and while you were building the first Fairhope I paced her decks in my fancy. In the same way I have taken several trips on the new boat. It is a great cross to me that I have never been able to take my family with me and spend a winter in your town." WM. O. FOLEY.

Port Marion, Pa.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council adjourned on Monday evening, on account of the absence of the Secretary and some of the councilmen, until Wednesday evening. It met on Wednesday evening with all councilmen present but Mr. Patterson, and with vice president Paton In the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Following bills allowed.

H. C. Oswalt, incidental, for 65 pupils for Nov,	$13.75
E. B. Gaston postage Oct. and Nov.	2.4s
G. M. Bancroft, showing land lines to tie cutters, Sept. 8 27 and 28, 8 hrs. Road work, Oct. 16-17-23 and Nov. 20 hrs.	6.24
Wm. Gray road work 1½ days	2,25
C. D. Fuller road work 2 days	3.00
O, J. Christmann road work	3.83

Statement from C. F. Blank regarding contract with Miss Puckaber for sale of his improvements and transfer of lease on lots 3 and 4 block 5, div, 1 was received and placed on file.

Application of W. E. Sweet for approx. 2 acres lying north of his tract and between Capt's. Silas and Joseph Lawrence and Dr. Borst, granted, subject to payment of rent when fixed.

Motion prevailed to request Mr. Mogg, water cjerk, to protect exposed water pipes from freezing, also to see to collection of amounts due for water for other than ordinary household use for house of six rooms or less.

Moved and carried that Messrs. Stimpson and Paton be directed to see if they cannot secure the laying of floor and wainscoting in new school room, by Mr. Littlefield or some one else to apply on rents due, also to see if painting of older portion of schoolhouse cannot be secured in the same way.

The matter of appraisement of rentals for 1908 was taken up and a motion prevailed that appraisement in general be left as for 1907.

Getty lot, in div. 3, reduced to $15 and a rebate of $3 allowed on rent of 1907.

The following appointed a committee on anniversary celebration: Wm. L. Heller, chairman, J. Bellangee, P. Y. Albright, Mrs. L. J. N. Comings, Mrs. J. M. Pilcher.

Treasurer instructed to press collection of rents of Arthur Kimball and other delinquents.

Adjourned to Monday evening Dec. 9.

Eber Jefferson hands us a copy of the Pittsford, Mich. Reporter containing a very interesting letter from his friend Alvin R. Starr, written from Nashville Tenn., en route overland to Fairhope. They had then traveled about 650 of the something over 1,000 miles between Pittsford and Fairhope. They are expected here daily now.

Fall Temperature.

Nov. 21—27.

	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Nov. 21	59	60	60
22	66	64	64
23	64	60	59
24	48	64	56
25	46	61	58
26	49	67	63
27	48	66	60

3 clear days, 2 pt. cloudy, 2 rainy.

Nov. 28 – Dec. 4, 1907.

	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Nov. 28	57	60*	57
29	52	59	57
30	42	57	24
Dec. 1	42	57	51
2	39	60	53
3	50	70	60
4	48	52	45

4 clear days, 2 part cloudy, 1 cloudy with heavy rain. Light frost on two or three mornings.

*At three p. m.

L. F. Manly, Observer.

F. O. White's father, Mr. E. F. White of Cedar Falls, Ioa., is here and will remain a couple of months, perhaps longer.

Frenzied Finance.

Long—I hear you have married your landlady?

Short—Your hearing is good.

Long—What on earth prompted you to make such a misalliance?

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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 perpetua 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

A FAIR VIEW OF FAIRHOPE.

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in the shape of commercial fertilizer before planting any crop, and this must be renewed every year.

Hence the economic problem of the farmer is a severe tax on his skill and ingenuity and practical agricultural talent. Therefore if he fails to get sufficient money return to support his family, it is no more the fault of the Colony or its management, than it is when the same failure confronts another farmer of equal skill and resources on land a few miles outside of the Colony, where the soil is exactly the same.

The Colony does not tell prospective settlers that the soil is rich and fertile, but the land companies operating in this county do tell wonderful stories of soil-fertility and speedy and sure independence to be gained by buying their land and working it. Yet the land companies do not offer to explain why so many northern settlers are forced to abandon their farms bought with the savings of many years of self-denial. I will not undertake to number the farm homes that have been abandoned in Baldwin county, but there are many.

I have lived in Fairhope two years and my practice takes me all over around for miles and miles ofadjacent territory, through many settlements of natives and northern immigrants. Hence I have had unusual opportunity of comparing the life and actions of people living side by side, but varying greatly in habits, in intellectual training and in manual skill. The natives get along reasonably well. They practically all make a fair living, though it must be said they live simply and without ostentation, They are sincere and genuine.

Considering that Fairhope has only been established a few years, that the pioneers had to battle with conditions that are comparable to those confronting the pioneers of the Middle West, that many came there who instead of being willing to help were willing to destroy the work of others, that the soil is infertile, that not enough Single Taxers responded to the call to come there, (though many noble souls contributed very liberally to the land fund, so that the work could be carried on) and further considering that the chief burden and responsibility of Colony affairs has been carried by a very few; therefore it seems to me that the success achieved in a Colony way in providing city conveniences in a small village has been remakarble.

I left Fairhope not from choice, but necessity, I found it impossible to earn enough at my profession to maintain my family. Therefore I moved twelve miles away, far enough to be out of immediate touch, but not far enough to lose interest in its affairs, nor to lessen my sympathy for its people nor to lessen my respect for the altruistic pioneers who are seeking to show the world by practical example a better way Very Sincerely,

Siverhill Ala. Henry Borst M. D.

People are coming in rapidly now and the prospects seem excellent for the largest winter population Fairhope has ever known. Never was a better time for each of us to do all he can to spread the news of Fairhope. The secretary has yet a quantity of the illustrated booklets issued by Mr. Lowell, which we will be glad to furnish those who will send them out. A letter from you to the paper at your old home, telling of our delightful winter weather, would doubtless be acceptable and might lead to many inquiries.

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The Pack-Threads of the Law.

FOR THE COURIER, BY WILL ATKINSON.

I saw a mighty giant lying prone upon the ground,
His face was gaunt and haggard, his children all around
Were thin and pinched by hunger, yet he made no move to rise,
Though he could see their suffering and he could hear their cries.

High walls rose all around them and they were crowded close,
Though green fields lay beyond them, they set no foot on those
And still the starving children wept, though food was wasting near,
They seemed subdued by hunger and cowed by causeless fear.

The fields without were fertile, fruit on the trees hung fair,
The golden grain was piled in heaps, but it was wasting there:
Rats ran in and out the piles, and they were fat and sleek,
The children crowded in the walls were thin and wan and weak.

"Oh giant! Why lie idle there?" Then cried I in amaze,
The giant slowly turned his head and looked with hopeless gaze,
"The fields are rich with harvest. Go, thresh the golden grain,
And give to those who hunger, to ease their gnawing pain."

"The walls prevent," the giant said, "those fields are owned by men,
Who need my toil no longer, so they keep us in this pen.
I cannot rise, for I am bound, and must lie helpless here,
Though my children die around me, and I lose all I hold most dear.

I found those walls were paper, and looking down I saw
The giant was bound only by pack-threads of the law.
We dream we're slaves to others, but we are far more base,
Our own fears 'tis that bind us, and with us all our race.

If our own wives and children feel the pangs of hunger gnaw,
'Tis because we fear to break them, those thin threads of the law.
God gave no right to idlers to bar labor from the land.
Go till those unused acres. Trust in His Almighty hand!

The walls that bar from unused soil, those walls were made by men,
Rise! Ye who suffer, in your might, and tear them down again!
Rise, for your children and your home! Take thfs for sign and shield!
God's laws are for eternity! Man's laws may be repealed!

THE IMPORTANT WORK OF JOSEPH FELS IN ENGLAND.

The work that Mr. Fels is doing in England to "stimulate land hunger," to give his own words, should have been noted in the COURIER before this, for both he and our friend, E. A. Phipson sent us the London Sunday Chronicle containing an interview of Mr. Fels. The subject is thus editorially introduced:

"The winter is approaching, and the cry of the unemployed will be heard in the land once more. Even in these days of booming trade there is not enough work to go round here in England. During the past summer thousands of working men—some single young fellows in the full vigor of life, others married and burdened with the cares of a family—have shaken the dust of England from off their feet and gone forth to the Colonies to seek there the means of livelihood which the old country could no longer provide for them.

"Why should not the men who are now living a starveling existence till the empty land of England and live amid plenty?" So cried many folks when the unemployed cries became acute many years ago. One great obstacle stocd in the way of this remedy, however. The town-bred out-o'-work knew nought of the soil.

In this dilemma Mr. Joseph Fels, the wealthy American, who is now one of London's busy citizens, came forward with the offer of an estate of 1,300 acres at Hollesley Bay, in Essex, where these men might be trained. His offer was gladly accepted, and since then many hundreds of men have there been initiated into the mysteries of agriculture and market gardening."

"When I offered Hollesley Bay for the training of the unemployed," said Mr. Fels, "I had hoped that the men who had been there would be put on to small holdings by the authorities. Instead, they have been left to emigrate. Two hundred and fifty men (and their families) who were trained at Hollesley Bay, have gone to the colonies. Yet there is plenty of land in England on which they could have made a good living. It is the private ownership of land that stands in the way, and England must sooner or later answer for the crimes against her own people." When asked for his remedy. Of course Mr. Fels gave the Single Tax plan: the taxation of land values which would force into the market and make available for cultivation, "the land which is now held for sporting purposes and speculation by the 'unemployed of the West End'."

In England, as here, the people have to learn that a family can be supported on a small "holding" given an available market and the conditions for treating the soil rightly. They do this in France, and Mr. Fels determined to test the method in England. He purchased another Essex estate, Mayland, some 40 miles from London, and containing about 650 acres; and, in order that the intensive culture system might be tried, he brought over from France two French small-holders in order to demonstrate what intensive culture can do.

"Around Paris," he said, "there are some 5,000 acres of land parcelled out in allotments ranging in size from a quarter of an acre to an acre or more. By a system of intensive cultivation, and with the aid of large quantities of stable manure, the 'small culturists' who work those allotments have been able to get larger crops and more of them from a given area of land than, perhaps, any other people. They grow lettuces, carrots, table turnips, cauliflowers, melons, radishes, and others of the better class and higher-priced vegetables, On the average, those allotments do not run to much more than about a half-acre apiece, and yet most of those French cultivators are able to make a living wholly from the produce of their bits of land. No man has yet reached the limit of what an acre of land will produce. But here in England the land is kept out of cultivation owing to the rapaci:y of the average landlord.

"Some 450 acres of this estate is run by me as a model progressive farming and market garden enterprise. There are nearly one hundred cows to supply milk to the model dairy; several hundred pigs; one hundred sheep (these are kept to graze the otherwise unused semi-saltings;) several hundred head of poultry and many hundred fruit trees." There are also fifteen acres devoted to a nursery, and there is a long line of hot-houses. The small holdings, 21 in number (every one occupied) are adjacent to the farm, and with it will form a new village. The yearly rent of the holdings which vary in size a little, averages $150 (£30.) This is about 4 per cent of the actual cost of land, buildings, etc. On each holding Mr. Fels has built "a good London stockbrick house with a model set of out-buildings, and two of the five acres were planted to fruit trees and bushes.

x x x On being asked how he came in touch with these men from the cities, Mr. Fels said:—"As soon as ever my intentions with regard to this estate became known I had over 1000 applicants for the small holdings." He took the estate—an abandoned farm for a generation, practically only two years ago (at the time of the interview) and the transformation has been wonderful.

When asked if he were copying the French system, he replied:—"I have made arrangements so that the men working the small holdings shall have the French method under their very eyes. Two acres of the land will be given up to French culture." x x x The two Frenchmen imported from the neighborhood of Paris put in their first planting last February on one acre and "already," said Mr. Fels, "we have taken six distinct crops of vegetables from that acre of land. There are two holders from the Hollesley Bay experimental school and they are doing as well as any of them." In reply to the question: "Does this community work on the co-operative plan," Mr. Fels said: "Everything is bought on the co-operative system, and we are beginning to introduce

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Ernest B. Gaston - Editor and Publisher
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The editor has received a number of expressions from people conversant with Fairhope conditions, approving the statement by Dr. Borst, which we published last week. The Doctor made a very clear and fair analysis of the situation.

Military authorities are reported as alarmed over the difficulty of securing recruits for the army and the prevalence of desertion among the enlisted. The hard times which appear to be upon us may relieve their alarm by driving men to enlist in order to be sure of food and of shelter.

The purpose of Fairhope is to maintain equality of opportunity within its limits. Not equality of opportunity so far as individual brain brawn or capital are concerned, but equality of opportunity to land and to the benefits naturally arising from the coming together of the people here.

Mr. Gus B. Stapleton of Daphne, was a caller at the Courier office on Wednesday. Mr. Stapleton who is at present tax assessor, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for tax collector. He is a gentleman of wide and deserved popularity and a faithful and conscientious official.

Mr. Fels sends us numbers one and two of "The Deadly Parallel." The editor, W. B. Northrop, sees to the bottom of the industrial problem in England.—the same everywhere—and by means of "the deadly parallel" contrasts the condition of the "unemployed" poor and the "unemployed" rich in most striking and convincing manner. Small but pictured, pungent, powerful, is the "Deadly Parallel." We know of no more effective propaganda sheet.

The man who would come to Fairhope today may rest assured that he will be exactly on the same footing as those already here, so far as access to the land and the enjoyment of the benefits arising from the presence of the people here, but he should also clearly understand that the same policy which secures him this advantage will absolutely prevent him having any advantage over those who come after him. Unless he is quite as willing that he shall have no advantage over late comers as he is eager that earlier comers shall not profit undeservedly at his expense he will find he has come to the wrong place and be pretty sure to be disappointed.

The Southern Cultivator calls attention to the fact that the blooms of the cotton plant are rich in honey of an excellent quality. Also that bees play an important part in carrying the pollen from one bloom to another thus assisting in giving the fertilization necessary for the production of bolls. The Cultivator urges upon Southern farmers the importance of keeping at least a few stands of bees. It tells of one farmer whose one hive gathered from the cotton blooms 82 pounds of honey the past season worth at 15 cents a pound $12.40. Honey seems to be a valuable "by-product" of cotton growing. Modern industrial methods call for the fullest utilization of "by-products" in manufacturing and it is no less important for the agriculturist.

Our Freedom From Local Monopolists.

While Fairhope cannot escape the evil effects of the general demoralization of financial and business conditions throughout the country, it is a great satisfaction to know and a great relief to our people, that not one dollar is being taken from us without the rendering of an equivalent, by any local monopolist. Our people have no mortgages upon their homes representing the purchase price of the sites for them, nor have new home-seekers a dollar to put up to any local monopolist, before they can go to work.

Neither are there any franchise holders in possession of our public services, levying toll upon our necessities. Under such circumstances Fairhope must suffer less from the conditions which prevail, than any other place, for it is the only one for which these claims may be made.

Library Building Progressing; More Money Needed.

The outer coat of stucco on the library building is now being put on, Messrs. Stimpson, Paton and Dyson doing the work. The interior plastering will be put on as soon as the outside is finished. The committee has done faithful work on the building, and has made the amount available go as far as possible, but they have not got quite enough funds in hand to fully complete the building. They will need at least $100 more to get the doors and windows and necessary hardware for the same and the interior finishing. Practically all the work has been done by local subscribers, the contributions from outside friends having been used to buy materials. The committee is very anxious to finish up the work and will greatly appreciate subscriptions from friends who are not yet "in" on this important public work. Make remittances to J. S. Paton, treasurer.

Our Debt to Henry George.

Tracing origins is indeed unsafe. but it may be said that the one man above all others in this country properly to be credited with the inauguration of the movement which President Roosevelt is now riding with more or less success, was the late Henry George. To him more than anyone else are we indebted for that awakening of the public conscience and that clearing of the popular vision which are manifest in the great stir in the direction of better social and economic conditions. It was his "Progress and Poverty" that aroused Henry D. Lloyd. It was his "Social Problems" that arrested the attention of Ida Tarbell, Tom L. Johnson, Lincoln Steffens, and other reformers. It was his "Condition of Labor" that cleared the vision of thousands of men who had been groping blindly in a maze of economic contradictions and absurdities. And his soul goes marching on.—Johnstown Democrat.

Thirteenth Anniversary of Founding of Fairhope.

Will be Celebrated With Banquet in New School-Room New Year's Day.

The committee on arrangements for the celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of Fairhope, have agreed upon a banquet in the new school room followed by a program of short toasts interspersed with music.

Mrs. Curtis of the Curtis Hotel has been secured to take full charge of the banquet, which assures that an excellent menu will be served in excellent style. The price will be 35 cents a plate, within the reach of all, and the banquet will begin at seven o'clock in order to give plenty of time for it and the intellectual feast which will follow.

Plates will be laid for 100.

Long speeches will be strictly taboeed, in order that as many as possible may have an opportunity to present their choicest thoughts in most concise phrase.

Mr. Heller or Mr. Albright, of the committee, will be glad to hear as early as possible from those who expect to attend.

The Difficulty of Getting Public Questions Considered Except from the Standpoint of Private Interests.

The difficulty of getting people to consider public questions from the standpoint only from which such questions should be discussed; that of equity and natural right is noticeable in the discussion of the proposition for the extension and cheapening of our parcels post. A great deal of opposition has developed to the measure. chiefly from those who are opposed to the big department stores and think it would especially benefit them. These seem to overlook the fact that the lowering of the rate on third-class matter and increasing the weight limit will apply at every post-office in the country and to packages mailed by everybody. They overlook the fact too, that if it increases the business of the department stores it will only be because it enables them better to serve the people who want their goods.

How persistent the error—which lies at the base of the "protective" tariff idea—that one party to a trade is usually loser and that the people need protection against cheap goods. Under free conditions buyers and sellers would both profit—or they wouldn't trade.

If big department stores have no legal advantage over smaller local dealers, they will not be able to get their trade except by selling better goods or for less money, which it would be an outrage upon the whole people to try to prevent their doing. Postmaster genera Meyer is an ardent advocate of the parcels post and says he will "recommend a parcels post system on the rural delivery routes, with a special rate for packages originating on a rural route for delivery on the same route. This will be a great boon to the farmer. It will also increase trade between the retail and the wholesale merchant. As a matter of fact, all will be benefitted."

A Reminder of Our Unique and Successful Financiering

The first wharf certificates of the original issue—1895—which the editor has seen in a long time, were received a few days since from a veteran Single Taxer and long time friend of Fairhope, J. C. Barnes, of Arcola Ill.

Mr. Barnes had forgotten that he had them, until he found them in an old pocket book and he immediately forwarded them to be applied on subscription.

Seeing the certficates brought fresh to mind our heroic struggle during the Colony's first years to get a wharf, and the generous help given us by our friends throughout the country, Mr. Barnes was one of these, which accounts for his possession of the certificates referred to.

Our plan for securing the capital for the building of this wharf, attracted much attention and deservedly so. It was a uuique plan and "it worked."

Wharf certificates in denominations of 5 cents to $20 were issued in exchange for cash, materials or labor advanced for the wharf, the certificates being receivable for wharf charges on completion of the wharf or reedeemable in cash from the wharf's net earnings (later made receivable also for membership fees, land rents and all other possible obligations to the Corporation.)

A "bonus" of 25 per cent was given, to induce subscriptions (which might have been avoided had we been able to make the certificates available for a wider range of services than our small resources and activities would permit.)

Nearly all of the certificates were redeemed within two years, and they have long been a rarity here.

The International Trust.

A recent d.spatch from Glasgow tells of an agreement reached there between the tube-makers of the United States, Germany and Great Britain, to put an end to the losses resulting from international competition. Pursuant to the agreement the Scottish tube-makers at once advanced their price 30 shillings a ton. American and British sheet makers are also considering a working agreement covering their output.

Such news will be taken as conclusive evidence by some of the break-down of competition and that the only escape from a world-wide private trust is to make it a public trust.

The world-wide trust is however, clearly a product of our interference with competition by permitting private monopoly of raw materials and transportation facilities, coupled with "trust-breeding" tariffs. Secure in the possession of fuel and ore deposits the United States Steel Co. can combine with the foreign makers of steel products, by which they will divide the world's trade among them.

Tax the unused raw materials to their full value and take down the tariff barrfers and genuine competition will soon dissolve the trust.

MR. POWELL RETURNS.

R. F. Powell, who, with Messrs. Brown and Gaston represented Fairhope at the American Single Tax Conference returned on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Powell went from New York to Philadelphia, the scene of his active labors for so many years. While there he resigned his position as Superintendent of the Vacant Lots Cultivation Association which was accepted under protest and only upon Mr. Powell's agreement to accept a position upon the board of directors.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously by the board of directors:

Whereas Mr. Robert F. Powell, who has been in charge of the work of the Vacant Lots Cultivation Association since its inception in 1897, feels that our organization is now strong enough and sufficiently experienced to carry forward its great work without his active superintendence and that other important interests demand his attention.

Be it Resolved: That we most reluctantly accept his proferred resignation as Superintendent but request him to join us as a member of the Board of Directors, that we may continue to have the benefit of his ideas and judgment in our expanding field of usefulness,

Resolved Further: That Mr. Powell takes with him into his new regions of activity our united friendship and confidence. We believe that to his unusual talents, energy, unselfishness and sympathy has largely been due the great success of the Vacant Lot Cultivation, School Garden, and other ideas, in envolving and applying which he has been so great a factor not only in Philadelphia but throughout the world. We trust that his new endeavors may yield as largely and as well as have those in which we have been with him so long, so intimately and so pleasantly associated.

Mr. Powell has very flattering offers from both New York and Chicago, to take charge of similar work there and has other plans in view. Should he however, take up a work away from Fairhope for a time, it will only be temporary, as his chief interest now centers here and he returns more enthusiastic than ever over its accomplishments and possibilities. He will be at home here until February at least.

Mr. Powell attended two or three meetings of Single Taxers in Philadelphia and reports them almost without exception, deeply interested in Fairhope.

On his way home he attended a meeting of Single Taxers at Baltimore called to hear the report of their delegate to the New York Conference, Dr. Hill, and was invited to tell them about Fairhope. It was late when Dr. Hill concluded his interesting report, but the keenest interest was manifested in Mr. Powell's talk and he was kept to a late hour answering questions. Nearly every Single Taxer present who was not already on the list, subscribed for the Courier.

At Washington Mr. Powell was invited by Rev. Alex. Kent of the "Peoples Church" to address his congregation, which he did briefly, after a very excellent practical lecture by Mr. Kent. Great interest was here manifested also and several parties remained to ask questions. This led to an invitation to address a meeting of socialists in the evening, where there was an attendance of perhaps 150. There was the greatest interest manifested here also, and Mr. Powell was kept answering questions until after 11 o'clock. At Washington Mr. Powell also called upon Congressman Wiley and received a most cordial reception. Mr. Wiley expressed his pride and pleasure in representing a district which had in it the only Single Tax Colony in the country and declared that he was deeply interested in the undertaking. He introduced Mr. Powell to many of his fellow congressmen and entertained him at dinner.

At Montgomery Mr. Powell stopped off and called upon Governor Comer, who hearing that he was from Fairhope expressed great interest, and plied him with questions regarding it for more than an hour.

THE IMPORTANT WORK OF JOSEPH FELS IN ENGLAND.

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the co-operative system in selling. It may be that by and by we shall sell the produce of the colony direct by establishing depots in the big cities. At present the stuff is sold through Covent Garden and the chief provincial markets, and we also supply many private families with hampers at regular intervals." The last question the reviewer asked was "what was his object in starting the experiment." Mr. Fels answered impressively: "To increase land hunger," and he followed this with an eloquent defence of taxing land values only. M. H.

- GOOD NEWS FOR THRIFTY HOUSEKEEPERS -

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

I HEREBY announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Baldwin County subject to the action of the Democratic Primary; and I respectfully solicit the support and influence of the people of Baldwin County. JAMES M. VOLTZ.

Personal and Local

The Misses Powell visited friends in Mobile this week.

Mrs. Johnson resumed her school work on Monday realizing the value of useful employment for the sorrow burdened mind.

Mr. Zurhorst whose health has not been good for some time, is reported to be much improved, which is good news to his many friends.

Laurence Thielson is nearly laid up by a sore hand, the result he thinks, of an old poisoning by poison oak when working on the telephone line in the marsh.

The Henry George Club meets with Mrs. Gaston next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Visiting ladies interested in economics are particularly invited to attend.

With young Mr. Wheeler back we hope to have the Fairhope orchestra revived and available to furnish music for our entertainments and social gatherings.

Oscar Crandall and wife of Lake Geneva, Ill. friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mogg, arrived on Saturday evening and are occupying the Coulter—Wallace cottage on Bay View Ave.

Mrs. D. S. M. Unger of Western Springs, Ill., who occupied one of the Comings' cottages for nearly a year is at Sea-Cliff and has her children in the Daphne Normal school.

Mrs. Wright, formerly Mrs. Dayton, who married Mr. Wright here and then went to Florida is back on this shore. Mr. Wright will follow her soon and they will probably locate in Fairhope.

Mr. Wheeler is moving his stock of goods into the corner room of the Brown block. This is a fine large room and will enable Mr. Wheeler to carry a larger stock to meet the needs of his growing trade.

Ernest Swift and his bride—nee Miss Jennie Hawk to whom he was married at Des Moines on Nov. 26th, are visiting Mr. Swift's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swift. Ernest has been developing a homestead in Mobile county and he and his bride will go there to live.

Preparations are being made for the usual anniversary celebration by the Colony on January first. We shall probably be able to give the program as planned in next issue. This is a time when we are particularly happy to have our friends with us.

Major Whittle and wife and Mrs. Perry of Wheaton, Ill., are late arrivals, who we hope, will decide to remain for the winter. They are at the Fairhope Hotel. For their coming we are indebted to Miss Mary E. Robertson who spent a winter with us two or three years ago and recommended it to them.

Mrs. Dewey Wheeler and son Frank returned on Saturday evening from their extended vis north and brought with them Mrs. Wheeler's mother, Mrs. Lancaster, her niece Miss Ruby Lancaster, and Master Eugene Vuillaume, who will spend the winter here with them.

The weather has not been particularly delightful of late: first a "norther," then rain, tnen another norther. However, it might be so so much worse and is so much worse almost everywhere else, that we ought not to complain. We had a temperature one night down to 26°, which is about as cold as we have some winters

Mr. John Bowen of Hurricane, Ala., the veteran fisherman, who has long been interested in Fairhope and has visited us before, was at the Curtis Hotel from Tuesday evening to Thursday morning, accompanied by his daughter Miss Pochahontas Bowen. Miss Bowen will remain for awhile, perhaps for the winter. She is a very bright and capable young lady and much pleased with Fairhope. It is her first visit.

Messrs. Pilcher and Albright were in Mobile Monday and Tuesday and attended a meeting of the Knights of Kharasson on Monday evening.

FAIRHOPE HOTEL, A BARGAIN.

We are authorized by the owners to offer the Fairhope Hotel for $4000, including all the furniture except the piano. This price, which is $900 less than we have held it for, is only open until January first, 1908.

We are also authorized to offer the furnitnre without the piano for $900, and will rent the hotel to the purchaser of the same for $40 a month. We will agree to put in city water, bath rooms and closets for a tenant who purchases the furniture.

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We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

Also, "The Land Question" what it involves and how alone it can be settled, by Henry George; in paper 10 cents. Also, "Progress and Poverty", the Single Tax Bible, "Protection or Free Trade", and The Perplexed Philosopher" ,all by Henry George, in paper each 50c.

Two cents will cover the postage on the 10c. books and 10c, on the 50c. books, for which additiona we will be glad to send them by mail to any address.

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Investigation of the cause of a commotion in C. E. Littlefield's chicken house Saturday night disclosed the presence of a big 'possum. The 'possum got out and ran up a tree but was captured and dispatched and on Sunday the family with Mr. and Mrs. Barkley and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams dined off of him. They say he was fine. A number of 'possums have been caught around town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Goddard have been writing in regard to cottages and are expected back soon for the winter. It will be remembered that Mr. Goddard was in the chicken business here and made quite a success of it, but wanted to get back into the swim of city life and business from which failing health had driven him. We understand however, that Mr. Goddard has again found the strenuousness of city life too much for him.

Now is the time to advertise Fairhope among your friends. We have quite a quantity yet of the illustrated booklet "Scenes In and About Fairhope," for free distribution, and have also in neat booklet form the article on Fairhope policies and accomplishments which appeared in two recent issues of the COURIER. The latter is particularly designed for Single Taxers. If you have a Single Tax friend whom you have tried in vain to interest in Fairhope try this booklet on him.

Mr. Bellangee's Garden.

Mr. Bellangee's garden presents a "sight good for sore eyes"—as the saying is—now-a-days; especially to those who come down from the land of ice and snow. He has lettuce in all stages, plenty of it marketable, onions, turnips, radishes, etc. The lettuce stood without protection a temperature of 26° one night recently, but he is arranging to be able to cover it when the weather is cold; for which he will use muslin, which will roll and unroll the length of a bed, 50 ft. or more. So far Mr. Bellangee has found a ready sale on the local market and by means of Mr. Stapleton's meat delivery wagons, for all he had ready for sale, (save a couple of barrels shipped to Mobile) but he expects to be shipping regularly to Mobile. soon.

Buried Sweet Potato Vines For Early Planting.

We are sorry we did not note earlier the following directions for saving sweet potato vines for early spring planting which was republished by the Standard from the Southern Agriculturist. The information is too late for saving vines this season, but it will be well to clip it out and put it in your agricultural scrap book.

"Before frost, cut the sweet potato vines close to the hill; cut the vines in sixteen inch lengths, the larger and harder the vines the more durable. Next clip off leaf stems close to the vine. Raise a mound ten inches high, sloping both ways, Put a layer of cut and trimmed vines about two inches thick and cover them with fine earth, or partially sand; then another layer of vines two inches deep and fine soil, until the quantity desired is obtained; then cover with pine or wheat straw; now place corn stalks as if covering sweet potatoes, and protect from rainfall with board The vines will remain sound all the winter, and if kept from freezing will be ready for transplanting in March in Georgia to their permanent place of cultivation. The cut vines will give as smooth and nice potatoes as if they had just been pulled from a sweet potato bed. This will make the potatoes much earlier than from slips drawn from the bed. By this process science perpetuates the sweet potato vines and hastens maturity of the crop."

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Mr. Bellangee is doing a good work for us all in showing how the soil can be made to respond to intelligent treatment. For intensive culture, to which soil, climate and land policy at Fairhope are especially suited, the native fertility of the soil is one of the least considerations; climate and markets being far more important.

We are particularly reminded at this time of financial and economic maladjustment, of the fact which cannot be too strongly presented—that no wrong systems of finance, transportation, or industry in any phase, (except having to give up a portion of what we raise to some landlord for the privilege of producing) affect us on the things which we produce and consume at home; our milk, butter, poultry, eggs, potatoes, cabbage, turnips, radishes, lettuce, etc.

The moral is that every family which can possibly do so should have its cow or cows, its chickens and its garden. The combination is especially important here where the fertilizer, which the cows produce is so valuable in the garden.

Fairhope furnishes access to the land on the easiest possible terms. It only remains that the people should make use of it.

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Big lot of fresh groceries at Mathews.

W. T. Joyce has rented the Steenstra cottage and will move into it with his family on January first.

C. D. Kenny Company's fine coffee and tea, you get a premium with every package at Mathews.

Mr. Comings' many friends at home and abroad will hear with much regret that he is suffering a severe attack of nervous prostration.

Look in at the Fairhope Pharmacy before you buy your Christmas candy. Only high grade candy in stock.

Imported filled dates and figs in twenty five cent boxes and packages at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stewart of Aurora Ill., sister and aunt respectively, of Dr. Lester, who with his wife is in Mrs. Hunnel's cottage, are at the Curtis Hotel.

A large assortment of the best cigars, Get a box for Xmas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hussey of Des Moines arrived last Sunday and are at the Curtis Hotel. Many of their friends went to California, but they decided to try Fairhope and are much pleased.

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A nice line of Xmas and New Year post cards, calendars, books, box stationary, etc., are now on sale at the Post Office News Stand.

Mrs. Marie Ball and Miss Mary E. Pierce are at the Gables and expect to spend the winter in Fairhope. Mrs. Schindler, a strong friend of Fairhope, was chiefly instrumental in their coming.

A contract has been made with C. E. Littlefield to lay the flooring and do the interior finishing in the new school building. He promises to go right at it and have it ready before January first.

25,169 is the lucky number for which the buggy waits. Look and see if you hav'nt got it somewhere. If 25,169 can't be found and 25,168 and 25,170 show up—neither has yet—we will let the holders draw cuts. Mershon Merchandizing Co.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

On account of stormy weather the Council did not meet on Monday evening, but held a short session on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Horning presented a written communication and argued in person for a reduction on his rent, but the Council could not see the matter in the same light.

The rent on the two acres of rough land recently applied for by W. E. Sweet, was fixed at $1.25 an acre for 1907.

It was moved and carried that the rent list be printed and copies furnished all lessees and that a meeting to hear objections to the appraisement be held on Monday evening Dec. 23rd.

Mr. Powell was present and gave an interesting report of his efforts in behalf of Fairhope at Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Montgomery on the trip from which he has just returned.

The committee on Anniversary celebration reported, through Mr. Albright, its plans for a banquet with program of toasts and music following.

Mr. W. W. Kile has, we are glad to be able to announce, decided to remain at Fairhope and will make considerable investments here in the near future. He has closed a contract through Albright and Gaston for the Mrs. Mann cottages on Fairhope avenue, and has also applied for a lease of a lot on Magnolia avenue, just opposite the library. Mr. Kile took ample time for investigation, having resided here for six months or more. We believe he will have no cause to regret his action. He is a Single Taxer of long standing and will probably become a member of the Corporatton. His wife and daughter are also much pleased with Fairhope.

Winter Temperature.

Dec. 5 – Dec. 11, 1907.

	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Dec. 5	30	46	45
6	40	52	52
7	46	64	63
8	66	70	61
9	62	62	63
10	50	58	50
11	39	52	48

1 clear day, three part cloudy, 3 cloudy with rain on two of them, very hard rain on Monday the 9th. Ice on the 5th.

L. F. Manly, Observer.

The Moggs, Ameses, Lewises and Lyons are making it very pleasant for their arriving friends. They surprised the Burnhams by having their house opened and warmed and a fine supper awaiting them which they joined them in eating and they did the same, reinforced by the Burnhams, for the Sumners and the Moggs' friends the Crandalls.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sumner arrived on Saturday evening and have received a hearty welcome back from their friends. Fairhope has no more ardent friends than they. They returned with reinforcements, being accompanied by Mr. E. Payne Mr. Sumner's cousin, and by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cadmus and son Richard, of Austinburg, Ohio. The latter are in the east of Mrs. Mann's cottages.

Mr. Ben Hanford left on Thursday morning for Chicago to attend a meeting of the national executive committee of the socialist party. He expects however to return within a week or so, and has rented the Dorchester cottage.

INFORMATION.

Show me the road to Lazyville—
It can't be far away—
Where shadows linger cool and still
And idle sunbeams play.
Where rustling leaves are whispering soft,
And skies are mild and blue,
And placid cloud-banks drift aloft,
With nothing else to do.

Oh, Lazyville's a dear old place;
It's over Dreamland way;
The route's not difficult to trace
Upon a summer day.
The nodding rose that blooms in state,
The wild flowers on the hill,
All generously indicate
The way to Lazyville.
—Washington Star.

Her Lapses of Memory.

Dorothy was begging permission to go and buy some candy.

"You may go, dear,' said her aunt, "if you will go straight there and come straight back after you have got it. Do you think you can do that?"

"Sure!'

Grabbing the money, she started off on a run—and didn't show up again for two hours.

"Aunt Mary," she said, after having endured her austere relative's reproachful look as long as she could stand it, "I forgot twice; goin' and comin'."—Chicago Tribune.

GRIM HUMOR.



"I never do have any luck. Now a raging toothache has begun just at the moment that I was going to take my life, and the nearest dentist lives at least three leagues from here."

It Makes a Difference.

"Who is that large, fat, overdressed, pudgy woman in the box?" asked the stranger at the theater.

"That? Why, that is Mrs. Gottalot. You know she is worth about 50 millions, and——"

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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 perpetua 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 has been 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 long distance 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary.

Strikes at the Root of the Trouble.

The Johnstown Pa. Democrat thus concludes a most able editorial on the present situation.

"At the bottom of this whole trouble lies the fact that to an alarming extent opportunity has been forestalled and made artificially scarce. Speculation in grain has done no material harm. In the long run it has quite possibly done good by the regulation of demand and supply. Nor has speculation in any other form of wealth been more than superficially hurtful. It is only where speculation has concerned itself with things that are fixed in quantity, as land is fixed, that real harm has come. If you corner eggs and in so doing raise the price, you tend to increase the production of eggs; and increased production means a decreasing tendency in price. It is the same with pork and corn and butter and shoes. These are all commodities the price of which may be readily increased or diminished in response to market conditions.

"But land is a fixed quantity. It cannot be increased or diminished. There is just so much of it and even if you push the price up to the highest conceivable limit the area remains what it was when Adam delved and Eve span. Speculation in land values therefore is a different matter from speculation in commodities. The latter are not fixed in quantity. Land is so fixed. An increase in the price of land does not mean and cannot mean the production of more land. It means only that labor and capital must pay a higher premium in rent or purchase price for the use of land.

"It is because this premium has been pushed by speculation beyond the point where it can be paid by labor and capital and leave them enough to induce them to continue production that collapse has come, with faltering confidence, halting industry and increasing economic disorder. It is a familiar phenomenon. It has been seen before in all civilized countries, under all forms of government, coincident with all systems of banking and currency and quite without regard to tariffs or legislative policies and expedients. It has befallen free trade England and protected Germany. It has befallen gold standard countries and silver standard countries. It has come quite impartially to republics and to empires, to free governments and to autocracies. And in every case its manifestations have been the same because the exciting cause was the same.

"Currency propositions are therefore frivolous at this time. Doubtless improvement in our currency system might be made. But if we had a currency system economically perfect. We should still have panics just as we have had them in the past and as we are passing through one at this moment. One of the least important phases of the existing situation is that of an apparent money scarcity. It is not real nor is it vital. The only vital thing is the cornering of opportunities and the consequent paralysis of production. Were we to issue ten billions or ten thousand billlions of greenbacks or create a thousand or ten thousand banks of issue; or should we give a ten dollar guaranty for every penny of bank deposits; we should not thus even remotely affect except to intensify the corner in opportunity. This can be reached only by making it unprofitable to hold valuable land out of use. And we can make it unprofitable to do this by taxing all valuable land at its full value. This would break the corner and prevent another from following. It would free industry. It would emancipate labor. It would provide all needed revenue for the uses of government. It would thus make even a revenue tariff wholly and forever unnecessary. And it would forever put a stop to the quackery which is now so resounding among statesmen who think to cure an organic disease by the suppression of one of its least important symptoms.

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BLESSING OF EARTH IS TOIL.

(By Henry Van Dyke.)

Blessed are they that labor, for Jesus partakes
of their bread.
He cancels the curse of Eden, and brings
them a blessing instead;
He puts his hand to their burdens; he enters
their homes at night;
Who does his best shall have as a guest the
Master of life and light.
And courage will come with his presence, and
patience return at his touch,
And manifold sins be forgiven to those who
love him much;
And the cries of envy and anger will change to
the songs of cheer
For the toiling age will forget its rage when
the Prince of Peace draws near.
This is the gospel of labor—ring it, ye bells of
the kirk—
The Lord of Love came down from above to live
with the men who work.
This is the rose that he planted here in the
thorn-cursed soil—
Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the
blessing of earth is toil.

JOHNSON WINS! MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IN SIGHT IN CLEVELAND.

Tom Johnson and the people of Cleveland have at last won a sweeping victory in the long fight for relief from the street car monopoly in their city.

Not only has the fight been waged along the line of compelling the existing company to reduce its rates by refusing extensions of franchises except on a lower fare basis, but the mayor has promoted another company, which, on a three cent fare basis, and with a privilege of purchase by the city was given franchises for operation in new territory and the old company compelled to give it joint track facilities on an equitable basis over its lines in the heart of the city.

The old company has held on from year to year, obstructing the mayor by injunction after injunction, and evidently with the hope that he, or the people could eventually be tired out; but the last election, when Mayor Tom was elected for the fourth time, and with a council practically unanimous in support of his policies, seems to have convinced its stockholders that the fight was hopeless.

The exact terms of settlement have not as we write been decided upon but there seems no reason to doubt that terms favorable to the city and just to the company will speedily be agreed upon.

The probable method of immediate procedure will be for the lines of the Cleveland Electric Co. (the old company) and of the Forest City Railway Co. (the new three cent fare company) to be put under the charge of a "holding company" until the details of their actual purchase and operation by the city can be worked out.

Complete municipal ownership and operation of street railways in Cleveland may be said to be "in sight."

We congratulate Mr. Johnson and his immediate fellow-workers (not really many in number) to whose unselfish efforts and extraordinary ability and persistence this great victory is chiefly due.

Prohibition Wave Brings Taxation Problem to Front.

The prohibition wave which is sweeping over the south is going to bring the taxation problem very much to the front. The cities and towns have been relying largely—especially for school funds—upon the proceeds from liquor licenses, and are going to be hard put to it to find another way to get the revenue.

Judging by the way the city council of Birmingham has been going at the problem, the burden will be chiefly shifted to the already overburdened businessmen and manufacturers in the shape of increases in the vicious and burdensome license taxes already imposed.

Here are some samples of the increases of business licenses as stated by the Age-Herald.

"The licenses which are multiplied by 20 are those on daily newspapers, $25 to $475; multiplied by 12, coca-cola bottlers, $25 to $300; multiplied by five, drovers $15 to to $85; quadrupled, cash registers, $25 to $100, express company, $250 to $1,000; tripled, coffee, tea, sugar, $50 to $150; increased by more than 100 per cent, but less than 200 per cent., weekly newspapers, civil engineers, collectors. dye house, foreman of buildings, mutual aid insurance, $10 to $25; dry goods, $100 to $250, while some have to pay as high as $400 on large stocks; grocers, $100 to $250, one class of hotels, $100 to $275, telegraph company $350 to $750."

Together with a long list which has been doubled.

Of course there is great dissatisfaction among the business men who are thus compelled to pay an unexpected and wholly unjust tribute, for permission to continue in their honorable and useful vocations. Coming at this time when many of them are up against a very hard proposition to meet their present obligations it may easily be the last straw which will drive some of them out of business, either through the bankruptcy courts or by a slower process. In any event, however, the burden will eventually settle down upon the consumers, as all other burdens of taxation upon things whose production is discouraged thereby.

The time is especially favorable for pointing out the Single Tax and Fairhope method of apportioning the public expense upon the people on the basis of the benefit which they individually derive from the public, which is always accurately reflected in the value of the land upon which they live and do business.

A club of new subscribers is the most appropriate and acceptable Christmas present for an editor—and just as appropriate for a New Year's gift.

New Paper Gives Interesting History of Once Boom Town.

The National Megaphone, L. S. Foster editor, is a neat new Alabama paper, published at Fruithurst, Cleburne County.

About the time Fairhope started here, Fruithurst was perhaps, the best advertised small town in Alabama, being among the first points to be exploited by speculators, as several points in this county have been and are being.

The Megaphone gives this interesting historical information about Fruithurst:

It was originally built up by a colony of excellent, industrious and thrifty people from the North. It has been a success, though, after some years of existence it ran down somewhat. Like all new towns, of this character, it was over-done at first. Many nice homes were built; a handsome $40,000 hotel was built: many ten-acre vineyard's and fruit farms were cleared and planted; and real estate commanded high prices. After this unusual and abnormal activity there came a reaction and everything went to the bottom. The splendid hotel was torn down and moved to some springs in the country. Real estate depreciated, and many became discouraged and left. But that period of depression has passed. Every house in the town is occupied.

A similar experience has befallen many places boomed by speculators. including some in this county and will inevitably, in greater or less degree, befall others.

Artificial "booms" are worked up by the systematic efforts of professional selling agents, working for big commissions; but as the number of dissatisfied people on the ground increases and the proportionate control of land by the speculators decreases, the booms wane.

In some cases of boomed "towns" in Kansas and Nebraska there never has been recovery from the bursting of the booms, but their sites are today in use simply as farm or grazing land. Usually however, thanks to a post-office and a store or two, the towns continue to exist after a fashion.

There being no element of land speculation in Fairhope, it has no temporary stimulus from the efforts of land agents, and has no boom to burst.

Try and make a live enterprising place out of your home town, and when working for its institutions or speaking well of the town or country remember you are accomplishing all the more for yourself. Don't be foolish enough to idle away valuable time predicting failures and thereby decrease the value of your property.—Baldwin Times.

The famous schooner "Lawson," the only seven-masted sailing vessel ever constructed, was wrecked December thirteenth; and was a total loss. She was not insured, though it is reported her charter this year would bring the owners $78,000 on her valuation of $300,000.

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Pay your poll tax. It must be paid before February first, including all back taxes, or you can't vote.

Mr. Fels was slated to sail for New York on the fourteenth; He was not sure whether he would be able to get to Fairhope or not while on this side. We sincerely hope he may. He should be in Philadelphia by this time,

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The Onlooker, the new Baldwin County paper, is evidently Republican, in sympathies at least, and reports the organization of a republican club, with thirty members, at Foley. The Onlooker is well patronized by the land agents, having over four columns of land advertisements.

R. S. McMahon of New Iberia, La., writes of the statement regarding Fairhope, given in the Courier and issued in pamphlet form: "Let me congratulate you on the style, tone and get up of same. The arguments are sound, safe and nicely presented and the statement is a most forceful and convincing one to any one who can reason."

The Herald Publishing Company has taken over the Mobile Daily Herald, Hon. Max Hamburger Jr. retiring, we understand. Mr. John F. Carter, long connected with the paper as editor, is president of the new company and will, we presume, continue as editor. Mr. Carter is one of the brightest young newspaper men in the South and we look for the Herald to achieve a conspicuous success under his direction.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Courier Readers.

The Courier typos (the editor's daughter and son) are anxious for a vacation next week. They say the editor had a vacation—attending the Single tax Conference—and it should be their turn now. If the paper should not appear next week, don't be alarmed and think it has suspended. It will appear on time, to begin the New Year. As this will be the last issue before Christmas, at any rate, we here wish to all the Courier readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—as merry and happy ones as is possible to those who, like you and us, realize so deeply and keenly the burden of undeserved and unnecesary toil and deprivation resting upon the masses because of our unjust land system.

May we not say that none who do realize this deserve a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year unless they are doing what they can--in one way or another—to remedy the wrong?

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

The committee having in charge the anniversary celebration has prepared the following interesting program of short addresses to follow the banquet.

Toastmaster	P. Y. Albright
Thirteenth Anniversary	E. B. Gaston
The Clubs	Mrs. F. L. Brown
Our Appetites	J. M. Pilcher
Fraternal Organizations	Dr. H. S. Greeno
Agricultural Developments	R. F. Powell
The Ladies	Wm. L. Heller
Opportunity	Rev. H. G. Sedinger
Cranks in Fairhope	I. Lancaster
Henry George	Miss A. A. Chapman
Plantation Pleasantries	Dr. G. A. Sheldon
The Future of Fairhope	F. L. Brown

The banquet will be served promptly at 6:30 o'clock. Tickets are thirty five cents and can be secured of either Mr. Albright or Mr. Heller of the committee. Those desiring to attend should secure their tickets early, as the number who can be accommodated is limited to one hundred.

Some people look aghast at our having to fertilize here and forget about the quantities of manure applied to land in the north and east. In an interesting article on "Scientific Soil Saving" in the Farmers Voice, it gives pictures of a field of cowpeas being rolled for plowing under on the R. M. Kellog great strawberry farm at Three Rivers, Michigan, and of twelve car-loads of Chicago stock-yards manure, on track at Three Rivers, a part of fifty car-loads spread over one-hundred acres of the same farm, at a cost of $3,000. So, you see the necessity for fertilizing is not confined to Alabama by any means. And as in Michigan so here, the best fertilizers are leguminous plants and manure. These sixty car loads, amounted to 1750 tons or 17½ tons per acre and this was put on the same land on which the cow peas were turned under. What would Baldwin County land do with such fertilizing?

From all directions comes the news of shutting down of mills and factories, and men being thrown out of employment. Reduction of wages of those who continue employed, will inevitably soon follow. A Chicago real estate man told one of our citizens recently that he had been compelled by owners of properties in his charge to put a number of tenants in the street who were unable to pay their rent, because unable to find employment. This is only a slight forecast of what is certain to follow. Happy the men in these times, who have their own homes, their garden, their poultry, and their cow. Particularly fortunate are they if they are in this favored southern country, where they need little fuel and if worst comes to worst, can usually get it for little if any more than the labor of cutting; and where the soil will not be locked up by frost for many months, but can be made to yield something for home consumption throughout the winter. Most fortunate are we at Fairhope.

The Courier would give little encouragement to people to come to Fairhope who expect to be only wage-earners. In the absence of factories and the diversification of industry which is only possible where many people are gathered together, the opportunities to secure employment of others, must necessarily be limited. We believe they are, under our policy, much better than in other places of the same population and development, but Fairhope's advantages are particularly for those who want self-employment. Any one who would settle down to rent a house and seek jobs from others had better stay where opportunities of that kind are more plentiful. For the man who has ambition to get into his own home at the earliest moment, stop paying rent, have his own garden, fruit, chickens and cow, etc., and only plans to work off his place incidentally and temporarily, Fairhope offers opportunities which exist nowhere else. Such people, if possessed of reasonable industry and capability are quite sure to get along.

The Effort to Get Something for Nothing, the Root of our Trouble.

George H. Taylor, in Enterprise,
(Rocky Ford, Col.)

A proposition that we dispense altogether with currency and return to the age of barter would be used as the acme of absurdity, and yet if every actual product of labor was paid for with some other actual product of like value we should have no panics. Panics come of the exchanges of chances on our getting something for nothing and nothing for something. It is the desperate attempt of men to get enough of something to relieve them from the necessity of producing anything. If every consumer daily rendered in some sort of social service something like the actual equivalent of what he consumes he would be filling his honest place in the world. To whatever degree a man gets more than he gives of the communal product he is a pensioner on the communal bounty. He is a parasite.

The man whose business is the facilitating of trade by transferring certificates of value called money, and other forms of paper representing actual values, is doing his part of the world's productive labor. He may be called a banker if you will. Just where he may cease to be a banker and become a parasite is more difficult to tell than is the case of the professional loafer, the tramp, the mendicant, who mingles no measure of social service with his schemes for subsistence. But all the way down from the man who bets on the prospective value of a trans-continental railroad to the stable boy who plays a game of "craps" for Sunday pastime, the scheme is one of getting something without giving anything. And this scheme of chances merges so indefinitely into the schemes where we give a little for a great deal, and these into those where we give actual equivalents, that the average mind does not apprehend anything but the broad extremes; so society sends the crap-player to prison, and abuses the stock gambler whom it cannot reach.

It does seem absurd however that we should regard the actual and honest trade activity of the world, or of the age, as an actual part of the gambling vocation, and mistake the excitement of the game, and the repeated raising of the stakes, for material "prosperity." Yet so it is. The man who abhors a game of "craps" sees nothing wrong in taking a chance on the speculative value of a town lot. He sells and gets something for nothing. He invests again --puts a little more into the jack pot—asking nothing about the actual productive power of the property, but trusting to the excitement of he game to give him his opportunity to work the trick. O no, that isn't the way he talks about it. We have a different vernacular for different kinds of games. But the trick of getting something for nothing is all one. Many good people do not know that they are even in the game. But when the betting has run high enough, somebody gets wise and pulls out of

the play, leaving the non-professionals with the empty nut shells on their hands. They are the last fellows in, and they must pay the inflated price for the property.

Public Roads News.

Dr. Greeno appeared before the county commissioners at their last meeting and secured authority for the extension of "Greeno boulevard" about four miles further south. He also urged the importance of having the road between Fairhope and Daphne put in passable shape and received assurance that it would be attended to at an early date.

We do not find however that any definite action was taken with regard to the making of Fairhope Ave., a public road through the town, or putting the Silver Hill road in shape. the matters of most importance to Fairhope.

John Miller was appointed overseer on the Silver Hill road, in place of Louis Barkley. Mr. Miller is an energetic gentleman and much interested in having the road kept in order, but the greatest trouble is that the most of what few hands there are on this road have paid the $3 which the commissioners agreed to accept in lieu of the liability to be summoned to work on the road, which money has gone to Bay Minette, while there are practically no hands left to work the road.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Dear friend, M. M. C.—Your excellent letter of November 22nd, I want to make some quotations from, hoping I have your consent. *

* * You say, speaking of Fairhope: "The trouble is in a lack of actual value inherent in the land. You all seem to think that in some way speculative prices can be changed to unearned increment." Are speculative prices prevalent—are they possible in Fairhope? I say no; for speculative prices of land are those secured by holding on to land until the price rises, and that for the benefit of the landlord. How can there be speculative prices of land that is never sold but held for the use of the people? Can you throw light on this subject? Do so then; but let it not be such a dazzling light that I shall be blinded and not see so well as I did before! I quote your words exactly and consecutively, but if you choose your words hurriedly, as we generally do in correspondence, you can revise them. x x x By "inherent value" of land you mean the natural value (it must be natural if inherited, i. e. pertaining to it naturally.) This land lends itself admirably, as we hrve proved, to intensive culture, the culture of the future. There is no land on earth "naturally,, adapted to this sort of culture. It must be treated as it is around Paris and the cities of the Orient and elsewhere. We did not settle in this region to practice the bonanza farming of the Great West, which spreads over enormous areas; employs an army of men, women and children; produces enormous crops at enormous cost but not enormous net profits, I am told, even after the enormous wear and tear of body and soul. Any way we need here and will have high, close culture. One citizen has succeeded admirably. He told me today that the "intensive" part of it was "in the man," meaning, I think, that rather more "eternal vigilance" was necessary in that method than in any other. Anyway, he is a great worker, and all rejoice in his success. If accounts of the Paris gardeners are correct, he might set his plants more closely with the same or better results. As Mr. Fels says; "No man yet knows what an acre of land is capable of producing." Around Paris and New York, mushrooms are grown under the benches of green-houses because they require little or no light.

All who have anything to do with farming seem to be convinced that we should have cattle as fast as possible, substitute stable manure for commercial fertilizers. wholly or in part, for intensive culture is not possible with the latter only.

M. M. C's: comments on the State Fair are interesting. He thought the Baldwin County exhibit was good. Of the live stock he said the best "lookod as though they were bred for display rather than use." He became interested in the people on the "Curve," that part of the Fair where the catch-penny shows were; the gambling devices, peanuts, ice cream etc. One thing he thought "would interest the ladies of Fairhope: a small cornucopia of cake filled with ice cream. It sold for a nickel. You take the cake by the tip, and beginning at the large end, eat cake and all. When you get through there is no spoon or dish to wash. A paper napkin could be furnished if desired.

He says of his saw mill and the weather: "It has rained almost constantly when it hasn't poured, for the last 30 hours, and the poor fireman is having a hard time of it trying to burn green, wet, muddy slabs. I would go and help him out, only he foolishly took the contract to keep fire night and day for less than the regular wages, and his fellow blacks would not stand by him, much to their credit, so he is getting a bitter pill."

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Which Are You?

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean,
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.
Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.
And oddly enough, you'll find, too, I ween,
There is just one lifter to twenty who lean.
In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

We have thought our weather quite unpleasant lately—it seems to us the most unpleasant December, so far, we remember in our thirteen years in Alabama—but, as compared with the weather reported from the north and east, we have no cause to complain. Chicago was visited with one of the worst snow storms in years and terrible gales have prevailed east. Our weather has not been so bad but that on Tuesday about sixteen of our winter residents had a fish fry on the beach and had "all kinds of a good time."

A news item announces that the Mallory Steamship Company has withdrawn from the Brunswick, Georgia, trade and its vessels will no longer touch there. We understand however, that the Mobile—New York vessels will touch at Tampa.

Tax Assessor Stapleton has arranged with Postmaster Oswalt to take the assessments of persons in this vicinity. The books are now at the post-office and returns can be made at any time.

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"Especially to a girl of your social standing."

"Yes; one could not possibly live at Newport all the year 'round."

GLOWING REPORT ON DAPHNE NORMAL SCHOOL.

By Professor J. A. B. Lovett.

If the legislature could see the good changes wrought at Daphne within the past few months and could see the splendid school now in operation in the once dilapidated old court house, I feel sure that every member of the house and senate would feel that the founding of this school was wise legislation, and that they would readily and willingly vote this new and struggling institution an increase in appropriation.

The old buildings have been overhauled and all the rooms made as attractive and comfortable as skilled workmen could make them. A strictly up to date steam heating plant has been installed; water works, with lavatories, drinking fountains and sanitary equipment are in course of construction. A complete outfit of the very best furniture has been placed. A library has been started, using a large number of the Humphrey book cases. Several sections are now filled with splendid volumes.

The department of science has been supplied with all necessary physical and chemical apparatus and chemicals and the geological museum represents many hundreds of the rarest of mineral specimens. A bell weighing more than half a ton rings out the signals to work. Beautiful concrete sidewalks surround the buildings and grounds, and a grand athletic field, will soon be put in shape for athletic sports.

Including the model school, we have an attendance of one hundred and thirty students, seventy six being in the normal school proper. Aside from the regular literary courses, extra courses in expression stenography and music are maintained on their merits. The department of music, under the direction of Miss Wilson McLendon is making splendid progress. Necessity has called for three pianos in this school.

The following counties are now represented in this school, Baldwin, Mobile, Washington Jefferson, Monroe, Escambia and Morgan.

Mrs. Hermann, the Jewish lady who came from New York recently and had such an unpleasant experience in Mobile, as reported in the Courier, returned to New York, with her three children, on the Mallory steamer on Tuesday. Miss Bettie Edelsohn, her sister, who accompanied her here, has very fortunately, been taken under the care of Dr. and Mrs. Edelman.

C. K. Brown is improving steadily now. His son F. L. Brown, had him out for a short ride on Sunday, the first time he has been out in many weeks.

Rev. Sedinger, Mrs. Dr. Mershon and Mr. Heller, attended the semi-annual convention of the Southern Alabama Christian Endeavor Union at Citronelle, last Thursday and Friday, and took an active part in the same. They were royally entertained in that thriving and progressive town and had a delightful time. They returned Saturday evening.

The Carney resumed her service on the Eastern Shore route on last Sunday. The Fairhope had a fine day's business on her last trip around the shore, Saturday, carrying about 120 passengers on the two runs, beside considerable freight both ways.

Our "reporter" got the relationship of Mrs. Dewey Wheeler and Miss Ruby Lancaster wrong in last issue. Miss Lancaster is Mrs. Wheeler's sister and not her niece.

The Courier was in error in stating that Mrs. Unger was at Seacliff. She is at Daphne.

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SINGLE TAX LITERATURE.

We have on hand at the COURIER office several copies of "The Shortest Road to the Single Tax" consisting of "The Condition of Labor", by Henry George; "The Natural Law" by Thos. G. Shearman; and the Single Tax Platform adopted at Chicago in 1893, neatly bound in paper, only 10 cents.

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Now is the time to advertise Fairhope among your friends. We have quite a quantity yet of the illustrated booklet "Scenes In and About Fairhope," for free distribution, and have also in neat booklet form the article on Fairhope policies and accomplishments which appeared in two recent issues of the COURIER. The latter is particularly designed for Single Taxers. If you have a Single Tax friend whom you have tried in vain to interest in Fairhope try this booklet on him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I HEREBY announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Baldwin County subject to the action of the Democratic Primary; and I respectfully solicit the support and influence of the people of Baldwin County. JAMES M. VOLTZ.

I hereby annouce myself as a candidat for the office of Tax Collector of Baldwin County, Ala., subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. G. B. STAPLETON.

BY NAME UNKNOWN

IMPORTANCE OF ANONYMOUS UTTERANCES IN HISTORY.

Scriptures Full of Instances in Which the Words of Nameless Speakers Were Most Fateful—Incident of the "Young Ruler."

In the course of reading one is often struck by the important part played by anonymous voices throughout history. The Scriptures are full of instances in which the words of nameless speakers have become historic. "Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian?"—words few, and their speaker unknown; but they drove Moses into the desert, an exile for 40 years. "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands," sang the Hebrew maidens in their rejoicing over the death of Goliath, and we know what fateful words they proved to the hero they were meant to honor. We remember the breathless arrival of Job's servants in sad fourfold succession, each with his tale of woe no sooner delivered than outdone by that of the next comer, and how each ended with the piercing refrain: "And I only am escaped alone to tell thee." Job's wife, that eastern Lady Macbeth, hisses out her diabolical instigation: "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die." Certain Chaldeans pillory themselves and glorify three Jews for all time by their sycophantic tale-telling: "These men, oh, king, have not regarded thee; they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou has set up." And others perform the same office for "that Daniel" which was "of the children of the captivity of Judah," to his great honor and their own undoing. Returning with slow steps and with awed and wondering looks come the men set to catch Jesus in His words, framing as the pass their more than sufficient excuse: "Never man spake like this man." The "young ruler" runs with this eager inquiry to the Master, and goes away sorrowful, making the great refusal. The woman of Samaria, with her keen questioning, draws from Christ the glorious truth that "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." As speaker of an all too memorable sentence, there is the pert servant maid who with a word cowed Peter and made him sin the sin of his life.

His One Yarn.

Four men who at one time or another had enjoyed the hospitality of one Canadian camp were talking around an open fire in a club the other night about the taciturnity of the average Canadian guide. The experience meeting had been opened by one man who had been telling of two days he spent with a native woodman in pursuit of a moose, and who in all that time had only spoken once, and then he dropped the undeniable fact that their way through the forest was a "damned bad trail."

"That's what I like about Jim McDonald," interjected one of the listeners. "You remember Jim?" The others "allowed" they did right well. "Now, he tells you the kind of stories I like to hear when I am in the woods. The last time I was up to the governor's camp he told me a bully yarn about being caught out on the lake one evening last winter without even a knife, and he got the best of three—"

"Five—four—six," broke in the listeners. And they all grinned. It seems Jim had told each one the tale, embroidering on facts in the story and increasing the number of wolves that had pursued him with each recital.

"Well," remarked the man who had started to tell the yarn, "I'm no nature student, and I don't care about the mere detail of facts. When I'm in the woods I like to hear my guide talk, even if he is a harmless liar."

Truly Admirable.

An Illinois politician, who once delivered what seemed to him an excellent and striking speech on the trust question, was most anxious to ascertain its effect upon the Democratic part of his audience, these for the most part being Irish.

"Was the speech to your liking, Pat?" he asked an old friend in the audience.

"Sure, it were a grand speech!" averred Pat, in a tone of such sincere admiration that the politician felt moved to investigate further.

"Was there any part of it more than another that seemed to hold you?" the speaker asked.

"Well, now that ye ask me, I'll tell ye," responded the Celt. "What took me most, sir, was yere perseverance—the way ye wint over the same thing agin and agin."—Harper's Weekly.

Non-Committal.

"How old are you?" asked the magistrate of the woman who had been mixed up in a fight.

"Five years younger than her that had me pinched," said the woman.

"Well, and what age is that?"

"Ask her first."—St. Louis Republic.

Merely Realism.

"Advertisements on the scenery!" exclaimed the star. "That's carrying commercialism entirely too far."

"It isn't commercialism," explained the manager. "We want the scene to look like a real meadow, don't we?"

Extremely Absent-Minded.

Professor—I always forget to carry a handkerchief. I really must tie a knot in mine.—Fliegende Blaetter.

Made Mad by Confinement.

Bacon—I see a Henry S. Brice of Patten, Me., claims to have found a frog in a century-old bedpost which he recently cut up.

Egbert—I suppose, when released, the frog appeared to be hopping mad?—Yonkers Statesman.

Ready to Go the Limit.

"I have here," said the long-haired visitor, "a little poem on spring."

"All right," said the editor, "leave it. I'll publish it. Nothing we can do to spring will be too cruel, after the experience we've had this year."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Advantage.

The Optimist—Surely it is worth something to a man to live in a country where he dare call his soul his own.

The Pessimist—Well, yes, I suppose he can get more for it, when he comes to sell it.—Puck.

Worse Still.

Towne—He's sorry now that he quarreled with his wife.

Browne—She's gone home to her mother, I suppose.

Towne—No, she's had her mother come home to her.

Among Newspaper Men.

Wright—I'm working on the Bugle now.

Penman—That paper is no good. I was on it once.

"Oh, well, it improved after you left it, you know!"—Yonkers Statesman.

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Buy a Fountain Pen for an Xmas present at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Big lot of fresh groceries at Mathews.

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Jewelery at reduced prices for Xmas at Fairhope Pharmacy.

C. D. Kenny Company's fine coffee and tea, you get a premium with every package at Mathews.

Mr. Stimpson is looking for a shipment of moulding and shingles every day now.

Before buying your Christmas presents come in and see our new stationery.

Mr. Tiffany was over to see Mrs. Tiffany last Saturday. She is improving nicely.

Imported filled dates and figs in twenty five cent boxes and packages at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mrs. Dr. Edelman and Miss Bettie Edelsohn were over from Mobile on Sunday.

A large assortment of the best cigars, Get a box for Xmas at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

For Dry Wood, pine or oak Prompt delivery, apply to R. Poortstra or telephone to J. W. Braam.

Look in at the Fairhope Pharmacy before you buy your Christmas candy. Only high grade candy in stock.

Dr. Chambers Wilson of Fraternal Homemakers Society fame, is now conducting an employment agency in Mobile.

Mesdames F. L. Brown and Gaston and Dr. Atkinson and the editor were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Mogg at their delightful home on Thursday.

Mr. Mathews is building a nice four room cottage just north of his store on Section st. He says he already has a renter for it.

A nice line of Xmas and New Year post cards, calendars, books, box stationary, etc., are now on sale at the Post Office News Stand.

25,169 is the lucky number for which the buggy waits. Look and see if you hav'nt got it somewhere. If 25,169 can't be found and 25,168 and 25,170 show up—neither has yet—we will let the holders draw cuts. Mershon Merchandizing Co.

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SEE OUR SHOW WINDOW!

Mershon Merchandising Company, Fairhope.

Mr. Trenholme was over home from Sunday morning to Tuesday morning and came home again on Wednesday evening on account of Mrs. Curtis' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Goddard will move soon into the two front rooms of Mr. Barber's cottage when he completes the interior finishing and furnishing of them.

Wonder how it would seem, if you were to make us a Christmas or New Year's present in cash to the amount of your account. We would certainly appreciate any favors along this line you can offer. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we wish to remain, Yours truly
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Aroma & Gandy	"	"	"	"

F. L. Horning.
Homecroft Gardens.

Amos H. Wagner, of Point Clear is of the Courier's opinion about the importance of dairying for bringing in a steady income, and building up the soil, He expects to be milking ten or twelve cows by spring and also intends to get a cream separator.

NOTARY PUBLIC
G. W. WOOD
FAIRHOPE

Council Proceedings.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Dec. 16, with all members present, Vice Pres. Paton in the chair.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of Dec. 4 and 11.

Following bills allowed:

J. W. Braam, tel. work	$ 5.90
Jno. Blomquist road work	6.95
G. M. Bancroft " "	7.35

Report of Mr. Trenholme, supervising architect, on the erection of the new school-room presented, accepted and placed on file.

Moved and carried that the action of Messrs. Stimpson and Paton in contracting With Mr. Littleffeld to do the interior finishing in the school-house at twenty-five dollars was approved.

A communication was received from Mr. Horning releasing the S. E. ¼ of his 10 acres, and making a proposltion regarding the surrender of more of his tract which was not altogether clear to the council.

It was moved and carried that relinqishment of the S. E. ¼ of Horning tract be approved, on surrender of lease and renton surrendered portion be fixed at two and one half dollars for 1908; and that other proposition be referred back to Mr. Horning for clearer statement.

It was moved and carried that three dollars each be added to pro rata according to size of inside lot rate, on lots cornering on Fairhope and Magnolia Avenues and Summit street (recently opened).

Application of W. W. Kile for east 77 feet of lot 7, blk. 4 div. 1, granted.

Relinquishment by Jno. Blomquist of all of W. ½ of S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of Sec. 15, except 4 acres in N. W. cor. less streets, being 310 feet east and west, by 508 feet north and south granted.

Easily Grown Stock Feed
Big Cow-horn Turnips.

Will Stimpson gets quite indignant when people talk about this "not being a stock country" or the difficulty of growing feed for stock.

His farm is usually well stocked with home grown feed for the team of mules, horse and two or three cows which he keeps. Beside his oat and cow-pea hay in the barn, he has now fine oats pasture for his cows, when the ground is in condition for them to be turned on it, and has cow-horn turnips and sweet potatoes, in the ground, to be taken up and fed as wanted. The sweet potato tops have, of course been killed by the frost, but the turnips are still growing.

Mr. Stimpson left at the COURIER office on Monday a sample of the cow horn turnips which are immense, the largest we have ever noted, one weighing a little over 4 pounds and the other about as much under 4 pounds. They were 17 inches long exclusive of top and small roots, and over three inches in diameter. Mr. Stimpson thinks the cow-horn the best turnip to grow here for stock—and they are good table turnips, too—They are particularly convenient for cutting up for stock on account of their long cylindrical shape.

Mr. Paton is getting quite a stock of chickens. He has a lot of the "Campine" breed the start of which he received from A. Freeland, of Tennessee; the well known Single Taxer, who imported them from Belgium. They are very attractive fowls distinctly marked and said to be particularly good layers. It was on account of the favorable report made upon the variety by the U. S. consul at Belgium that Mr. Freeland imported them. Mr. Paton is saving all of the eggs from the Campine hens for sitting and by another season will have a large flock.

Messrs. Jennings, W. A. Dealy and James Gaston; Misses Ivy Powell and Frances Gaston and Mrs. Millie Littlegreen, were the pleased participants, on Tuesday night, in a hay "ride" out to the Fountains, recent comers who lived in Fairhope a while and are now located upon the former D. W. Rhodes place—which they have greatly improved—in the "Euclid" settlement. The party were royally treated and had a delightful time.

A. V. Callahan, who traded his property below Point Clear for land in Missouri and has lived for a couple of years, near St. Louis was a passenger on the Fairhope last Saturday returning to look after some interests here. Mr. Callahan has been giving particular attention to pushing his pear blight remedy. He appears to still have a warm regard for Baldwin County and its climate and is very likely to get back here to remain in the course of time.

Mr. W. S. Baldwin has added to the collection of fine vegetables in the Courier office two fine specimens of the purple top turnip. The heaviest weighs two and a quarter lbs. and the other a trifle less. They are very smooth and a fine grained, sweet, table turnip.

Amos H. Wagner, of Pt. Clear and John McCoy, of Marlow, two of our appreciated Baldwin County subscribers, were in on Monday and renewed their subscriptions, saying they could not get along without the Courier. Mrs. McCoy was in town with Mr. McCoy.

Winter Temperature.

Dec. 12 – Dec. 18, 1907.

	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Dec. 12	38	50	56
13	54	59	56
14	48	55	50
15	46	57	48
16	39	51	49
17	40	57	62
18	46	50	46

1 clear day, 5 part cloudy, 1 cloudy with rain.

L. F. Manly, Observer.

Dr. Atkinson returned from her extended northern trip on Saturday evening. She had been desiring to come for some time, but a severe attack of intercostal neuralgia delayed her departure. She enjoyed her visit with her friends and relatives extremely but was delighted to get home again among her Fairhope friends, notwithstanding.

B. J. Wintergalen, wife and baby of St. Louis, arrived on Monday evening and are visiting the Zurhorsts. Mr. Wintergalen was a caller at the Courier office with Mr. Zurhorst and subscribed for the paper.

Mrs. Braam called and renewed Mr. Braam's subscription to the Courier and also made us a "Christmas present", of two new subscriptions to northern relatives,

Miss Mildred Puckaber Mrs. Johnson's friend who had been with her for some time, left for her home in Brooklyn on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Thomas, our visitor from La Pointe, Wisc. has sent out a number of the Fairhope booklets hoping to interest some of his friends. Mr. Kile also, has sent out several.

The Fairhope ran up to Volanta after discharging at Fairhope, on Monday and Tuesday evenings and loaded a lot of resin from the Stapleton brother's still.

We expect to have Celery, Catawba Grapes, and Bananas next Monday in time for your.

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When Andrew Carnegie was a young man, he was inordinately fond of taffy. And when we learn the scheme he adopted to keep himself supplied, it is easy to understand why to-day he is able to build libraries.

Andy suggested to the other clerks in the office in which he was employed that they organize a club for mutual improvement. One of the rules provided that any member guilty of using an improper or slangy word or violating any of the numerous regulations laid down for gentlemanly conduct, should pay a fine of one cent for each offense. Tobacco was not allowed in the office, so under the skillful wire-pulling of Carnegie, it was voted that the fund should be used for the purchase of taffy. Carnegie was elected treasurer and disburser of the fund, and, as he never had to pay fines for misconduct, his taffy cost nothing.

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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 perpetua 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 has been 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 long distance 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

December 15—The work on the Library building approaches completion. Today the men are working on the wire netting that lies under the outside coat of cement or "stucco." This has been delayed for many days on account of the rain that came so soon after the first coat that we feared it would be washed off. Fortunately it escaped and is now almost or quite dry and the weather promises to be most favorable to the finishing of the work. Barring the overseeing of the foundation, the chimney, and of the stucco work, we owe the building to volunteer labor. Our devoted Father Knowles not only put in five dollars at first, and several days of carpenter work, but walked all the way down here to pay in another five dollars! He was 80 years old last March and was quite disgusted that I "cheated him out of six years" when I mentioned him in these letters in issue of November first as being a war veteran seventy four years old. He has had his pension raised by the government recently, and the generous soul felt it his "duty" he said to "do a little more toward the Library." Brother Stimpson has been one of the most devoted workers. He is on the building committee, and looks after every odd and end that others might forget. Mr. Paton is another of the devoted volunteers. I glance out of the bay window as I write and see him plying the hoe in the mortar-bed, when he is not doing the harder work of "tending the masons."

I want at this moment to ask those subscribers to the fund that have not yet paid, to do so now when it is most needed; and if any reader of the COURIER hesitates lest it be too late, I would say that every cent that comes too late for the finishing of the building, means that much more for the inside furniture, lighting, etc. The carpenters will build the library table, and we must have the wood for that, and pine for some of the shelving. All of the old shelving cannot be used, being of all sizes etc.

Talking to the other members of the Library Association about the proposed entertainment, especially to our president, Mrs. Comings, we agreed to have a literary and musical evening, instead of a dance. This will be heartily supported by our local, oratorical, and dramatic talent. Dr. Sheldon is engaged—for one or more numbers—and you know how he "draws." Then there is Mrs. Bancroft and Mr. Trenholme who may possibly give again that amusing little farce: "The train to Morro," it may be that Mr. Vredenburg will be here with his splendid violin. Let us all unite to make this a grand success, and if we realize a few extra dollars we might thus form the nucleus of a book fund—and the first investment from it should be in a dozen adjustable magazine covers, or holders.

I should say that the entertainment proposed will not interfere with the proposed supper in the new building to volunteer helpers in the last day's work, cleaning up, spading up the ground for planting, around it, etc. etc. All I have talked with are greatly in favor of that supper. We will have the big fire in the new fire-place and a good social time, "Dr. Clara" who has been so long absent comes home tonight and she can always be counted on in any good work.

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