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SINGLE TAX DINNER IN BOSTON.

Tributes to Tom L. Johnson. Many Harvard Men Present

(From Boston Globe.)

Two hundred persons ate dinner in Kingsley hall in the Ford building last night under the auspices of the Massachusetts Single Tax league, and listened afterward to a number of most cheerful and hopeful speeches on the subject which gives the league its name.

C. B. Fillebrown presided, and before beginning his own remarks called on those who were either in the faculty or the student body of Harvard to rise. Quite 30 persons stood up, some of them women, amid great applause. Three of the speakers are members of the faculty.

Mr. Fillebrown said in part:

"Massachusetts is starting 20 years in the wake of England to agitate for old age pensions —to administer charity instead of chloroform. We would do neither, but instead would give to every man his own rights, instead of giving them to somebody else, an end that can be accomplished by taxing away from one man the special privilege by which he is able to tax away, to his own use and behoof, a share of another man's rightful wages. In this way we would make the man and the family the adequate providers of their own pensions."

Lincoln Steffens spoke on "Tom Johnson, the great Democrat," describing rapidly his personal history, and laying his recent failure to the fact that he for a few weeks after getting control of Cleveland's street railways ceased to play politics, and also failed to tell the people the full scope of his purpose. Mr. Steffens claimed that the great strike was financed, advised and directed by the men Johnson had fought for the control--the capitalists. It was these men who advised labor to use the referendum on Johnson. And now, Mr. Steffens said, "all that remains of Tom Johnson's great work is an enlightened people. And they will come back, they'll understand, and they will solve the problem."

W. M. Salter spoke on the "Ethical Foundation for Single Tax," and Rev. C. Bertrand Thompson on the "Pragmatics and Idealistics of Single Tax."

Prof. Comfort A. Adams, an electrical engineer and member of the Harvard faculty, was introduced to tell about the real Tom Johnson, and paid high tribute to the Ohioan, bringing his report from a man who was on the inside in the recent traction fight, though himself a republican, and so not prejudiced in favor of Johnson.

Mrs. Anita Trueman Pickett answered the question "Does it pay to work for Single Tax?" by concluding that it does, because one has the consciousness of helping to hasten the coming dawn.

The last speaker was Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Labor and the Tariff.

To the Editor of the Fairhope Courier.

The "Workingmen's protective tariff club" of Philadelphia requests the ways and means committee to revise the tariff on cheap oriental mattings—upward! Either because of poverty or of preference many of our citizens are buying cheap mattings instead of Philadelphia, and New England carpets. It is very desirable, from the manufacturer's point of view, that this "club" should be used to "protect" (intimidate) other workingmen from buying cheap matting, so that they will find it cheaper to buy dearer carpets. At present the collected duty on matting goes into the national treasury. This Philadelphia club desires of the people's Congress a private law which shall, by increase of the duty, discourage buying, prevent any revenue to the country, and divert it to the pockets of the club's members instead. This is "protection" in its boldness —an evil scheme from beginning to end. The club hopes to increase its wages by decreasing those of other workingmen, for if other workingmen are compelled by law to pay more for their floor coverings, it is plain that such compulsion is an insidious reduction of their wages, a man's actual wages being what he can command for his money.

To a man up a tree the "club" appears to be unkind and unfair. Even it it be true that Philadelphia looms can be kept busy only by preventing other workingmen from getting cheap supplies elsewhere, the "club's" appeal is that Philadelphia workingmen shall be supported at the expense of workingmen in general. What is this but pauperism concealed under the pleasing name of "protection?"

This organization of workingmen is being "worked" for the benefit of employers who are "protected." But the men are not protected. Englishmen, Frenchmen, Germans, Mexicans, and Canadians can come to the United States and freely underbid the men who fondly think they are "protected." The members of the workingmen's protective tariff club have for sale their muscle and their skill. Is there any tariff against the importation of these? Surely not; the market to which they carry their muscle and skill is a free trade market.

In Congress in March, 1872, the late William D. Kelley of Pennsylvania, when reminded that there was no tariff on labor, replied: "Yes men are on the free list. They cost us not even freight———We promote free trade in men, and it is the only free trade I am prepared to promote." Yes, these workingmen who are trying to "club" other workingmen are themselves on the free list—and do not so much as know that simple fact.

New York City. Wm. Ryan.

Send for a few of our neat slips regarding Colony and Courier, to hand to friends or enclose in letters.

Uncle Sam Held Up.

Treasury officials at Washington believe there is a hold-up game in connection with the offers of sites for a Sub-Treasury building in San Francisco. The bids have an elevated appearance to the guardians of Uncle Sam's pocketbook. They say "the prices are too high."

Of course it's a hold-up game, but no officer of the Government should object on that account. The government is asked to pay, and will be compelled to pay, for a Sub-Treasury site in this city the value that has been added to the site by the industrial growth of the city. A man buying a site for a home or for a business block is held up in the same way, and from Washington officialdom comes no protest against that hold-up of individuals.

If a poor man who wants a home is the legitimate prey of landlords, why should the Government escape landlord rapacity? If our rulers at Washington want a square deal for the Government, let us have a Presidential message on the unfair and unsquare deal given to homeseekers. —Star

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Resolution of Thanks For Aid in County Exhibit

Resolved that the Baldwin County Agricultural Association impelled by a deep sense of appreciation for the magnificent donations of money and produce made by The Southern States Lumber Company, A. Vizard, L. A. Cowan, H. D. Ewing, James K. Glennon, H. C. Bartling, Louis Metzger, Southern Plantation Development Company, John B. Foley, James A. Carney and various citizens of Baldwin County for the collection and exhibition of the products of this county at Birmingham and Montgomery, and as the resultant effect of said exhibit, now felt in bringing many homeseekers into our midst that the grateful thanks of this Association be and is hereby tendered to every contributor thereto, and that a copy af this resolution be given to the Onlooker, Baldwin Times and Fairhope Courier for publication.

The English contingent, the Stimpsons, Dysons, Howarths, Stradlings and Messrs. J. C. Christopher and Albert Oldham and a young English gentleman from Mobile, took Christmas dinner, at the Stimpson home, as they have for several years past. Genuine English plum pudding figured prominently in the menu and the party held together until after midnight having a genuine "old country" good time.

The editor of the Southern Ruralist, in response to a request of our Mr. E. W. Jefferson for the best top dressing for bearing strawberries gave the following: "phosphate 100 lbs., nitrate of soda 100 lbs. sulphate of potash, 50 lbs."

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CHRISTMAS AT FAIRHOPE

An Ideal Day, and Abundance of Good Cheer in the Homes of Fairhopers.

Christmas was an ideal day at Fairhope. There was enough coolness in the air to make a fire comfortable in the morning and evening, but during the day the sun shone brightly and doors were for the most part open.

There were numerous dinner parties of families and friend of some of which only did the COURIER learn.

One party which enjoyed a picnic dinner together at the home of the Burnhams, included beside Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, and Mrs. Burnham's brother, Mr. A. D. Burnham of Chicago, Messrs. and Mesdames Ames, Mogg, Parrish, Sumner and Lewis; Mrs. Barnes and daughter Marjorie, Miss Owen, Miss Hills, Mrs. Kingman and son Frank, Mrs. Anderson and son, and Mr. Payne. They not only had dinner together, but supper also, and spent the intervening time in games and varied amusements.

Mr. and Mrs. Troup and Mr. Watros took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Powell at their pleasant home.

"The Gables" had a few guests in addition to the "family."

Miss Chapman very kindly extended her hospitality on the occasion to some of the "unattached" gentlemen, Messrs. Fred Prinzing, Percy Stokes and Otto Went.

The families of A. H. and C. L. Mershon, Fred and W. E. Sweet and Gaston; Nathaniel Mershon, Dr. Atkinson and Mrs. Magden, 24 in number, all took dinner at the Gaston home on Christmas and had a jolly time.

The Littlefield family were glad in the over-Christmas presence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Littlefield from Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon had a special pleasure in a family reunion which included all their children and grand-children, the family party numbering twelve,

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Keller had their family all at home for Christmas, their sons Roscoe and Ralph coming up from Ft. Morgan, where they have been at work for several months to spend the holidays at home.

Among others who were home for Christmas were Misses Grace Williams, Vera Mershon, Alice Patterson and Hazel Pilcher, and Messrs. Wm. Call, Dan Shepherd, Laurie Tilson and Ernest Baldwin.

Fairhope is as certain to grow as water is to run down hill. You can help or hinder. Which will you choose?

Mrs. Howland's Letters

One of the most satisfactory hours I ever passed in Fairhope was last Sunday, at the pleasant home of the Slossons. The Progressive League met there, under the auspices of the Fifth Thursday Club, for a *musicale* to take the place of the ordinary essay and discussion. The president, Mr. Ewald, after the reading of the minutes, and a few remarks on the function of music in the progress of civilization, gave the meeting over to the Club ladies. We leaned back in our chairs—one of us did at least, and gave us up wholly to the spell of harmony, musical and social. Lovers of Fairhope were present in force; for we all expected our visiting friends—Fels, Kiefer, Ring and Pastoriza. They were there, and it was good to see their faces. x x x Miss Taggart had charge of the program, and introduced every number with pleasant words of appreciation and explanation Miss Taggart, you may know, is our new teacher in the Organic School, and one of the brightest and most cultivated young women of the colony. The little biographical touches she had collected for us were models of graphic condensation. She said in beginning: "We have chosen each number of the program this afternoon with special reference, not so entirely to its artistic merit, but rather to its successful emotional expression; to the human quality which makes its appeal to every heart. On a program chosen with this end in view, Franz Schubert will always be included as one of those composers whose every note has that touch of nature which proves the kinship of us all." x x x "Schumann was more successful from the view point of the world than was Schubert. He had greater technical facility; his accompaniments are more artistic, his emotional passages are more delicately shaded and more exquisite; but he never touched the depths of feeling that Schubert often did. His *Troumerei* is in all these points most characteristic and successful. No interpretation of it is possible, for our dreams bear a personal meaning to each of us. '

There was the violin and the vocal solos of Miss Nellie Slosson and the piano accompaniment of Mrs. Comings—six numbers, and all and every part well done. We are all proud of our Miss Slosson; and her kindness in playing and singing for us is beyond praise. This is the program in the order of its execution: (1) Schubert's Serenade; (2) his Wanderer; (3) the Largo of Handel; (4) Schubert's Who is Sylvia? (5)Schuman's Traumerei; (6) Schubert's Loreley.

The audience were delighted and gave votes of thanks to the artists and to the family who so graciously entertained us. At the close Mrs. Comings renewed her general invitation to all Fairhope and to the stranger within our gates to be at the Fifth Thursday Club reception at the Gables next Thursday afternoon. Mayor Greeno extends a similar invitation to his house on New Year's day,

On Xmas day all the Pines family dined and supped with Mr. Staples and "sister Melissa" who is his housekeeper. The fare was too sumptuous and extensive to be "catalogued," but it embraced Florida oranges, oysters and Fairhope grown strawberries. The table was decorated with a very tall bouquet of roses, jasmines, violets and lillies, the jasmines in very long sprays were twined loosely around the long stem of the vase. There are two young bachelors boarding with Mr. Staples and we made quite a respectable family.

Closing Exercises of School of Organic Training.

The closing exercises of the School for Organic Training which occurred on the morning of the 18th were well attended. There were songs and recitations by members of the Life Class, all learned from frequent repetition by the teacher as this class it will be remembered use no books yet they would have done credit to much older pupils.

Following this were exercises in the outdoor gymnasium. The apparatus is limited but they did all sorts of work on the parallel bars and turning pole, the older boys and girls doing some very creditable work After a short time out doors everybody returned to the school room, in the center of which stood a beautifully lighted Xmas tree and here was emphasized a unique feature of the school. The gifts were entirely the work of the pupils and so much had been accomplished that every adult person in the room had a gift, many of them more than one, the children having decided before to whom each article was to be given, and still there was sufficient work left to decorate the walls of the room and then have a goodly number of articles left for sale. The pupils themselves received nothing but a little popcorn and home made candy but they were much more contented and happy than if they had received instead of giving.

The Organic School has proven its right to a place among the permanent things of Fairhope.

Christmas at the Church.

The Church was jammed for the Christmas eve entertainment of the Sunday school.

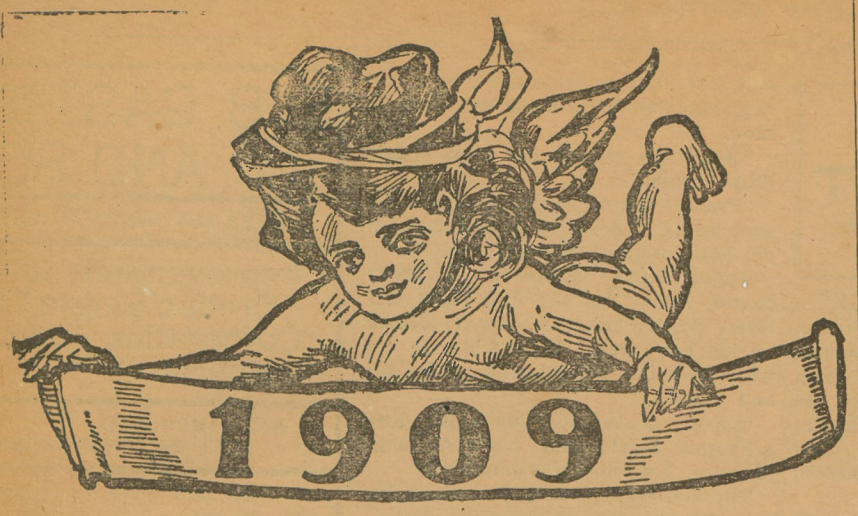
A very pretty little Christmas cantata, was presented, the leading vocal parts being taken by Misses Bessie Littlefield and Frances Gaston. A Boy's trio composed of Jake Van Bendegom, Orrie Keller and Don Littlefield, sang very well.

J. M. Pilcher acted the part of Santa Claus, "with variations." He came on the stage disguised with long black beard, saying that he had just arrived "from Fish river" and from a battered satchel and with apologies because of the "hard times" drew out a number of fake presents the character of which, and the remarks with which they were presented created great merriment. After a little of this, he threw off his outward garb, and revealed himself as a genuine white-whiskered Santa Claus, in fur-trimmed garb, and assisted in distributing the more acceptable presents from a "Christmas umbrella" which was lowered from the ceiling.

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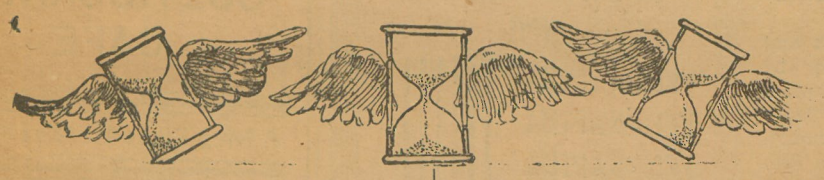
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A happy and prosperous nineteen hundred and nine to you. May you have everything you deserve.



Four Celebrations of New Year's Day





NEW YEAR is celebrated in this country at least on four different dates in addition to the regular national New Year's celebration on January 1. The first of these foreign celebrations will be that of the Greeks and Russians and a few other nationalities which adhere to old style dates. They will have New Year on January 14, 13 days later than the New Year of the new style. Next in order comes the Chinese New Year, on February 13, and, but a day later, February 14, comes the Mohammedan first day of the year. The Jewish New Year falls nealy nine months later, about the middle of Sepber, on the first day of the month of "Tishri."

The celebrations vary both in accordance with the religions of the various peoples and their climatic, racial and national characteristics. With the Greeks, Russians, Servians, Bulgarians and Macedonians, all of whom adhere to the Greek Catholic church, New Year's is one of the most pleasant if not the pleasantest festival of the year. With the Jews, on the contrary, the New Year, Rosh Hashana, as it is called, is far from being a pleasant affair. It is a day of retribution, of judgment. It is preceded by weeks of prayer, fasting and penitence, and is followed by ten days known as the days of repentance, which wind up with Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, a most grewsome and weird day, dreaded by every orthodox Jew.

Greeks Celebrate Two Days.

The most interesting and joyous celebration of the New Year is that of the Greeks. The Greek New Year lasts two days. In these two days the Greek nature with its unbounded joy of life comes into its own. The heart of every Greek thrills on that day with unbounded joy. Passionately he awaits the evening, when in his little Greece, in a genuine Greek restaurant, with male cooks and attendants, he can get his genuine Greek food, Hellenic dishes, and wash them away with Greek wine which was purposely imported into this country for the holidays.

"Christmas is a great holiday with us," said a prominent Greek, "but it is after all a solemn day. It is a religious holiday. No gifts are exchanged on Christmas and the three days which the holiday last are given over to religious meditation. How different it is with the New Year! Next to our national holiday on March 25, which commemorates the date of our independence, just as July 4 commemorates the birth of the American nation, New Year's days, for we have two of them, are our greatest holidays. In Greece New Year is essentially a family holiday. There we have a children's afternoon which is devoted entirely to the young ones, who are given the utmost opportunities to enjoy themselves. In this country, however, it is slightly different. Out of the 13,000 Greeks living in Chicago only 200 have their families here. There are only between sixty and eighty children, and as we are only just planning to build a school of our own, we have not yet the means nor the call for a children's afternoon on New Year's day."

Still, many of the Greek families will observe this ancient custom in this country. They will have their children's afternoon. They will have their delicious New Year's pudding known as "king's pudding." In fact, in many cases the pudding will be even more delicious than it would have been in old Athens. For one of the ancient customs among the Greeks is to hide some gold coin in one portion of the pudding and he who gets the share of the pudding with the gold coin in it becomes the favorite as well as the leader of the two days' joy and sport. In this country, where gold is more plentiful than in Greece and where it is more easily earned by the Greek father, the pudding promises to contain more gold and be much more delightful to the finder of the same.

Perhaps the most unique Greek dish on New Year's eve is the roast lamb, set up in Greek style, of which each son of Hellas must partake. The roasting of the lamb is attended with a great deal of pomp. The entire carcass of a lamb is set up on a pole and this is held over a fire until it is duly roasted. Then it is sliced and apportioned among the various persons present at the feast and the roast is eaten along with the other strictly Greek dishes and washed down with Greek wine.

Russians Like Our Food.

Russians in this country celebrate but one day, and they, too, attempt to produce a home atmosphere. However, home food is not thought of. The bread, the meat, and the wine of the United States are considered as good as and even far better than the products of their own land.

The Macedonians, Servians and Bulgarians celebrate the New Year, perhaps less elaborately, also on the same day as their Greek and Russian co-religionists.

The Turks celebrate their first of the year with the modesty characteristic of people who have not yet any hold on a place.

The Chinese will have their customary celebration of the Chinese New Year on February 13 with feasting and enjoyments with which the holiday is observed in the Celestial empire.

In striking opposite spirit of joy and happiness with which the New Year of the Greeks and Christendom generally is the New Year of the Jews. With the Jews, who also observe the New Year for two days, the days are not days of feasting and enjoyment but days of judgment. According to the belief of every orthodox Jew, every member of the Jewish race is tried on the New Year. The books kept in heaven are opened on that day, the record of each man for the year just ending is looked through, and taken under advisement for ten days. On the tenth day, the day of atonement, the fate of each man for the coming year is drawn up, whether he should live or die, prosper or be poor. On the day of atonement the fate is sealed and nothing can change it any more.

A BUNGALOW.

By all the winds of summer time! I'll seek the nymph again
Who wakes the grass between the stones to move the hearts of men,
Who blows a playful kiss or two of dandelion down,
And sends a gypsy butterfly to lure a lad from town.
I'm going to build a bungalow,
A bing-bang bungalow,
A creeper-curtained bungalow beside a mountain stream.
I'm going to build a bungalow,
A bing-bang bungalow,
A cedar-shingled bungalow beside a mountain stream.

The beams shall be made of maple wood, the floors of healthful pine;
The spruce, with rough and resined bark, shall wall this house of mine;
While round about, of ample breadth, a rustic porch shall run
Below a birchen canopy against the checkered sun.
I'm going to build a bungalow,
A bing-bang bungalow,
A forest-fragrant bungalow with room for three or four,
I'm going to build a bungalow,
A bing-bang bungalow,
A zephyr-haunted bungalow beside a rippled shore.

With every quick-eyed featherling that loves the friendly wood,
With all the gentle furry folk I'll dwell in brotherhood,
My castle roof shall bear the proof of crystal-arrowed rain,
And Peace shall be my seneschal and Love my chatelaine.
I'm going to build a bungalow,
A bing-bang bungalow,
An open-hearted bungalow devoid of bolts or bars.
I'm going to build a bungalow,
A bing-bang bungalow,
A tranquil little bungalow to rest beneath the stars.

—New York Times.

It All Went in the Bill.

Attorney—Would the court mind making my client's sentence about six months longer?

The Court—That is an extraordinary request. Why?

Attorney—As it stands, your honor, it will hardly give me time to get him pardoned.—Puck.

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FROG NOT GOOD BAIT

Why Bailey Failed to Catch the Bass

Jerome Bailey of Girty's Falls, a retired blacksmith, has of late taken to passing the plenty of time he has on hand in demonstrating how much he knows about the angling art. He finds the greatest pleasure in casting the illusive fly that now and then tempts some incautious black bass to its undoing.

The drought, now partially disturbed by recent falls of rain, greatly interfered with Mr. Bailey's indulgence in the pastime, there being more work in it than he could find water sufficient to compensate for, the walking a mile or two between pools and ripples on the intervening spaces of dry and stony river bed being exasperating as well.

"If some one would only get up an attachment to a rod that would throw the fly and land the fish," said he, in a contemplative mood, as he mopped his brow and gazed down the river a mile at a spash of water almost boiling in the sun, "he would make an independent fortune. I'd get one right away and go out somewhere and get a whole lot of big bass right away."

"Attachment be swizzled," said Deacon Bird Galloway, who fishes some himself nights for bullheads. "Why don't you put a good-sized dobber on your line, get some nice young frogs for bait and go out and still-fish for your bass? With that tackle and bait you can just sit down in the shade and read novels while you wait for 'em to lure the bass up to snatch the handicapped frog. That is, if you want to keep on sticking to bass fishing. If you want to have some real fishing, though, get some night walking fish worms and come along with me to-night and haul in bullheads."

Angler Bailey doesn't believe in bait fishing, and he scorns bullheads, but he did want some bass, so he said he would give the frog and dobber scheme a chance. He gave a boy a quarter to get him a couple of dozen young frogs. They were nice little green fellows, two inches long. He bought the biggest dobber he could find.

It had a goose quill through it and was all painted green, green as the frogs were. A dobber is a pear-shaped piece of light wood that floats in the water, the line passing through the quill. The dobber keeps the bait in proper position in the water and down it goes out of sight when a fish seizes the bait and rushes away with it.

Mr. Bailey shouldered his fish-pole and went down to the river, found a big area of water, sat down in the shade of a tree, put a lively frog carefully on his hook and chucked the bait in the water. The frog went to the bottom or as near it as the dobber would let it, and the dobber looked like a miniature green island in the water.

The man who still fishes for bass or any other fish must be well stocked with patience. It may be an hour before a fish inclined to take the risk of the bait comes along to take it, but the angler is in constant and pleasurable expectation of any moment seeing the dobber go under, and that sustains him during the wait. Three bites an hour may be a safe estimate to put on the results of the average efforts of the still fisherman and his bait, but sometimes they come much faster.

Half an hour went by. No bite had come to patient Mr. Bailey. A small boy, standing up to his knees in the water on the opposite side of that pool, was pulling in a bass every ten minutes. Mr. Bailey hailed him as to his bait, intending to bribe the urchin into supplying him with some of the same kind.

"What are you fishing with, Bub?" Bailey asked.

"Frogs," the boy yelled back as soon as he had safely landed another big bass he had hooked.

Angler Bailey thought it was gumbasted funny that he didn't get any bites, but he didn't believe in pulling up his hook every little while to see what was the matter, and so he sat and waited.

"I'll get a whalloper when one does grab that bait!" said he. "A four-pounder, I shouldn't wonder."

The sun was getting well along behind the hills over in the west. Bailey began to show that he was disgusted with this bait fishing for bass. The boy had caught all the bass he wanted and gone home. Supper time was drawing nigh.

"Jeeswrzzled if I'm going to lose my supper for all the bass there is between here and Havre de Grace," said he, "four-pounders and all!"

Then he got up and pulled in his line. When he lifted the big green dobber from the water he was amazed to see no line hanging beneath it. Then a second later it was a wonder that the green dobber and everything else within hearing of that spot didn't turn blue. Mr. Bailey was emitting language.

Cosily perched on the big green dobber, nestling against the quill, sat the little green frog. The little green frog had become tired, too, waiting for a fish to come along and take it, and it had come up out of the watery depths and climbed on the green dobber to rest.

Chinese Port Losing Trade.

Vice-Consul Charles L. Williams of Chefoo reports that 13,766,133 pounds of straw braid were exported from China in 1907, of which over 8,000,000 pounds were exported from Tsingtau, and only 188,000 pounds from Chefoo, which was formerly the great shipping point for this product.

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Mr. Meredith Nicholson, in The Lit-le Brown Jug of Kildare, thus pleas-ntly discusses the moral qualities of he bottle and the jug:

"A bottle, while suggestive, is not nherently wicked; but a jug is the ymbol of joyous sin. Even the sober-st souls, who frown at the mention of bottle, smile tolerantly when a jug is uggested. Jugs of many centuries are ssembled in museums, and 'round hem the ethnologist reconstructs ex-inct races of men; and yet, even sci-nce and history, strive they never so adly, can not wholly relieve the jug f its cheery insouciance. A bottle of nferior liquor may be dressed forth nticingly, and alluringly named; but here's no disguising the jug; its geni-l shame can not be hidden. There are leasant places in America where, if ne deposit a half-dollar and a little rown jug behind a certain stone, or n the shady side of a blackberry ush, jug and coin will together disap-ear between sunset and sunrise; but o! the jug, filled and plugged with corncob, will return alone mysteri-usly, in contravention of the statutes n such cases made and provided. Too are for glass, this fluid, which bubbles ut of the southern hills with as little guilt in its soul as the brooks beside which it comes into being! But, lest he be accused of aiding and abetting crime against the majesty of the law, this chronicler hastens to say that on a hot day in the harvest field, honest water, hidden away in a little brown jug in the fence corner, acquires a quality and imparts a delight that no mug of crystal or of gold can yield."

Sufficient Reason.

The colored driver of an ash and garbage wagon was proceeding up Columbus road the other day urgently exhorting a weary, melancholy looking horse to hasten its steps. The animal's tongue was hanging out just as a matter of adding to its dejected appearance—hanging out so far in fact as to occasion comment.

"What makes that horse's tongue hang out that way for?" inquired a bystander.

"What fo' does it hang out?" repeated the driver. "Why, that's to keep 'im from stumblin'. Don't yo' know nuthin'-"

"Keep him from stumbling? How do you figure that out?"

"Why," explained the driver, "don't you see if that hoss was t' stumble he'd bite his tongue off? You know that hoss ain't a-goin' to do no sich fool thing as that."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Three hundred and fifty dollars in cash will buy a good four-room cottage on the Bay front with fire-place, cistern and wash-house or chicken house, yard fenced etc. With a very little additional outlay can be made a very desirable summer or winter home. Write at once for particulars.

Two twenty acre places with houses, good barns, fruit, eleven acres of each cleared, all fenced, pastures fenced separately, etc., for $500 each. Complete outfit for farming same at reasonable price, if desired.

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TEN ACRE FARM.

Ten acre Colony lease-hold, under fence, practically all cleared, 7½ acres in cultivation, small house, new barn, etc., about 70 bearing fig trees, some pecan trees, a dozen bearing persimmon trees, scuppernong arbor, 150 chickens, 2 fine young cows, heifer coming in in spring, fine heifer calf, farm tools, cow-pea hay, corn and rice in barn, for $550
This is a great opportunity for some one to get a place ready to go to work on.

If You Want to Buy Land.

We have a bargain in a forty acre farm two and one-fourth miles from Fairhope. Twenty acres cleared, twenty-five under fence, good barn with wagon shed, roads on three sides, one one of the best roads in the county. Improvements could not be made for less than $550, will sell for $950. We don't recommend buying land. The Colony lease proposition is better for the land user, but if you want to buy here's a chance. Gaston and Son.

Sixty acre, well improved farm within two miles of Fairhope and two other coast towns. 75 large bearing pecan trees, 150 grafted pecans 3 to 5 years, other fruit. $3500.

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See or write us,
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For Rent.

Four-room cottage with two acres of ground in high state of cultivation, close in, cistern, scuppernong arbor and other grapes in bearing, small barn large enough for cow and calf; heating and cook stove, bedstead, etc. Will rent for year for fifty dollars payable in advance. Possession Nov. 15.

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Personal and Local

Mr. T. B. Everett was joined on last Saturday evening by his wife who will remain for some time the guest of her sister Mrs. Joe Williams. Mr. Everett himself left on Wednesday morning for Spanish Honduras.

For dry fire wood, promptly delivered, call on R. Poortstra or leave orders at the Courier office.

If in need of any harness or parts, let me order direct from factory for you. Fairhope Livery.

Mr. Dewey Wheeler has his new house on Section street about ready for occupancy. It has been neatly painted and roof stained and is a very nice addition to the street. Mr. Wheeler hoped to have his wife back to go into the house with him but we understand her health will not admit of her traveling at this time.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

Plenty of fresh sweet milk at the Creamery after six in the morning and five in the evening, at 8c. per quart. Also skimmed milk and butter milk at 3c. per quart.

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Mr. Wilbur Graves returned on Monday evening from his visit to Muskogee, Okla. bringing with him the bride to whom he was married there on Chrismas day. They are at home in the Swift cotttage, next to Dr. Atkinson s.

We don't sell common shorts, and call it whole wheat flour, we have the Genuine Pure Wheat ground into flour "all in, nothing taken out." Don't be buncoed to pay fancy price for shorts. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Lacy and family are spending the week at their summer home on the beach.

A good store-room 20x40, addition 18x20, another addition 10x20, four roem dwelling oonnected. Stock and business if wanted.
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Geo. W. Clifton was most pleasanly surprised by the unexpested arrival of his daughter Miss Lillie Clifton and nephew Master Held, from Chicago. They will remain some time.

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Fruit Trees

At the request of a number who would like to join in an order for fruit trees, for planting, the Courier will receive orders up to January first, to be forwarded to the Glen St. Mary Nursery. Come in and leave your orders. You can save something in shipping charges.

Distinguished Visitors.

Fairhope is entertaining distinguished visitors of the Single Tax faith this week.

Messrs. H. F. Ring and J, J. Pastoriza, of Houston Texas, arrived on last Saturday evening and on Sunday Messrs. Joseph Fels of London, and Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, arrived. Dr. Leigh-Jones and her friends Dr. Hatton and Miss Hagar of Brooklyn, also arrived on Saturday evening. The two latter left on Tuesday for New Orleans, but all expect to remain with us until after our New Year's Anniversary celebration.

All are taking an active interest in everything pertaining to the Colony, and all, except Dr. Jones, having been here before, are able to judge by comparison as to our progress.

Naturally with such visitors present, the editor finds it hard to give the Courier the usual attention.

Next week we hope to make up for deficiencies by a full report of the anniversary celebration.

The Anniversary.

If you have not secured your tickets for the anniversary dinner on Friday evening, please do so at once. It is very important that the caterers shall know in advance how many will have to be provided for and it is quite possible that those who fail to secure their tickets in advance, cannot be accommod ated These occasions are always enjoyable, but with the presence of our distinguished friends from abroad the coming celebration is certain to be particularly interesting. Tickets are 50 cents and may be secured of Mr. Staples or at the Courier office.

Important Mass Meeting

As a result of a call for a mass meeting to consider principally the "all important matter of tranportation," an audience which packed the large school room to and beyond the doors, gathered on Tuesday evening. Mr. Gaston called the meeting to order and asked for the selection of a chairman, Mr. Powell nominated Mayor Greeno who was unanimously elected.

The Chairman recognized Mr H. F. Ring to explain the purpose of the meeting.

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Mr Ring took the occasion to tell of the interest he had long taken in Fairhope, his conviction of the economic and legal soundness of the Fairhope plan, paid high tribute to the work in Europe and America of Joseph Fels, for the land reform, particularly his interest in Fairhope, and of how Mr. Fels had urged himself, Mr. Kiefer and Mr Pastoriza to join him here to advise with him and the Fairhope people in regard to matters of importance to the Colony, chief among which was the question of transportation. He told of how they had found that the boat was not being supported by the people, and wanted to know why and what it was to the interest of the community to do. Mr. Ring took occasion also to present in a very illuminative way the Single Tax proposition in general.

Mr. Ring was followed by Mr, Fels, who in his characteristic and forcible way reviewed his connection with Fairhope, his desire and efforts to be helpful to it, his grief over a misinterpretation of his motives of which he was advised and a lack of harmonious effort among he local people not so much because of its unpleasantness to him as because on account of it his will and purpose to help in the work that was done here was being in a degree thwarted. He told of his efforts to induce Mr. Powell to come to Fairhope to help in the work here. He paid high and deserved tribute to the work which Mr. Powell had done in the Vacant Lots gardening movement in Phildelphia, which had largely through his efforts extended not only to other points in the country but to European cities, and expressed his regard and esteem for and confidence in him. Regarding criticisms of Mr. Powelll's management of boat and Improvement Company affairs he said that it might be a case of a good man in the wrong place, that Mr. Powell had expressed to him the belief that he did not fit the place and had asked him to consent that he be allowed to take up other work more congenial. He had not consented hitherto, but had at last done so, and Mr. Powell would no doubt at his convenience leave Fairhope. Questions of management aside however, the real question was "do the people of Fairhope want the Fairhope boat?" Do they want it bad enough to give it their undivided support? If they did, as one of the stock-holders of the csmpany he felt that it would be willing to go on with the boat; if not, the company should know it and would sell the boat or find other use for her.

With this introduction the matter was thrown open for discussion and that it was pretty well discussed is hardly necessary to say, of the many the many things said, some were to the point and some not so, some pertinent, a few perharps impertinent Space will not permit the COURIER to report all, nor would it perhaps do so if it were otherwise, It was a matter particularly concerning the people of Fairhope; and while no action by formal motion was taken we believe a pretty general concurrence of opinion was reached that Fairhope wanted the boat; and a pretty thorough understanding arrived at of the fact that if it wanted the boat, it would have to show it by patronizing it.

The general effect of the meeting was, in the opinion of the Courier excellent, as is the usual result where the people of Fairhope come together to discuss matters of public moment.

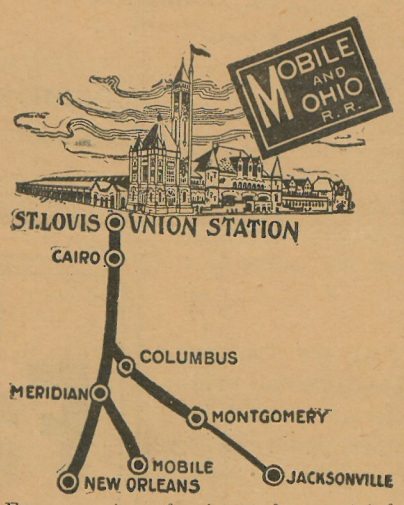
Fall Temperature.

December 17–23,

Dec.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
17	57	75	66
18	61	76	69
19	66	61	60
20	50	64	63
21	57	61	56
22	47	50	46
23	38	56	48

2 clear days, 3 partly cloudy 2 cloudy with rain both days. Wind southeast.

L. F. Manly.
Observer.



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The Bryn Mawr House in Wales.

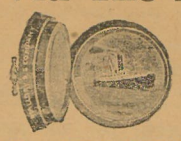
About half way between Dolgelly and Barmouth, in Wales, we found a house that interested us very much. It is called Bryn Mawr, and is the home of the man who founded the town of that name in America. The house is a square stone structure, standing back from the road and is now converted into a kind of wayside inn where tea is served to the traveler. It is said that after a residence of some years in America, he became so homesick that he returned and made a replica of the old house. It seems passing strange that two of our leading colleges should be thus linked with the old world. No American man ever omits to pay his tribute of respect to John Harvard's house at Stratford-on-Avon, and the American woman should feel a similar interest in this Bryn Mawr of the Welsh hills. —Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Suspicion, Not Surprise.

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Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

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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 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,

Clean Up, Clean Up.

This is a time for cleaning up odds and ends of business and of work, let it extend to getting your premises cleaned up, not forgetting the sidewalks and the streets if need be, in front of your premises.

We will have a number of visitors during the holidays, let us put our "best foot foremost" and make our individual premises and our town as attractive as we can.

The effect of a little effort in this direction from each will do wonders.

Mayor and Mrs. Greeno Will Receive on New Years' Day.

Mayor and Mrs. Greeno will hold an informal public reception at their residence, "White Gables," on New Years' day from two to four p. m. Light refreshments will be served and all citizens of Fairhope and vicinity and the "strangers within the gates" will be welcome,

Farmer's Meeting

EDITOR COURIER:

The Baldwin County Division of the F. E. & C. U. of A. will hold the first quarterly convention at Daphne January 12th and 13th 1909.

All Locals are requested to send delegates, Produce Exchange and Cotton Selling Agency will be discussed, and election of officers for 1909.

W. S. BALDWIN. Pres.
W. J. GRABHAM, Sec. & Treas.

Postmaster Oswalt has the assessors' books for the vicinity for a couple of weeks and persons who have not returned their property for assessment can do so. They will be subject however, to the usual fee of fifty cents, for assessments not given in on the assessor's rounds.

Fifty-two weeks in the year the COURIER works for Fairhope and its fundamental principle. Are you supporting as you should its efforts in behalf of the principles you profess, or the town whose interests are your interests? If not, why not?

We are still getting frequent inquiries, because of the write up and ad of Fairhope in the North and South published in midsummer.

Fairhope is as certain to grow as water is to run down hill. You can help or hinder. Which will you choose?

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Fairhope's Fourteenth Anniversary

Fourteenth Anniversary of Founding of Fairhope Celebrated in Appropriate Manner, With Dinner, Speeches and Music.

DISTINGUISHED FRIENDS ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISES

SPLENDID GIFT OF JOSEPH FELS

The "Big Four" Fels, Kiefer, Ring and Pastoriza, in Departing Give Colony Hearty Endorsement

The fourteenth anniversary of the founding of Fairhope was celebrated on New Year's night, with a banquet at the Fairhope Hotel, followed by a program of addresses and music and was a most enjoyabje affair.

The one unpleasant feature of the occasion was the inability for lack of room to comfortably accommodate the residents and friends attending.

The parlor, office and halls were thronged and when the door to the dining-room was thrown open the 110 places provided at the tables were quickly taken leaving many who had to wait and be served later.

This made some confusion, but all seemed to good naturedly appreciate that the trouble simply was that there were too many of us for any room in the town to accommodate and that we would have to endure some inconvenience.

The dining room has been greatly enlarged since the Thanksgiving dinner and with its lights and decorations presented a very pleasing scene.

Mrs. Lydia J. N. Comings as toastmistress, presided with her well-known ease and dignity. Rev. D. M. Breckenridge invoked the Divine blessing upon the occasion.

The menu was as follows:

Chicken Gumbo
Roast Pork
Creamed Potatoes
Scalloped Oysters
Pickles
Bread & butter
Ice Cream & Cakes
Coffee

Everything was of the best and considering the circumstances, well served.

When the material feast had been disposed of the "feast of reason and flow of soul" was opened with an instrumental quartette by Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink, favorite entertainers on previous like occasions, and Bray and Bailey, all of Mobile. These gentlemen used a new style of mandolins and harp-guitars, some of the most beautiful instruments ever seen in the south from which they evoked music which would have delighted any audience.

President F. L. Brown extended welcome on behalf of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, giving in a few words a statement of its purpose and methods, and concluding with the reading of expressions from many noted men, of ancient and modern days, in harmony with the idea underlying the Fairhope Colony effort, that the earth is the common inheritance of mankind.

Secretary Gaston presented the usual review of the year's history as follows:

Madam Toastmistress and Friends—

Personally I would much rather have the time this evening given to others, especially our honored visitors, but the habit of having on these occasions a brief review of the past year's history seems to have become fixed.

The temptation is especially strong on this occasion to go back of the past year, for it was almost upon the exact spot where this building stands that fourteen years ago actual possion of this beautiful bay front tract was taken for the founding of what was then indeed only a Fair Hope.

The occasion was somewhat impressive, for not only were we then formally committing ourselves to the effort to show our faith by our works, to prove our theories by their practical application, but we were doing that rash thing to "buy a law suit," for the title to this land was then in litigation, and it was largely due to that fact that this favored s pot awaited our coming and that we were able to secure it for the small price of a little less than six dollars per acre.

We had been warned off the ground by one claimant, but the other, a lady, whose title we had assured ourselves was good—in courts of law, not justice—came with us upon the ground, and about where Mr. A. H. Mershon's house stands said: "I now put you in peaceable possession of this land. See that you maintain it."

We did. Volunteers spent the first few nights in the covered wagon in which E. Smith had driven through with his family from Ohio. Within a few days the "seat of government" was transferred to a shack near by, and the erection of several individual homes was begun.

This was then the wildest spot along the eastern shore. There were but four resident white families, as I remember, within a mile of the shore, between Montrose and Battles. The natural attractions would seem great enough to have caused the whole shore to be settled by this time, but outside of Fairhope, the development has not been very marked.

That Fairhope has "set the pace" for the shore during these intervening years, we Single Taxers claim as proof of the virtues of our land policy. Those who deny it are practically obliged to give us as individuals the credit, against which we protest.

But time will not permit indulgence in reminiscences of "Ancient History." A brief review of the chief events of the past year must suffice.

An event of greatest historical importance has been the incorporating of our town. We had a lively, good natured political campaign, with political oratory and printed broadsides, and even a cartoonist to add to the gaiety of the occasion. Of course the "best men won" and we have tonight a mayor to speak for the new municipal corporation, in which all of our citizens, colonists and non-colonists, come together upon an equal footing, to act upon matters of mutual interest.

Our new library building was completed and opened, much to the relief of our good librarian and the convenience of library patrons. Our enjoyment of it is only tempered by the feeling already: "what a pity we did not make it larger."

A sanitarium for which we are all agreed, our location is unsurpassed, has been established, through the initiative of our enterprising Dr. Mershon,

A new newspaper has been established, aspiring to serve the whole Eastern Shore as well as Fairhope.

Our schools have made excellent records in enrollment and work done, and continue to be one of our strongest attractions, especially to the good people who oppose "race suicide."

Deserving of special mention for its importance is our new creamery, which we hope and most of us fully believe, is one of the most important industrial events in our history, small as it may at present appear. We have also a new bakery furnishing bread not only at Fairhope, but along the shore.

1908 has been a year of business depression, of hard times arising from general conditions which, though none so well understand as we Single Taxers, are beyond our control, and from which we could not hope to and have not escaped. Business depressions as we know, are due chiefly to speculation, especially speculation in "land futures" and land speculation being abolished in our Colony, we have suffered less than other places.

Building has been fairly active with us, more so than in the preceding year, sixteen new buildings have been erected on Colony land alone, including several of the best ones ever built in the town and a half dozen or[illegible] others, have been greatly improved

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"Honorable mention" for his part in employing labor and building up our town is due to our excellent citizen Mr. Kile, veteran Single Taxer, who took plenty of time to make up his mind whether or not to cast his lot with us, but having decided to do so, lost no time in "getting into action," and has given us several of our very best improvements.

Our Mobile friends have also been active again this season, four of them having built homes on our bay front.

A most gratifying addition to our citizenship during the year is the Slosson family, widely and favorably known throughout the county, who paid us the compliment of casting their lot with us after personal observation covering our whole history, and who have brought to us another family, that of the Doctor's brother and will bring others.

We have also captured another well-known citizen of the county, our host of the evening, who undertook to carry away one of our fair daughters, but who returned her to us and himself with her and for whose success in their effort to help us care for our increasing visitors, let us all hope.

A very substantial new wharf has been built and, while we have not yet been able to make use of it for the chief purpose for which it was designed, the matter has not been abandoned and other uses are being found, which will, in all probability, be materially developed during this year.

A new bathing wharf has been built on the "White tract" front, to which will, no doubt, be added a good bath house during this year.

The number of those getting the direct benefit of our public services, our telephone and water systems, has materially increased. Something of how our people are benefitted by our policy in this respect, may be judged by the fact that while our county seat (we trust our friends from the county seat will pardon the comparison) has but one telephone, a pay station, we have 29 phones in use here, on the Colony lines, beside several on the Bell system.

We do not at these times give a detailed financial report, but our receipts from rents, of course our principal source of income, reached the sum of over $3,500 an increase of over one-sixth.

The books of the wharf company, operating the main wharf, under contract to turn it over to the Colony when its earnings had extinguished the debt incurred in its building, shows earnings above cost of collection of over $1,400, an increase over last year, in spite of [illegible]ing of our boat around the shore in- [illegible] And yet, in spite of extensive betterments a gratifying decrease was made in the indebtedness.

Encouraged by the good showing of the past year, and by the presence during its closing days and on this auspicious occasion, of our distinguished co-workers from abroad and their assurances of approval and continued support, we enter the New Year, determined to make a record surpassing that of all the years gone before.

Mrs. Edith Paula Smith followed with a charming vocal solo, "The Lullaby" from Erminie, accompanied by Mrs. Pilcher on the piano.

MAYOR GREENO SPEAKS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY.

Mrs. Comings then introduced Mayor H. S. Greeno, to respond to the toast "The Municipality." the Mayor reviewed briefly the history of the effort for the incorporation of the town and the objects in view in the same, referred happily to the good natured contest for municipal offices, complimented the councilmen for their fairness and devotion to the public interest and pledged the administration to absolutely fair and impartial treatment of all interests in the community, and to further the common good to the best of its ability.

A reference by the Mayor to the need of a commodious public hall, in a community where there was such an unusual interest in public affairs and so many occasions for the people to be called together, elicited much applause.

JUDGE J. H. H. SMITH SPEAKS FOR BALDWIN COUNTY.

Judge J. H. H. Smith, of Bay Minette, followed, speaking for Baldwin County. He reviewed in an interesting way the history of Baldwin County from its organization and dwelt especially upon its recent progress and present rapid development and settlement by immigrants from other sections of the country.

He spoke of the well-remembered skepticism with which the founding of the Fairhope Colony had been received by the people of the county, himself included, and their opinion that it would be short lived.

Their skepticism had however given way to respect and admiration for those who had so resolutely pursued their object and, against such heavy odds, had accomplished so much. He credited the Fairhopers with being the pioneers in the development of the lower part of the county, and having placed the whole county in its debt for advertising its natural attractions and advantages to the world and setting an example of what could be done,

He remarked particularly the extraordinary intellectual activity of the people, which he found a great attraction. The number of intellectual, independent thinking people in proportion to population, he thought greater than could be found anywhere else in the world.

Association with such people was an education in itself. He would like nothing better for his children than to live in such an environment to develop their reasoning faculties and stimulate independent thought and action.

The Judge's remarks were greeted with hearty applause.

Miss Nellie Slosson followed with a charming violin solo entitled "Loreley" accompanied by Mrs. Comings on the piano.

REV. E. R. CLARKSON SPEAKS.

Rev. E. R. Clarkson, pastor of the local Christian Church spoke to the toast "After Ten Years" giving something of his experiences and observations of Fairhope during his former pastorate ten years earlier and now. He very pleasantly expressed his indebtedness to the good people of Fairhope, inside and outside his congregation, for the mental stimulus they had given him and for their friendship and assistance. He thought his experience at Fairhope when just beginning his work in the ministry, had been of great benefit to him. He contrasted different methods of "reform" work and said that where measures and influences promoted were real reforms there should be no conflict between them. For himself he felt religious reform to be the most vital and his sphere of greatest usefulness, but every well directed effort for the betterment of the condition of mankind, spiritual, moral or physical, had his hearty sympathy. Mr. Clarkson is a pleasing speaker and was very happy in his remarks.

MRS. JOHNSON READS LETTERS FROM OUTSIDE FRIENDS.

Mrs. Johnson next read a number of letters from outside friends in response to invitations to attend the celebration, among them the fine poem "Hail to Fairhope: Freedom's Refuge," which appears on the last page. Among those from whom letters were received were, Lawson Purdy, Jno. S. Crosby, Joseph Dana Miller, Geo. L. Rusby, Dr. M. R. Leverson, New York City; Frank Stephens, Arden Del.; Tom L. Johnson, Cleveland; Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Sallie R. McLean, Glendale Ohio.; F. F. Ingram, Detroit; Robert Tyson, Toronto; Geo. Q. Thornton, St Louis; Pres. B. B. Baker, Daphne Normal College; Frances Marget Milne, San Luis Obispo, Calif; Dr. Thos. S. K. Morton, Cannes France, (home address Philadelphia,) L. G. Bostedo, H. W. Mc Farlane, H. H. Hardinge, Chicago.

Mrs. Johnson had time to read but a few of these, but we hope to give all in the next issue of the COURIER. They contained many complimentary and cheering messages.

H. F. RING, ESQ., OF HOUSTON, TEXAS TOASTS "THE FAIRHOPE PLAN."

H. F. Ring then responded to the toast, "The Fairhope Plan." We regret that Mr. Ring's address being entirely off hand and having no short hand reporter we cannot give it in full. It was a presentation of the Single Tax philosophy, and explanation of the method of its application at Fairhope, and the results certain to follow, given with the dignity and precision of speech of the finished orator and the deep earnestness of one to whom the principle of the equal right of access to the earth has been a matter of profoundest conviction for more than a score of years.

Mr. Ring's address was a treat indeed and by none was it more appreciated than by those who have been active in the Fairhope effort to immediately apply the principle expounded by the speaker, and to whom it was a great source of gratification and encouragement to have their work commended from such a source.

Mrs. Comings then in a very graceful manner introduced as one peculiarly "Fairhope's own" Miss Frances Gaston, who sang "Under the Rose" accompanied by Mrs. Comings.

DR. LEIGH JONES EXHORTS FAIRHOPERS TO MALE FAIRHOPE A "CITY BEATIFUL."

Mrs. Comings next introduced one of our visitors, Dr. Leigh-Jones, of Brooklyn. The speaker, for whom it was the first visit to Fairhope expressed her great interest in the Colony and her keen delight in being able to greet its people and observe its practical workings. She hoped some day to come and live in Fairhope and had dreams of the day when through public and individual effort at its beautification, and under its wise and just policy, it should become a city of unsurpassed

beauty, and draw thereby from far and near, those who would come to admire and go away to emulate its example.

She exhorted the people particularly to the planting of roses and ornamental shrubs and trees, not only inside but outside their fences, where they might be free for all to enjoy. She closed by referring to the title of Miss Gaston's song, "Under the Rose," and expressing the wish that Fairhope might indeed be "under the rose."

Mr. Daniel Kiefer, of Cincinnati was the next speaker, his subject being, "The Outsiders," one of whom he is, in the sense in which he used the phrase, meaning, the non-resident members and friends of the Fairhope Corporation.

Dan Kiefer is one of the best known and best appreciated Single Taxers in the country not only for his personal talents devoted to the cause, but for his support of other men and efforts, notably Herbert S. Bigelow, in his work in Cincinnati; The Public; the late Oregon campaign, etc. etc. Mr Kiefer has for years been a member and ardent friend of Fairhope. Fortunately he reduced to writing what he had to say and we are able to give it in full. He spoke as follows:

DANIEL KIEFER SPEAKS FOR "THE OUTSIDERS."

"Some of Fairhope's critics, who ought to know better, have at different times, told us outsiders that we are not competent to judge concerning the merits of the controversies concerning its policies. To this we reply that any one who knows anything of natural law need not actually see that law in action, to tell how, under given circumstances, it will work. We know that you are trying to put the Single Tax in operation to the extent that existing laws will permit. We know that in order to do this you must take not merely a part, but all the rental value of the land for public purposes. We know that you must also exempt all industry and all products of industry from taxation. We know that this is the only just and expedient way in which public revenue can be raised. We know that neglect to do this only results in evil. Consequently, although we are outsiders, we know how unjust is the criticism leveled at Fairhope, because it aims to assess the land within its limits high enough to get all the rental value and because it refunds taxes on industry by which the state and county legally rob its citizens.

"We know the criticism is unjust that reproaches Fairhope for refusing to subject this policy to the risk of being changed by a popular majority.

"Fairhope was not established as an object lesson of how a majority will vote on the Single Tax. The whole United States, outside of Fairhope, furnishes object lessons enough of that. It was established to show how such a small application of Single Tax principles as existing laws make possible, will work. This it is doing, and its value as an object lesson is something of which outsiders can judge as well as those on the ground.

"We know through experience that plutocracy finds no difficulty today in getting a majority of the people to uphold it. It is comforting to reflect that Fairhope is not subject to the danger of experiencing such a setback as has been given by a misguided popular majority to the work of Tom L. Johnson.

"It is perhaps not so easy for those of us who do not possess a superfluity of this world's goods to understand that when a man of wealth identifies himself with a movement like urs he sacrifices much more than the money he may contribute. The rich man who contributes to charity organizations, who founds libraries, who endows colleges with the tacit understanding that nothing detrimental to his interests be taught, who takes a prominent part in pseudo reform movements, the kind that makes scapegoats of some unpopular products of our social system, that monopoly may not be blamed, or who helps anything at all that will not hurt special privilege, is sure to be praised to the skies. Press and pulpit will hold him up as a model of everything that is good and praiseworthy and the great unthinking multitude will accept this estimate of him without question.

"But it is different when he helps a movement that is of real benefit to the people. When he uses his power to strike at the institutions that give a few the right to dictate to the rest of us terms on which we may remain on earth. he will get no praise except possibly from a few cranks. If he gets any public notice at all it will be in the way of sneers, misrepresentation and villification. For this Tom L. Johnson affords a horrible and conspicuous example, the more so since it has become known that in addition to all the calumny he has been made to endure, he has suffered the loss of his wealth.

"Yet with so horrible an example before him our friend Joseph Fels, rejects the opportunities of receiving the popular applause which the world offers to charity-doling pseudo philanthropists, and takes his stand with the unpopular workers for justice. That is where his great sacrifice comes in, a sacrifice that few who give so readily of their plenty are brave enough to make when called upon to do so.

"Knowing the good that Fairhope is doing it would be ungracious indeed to neglect to give public credit to the one man who has done so much to enable it to acquire sufficient land on which to grow. Without his generous aid it would hardly have been possible to secure space enough to assure room enough for the Fairhope of the future to grow. It is true that no one objects more than he to letting this fact be known, but the truth must be declared.

"To us outsiders Fairhope is what its name denotes. Until we have succeeded in securing a majority somewhere with power to put our principles into effect we need Fairhope, and we feel that we cannot impress upon you too strongly to stand firmly by the Fairhope policy."

Mr. Kiefer's address was received with a round of applause which was renewed when Mrs. Comings announced that ardent friend of Fairhope and no doubt strongest financial supporter of the Single Tax cause in America and Europe, Joseph Fels, to speak upon 'Propaganda."

JOSEPH FELS SPEAKS ON PROPAGANDA.

Mr. Fels is one of those speakers to whom it is impossible to do justice in any report. He makes no claims to oratory, indeed, a few years ago thought he could not speak at all, but in his witty, vigorous and snappy style is exceedingly interesting and effective.

Fresh from England, where he is in closest touch not only with the work there, but, with that in the Australian colonies and on the continent of Europe, he brought cheering messages of the progress of our cause throughout the world. Particularly cheering were his reports of the splendid effects of the partial application of the Single Tax in New Zealand and New South Wales and of the rapid growth of sentiment in favor of land value taxation in England and the promise of the first actual step in that direction, in the pledge of the Liberal party, now in power, to raise from a tax on land values, the funds for the old age pensions, to which the party was committed.

Mr. Fels described the flower and fruition of landlordism in England, giving astounding figures of the small proportion of the people owning the bulk of the land, the enormous extent of some of the great landed estates and the depth and breadth of the poverty and unemployment which were the inevitable result.

With characteristic modesty he forbore to tell of his part in the movement in England and elsewhere, but he showed his deep conviction that to restore the land to the people was the most important work in which men and women could engage and there were present those who knew that wherever throughout the world devoted souls were giving themselves to this cause, there was Joseph Fels, with the heart of sympathy, the word of encouragement, the generous hand of financial help if necessary.

KIEFER ANNOUNCES FELS' GIFT OF $10,000 TO THE SCHOOL OF ORGANIC EDUCATION.

At the conclusion of Mr. Fels' address, Mrs. Comings announced as the concluding number music by Messrs. Bray and Bailey of Mobile, but before the musicians were ready Dan Kiefhr came forward and said that Mr. Fels had refused him the privilege of making the announcement but he thought he was entirely too modest and could not himself resist the temptation to announce that Mr. Fels had given to the Fairhope School of Organic Education $5,000 for building and equipment and $1,000 a year for five years for maintenance.

The announcement was received with enthusiastic applause and on motion of Mr. Gaston, a vote of thanks was tendered with unanimity and great enthusiasm to Mr. Fels for his generosity and to the "big four" and other visiting friends for their presence and their cooperation and encouragement in the effort being made in Fairhope.

A vote of thanks to the musicians and an exquisite number by Messrs. Bray and Bailey closed Fairhope's memorable fourteenth anniversary celebration, though many of the faithful remained some time loath to part company, and the musicians rendered several other selections.

Strong Endorsement of Fairhope by Visiting Single Taxers.

The following statement was agreed to, dictated to a stenographer and signed by those whose names follow it, at the Battle House, Mobile, before separating to go to their homes:

"The undersigned, at the close of a week's stay at Fairhope, join in extending to our friends and co-workers in the cause of land re-

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Personal and Local

R J. Dill returned on last Saturday from a visit to Charlotte N. C.

A neat portico has been put up over the main entrance to the library.

It is reported that Mr. Kile is not through building yet but will put up at least one more house soon.

Herman Stemerdink, who was over from Mobile for the anniversary, remained until Monday morning.

Dr. Reynolds wife and sister (the latter a practising physician also) all of Milwaukee, are in the Hodges cottage.

The present engineer of the Lucile seems to understand her machinery better than previous ones and keeps her in regular service.

W. S. Sumner was ill all of holiday week and confined to the house most of the time. He thinks the provoking cause was using turpentine in painting in an enclosed room.

Mr. E. W. Jefferson had ripe strawberries enough for short-cake for Christmas and sold a few boxes beside. They were "Excelsior's" and immense, high-flavored berries, worthy specimens of any variety, anywhere at any time.

Dr. and Mrs. Reinsel left on Wednesday morning for their home at Coraopolis, Pa. The Doctor felt that he was not receiving sufficient benefit to justify him in being so far from home. He is in a precarious condition.

The following Hollander families celebrated the New Year together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vander Walls; the Poortstra's, Van Bavel's, Koopmans, Braams, Schumachers and Vander Walls, they had a fine time and continued the festivities to a late hour.

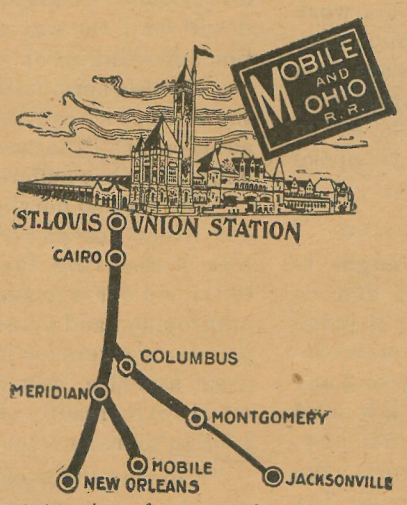
Mr. Haugan, a banker of Chicago arrived on Sunday, with his wife and two children, for a visit. They are in the Stromberg cottage and are greatly pleased with Fairhope. Mr. Haugan has relatives traveling in Europe who were off the coast of Sicily at the time of the earthquake, and strange to say, were also in California at the time of the earthquake there. He has written them urging them to take steamer to New Orleans and come over to Fairhope.

Our extraordinarily fine winter weather continues. At this writing, Wednesday, January sixth, there has not yet been frost enough to kill the tomato vines or other sensitive plants, about town. Roses are blooming freely, some yellow jasmines and azalias are in bloom and even the great blooms on the banana plants keep opening out their leaves day by day. We do not remember a year in our fourteen year's residence when "killing frost" has kept off so late into the winter.

M. V. Watros Will go on Steamer Fairhope.

M. V. Watros will within a few days, go on the Steamer Fairhope as purser and manager. This will be good news to Mr. Watros' host of friends here. He is ardently devoted to Fairhope and its policies and is never happy when away. Mr. Watros has had large business experience and has a rare faculty for making friends In the opinion of the Courier he will fill the difficult position with satisfaction to the public and to the owners of the boat.

E. T. Molyneux of "Lone Oak," fell from his wagon recently and sustained a broken rib. He still wears a plaster on his side.



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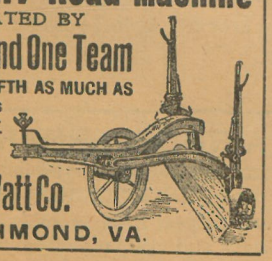
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PEPPERCORN, PICKLER

"What—more?" asked Peter Peppercorn, in amazement. "More?"

"Yes, dad. One must spend money to get into good society. Gold is the key that opens every portal. Already, thanks to Sir Guillaume, I have made many excellent friends."

"Seems to me, my lad, as he's makin' a pretty pickin' out o' you."

"Why, he has introduced me to no end of first-class people, and if we join the board of his new company I shall be certain to meet with many more. There is a draft of the prospectus, dad," said he, handing the paper to his father. "What do you think of it?"

"Well, I don't know much about prospectuses an' shares an' sich things. Pickles is more in my line."

"Dad, I wish you wouldn't drag the shop up at every turn. Your business was a success, and you have a right to be proud of it. But there is no reason that your mouth should be always full of—"

"Pickles, eh? Ha, ha! Well, p'r'aps not. But it's natural, after all, to think of old friends. But let's look at your prospectus. 'Hyacinths, Limited.' Umph! Sounds pretty well. This company is formed to take up concessions for the collection of bulbs from the battlefields of South Africa. Managing director, Sir Gullem 'Awksleigh.'"

"Oh, yes; it sounds very fine. But is it any good? Will it pay?"

"Sir Guillaume assures me there is money in it. I've promised to take 2,000 shares, dad, and the object of the baronet's visit is to induce you to take up a similar number and join the board. But whichever way you decide, I want you to be especially nice to Sir Guillaume and his daughter."

"You don't mean to say that he's bringing his daughter here? Is she in the bulb business, too?"

"Dad, Alicia is a lady. I love her to distraction, and so will you when you see her. She is the most beautiful—"

"Umph! 'Andsome is as 'andsome does.' What about your old sweetheart, Polly? Have you spoke to Polly? Have you told her of this engagement?"

"Why—er—no, not yet," said Bob, uneasily. "I have not had a chance."

"You'll have one of my roses, won't you, nunky, dear?" said Polly, entering from the garden. "There—isn't it a beauty? But what's the secret?"

"Why, the fact is, my dear," said her uncle, with some hesitation. "Bob has something important to say."

"What is it, Bob?" she asked; but, unheeding the pained look upon her face, he hurried from the room.

In mighty bad humor was Peter Peppercorn when Bob, accompanied by Sir Guillaume and his daughter entered and said: "Let me introduce you Alicia—Sir Guillaume—this is my father."

"The pictures are nice, ain't they?" said Peter. "Real ile paintin's, every one of 'em."

"The old man's a fool."

"By the way, Sir Guillaume,' said Bob, "I have already spoken to my father concerning the bulbs."

"Ah!" said Peter. "Talkin' of bulbs, Miss 'Awksleigh, while you're in the garden, just make Bob show you our onions. We've got the nobbiest lot of—"

"Onions," said Alicia, with a shudder. "Malodorous, vulgar abominations."

"Halloa, dad!" said Bob, entering hastily; "here you are. Here's a wire for you."

Peter stood with his head sunken upon his breast and his hands thrust deep into his breeches pockets.

The telegram had read: "International suspended payment. Utter collapse."

With a suppressed oath Bob crushed the telegram in his hand and strode to the mantelpiece, where he stood, his head resting on his hands, the picture of despair.

Sir Guillaume gave his daughter a significant glance. "Come, Alicia, my dear," said he, moving toward the door. "I think we had better withdraw."

"Ruined! Ruined!" cried Bob, as he flung himself into a chair.

"Who's ruined?" asked Polly, entering at that moment. "Why—Bob—uncle—what's the matter?"

"Read it there," said he, handing her the crumpled telegram.

Slowly she smoothed it out and read the fateful words. Then, brushing the tears from her eyes, she cried, hopefully. "Never mind, Bob. You are young; you can make a fresh start. I have a little money—not much—only $1,000 granny left me; but it is yours if you will take it—every penny."

The young man vouchsafed no answer, and Polly was turning sadly away when Peter, crossing to his son's side, said: "Bob, ain't your eyes open yet?"

"Yes, dad, they are," he cried, springing up. They are, to my own fclly. I have been blinded hitherto—dazzled by outward show. Polly, dear, can you forgive me?"

"I forgive you, Bob, all I have to forgive. There's my hand."

"Back to the pickle tubs—eh, dad?"

"Not a bit of it, my lad. But since Polly's goin' to be mistress in real earnest she must have a better house than this, and—"

"But you forget, dad. The telegram—"

"Ch, that's all right," answered the old man, with a chuckle; "I sent it myself."

GRAY'S ELEGY.

("Full many a gem of purest ray serene.")

Full many a gem of purest ray
Is born to blush unseen;
Full many a flower that smiles to-day,
Full many a leaf that's green,
Will never make the dreamer pause,
Nor his fond gaze entrance,
Because—why, can't you see?—because
It never had a chance.

Full many a Demosthenes,
Full many a Cromwell bold,
Full many a Milton—more the cheese
Than e'er was John of old—
Are sitting 'round the country store,
A-wearing out their pants,
Because—as hinted heretofore—
They never had no chance.
—Willis Leonard Clanahan, in Judge.

A Personal Opinion.

The constitutional dislike to giving an opinion on any subject, which had always distinguished the Gorham family, reached its fullest development in Abel Gorham. He could scarcely be persuaded to express his mind freely about anything, still less about any person. Yet he managed to preserve a reputation for keen discernment.

"I really wish you'd tell me what you think of young Hobbs," said one of the summer residents. "Come, Mr. Gorham, I mean to give the young man a lift if he's worth it."

"M-m,' said Mr. Gorham, with his usual deliberation. "When you come to lifting, anybody that can be lifted is wuth lifting, seems to me. As to Pete Hobbs, I'm expecting he'll turn out just about such a sort of a man as I take him to be. I don't know as I'm called upon to speak any plainer'n that."—Youth's Companion.

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Personal and Local

A. P. Reid M. D. Provincial Health Officer of Nova Scotia, arrived with his wife last evening, and will probably remain for some time.

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Miss Alice Patterson returned to her school in Mississippi on Monday morning.

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The prayer meeting at the Christian church has been changed from Wednesday evening to Thursday, for the convenience of Pastor Clarkson.

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Miss Hazel Pilcher spent the holiday vacation at home and Mr. Pilcher and Miss Margie drove her back to her school near Summerdale on Sunday. Miss Hazel likes her work very much.

Plenty of fresh sweet milk at the Creamery after six in the morning and five in the evening, at 8c. per quart. Also skimmed milk and butter milk at 3c. per quart.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle, came down from Daphne on Tuesday evening and will visit her son Stuart, and friends for about a week. Miss Mary Gould is taking her place as ompanion to Mrs. Yuille while she is here.

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Mr. S. F. Hunnel and wife of Waynesburg, Pa., and Mr. Hunnel's sister Mrs. M. E. Hazlett of Fayette County Pa., arrived on Saturday evening for an extended visit. Mr. Hunnel and Mrs. Hazlett are nephew and niece respectively of Mrs. Mary Hunnel and they have rooms in her cottage.

Fifty two year old fig trees, mostly Celestials. From 10 to 20 cents apiece. J. A. Haggstrom.

Mrs. C. S. Whipple and Mr. E. P. Kinne of Weeks Bay were in Fairhope on Monday, collecting Mrs. Whipple's interest on her wharf certificates and attending to other business. Mrs. Whipple said that she and her husband regretted greatly that on account of an injury to Mr. Whipple's foot they could not attend the Anniversay celebration.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Lose Baby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Joyce suffered the loss of their infant child, on Monday morning at six o'clock, and surrounded by sympathizing friends laid it away in Fairhope cemetery on Tuesday. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. D. M. Breckenridge, music being rendered by a quartette composed of Mrs. Bertha Mershon and Mrs. Knox and Messrs. W. E. Sweet and E. B. Gaston.

Fifth Thursday Club Reception.

The reception by the Fifth Thursday Club on December thirty-first, was a brilliant success. The pleasant parlors at "The Gables" were tastefully decorated with holiday greens. The receiving committee: Mrs. Comings, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Gaston and Mrs. Dr. Mershon, were stationed in the east sitting room. Hot chocolate and wafers were served in the dining room, which was in charge of Misses Gertrude Wood, Frances Gaston, Helen Taggart, Alice Patterson, Ola Powell, Bessie Littlefield, and Estelle Kile. About 200 ladies and gentlemen paid their respects to the ladies during the afternoon.

To Discuss the Colony Plan.

Mr. P. Y. Albright will addres the Progressive League on next Sunday and his subject will be "The Colony Plan." This will no doubt, attract a large audience and if the discussion does not depart from the subject of the "Colony Plan" to that of the Colony people, toward which there is a constant temptation on the part of some, it should be interesting and profitable.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our most heartfelt thanks for the kindly services and sympathy of our friends and neighbors, in our recent bereavement.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Joyce.

The Municipal Reception.

The New Year's reception by Mayor and Mrs. Greeno, assisted by other members of the Municipal administration, was one of the most successful social functions in the history of Fairhope.

The hospitable Greeno home "White Gables" was elaborately decorated for the occasion.

Mr. P. Y. Albright clerk of the municipality, received the guests at the door, and directed them into the south parlor, where the following stood in the receiving line: Mayor and Mrs. Greeno, Aldermen Pilcher, Sweet and Coleman and Alderman Nichols (the Captain being unavoidably absent.)

In the dining room coffee and chocolate and cake in variety and abundance were served by Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. L. E. Ames and Miss Mary Gould assissted by a bevy of Fairhope's most attractive young ladies, including the following: Hazel Pilcher. Celina Roberts and Leah Gaston. Fully two hundred people paid their respects to the Mayor and the "administration."

Dr. Henry Borst was over from Silver Hill to attend the Anniversary celebration and brought with him Miss Burk, of Mobile who had been caring for Mrs. Borst and a new Borst baby, and who took steamer for Mobile Saturday morning.

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JOSEPH FELS
DANIEL KIEFER
H. F. RING
J. J. PASTORIZA.

NOTES

Eugene Louis Colley editor of the Baldwin Times was an interested visitor and was a guest of Editor Gaston and family from Thursday evening to Friday morning.

Judge Smith of Bay Minette, was accompanied by his bright young son, Hamilton. Mr. Gaston and Dr. Greeno shared the pleasure of enteraining the Judge and his son during their stay.

Dr. Leigh-Jones, Messrs, Fels, Ring, Kiefer and Pastoriza, all left on Saturday morning. We were loath to have them go but delighted to have had them all with us for a week.

If the "big four" did not find out all about Fairhope while here, it was not because they did not make every effort to do so. They went around from day to day, together or singly, calling on the people and trying to "size up the situation" from every point of view.

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A most enjoyable and profitable ending of the visit of our friends and our Anniversary celebration, occurred on Saturday in Mobile. Messrs. Powell, Watros and Gaston accompanied the departing friends to that city, and on the way over a "happy thought" struck us that the presence of our distinguished friends in Mobile for a few hours, should be taken advantage of to have them meet some of our Mobile friends.

The suggestion was heartily seconded and on arrival in Mobile, Mr. Powell and Mr. Gaston hurried out to invite some of the leading citizens of the city to meet our friends at luncheon at the Battle House.

Within a very short time we had acceptances from the following, among the leading business and professional men of Mobile: E. J. Buck, president City Bank and Trust Co., Capt. A. C. Danner, banker and president Mobile Coal Co., A. P. Bush, president T. G. Bush Grocery Co., H. G. Barclay, General Agent L. & N. Ry. Co., Jno W. McAlpine, of law firm of Webb and McAlpine; W. H. Bryant vice-president and general manager Home Telephone Co., J. O. Smith, vice-president and Mobile manager Forbes Piano Co., Captain Jno. F. Cothran, president Item Publishing Co., J. C. O'Connell, of the Register, Dr. W. L. Woodruff, of Peerless Laundry, W. B. McAtee, leading retail shoe merchant and Dr. V. P. Gaines, prominent physician.

These with Messrs. Fels, Kiefer, Ring and Pastoriza, Dr. Leigh-Jones and her friends, Dr. Hatton and Miss Hagar, (the latter just returned from New Orleans) Mr. Eugene L. Colley, of the Baidwin Times; Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston, and Messrs. Powell, Watros and Gaston of Fairhope, twenty six in all, were served with luncheon at a large table in one end of the great Battle House dining-room.

As the coffee was brought on, Mr. Gaston as the only officer of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation present, extended greeting in its behalf to the Mobile guests and in a very short speech explained what it was that Fairhope was doing on the other side of the bay. He then introduced Mr. Fels, who made a characteristic speech which was well received, and who was followed by Messrs. Ring, Pastoriza and Kiefer, with remarks which were very brief indeed for the trains which were to bear away our departing friends were due at 1:30

The Mobile gentlemen all seemed interested and we were exceedingly sorry that time did not permit a few words from some of them, for we know that several would have been glad to say such words for Fairhope as would have cheered the hearts of our visiting friends

Expressing our embarassment at the haste made necessary by the shortness of time to Mr. O'Connell of the Register, he said: "You need make no apologies, you may congratulate yourselves that the affair was conducted exactly right and that you did your cause much good."

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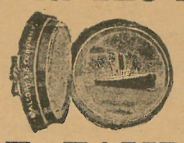
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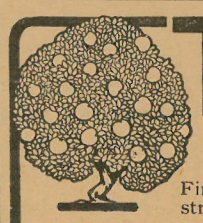
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Fairhope, to outward appearance, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

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 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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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,

Hail to Fairhope—Freedom's Refuge

Anniversary Greeting from C. J. BUELL, St. Paul.

Friends of freedom! Friends of justice?
Friends of equal rights for man!
Lend me now your ears and listen,
Listen while I tell the story,
Tell the story of the building
Of your truly famous city.

For the building of a city
Only men and land are needed;
Men—the active, working factor
Land—whereon to use their labor
When these two are brought together
When to get the land is easy,
Then from out the earth's broad bosom
Labor brings the wealth of nations.

Here by Mobile's sunny harbor,
Bold and high above the waters
Free from taint of swamp or poison
Stretched the old primeval forest.
Pure the air and pure the water
Warm the soil and quick responsive,
Waiting but the hand of labor,
Glad to furnish food and shelter.

Far away in rugged northland
Lived and labored, toiled and suffered
Many victims of oppression
Men were they of clearest vision,
Strong of tho't and bold in action;
Deep imbued with sense of justice,
Stronger yet were they for freedom,
Men who understood the motto
"Free the land, you free the people."

Hither came these northern freemen;
Got the land—so much as needed;
Made it ever free and open
Made it free for those who labor;
Ever free for children's children
Always free to those who use it.

Then the building of your city
Sped apace with zealous ardor
Well and true you laid the basis,
Fair and just you reared the structure,
Roofed it with the roof of freedom,
Crowned it all with love and mercy.
In your hearts no sordid passion
In your souls no taint of meanness
Just the zeal for equal freedom
Ardent zeal for love and justice.

Let no petty strife divide you;
Let no bickering distract you;
Glue your vision to the sunlight;
Keep your rudder firm and steadfast:
Steer the ship of state by reason;
Speed her ever on to justice.

So thru all the coming ages
Men will point to you in triumph;
Men will praise you for your wisdom;
Honor, love you for the justice
Of the state you here have founded.

Farmer's Meeting

EDITOR COURIER:

The Baldwin County Division of the F. E. & C. U. of A. will hold the first quarterly convention at Daphne January 12th and 13th 1909.

All Locals are requested to send delegates, Produce Exchange and Cotton Selling Agency will be discussed, and election of officers for 1909.

W. S. BALDWIN. Pres.
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Fairhope's Fourteenth Anniversary

Some of the Letters of Regret Received From Friends Unable to Attend in Person the Anniversary Celebration.

Words of Commendation and Encouragement FromMany Leaders in the Single Tax Cause and Others.

From the many letters received by the committee on Anniversary Celebration from those unable to attend in person, (but few of which could be read at the celebration) the COURIER takes pleasure in giving herewith a number, prefacing each with a line of introduction of the writer—though as to many this will be superfluous to the larger number of our readers. The source and character of these letters will help to a correct appreciation of the hold Fairhope has upon the hearts of those devoted to the cause of the land for the people, near and far.

From Frank Stephens, poet, artist, orator, pioneer Single Taxer, founder of "Arden" Del., Single Tax Colony.

Thank you for the kind invitation and I wish it were in my power to be with you pioneers of the good time coming at your Anniversary celebration.

Just as surely as I believe that the most important work in the world is the establishment of the Single Tax philosophy in actual statesmanship, just so surely do I believe that there is no more important part of that work than that you people of Fairhope have done and are doing.

From John Sherwin Crosby, New York City, prince of Single Tax orators, attorney in office of comptroller of the city of New York; his wife president of the Women's National Single Tax League, member.

Nothing but its distance from New York prevents Mrs. Crosby and me from joining the Fairhope Single Tax Colony in celebrating the fourteenth Anniversary of its auspicious founding. I have most pleasant recollections of the hospitality extended to me by its good people of eight or ten years ago, and hope some day to have the pleasure of visiting scenes and reviving associations so full of abiding interest.

We shall be with you in spirit on Friday evening and join in wishing you one and all many and many a happy new year.

From Lawson Purdy, president Department of Taxes and Assessments of the City of New York.

I have received your kind invitation to attend the Fourteenth Anniversary celebration of the Founding of Fairhope, and regret that I cannot attend.

It would give me great pleasure to see what you have accomplished at Fairhope and meet my friends there. The experiment you have so faithfully attempted has been of great interest, and if your success continues, must be of greater and greater interest as time goes on. I hope it may even have such value as to furnish a strong argument for reform of the tax laws of other municipalities and states.

From A. C. Pleydell, New York, Secretary New York Tax Reform League.

I regret that I will not be able to accept the invitation of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to attend the fourteenth anniversary celebration of the founding of Fairhope.

I have watched the growth of Fairhope with much interest, believing that the theory on which the experiment is based is economically sound, and as near to the Single Tax as we can come until existing tax laws are changed. The difficulties met with in the practical application of the theory are due to the existence of unwise laws whose effects can be modified but not abolished.

Economic justice, even more than individual righteousness, can be attained only as all people become wiser and better

Those who have kept on steadfastly, despite the many discouragements, "doing something practical" at Fairhope, are surely doing their share in helping the world to reach the goal of economic freedom pointed out by Henry George.

From Prof. B. B. Baker, president of Daphne State Normal School, Daphne, Ala.

I much regret that other engagements will prevent me from accepting your invitation to attend the Anniversary celebration of the founding of Fairhope. The world is looking to you for the application of a great principle and it is my sincere wish that you will succeed in the future as you have in the past giving an object lesson of the advantages of the Single Tax idea.

From Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, treasurer of the Women's National Single Tax League, and who presided over many of the sessions of the National Single Tax Conference at New York, in Nov. 1907. A member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

There is nothing I can think of that would give me greater pleasure than to meet with the good people of Fairhope on the occasion named were it possible.

I regret more than I can say that I cannot be with you, but I trust you will be so kind as to convey to the people of your town my warmest regards and best wishes for their well-being.

May you and they continue in the effort "to establish society in the love and practice of justice."

From Tom L. Johnson Mayor of Cleveland.

I have your kind invitation to attend the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of the founding of Fairhope, Friday evening January first.

I want to thank you for the courtesy which I very much appreciate and while it is not possible for me to be with you, I trust that all will spend a pleasant and profitable evening.

From Frederick F. Ingram. ex-president of the Public Lighting Commission of Detroit, large manufacturing pharmacist, member of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

I received the announcement for the 14th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Fairhope. I much regret my inability to be present. I have a vivid recollection of my pleasant visit at Fairhope several years ago, the congenial friends I found and made there. I still retain my interest in the wholesome experiment that the Colony is carrying on in spite of difficulties, discouragements and critics. I feel like taking off my hat to men and women whose persistent earnestness, indomitable courage and love for justice and humanity leads them into sacrifices.

The name "Single Tax" may not be growing in popularity but the cause, the principles involved, are taking root. They are beginning to be reflected in our laws, we notice their influence in the sentiments uttered in public discussion by men who ridicule the Single Tax and are unable to realize that all the good they do is because of the principles of the Single Tax they have unconsciously absorbed. There are different ways of promoting this grand principle of justice. It is the duty of us who hold them so dear to encourage everybody to go on with the propaganda in their own way. Success to Fairhope Colony.

From Mary D. Hussey, East Orange N. J., practising physician, ardent Single Taxer, member of the Corporation.

I am glad to send a word of greeting to the Single Taxers and others who are making the Fairhope Single Tax experiment as much of a success as possible while the nation, the state and the county are still conducted upon an unjust economic basis.

With the very best wishes for the continued prosperity of Fairhope and her people for the coming year I am very truly yours

From Hon. E. H. Gilette, Valley Junction Iowa, congressman with Gen. J. B. Weaver, during Greenback days in Iowa and associated with him for years in the publication of the Tribune, at Des Moines, personal friend of the founders of Fairbope.

Your very kind invitation to attend the fourteenth anniversary celebration of the founding of Fairhope, on Friday evening Jan. 1sti 1909, was duly received. It made me feel like packing my valise and rushing to the depot, especially as I had long promised myself a

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visit to your town and to your enterprising people, but upon second thought I again had to postpone the pleasure.

Your people gathered fourteen years ago and by united effort have built pleasant homes in what was a wilderness: they spoke to the rocks and purest waters gushed forth; they spoke to the earth and most delicious fruits and fragrant flowers sprang up where only pines and oaks had flourished.

Better than all, better than building Fairhope, with every brick laid, they laid a sightless brick, they built an unseen foundation, more permanent than granite wall. for a great principle of justice to rest upon, the principle of equal right of all men to the gifts of Nature, of equal right of all to sit at the table spread by Omnipotence.

Your people have for fourteen years given notice to human-hogs to stand back and hide their faces, while the army of justice and fair play and Fairhope takes a hand in human affairs.

It is not the few houses, and pretty gardens of Fairhope that made the "fourteen year old" famous, but it is the "mighty principle" which called the town into existence, and which shall soon conquer the world.

Be of good cheer, brothers in reform work! Some day millions now unborn shall rise up and call you blessed.

Wishing for Fairhope a happy New Year, a year of unity and good will, I am ever yours in the bonds of sympathy and hope.

Greeting from over seas. John Bagot, editor Middleton England, Guardian writes:

Nothing would please me more than to be with you on the first of January, for I love the cause so well that all who work for it are very near my heart. I always think of you at Fairhope as being very privileged persons doing what I am always urging English Single Taxers to do, i. e. giving a practical example of what human freedom will ultimately achieve. I am with you in spirit, and always with the hope that some day I shall meet you face to face in Fairhope.

God bless you and your work, which is the brightest thing I know of in the states. When the Single Taxers there waken up, Fairhope will not only be appreciated but will boom.

(Other letters next week.)

Send for a few of our neat slips regarding Colony and COURIER, to hand to friends or enclose in letters.

Tax Question to the Front in Alabama.

The loss of the liquor license fund with the advent of prohibition is causing Alabama cities to seek new sources of revenue and this is giving rise to many complaints.

The city of Mobile has heavily increased the license on insurance companies doing business in that city.

The Mobile Register comes to the defense of the companies, alleging it will mean "the withdrawal of all the smaller companies and the entire wiping out of several of the smaller agencies."

The Register says further:

"This means, of course, that the insured pay the increased tax. If there is any idea extant that the city is making the corporations stand more of the burden of government, it is absolutely ill-founded. What ever extra is taxed upon the corporations must be retaxed by the corporations upon the insured; and they do so, if it is worth while. Some of the smaller companies will find it easier and better to quit the territory altogether, but those that stay and pay the tax expect to get it back; and will get it back. As we said yesterday, it is a transferable tax; in other words, simply another tax on property. The Council should take advice on this matter and rescind this tax, leaving the amount as heretofore."

We commend to the people of Mobile the securing of their needed increase in revenue by increasing the tax on idle lands. According to the Register the insurance companies have materially reduced their rates lately; but land values have been enormously advanced and the whole people of Mobile have caused this advance. Don't punish the insurance companies who have voluntarily reduced rates, but ask the land owners to divide with you what you have given them.

Advantage of Fairhope Leasing Plan Over Usual Leasing System.

To make valuable improvements upon leased land, is not confined to Fairhope. Some of the best business buildings in Mobile including that of the L. Hammel Dry-goods Company, are on leased ground According to a press dispatch the site of the Hotel Metropole, corner 42nd street and Broadway, New York, has been leased for sixty-three years at an annual rental of $70,000, to parties who will tear down the hotel and erect a twenty story building. Particulars of the lease are not given, but a customary condition is that all taxes upon land and improvement are payable by the lessee, and all improvements go to the lessor at the end of the term.

"But," some will say, "the lessee at least knows what his rent will be, while under a Fairhope lease contract one never knows what the rent may go to." Granted: but which is the better proposition? To know what your rent will be—the highest figure that present conditions and future prospects will justify—and that all of it will go for the benefit of your landlord, or to know that it will be from year to year, the real value of the land as near as it may be ascertained, that all of it will be expended for your benefit, and that your improvements remain your property always?

It is claimed that as a result of changes in the bed of the Gulf of Mexico by volcanic action the course of the gulf stream has been changed causing it to sweep in much nearer to the gulf coast section and that accounts for our late warm winters. "Maybe so," but we will feel safer from cold waves after March first.

JUDGE NOT
OR
LIFE BEWEEN THE LINES.

Our life's a book, unsullied white;
Each glowing day therein we write
Of victories won, of battles lost.
But he who reads knows not the cost
Of life between the lines.

We often think another's life
Free from all sorrow, toil or strife;
But all unwritten, all unknown,
He's labored, oftentimes alone
In life between the lines.

Between the lines! What does it mean
When from the page we think we glean
The motives of the writer's heart?
But deeper, nobler, lies his part
In life, between the lines.

Between the lines be sure you look
Before you judge another's book;
For there you'll find the inner life,
Its heart, its motives and its strife
In life between the lines.

Another's faults we dare not blame,
For that which caused our brother's shame
Lies hidden neath his heart—we need
More loving sympathy, to read
His life between the lines.

We all come short of life's ideal,
We fail ofttimes; but still we feel
We'll not be judged by what we did
As much as by what's often hid
In life between the lines.

—CORA MAXON KNOX, in "Leadership."

The talented author of the foregoing beautiful poem and by whose kind permission we republish it, is one of our appreciated winter visitors. —Editor.

Only True Under Just Conditions

"No man liveth to himself," it is written, and the Scriptures themselves contain no truer saying. Some are prone to say that when a man succeeds, he succeeds by using others as stepping stones. It is not true. No man succeeds, but that he lifts others with him as he rises. No man fails but that he drags others down. --Montgomery Advertiser.

This should be true but unfortunately it is not. Under just conditions only would it be true that no man would succeed but by lifting others with him. The Advertiser would not contend that the robber who "succeeds" by "holding up" his victims on the highway and relieving them of their valuables, "lifts them with him." It is obvious that his "gains" are exactly in proportion to his victim's losses; that his "success" measures their failure.

The Advertiser recognizes this, of course, where the act of robbery is in violation of statute law, but the essence of robbery is in taking the labor or property of another against his will, and that some methods of doing this may not be in violation of statute law, in no degree alters the fact that he who succeeds by them succeeds at the expense of others.

No doubt the Advertiser as a good democratic (party) journal, considers the excessive profits of a steel trust, protected against competition by an excessive tariff, as virtually stolen from the people and we agree with it; but no less robbery in fact are the far greater profits gained by the same steel trust from its monopoly of the natural deposits of iron ore and coking coal, or the profits of land monopoly from a steel trust down to the holder of a village lot, who compels a would-be home-maker to pay him a value not the result of his effort for the privilege of its use.

Of a kind with it are all the varied special

privileges which the law gives to a portion of the people, enabling them to succeed at the expense of others.

Not until these are wiped away will it be true that "no man succeeds but that he lifts others with him as he rises."

Tom Johnson All Right.

The associate editor cherishes the following letter from Tom L. Johnson, in response to her comment upon his work in Cleveland and financial reverses:

Dear Mrs. Howland:

I regret this unavoidably late reply to your kind letter, and want you to know that I most heartily appreciate your words of encouragement.

Things are not as bad with me as the papers report. What is more important, I have lost none of my enthusiasm and intend to go right on in the course mapped out as long as life lasts.

Trusting I may always deserve your good wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Cleveland, TOM L. JOHNSON

Mr. Fels writes from Philadelphia on his arrival home; after stopping a couple of days in Cleveland, spending much of the time with Mr. Johnson: "He is a brick and not 'down and out' at all, nor has he lost his entire fortune, but a part of it. He is keeping up the fight with just as much bravery as ever."

V. I. G. Social at The Powell Home.

The V. I. C. Social at the Powell residence on last Friday evening, was well attended and a very pleasant affair.

Mrs. Dr. Slosson, read an excellent paper on "Civic Interests from a Woman's Standpoint" which was followed by an interesting discussion. What proved to be the "live wire" of the paper was the suggestion of an adequate hall as one of the greatest needs of the town.

This brought out several expressions from gentlemen present: Mr. Littlefield, Mr Brown, Mr. Powell and Mr. Gaston, in favor of a hall. Mr. Littlefield made a motion, which was seconded and carried that the V. I. C. take up the matter of a hall. Mr. Gaston thought the hall should be the property of the town: said he would favor the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation deeding the town a lot for the purpose, and that it should be adjacent to the school buildings so as to be convenient for any school exercises, which called the pupils of the different grades together, or to which the public was invited.

Mr. Powell was very much in favor of a hall and inclined to favor the issuance of bonds by the town for the building of a hall as the only practical way to secure the cooperation of all the people of the municipality in its building.

Mr. Brown was much in favor of a town hall, but opposed to issuance of bonds for the purpose.

Mrs. Edith Paula Smith favored with three instrumental selections, each on a different instrument, using guitar, banjo and mandolin.

Chocolate, sandwiches and wafers were served, and a silver collection taken.

The Mobile Daily Herald has suspended publication after a checkered career of fifteen years.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Colony Plan Discussed By Progressive League

An audience which filled the school room gathered last Sunday to hear "The Colony Plan" discussed by P. Y. Albright, before the Progressive League. Mr. Albright read a carefully prepared paper, free from personalities and it was freely discussed.

Mr. Albright referred to internal dissension as the rock upon which colonies usually go to pieces, and cited the experience of Ruskin. He argued for "rotation in office" as a means of preventing graft and allaying suspicion of it; objected to use of name 'Single Tax" as misleading. The Colony plan was not Single Tax at all, but "Communism pure and simple;" leaders of the Single Tax movement like Henry George, Johnson and Post had never approved of the Colony plan. He stated as a burning question; "can the Council raise rents at will?" and declared that a court of equity would grant relief from excessive rentals. He gave numerous instances of over valuations (in his opinion;) thought rents had "about reached their limit; but later thought that with a few exceptions they were "now about right."

Cited as a bugaboo, a possible $50,000 factory the tax on which would be far in excess of the rent on the land and put the Colony in a hole. Another possible incident which would show the fatal weakness of the Colony's plan of paying taxes on improvements and personal property out of the rents, was the establishment of a cotton warehouse. General economic conditions he asserted, could not be escaped; wages and prices of commodities could not be kept in the Colony above those prevailing outside.

The discussion which followed was participated in by Miss Chapman, Miss Herring, Mrs. Miller; Messrs. Lancaster, Brown, Bellangee. Yarnelle, Powell, Stimpson, Ewald, Baldwin, Wolf, Gaston and others.

Our space will not permit a review of the remarks of each speaker but some of the points brought out were: that internal dissension was a recognized danger but whereas in Ruskin all business was public business, in Fairhope the opportunities for friction were limited to the administration of land and public utilities, which from their very nature demanded public control to prevent private monopoly. Those who objected to the use of the name Single Tax by Fairhope, "put the emphasis in the wrong place." The main thing sought to be accomplished by the Single Tax was to take land values for public use, and to exempt the products of labor from taxation. Fairhope accomplished this in the only way open to it. Mr. Albright had mistaken his opinion about land values as the land values in fact; his opinion was interesting but not conclusive. Rents had not reached their limit—unless population had reached its limit, If population increased land values would increase.

The advantages accruing from the payment of taxes, furnishing water, telephone service, etc. free or at reduced rates, were legitimate factors to be considered in fixing rents, and were considered by settlers, when deciding whether to locate in Fairhope or not.

To say that the Colony could not pay taxes on improvements etc. out of ground rents, was virtually to say that the Single Tax was not a sound economic proposition. The users of land now pay all these taxes. Even in the city of New York, where are the finest improvements in the world, the land value is greatly in excess of the value of all improvements and personal property. The coming of a big factory would mean a greatly increased demand for sites for homes and increased activity in all business lines, thus increasing land values throughout the Colony, and could not come too quick tosuit the Fairhoper who fully understands its policy.

The speeches and the sentiment apparent were strongly in favor of the Colony and its policy.

School Election: Important to All Interested in Schools

The Attorney general of Alabama has given an opinion that the new Municipal code, by which each municipality becomes a school district, is applicable to Baldwin County and the Fairhope town Council has called an election for the purpose of choosing a Board of Education of five members.

The date set for the election is Thursday, January 28, 1909, as per announcement in this issue.

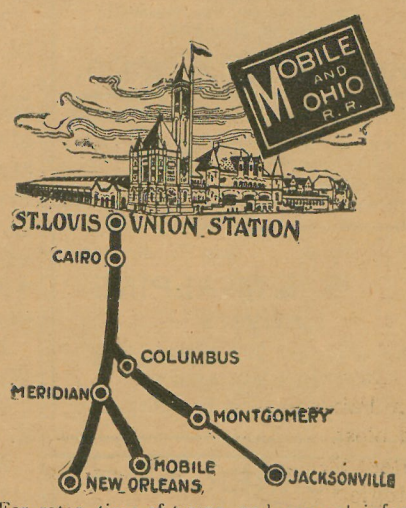
This is a very important matter and should be given immediate and careful thought by the people.

The COURIER suggests that a public meeting or caucus for advising as to candidates to be voted for, be held before the election. Perhaps the "Peoples' Assembly" might take the initiative in so doing.

The Erie (Kans.) Sentinel is publishing a complete list of the real estate assessments of its county by townships giving ownership and description of property, valuation and tax. Such a publication in every county would do much to help correct inequalities. We believe if Baldwin County should make such a publication, and send a copy to every tax payer in the county with a request for him to report any undervaluations coming to his notice, the increased tax on undervaluations thus made apparent, would pay the cost many times over.

Referring to the proposal of the Liberal party in England to impose a progressive tax rate on unimproved property; the Wheeling, W. Va. Intelligencer says:

"The purpose is to compel rich land owners who have great tracts for hunting and fishing purposes to surrender these lands to small farmers at a reasonable price. Here is the Henry George theory in a modified form; a theory that is certain to be written into the laws of every civilized nation, when governments begin fully to realize the rights of the many as against the few."



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Personal and Local

Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Massey's and Mrs. Curtis' sister, has moved into the sanitarium building.

The Str. Fairhope took from Fairhope to Mobile, on Monday morning sixty sacks of Irish and sweet potatoes.

Wm. Stimpson is clearing up ten acres of land in Section 15 and expects to put out Irish potatoes, sorghum and soy beans on it. He is looking forward to transferring his farming operations to cheaper land, and dividing up his acreage tract in town into small holdings.

Dr. and Mrs. Slosson, and daughters Nellie and Lois, and Master Arthur Gaston, drove out on Saturday afternoon to Mr. Eugene Slosson's near Fish river, and taking an early start Sunday morning all, except Mrs. Slosson who drove the team back, and with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slosson added, came around in the Slosson launch, reaching Fairhope about 10 a. m.

A pleasant little group got together on Monday evening at the cottage occupied by Major and Mrs. Whittle, and spent a pleasant ev'ning those present were: Mr. & Mrs. Patterson, Messrs. G. F. and M. N. Marshall, Mrs. French, Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge, Mrs. Bemis, Mr. Staples, Mr. Brothers and Mr. and Mrs. Horne. By special request Mr. Staples read his paper on "Tribute" read recently before the Progressive League, which was discussed by those present with much interest. The same parties will meet on Tuesday evening of next week at Mr. Staples' cottage and continue their discussion.

Colony Council Proceedings.

Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Jan. 4, with all members present but Mr. Bancroft and Vice President Paton in the chair.

Minutes of meetings of Dec. 9, 14, 16, and 22, read and approved.

Captain Roberts appeared before the Council in regard to a division of the land held by him so that some of it might be surrendered to the best advantage and it was agreed Council would look over the land, when making personal inspection with a view to correcting inequalities in rent complained of.

Following bills allowed:

Woodmen of the World, use of hall 2 evenings,	$ 1.00
E. B. Gaston, secretary, Postage in Dec.	4.05
Printing and postage acct. anniversary,	4.71
Wm. Stimpson services as Water Clerk,	14.40
F. L. Brown, 33 loads of slabs for w. w. Aug.-Dec. inc.	33.00
Wm. Stimpson, hauling 33 loads of slabs,	33.00
3 loads light wood	6.00
L. Barnhart 6 hrs. work on water works.	1.15
Nick Johnson, 4 hrs. work on water works	.75
H. C. Oswalt, incidental fee for 57 pupils at 35 cents,	17.85
G. W. Wood, salary last ¼ $25 and postage .60,	25.60

Moved and carried that engineer be authorized to make necessary repairs to boiler and pump and report direct to Council.

Following relinquishments approved:

S. E. Gooding, lots 4, 5 and 7 blk. 4, div. 2.

J. F. Johnson, lot 3, blk. 5, div. 1.

D. W. Terry, lot 1, blk. 6, div. 1, on payment of $15; int. in division fence to go to Corporation.

Application of Farmers' Ed. and Cooperative Union for 2 acres in N. E. cor. of W. ½ of N. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of 15, granted.

Following transfers of land approved:

C. K. Brown to Miss Abbie Keller, S. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of Sec. 17.

Mrs. Bessie Mathews to Ivy Powell Troup, lot 4, blk. 8, div. 4.

Action on proposed relinquishments by A. J. Wolf of lot 3, blk. 2, div. 2, and F. L. Horning of S. ½ of N. W. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of 17 deferred for investigation.

In regard to proposal of John Bloomquist to surrender four acres held by him in S. W. ¼ of S. W. ¼ of sec. 15, subject to occupation of barn until some one would purchase his

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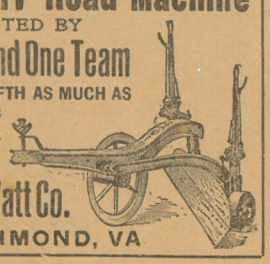
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Deacon Foster's Grab Bag

It Was a Big Surprise to All Present

The proprietor of the corner grocery had just hidden the cheese and put the cracker barrel behind the counter in anticipation of the usual Saturday night crowd, when Sam Stiles sauntered in with his molasses jug and kerosene can.

"Hello, Sam," cried the proprietor in a glad hand voice. "How's things down your way? By ther way, Sam, what was goin' on at ther church fair Thursday night? I hear as how Deacon Foster got all excited like an' said thet while prayin' was all right there was times when it wouldn't fill ther bill like good ole cussin.'?"

"He was goin' some," answered Sam with a reflective smile, "and fer a while everybody was kind o' feared thet he would bust ther harness or dish a wheel. Ye see ther deacon is full o' schemes fer collectin' money fer ther church, an' when it was kind o' noised around the he was goin' ter spring somethin' new at ther fair everybody hiked fer ther town hall.

"Purty soon ther deacon come in with his new scheme, which looked for all the world like a two-bushel bag o' pertaters, an' after ther parson had made a few remarks fer ther benefit o' their sinners what was still holdin' back, ther deacon stepped up on ther platform.

"'Dear brothers an' beloved sisters,' said he in his hoss tradin' voice. 'I hev arranged somethin' new fer your edification an' pleasure an' I hev every reason ter believe thet it will be ther sensation o' ther evening. In this bag are several carefully wrapped packages, an' fer ther small sum o' five cents ye will be permitted ter grab any one ye like, which o' course must be opened in full view o' ther audience. All ther packages is useful as well as ornamental, an' some o' them will make ye feel like claspin' hands an' singin' songs o' praise. Now then, who will be the first to take a package from ther grab bag?'

"All hands kind o' balked bashful-like fer a while, but purty son Si Gimp was coaxed ter start ther game, and from ther gingerly way thet he picked out one o' ther packages ye might hev thought he was monkeyin' with a hornet's nest. Si wouldn't open it, an' Mandy, thinkin' thet it might be candy, got on ther job herself. In jes' two seconds she had ther paper tore off, an' instead o' candy she found she had a nursin' bottle like mother used ter use. First she blushed, then she turned red, and then she blushed again.

"In ther meantime ther Ladies' aid acted as if they was shocked, an' ther parson glanced at ther deacon an' said he was surprised. Ther deacon said he was surprised, too, an' offered a pan o' scrapple when he killed hogs to anyone who would tell him how ther nursin' bottle got inter the bag.

"Nobody made a bid fer ther pan o' scrapple, an' when ther deacon had argued himself inter good standin' agin an' Mandy found she wasn't half as mad as she thought she was, the grab bag game went on. Ther parson put up five cents an' made a grab, an' so did one o' ther Ladies' aid an' Dave Sleeper. All three o' them started ter open ther packages at the same time, an' when ther returns was counted ther parson had a half pint o' whisky, ther Ladies' aid sister had a deck o' cards, an' Dave Sleeper had a lot o' poker chips.

"Well, sir ye jes oughter seen thet crowd. Ther nursin' bottle was bad enough, but half pints an' poker was exceedin' ther speed limit, an' ther way them distracted sisters tried to throw a 10-horse power faint on five pounds o' steam was a sight ter see, even if ye had ter take a knothole in ther fence instead o' ther grandstand. Them thet wasn't tryin' ter faint was makin' a noise thet sounded like big talk. One o them was marchin' around like George Washington, another was smellin' o' ther parson's half pint ter see if it was ther real stuff, an' still another was tellin' her husband what she would do ter the deacon's face if she was a man.

"As soon as he was able to move without help ther parson made another dive fer ther grab bag without puttin' up ther nickel an' out come more chips, more cards an' another half pint or two. Then the parson had a few things ter say thet didn't include ther Doxology or Benediction, an' told the deacon in plain words thet he was a bum citizen to talk about savin' sinners. This made ther deacon as hot as the middle of August.

"He declared thet what he put in thet bag was Testaments, candy, an' that some dod-blasted heathen thet he was goin' to wallup first an' fergive afterward, had played a joke on him. With his coat off an' sleeves rolled up, ther deacon was so convincin' thet ther parson and Ladies' aid believed what he told them, an' jes' as soon as he had been taken back inter ther fold an' called 'dear brother' agin', he picked up a fence slat and started ter look fer ther feller what played ther joke. He—"

"I don't blame him fer actin' up a bit," broke in the proprietor. "Who do ye s'pose it was?"

"Don't know as I kin say exactly," replied Sam, "but I has my suspicions. When I was goin' home from ther fair I seen Freckles ther deacon's son, scootin' along behind a rail fence. 'Where yer goin', Freckles?' says I. 'Goin' ter join ther army, Sam,' says he."

No Nature Fake.

"You certainly run up against funny things in the country," said the young man who had just returned from down state, where his uncle has a large farm. "On the way up to my uncle's house I had to pass the stock yards, where he kept a lot of pigs. As I passed those hundreds of pigs seemed to be having a regular stampede or panic of some kind—they were rushing madly about, apparently looking for something. I watched them for quite a while, but could see nothing but a small woodpecker sitting on the fence. When I got to the house I asked Uncle Jim what on earth was the matter with the hogs, they seemed so excited.

"'That so? Well, it was this way—there was a spell back some weeks when I had a bad cold, lost my voice, and couldn't call those critters to their feed, so I got the idea of bringin' them to the troughs by tappin' my stick on the wooden fence, and ever since them pesky woodpeckers came round the hogs just go crazy, thinkin' I'm callin' them to give them somethin' to eat.'"

Lessened Demand for Rubies.

The output of rubies in Burma during 1907 amounted to 2,128,368 trucks, valued in Magok books at $577,325. The royalty revenue for the year was $99,245. The market for rubies was fairly good the first of the year, falling away discouragingly toward the last of the year.

Definition.

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Henry Gunnison is working for White and Stapleton at their turpentine camp on Fish River.

For dry fire wood, promptly delivered, call on R. Poortstra or leave orders at the Courier office.

Miss Gladys Lowell was over from Mobile from Tuesday evening to Thursday morning, the guest of Miss Celina Roberts.

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Miss Clements was called to Birmingham by a telegram announcing the serious illness of a sister and left for there on Thursday morning.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

Mrs. Hicks left for her home in Illinois on Thursday morning after an extended visit to the Shepherds, during which she made many friends.

We don't sell common shorts, and call it whole wheat flour, we have the Genuine Pure Wheat ground into flour "all in, nothing taken out." Don't be buncoed to pay fancy price for shorts. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. R. S. Hutchison is quite unwell.

Camphor trees for sale, 20 cents each, at Will Stimpson's.

The Greenbaums and Poganys who were in the Borst cottage have moved out to their place in the country and Dr. Borst is in town fixing up his place.

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Irish potato planting is going on actively now, especially east of Daphne, where a large acreage will be put in.

One of the pumps of the Lucile let down on her at Montrose landing on Tuesday evening, disabling her, and the Fairhope had to take her passengers and mail. The Irma took her place Wednesday.

We have had some cooler weather this week, as our volunteer observer's report shows, but no ice yet and even the butter beans, sensitive as they are to cold, are still in business.

Fifty two year old fig trees, mostly Celestials. From 10 to 20 cents apiece. J. A. Haggstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitch, of Montgomery and Mr. Heard, of Birmingham, arrived on Tuesday and have rooms in the Weaver cottage, Mrs. Fitch will probably assist Mrs Johnson and Miss Taggart in the Organic School.

Miss Millie Beckner has been quite ill in fact had an attack of appendicitis, but though escaping an operation has insisted on keeping up her work at Bell central, with the loss of only a couple of days.

The municipality has been doing some good work on the streets this week beginning east of Section St where the ditches were opened and the dirt thrown to the center of the street, also doing some needed work at the crossing of Church St. Marshal George Lawrence is in charge of the work.

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Mrs. C. M. Brady, of Catlin Ill., a resident years ago, is back to spend three or four months with us. She has with her two children, Philip, 9, and Alice, 6, who will enter our school. They are at the Fairhope Hotel. Mr. Brady and "Al," will come down later.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay left on Thursday morning for Pine Bluff, Ark. where Mrs. Fay will take treatment for rheumatism from which she is a great sufferer from a physician who gave her great relief last year.

Mrs. Keller's father, Mr. A. M. Newell, is very ill at the Keller home.

W. S. Baldwin leads the Progressive League on next Sunday and will speak upon "Practical Cooperation." Mr. Baldwin has given this matter much thought and has had splendid opportunities for observation of cooperative efforts and should be able to present something practical indeed along this line.

Charles Stradling left with his family on Thursday morning, for Madison, Miss., near Jackson, where he goes, we understand, to try farming with a Mr. Hearn, who visited hear some time since. Mr. Stradling is a good, hard-working man and we regret to have him leave, especially as we very much fear he will not do as well as he has here.

Mr. George T. Relyea and wife and Mrs. Star, of Joliet, Ill, and Mrs. Dr. Souder of Rockwell City, Iowa, arrived Wednesday to spend the balance of the winter. Mrs. Starr is Mr. J. J. Mogg's sister and the other ladies are her daughters. Mrs. Starr and Mrs. Souder spent a winter here five years ago.

Brother Bellangee's garden is a delight to the eye now. His cabbage patch on the Arthur Mershon lot looks particularly fine and he is marketing some of the finest lettuce he has ever grown. Some heads measure fully 20 inches across.

Henry George Club Meetings.

The Henry George Club will hold its January evening meeting with Mrs. Comings at "The Gables" on Friday evening of next week. The speaker has not been selected but there will be something of interest presented and the usual discussion.

Music will be in charge of Mrs. Powell, and light refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend.

The regular afternoon meeting will be on next Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock with Mrs. Gaston. Miss Clements will be the leader; and will review Chapters 1 & 2 of book 8, of Progress and Poverty, to be followed by discussion. All are invited, visiting ladies will be especially welcome.

Peculiar Accident of N. Mershon

Nathaniel Mershon met with a peculiar and painful accident yesterday morning. He went to let down from the top one of the windows in his bed room which was not hung on weights and when released it dropped with a rush and its upper rail caught his right hand, which was resting on top of the lower sash drawing it down between the two so that it was caught as in a vise. Failing with all his strength to raise the upper sash so as to release himself, he called for help and his daughter, Mrs Sweet came to his assistance but with her help the sash could not be raised and Ira Powell who was coming up the street was called to help. It was all he could do to raise the sash. Three fingers of Mr. Mershon's hand were badly bruised but the bones not thought to be injured.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRHOPE.

Notice is hereby given that polls will be open at the Council room of the Town Council of Fairhope in the Town of Fairhope Ala., on Thursday, January 28, 1909, for the purpose of electing five members of the Board of Education for the Town of Fairhope, Ala.

The town Council of Fairhope have appointed the following election officers to conduct said election; A. J. Wolf, Henry Creswell and L. Barnhardt as Inspectors of Election. Frank Troup and P. Y. Albright as Clerks, G. E. Perkins returning officer.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor.
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk.
Jan. 11, 1909.

Council Proceedings

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improvements at $25, secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Bloomquist that Council cannot accept his proposition but if he wants to retain an acre on which his building stands he may surrender balance and will by paid what can be realized from improvements.

Water Clerk reported conference with Mr. Troup in regard to his proposition to furnish 3 in. pipe from Fairhope Ave. to hotel and was instructed to further conference.

Wm. Stimpson reported purchase of Steenstra property at sheriff's sale.

Secretary instructed to have printed 1000 envelopes and 1000 bill heads.

Adjourned to meet at Courier office at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday to look over land for rent adjustments.

January 6, 1909.

Adjourned meeting. All members present. Mr. Gaston elected chairman pro tem.

Council proceded to go around and look over various sections in which inequalities of assessments had been complained of and adjustments made, (as per revised rent list) which Secretary was instructed to print.

Surrender by A. J. Wolf of lot 3, block 2, div. 2, approved.

Surrender by F. L. Horning of s ½ of his tract not approved, as not dividing land to advantage.

Fall Temperature.

Jan. 6,-13 1909.

Jan.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
7	39	57	51
8	33	52	46
9	38	60	54
10	47	65	60
11	51	67	43
12	63	53	49
13	45	61	65

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Observer.

SIBERIA'S MANY LARGE CITIES.

They Are a Surprise to the American Visitor.

One is continually surprised at finding such large, prosperous cities in Siberia, writes Prof. G. E. Blakeslee in the Boston Transcript. Omsk has some 55,000 inhabitants, Ob 25,000, Tomsk 75,000, Krasniarsk 35,000 and Irkutsk 60,000. In many ways, however, they still show the crudeness of frontier life. In Ob hardly a house is over one story high, and the dust in the unpaved streets lies some inches thick. On the other hand, there is a large number of schools in the country. Tomsk is the educational center, besides being the largest city. It has an institute of technology and a university of some reputation, which is attended by several hundred students.

After traveling for days over the level, monotonous plains of the west, it is a pleasure to reach the borders of the hill country, which stretches from Krasniarsk some hundred miles on to Lake Balkal. In one's first enthusiasm one is tempted to exclaim that Krasniarsk is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It certainly is charmingly located, reminding one of many a town on the Rhine. It is built in the valley where the Katscha flows into the great Yenisei —mountains on every side, and the high banks of the river above and below. Seen from a distance, with its many church domes glistening between the hills, it makes the most delightful picture of all Siberia.

A further ride of a day and a half through this hill country, much of which is heavily wooded with a thick growth of pine, brings one to Irkutsk, which after Tomsk, is the largest city in Siberia. It is in many ways a very attractive place. Its main streets are paved and it is lighted by electricity; it has three daily papers, a large theater, a handsome art museum, a technical school, a theological seminary, 26 churches and one of the most imposing cathedrals in the whole empire. There are two or three factories in the city, one of which is a porcelain establishment, which turns out most excellent work. In strolling through the business streets one is surprised at the great variety of goods displayed in the stores, especially at the real elegance of the silver and jewelry assortments. There are many American wares to be seen—kodaks, sewing machines, typewriters, gramophones, reapers, tools from Massachusetts, canned fruit from California, canned oysters from Maryland. In some of the show windows were pyramids of boxes of an American food product, each with a Russian label and a representation of the American and the Russian flags.

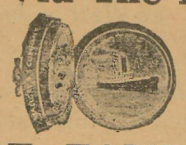
Irkutsk is over 3,300 miles from Moscow, a distance greater than that which separates San Francisco from New York, yet it is only two-thirds of the way to Vladivostok.

Mourn for Dead Octopus.

New York has just finished its official mourning for Jonrock. This Jonrock was the pet octopus of the city aquarium. Jonrock went to the wicked metropolis with four companions from the Bermudas. He was the last survivor, for his companions drooped one after another and their multiple arms ceased the restless task of grabbing everything in sight.

A military funeral was given Jonrock. The flag on the aquarium building was placed at half-mast and other marks of respect were displayed. It was the plan to sprinkle tan bark in the harbor to deaden the noise of the ships, but this was abandoned. The obsequies were as peaceful as possible under the circumstances.

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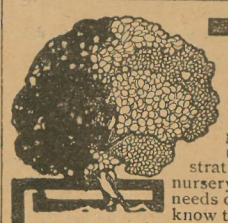
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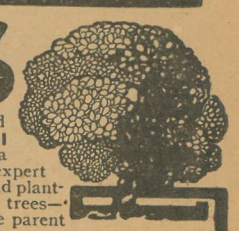
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Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation: but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our 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 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.

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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.

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SOUTHERN FARMING CONDITIONS.

Discussed at Citronelle by Practical Men. Agree that Intelligent Farming Pays as Well in Alabama as Elsewhere

The Citronelle Call of January eighth reported an interesting meeting there, at which agricultural matters were discussed. As the natural conditions about Citronelle are substantially the same as those about Fairhope we quote the following from the article:

"H. Riedemann talked first and said he was an enthusiastic farmer and that he loved it. That helps to make it pay. This year he raised 45 bushels of corn to the acre and it cost him fifteen cents to raise it. That leaves a profit of eighty-five cents, or a little better than thirty-eight dollars to the acre. An eighty acre farm producing at the same rate would net better than three thousand dollars and the average family could live right comfortably on that. That is figuring one crop only, and Mr. Riedemann does not stop at that. He has farmed in South Dakota and knows conditions in both places and prefers it here from every standpoint.

"L. Reeves has farmed here and at Bloomington Ill. This year he made thirty-five bushels of corn to the acre and then sowed cow peas in the corn and raised two tons of that, which is equal to the best hay in feed value. Mr. Reeves says openly and after a thorough trial that he can make more money off of the same amount of ground here than at Bloomington.

"Geo. Madson is not a farmer by raising. He is a Chicago man but has made farming pay here. This year his corn averaged from thirty five to sixty-five bushels to the acre, and as this season went with him, it was not his best paying crop either. His experience is that farming can be made to pay.

"G. H. Odom, though practically a stock man, has raised as high as forty-five acres of cotton one season, and made forty bales. By actual knowledge he considers this a better cotton growing section than many of the worn out lands of the region farther north of here. He has had considerable experience raising feed for cattle and thinks the combination of cotton, with the seed for feed, and sorghum cane, would make a great country here. The sorghum will make three tons to the acre, for he has tried it and his horses will leave their grain to eat it."

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

January 16. Dear Friends and Correspondents: To those of you who have long received the COURIER from me personally with greater or less regularity, I send this message: please subscribe, as I cannot send it gratis any longer except to a very few to whom I am under lasting obligations and who read every number. All of those to whom I am under most lasting obligations have long been regular subscribers. New correspondents will always receive our propaganda, including the last or some recent issue of the COURIER.

Among the most recent contributions to our library was a cheap edition of a most remarkable and valuable book, especially to those who desire to be well posted on the principles on which our Colony is founded. This book is by S. Byron Welcome, and its title is: "From Earth's Centre: A Polar Gateway Message." The following letter from Henry George to the author shows how he, Henry George, regarded it. He writes: "I most heartily commend 'From Earth's Centre.' It contains in entertaining form an explanation of the practical workings of the Single Tax, and is on many other matters of social concern suggestive to a high degree." Those who really desire to understand the Single Tax principles, and, from lack of previous study of economic principles find such works as Progress and Poverty too difficult, will find here just what they have been seeking.

x x x What a delight it was on Saturday to listen to the two lectures in Woodman's Hall given by the distinguished expert horticulturist, Mr. O. G. Bishop. He showed us the cause and cure of blight in tomatoes, lettuce and other vegetables; the proper way to plow, and with real enthusiasm demonstrated the wealth possible and easy for us to make right here, and not in one thing but in many. In answer to one of my questions he showed that we could make ourselves masters of the market problem by cooperation established on business principles. There is no other way under the sun, and until we learn how to do this we must continue to suffer. x x x Mr. Baldwin gave us an interesting paper on co-operation in the League yesterday, with a rough outline of a constitution. I was surprised that he did not mention the lessons given us on Saturday by Mr. Bishop, but the time, perhaps, was too short. Mr. Bishop had to wound our vanity not a little, by showing our lack of scientific methods by which we waste our forces. He dwelt upon the difficulty of educating the common farmer into seeing and rightly experimenting. "Why," he said, "my nearest neighbor is the worst farmer I ever knew." A magnificent example at his door of perfectly managed ardens on a large scale, e. g. eight acres in celery alone, seemed to have no effects. "That man" the speaker said, "had no time to feed his cattle or to attend to anything that was suffering for attention, Yet he was supposed to be a hard worker!" His orchard, going fast to ruin through insect pests and neglect, Mr. Bishop finally bought. He trimmed it heroically; sprayed it bountifully several times, and plowed and enriched the soil. The following year he sold from it—I think he said—over 300 dollars worth of fruit, and gained that man's ill will forever afterward! I saw Mr. Gaston making notes and will not further risk intrenching on his preserves. I felt that I must express gratitude to "providence" that gave us the opportunity of listening to so practical and scientific a teacher. The forcible corroboration of what we really knew already should help us much; for example: that we are trying to do too many things, and so let many of them suffer for want of care. We know, for example that in this climate we ought to keep all the soil we plant soft and pliable: never to let the earth "cake" around a plant; that the "dust mulch" so insisted upon by our Alabama Experimental Station teachers, and others, is solid wisdom in our dry season, especially. This softening and pulverizing the soil around the plant enables the moisture below to rise to the rootlets that feed near the surface.

Some weeks ago I gave an account of succeeding in ripening several real guavas (sidium guaiava) and from three specimens made a glass of the finest jelly possible even from this king of jelly fruits. I still have some left for friends to sample as long as it lasts.

x x x A whole session visit to the Organic Training School Kindergarten was a pleasant and instructive experience. The highest praise that any school can merit is due to this little kindergarten, and that is that every moment is filled with pleasant excitement, so that the time was all too short for the physical culture exercises, the singing, the work and the play. Not one even of the liitle tots, as I remember, was called to order for any irregularity. The simple little lunch was treated with the utmost dignity and seriousness. It was like a sacrament. A fairy story, told by Mrs. Johnson, and she gave a very effective little lecture upon selfishness, illustrated by the struggle on the part of some of the pupils to get favorite places when marching; coveted places meaning those closest to Mrs. Johnson!

Most certainly have we cause for rejoicing that we have at last so good a kindergarten in our beloved southern home.—I did not have but a glimpse of the higher, Miss Taggart's department, but promised to do myself the honor of a full session visit as soon as I can. And, then, there is our excellent public school that I must not deny myself the pleasure of visiting.

x x x Miss Edith Stowell writes thus from Seattle: "During the winter which my parents and I spent in your sunny clime, we derived much pleasure from reading the books in your Library, and I have been intending ever since to contribute some book to it. Under separate cover I am sending 'A Bachelor's Baby.' It is not a very wise or weighty book, but has some bits of life's philosophy, nevertheless."

Our friend C. B. Hoffman sends a copy of a most readable "in memoriam" souvenir of Michael Hoffman, his uncle who died Dec. 11. The graphic, dramatic sketches he gives of Kansas pioneer life—some of them I mean to give in the next "Letters."

ANNIVERSARY LETTERS

Interesting Letters From Distant Friends Unable to Attend in Person Fairhope's Fourteenth Anniversary Celebration.

From Rev. Gardiner L. Tucker of Houma, La., a young episcopal minister, son of Rev. Gardiner C. Tucker rector of Christ Church, Mobile. Mr. Tucker made an address at the Anniversary celebration in 1899. His very complimentary personal reference to the editor-secretary, is deeply appreciated, but we trust he will pardon our withholding it from the COURIER.

Houma La., Dec. 17, 1908.

Dear Brother Gaston:

I thank you very heartily for the invitation to attend the Fourteenth Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Fairhope. I regret very much that I will not be able to accept, in the flesh. But in spirit I shall be there, and join with all of you in the rejoicing over another year of growth and progress, and good work.

I need not assure you again with what unfailing interest I always read the bulletins of the Forward Movement that I read in the COURIER. It is a live paper, because it is the organ of a living movement. One of the features of life is struggle, and so I am not surprised and disappointed when I read in the papers echoes of struggles that take place in Fairhope. I could tell you something of struggles in other parts of the world, struggles, differences of opinion, among other men and women who are in the great Forward Movement, the movement for righteousness and justice in the world, of which the movement for equality of opportunity in the material bounties of the Father of all Mercies is a noble part. We cannot all agree, no matter how well meaning and disinterested we are.

I beg leave to send my warmest congratulations to all the people of Fairhope. I knew Fairhope before any of you did, because I was there before the first of that hardy band of pioneers set foot upon those shores. I have watched the growth of that "experiment" out of the stage of experiment into the assured status of an "institution," I owe Fairhope a debt of gratitude, because it was the outward and visible manifestation in Fairhope, of a great theory, that first opened my eyes to the glorious truth of that theory.

My wish and hope and expectation for Fairhope is that it shall know the realization of a

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great faith, the faith in which it was conceived and born, the faith in a better and juster and more brotherly social order, that some day it shall look upon the accomplishment of its high vision and its beautiful ideal; that some day its faith shall become sight, and that it shall have, in that day of accomplishment and realization and fulfilment, the joy of knowing that its own labors and struggles and tears and devotion and self-sacrifice have borne their own indispensable part in that consummation.

Fraternally yours,
Gardner L. Tucker.

From Mrs Frances Margaret Milne, famous Single Tax poet of the Pacific coast and librarian of the San Luis Obispo, Calif., public library, several of whose fine poems have been reproduced in the Courier.

It was with great pleasure that I received your kind invitation on behalf of your committee to be present at your anniversary of the Fairhope colony. I need hardly say what pleasure it would give me to be there and to meet so many with whose names and work the Courier has made us familiar. I heartily hope you may have many guests from the ranks of Single Taxers, who watch with warm interest your progress, and, that it may be to them and to your own community, a joyful and memorable occasion. Frances M. Milne,

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From F. B. Logan, Sec.-Treasurer of the Nucla Town Improvement Co., which has founded the town of Nucla, Colorado, after the pattern of Fairhope.

I very much appreciate your hearty invitation to attend your anniversary celebration, and regret that the distance and other formidable obstacles compel me to decline the joy that such an event would afford me.

We have watched with deep interest your good work for the betterment of mankind, and rejoice at the measure of success that has attended your faithful efforts thus far. We bespeak for you still greater triumphs as the years roll on.

Nucla, modelled closely after the Fairhope plan, is keeping pace with the progress of the surrounding country, and there is no disposition manifested among stockholders to change the plan of our organization.

The Detroit Daily news credits the Courier in its recent editorial in regard to public and private ownership of public utilities, with having "condensed into a single paragraph the problem of the private ownership of public monopolies and the difficulties that press to the front whenever the public endeavors to be business-like in the conduct of its own activities," and makes it the text for an able editorial on the subject.

The Dreamer.

The dreamer dreamed and the busy world
Passed by with a mocking smile,
As it went in search of the world's rewards,
But the dreamer dreamed the while.

He saw the world, as the world should be,
When longer years had run,
And the world but paused in its work to ask
"Pray, what has the dreamer done?"

Yet ever the dreamer dreamed his dream,
Until, in some wondrous way—
As the water springing in deeps of earth,
Finds passage to upper day—

The dreamer's dream found the man of power—
'Tis strange how men's lives are knit—
Who knew not the dreamer, but took his dream
And transformed the world with it.

The world bows down to the man of power—
Forgotten the dreamer lies—
Yet the dream he dreamed is the secret force
That has forged man's destinies.

The Bellman.

Public School Matters.

Much confusion of mind has apparently existed as to the status of public school matters under the new law but late opinions of the Attorney General help to clarify the situation.

An election has been called by the Municipal Council for next Thursday, January 28, to elect a board of education as provided by the new code. This board will consist of five members and to its selection the people should give the careful consideration which its importance deserves.

The board will have full charge of school matters, the employment and payment of teachers, providing of school buildings etc., etc., and will serve until the next regular municipal election, in September 1910.

We are informed however, by County Superintendent Lambert, who was in town early in the week, that the contracts with teachers and arrangements already made for the current school year will hold, so that the new board would not really take charge of the school until next year.

Mr. Lambert also advised us that it would be within the power of the local school board to admit the pupils from the surrounding country outside the district and that in such case, the County Board could attach them to the district so that their proportion of the fund would go to the school.

This will leave the way clear to continue the school as at present, if mutually agreeable to the town and country people which in all probability it will be.

Lecture of O. C. Bishop, Gardening Expert.

The associate editor has written in her letters of the lectures by Mr. O. C. Bishop, of Pontiac, Mich., on last Saturday. They were very interesting and instructive. Mr. Bishop is a recognized authority on gardening methods, with wide travel and observation both in this and other lands.

The editor was able to attend only the morning lecture and gives the following notes which should be of interest and profit to Courier readers:

The speaker was very positive in the opinion that conditions for profitable gardening in the south were far better than in the north, even if one were able to buy the high-priced land there and equip it for growing under glass. He had seen lettuce in Louisiana within a week, grown in the open ground, which was absolutely finer than could be grown anywhere under glass and which was going to a Chicago dealer at $12 to $15 dollars a barrel.

He urged deep plowing very strongly and thought that irrigation was entirely unnecessary here with deep plowing and shallow and frequent cultivation.

"Damping off", with which gardeners are familiar in their plant beds, Mr. Bishop said was due to a mildew, which he also diagnosed as the trouble with a lot of Mr. Bellangee's lettuce plants, in the garden almost ready for market, and of which he was having to throw away quantities; and akin to the blight in tomatoes and other plants.

He urged as a preventative measure for this and other plant diseases and insect pests, the sterilizing, by heat, of the soil of boxes or beds in which plants were grown, which could most easily be done in a metal pan over a fire.

He gave as an exceptionally valuable spray for all such affections: 1 oz. of "liver of sulphur" dissolved in 4 gallons of water. He thought this would also be of help in holding even pear blight in check and that by using sterilized soil in plant beds and this spray, the tomato blight which is so great a nuisance here could be practically eliminated. He transplanted tomatoes twice, the first time 3 inches and the second time 6 inches apart, to get good stocky plants.

For the worms which bore into tomatoes also for the cabbage worms, and the striped bugs and worms which bore into cucumbers, musk-melons and watermelons he recommended "slug shot".

He thought dairying a most valuable companion to gaudening and that manure and cow-peas would solve the question of soil fertility.

In reply to questions chiefly by Mr. Powell, as to the agricultural possibilities of this section, he was very emphatic in his statement that only the proper methods and industry were necessary to make it "blossom as the rose."

He talked very interestingly of improving varieties of plants by "plant selection" selecting, while growing, the plants showing the thriftiest growth and largest number of perfect fruits and saving the seed from them. Particularly advocated the saving of one's own seed, by this method, of potatoes, watermelons, musk-melons, beans, etc. as this would tend to secure a strain best adapted to local conditions and most likely to be immune from local diseases.

Mr. Bishop was actively representing a line of farm and garden tools and demonstrated the value of some of his hand tools in Mr. Bellangee's garden.

He promised to return soon and demonstrate his farm tools. We understand he was much pleased with Fairhope, rating it as one of four southern towns which had most favorably impressed him, and in one of which he thought he would make him a home.

Not Charity But Justice the Need.

A copy of letter in reply to an appeal for assistance to a charitable effort, from one who recognizes the futility of charity while the conditions which appear to make it necessary are allowed to continue.

My Dear Madam:

I have the greatest sympathy with the excellent objects of your work. I do not overlook the fact that economic and moral reform must go hand in hand and that benevolent work which appears to be futile in itself, may bring physical, intellectual and spiritual betterment, at least to those engaged in it.

Everything that improves social conditions lightens the social burdens. It either increases

the efficiency of men and enlarges production or it decreases waste.

Now it seems to me that every improvement in the condition of the earth, whether agricultural, mechanical, political, educational, ethical or even religious, goes quickly and mainly to the benefit of the owners of the earth.

Just as the competent, educated, faithful man was the more valuable as a slave, so now he is the more valuable as a tenant, because able to pay higher rent—not only for a dwelling but for a store or factory site too. Competition for the opportunity to work or even to live, forces men to pay that higher rent and thereby to increase the value of the land.

This leads not only to higher prices for land but to more speculation in land and to the holding of large areas of it out of use in order to gain the unearned increase. Panics and depressions which strain the resources of philanthropies, are the natural result.

Idle lands mean idle hands, because everything that we use comes from the land by labor; even that part of wealth which we call "capital" is produced out of earth by labor. Accordingly it appears to me to follow that, as long as we have a system of land tenure which enables a small percentage of us to appropriate, through monopoly, the most of what others produce, all social betterments are even more or less self-defeating, because they intensify that kind of forestalling which mainly causes social problems.

There are many to attack the symptoms and results of evil conditions, but few to attack the cause. For this reason, I devote all my resources to what seems to me most fundamental, and so, although I have the best wishes for your success, I cannot contribute to your amiable object.

Respectfully yours,

Editor Colley Compliments Fairhope

Editor Colley had a very generous report of the Fairhope Anniversary celebration, in two issues of the Baldwin Times, illustrated with a nnmber of Fairhope views from cuts loaned by the COURIER. Concluding his article Mr. Colley said:

"The people we met at Fairhope, and we met a lot of them, were, as a class, with scarcely no individual exceptions, the most intelligent with whom it has ever been our pleasure to talk. They all have heads of their own. They all do their own thinking. Back of this thinking there is education and experience. It would be a revelation to anyone to visit the place and talk with the people there. x x x Whether the Single Tax theory works well in connection with our existing laws and conditions, we do not know, and it is not the purpose of this article to guess. x x x The Colony is knocked by people everywhere, even in Fairhope, yet they have one of the prettiest towns and have more municipal improvements than is to be seen anywhere else in the county. That at least may be taken as an indication of success."

Mobile Suffers Ill Effects of Wrong Taxation Policy

The board of fire underwriters, representing all the companies doing business in the city of Mobile, protested most strenuously against the increase of the license on insurance companies doing business in the city, from $250 to $400. The board set forth the claims of the companies for the great service rendered by them, claiming that their recent reduction in rates was made with the distinct understanding on the companies' part that the license would not be increased, and that rates would have to be increased if the burden upon the companies were increased. The council however refused to reduce the fee as fixed.

Mr. J. K. Glennon one of the leading insurance men of the city, was reported by one of the city newspapers as saying:

"Just what action will result I am not in a position to say, but we do expect that the insurance rates for Mobile will be raised. It is very probable that the rates will be restored to those in operation immediately after the San Francisco earthquake and fire. The increased rates will perhaps apply to all fire risks."

It was also stated that a "wholesale exodus" of insurance companies would occur at once; that six would leave Mobile by Monday (last Monday) and that twenty-five more would leave within two weeks. An insurance man estimated the loss to the city as about $40,000.

This is simply an instance a little more striking than others, of how taxation tends to discourage the business or industry taxed and reacts ultimately upon the people in poorer service, or in higher prices.

The people fail to understand the fundamental principles of taxation: the great moral principles that the public (like the individual) should have for its use, the values which it creates; and that the burden of public expenditure should be borne by citizens in proportion as they are advantaged thereby; and that every tax on industry is speedily shifted back upon the people who are directly or indirectly users of the product of that industry.

The tax on land values (exclusive of improvements) is the only tax which satisfies the moral principles stated and is the only tax which "stays put" upon the owner of the property taxed.

Increased taxes upon insurance companies will be shifted to those who insure in higher rates, because the driving out of business of insurance agencies, will reduce competition and enable those who remain to demand higher rates.

But an increased tax upon vacant lots can't drive the lots away. What it will do will be to increase the desire of the owners to either use or sell them. To use them they will have to improve—ordinarily by building—which would make increased demand for labor and material and if the desire to sell be increased, the tendency of prices would be downward rather than upward, both bringing results advantageous to the community.

The COURIER acknowleges with thanks, and with regret that its editor was unable to accept, an invitation to attend the anniversary dinner of the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Co., which was held at St Louis, on January sixteenth. This dinner celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of the Company's profit-sharing with its employes and the fourth of its extension of the plan also to its customers. Mr. Nelson is one of this country's most conspicuous examples of men altogether too few, who, having achieved great business success, do not continue to devote their great talents to piling up more dollars for which they have really no use, but give their chief thought to helping to improve the condition of their fellow men.

Library Contributions.

(Continued from the COURIER of Oct. 9.)

From Henry Mills Alden, editor of Harper's Magazine, by the donor, Magazine Writing and the New Literature,

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From the author Henry R. Seaser: Introduction to Economics.

From A. C. Staples: Fancy Work for Pleasure and Profit, by Addie E. Herron.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

As this is the first appearance before the public of a report of the Fairhope District School it would be well to give a few lines of introduction.

Our school consists of three rooms, the first a primary, the second or intermediate and the third, or advanced. The primary is composed of the first three, and fourth B grades and is taught by Mrs. Sweet. The intermediate composed of the fourth A, fifth and sixth grades is taught by Mrs. Nellie M. Hubbard. The advanced, composed of the seventh and senior grammar grades, and the seventh and fourth high school grades is taught by Miss N. Clements.

Mrs. Hubbard has promoted two of her boys, Joe Hueston and George Worcester from the sixth grade to the seventh. This advance changes them to Miss Clement's room.

In Mrs. Sweet's room the number of pupils enrolled is twenty-six, boys thirteen and girls thirteen.

Work in all grades is moving on enthusiastically and energetically.

Mr. Stewart of Marlow took pictures of the school on Thursday.

Annie Doyle has returned to school after being out of school for some time on account of illness.

Philip and Alice Brady are new pupils in Mrs. Sweet's room.

Miss Clement's pupils had a vacation this week on account of her enforced absence because of illness of a sister at Birmingham. At this time it is not known whether or not she will be back to teach next week.

We hope next week to have some news items from the Organic School. Editor.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Send for a few of our neat slips regarding Colony and COURIER, to hand to friends or enclose in letters.

Mr. J. N. Cherry of Opelika, Ala. who visited Fairhope in Debember, has returned and contemplates locating with us.

The town is reparing the bridge across the Stacks gully.

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Colony Council Proceedings.

Jan. 11, 1909.

Meeting of Colony Council adjourned from January 6. Present: Stimpson Trenholme and Wood.

Secretary reported conference with Mr. Troup, regarding furnishing three inch pipe for water connection, and said that he had examined pipe and had Dr. Slosson and Mr. Littlefield do so, who were agreed that it would last two or three times as long as wrought iron pipe, and recommended that proposition of Mr. Troup be accepted.

It was moved and carried that the proposition be accepted but that connection be made with present main at the corner of Magnolia and Bay View Avenues for the present, connection with 4 inch main at Fairhope Ave., as soon as practicable.

Bill of American Supply Co., for $45.38, for water-works material, allowed and ordered paid.

Water Clerk reported complaint of Mr. Wheeler and others, regarding nuisance of overflowing tank, and Secretary was instructed to write N. O. Nelson Mfg. Co., in regard to proper gauge, to show at pump station the stage of water in tank, and see if we cannot apply on same the gauge we did purchase of them.

It was moved and carried that where a lessee is a woman, the receipts for road and poll tax of her husband will be received upon her rent, or if a widow, the receipts of one son, living at home and assisting in the support of the family.

Water Clerk was instructed to notify owner of the Kimball cottages of long-standing water rents due and that unless same are paid at once, water will be cut off.

Mr. Stimpson purchaser of the Steenstra property at Sheriff's sale, suggested that as he would probably divide up the ground, it should be re-surveyed and staked according to new plat. Superintendent of Lands and Highways, was instructed to resurvey and stake same.

Jan. 18, 1909.

Regular meeting of Colony Council: all councilmen present but Patterson, Vice-President Paton in the chair.

Minutes read and approved of meeting of January, 4th; minutes of meeting of January 6th, corrected to show raise of Wm. Stimpson corner lot from $8.64 to $10, and next lot from $8.40 to $9, also to show that Mr. Paton presided at afternoon meeting.

Council then gave way from regular order to hear from gentlemen present desiring to take up matters with them.

Mr. W. W. Kile inquired reasons for sharp advance in rents on his lots, 1 and 2, blk. 1, and was advised that these lots were among those pointed out as undervalued at the meeting with lessees to consider appraisement and that in looking over the ground the Council had decided that they were undervalued as compared with Bay View Avenue lots, hotel property and lots on Mobile street across gully, and had brought them up to a fair rate as it thought in comparison.

Secretary reported the application of T. E. Clarke for lot 3, blk. 2, div. 2, surrendered by Mr. Wolf, to granting of which Mr. Wolf had made objecton to him and read letter from Mr. Clarke, describing the improvement he intended to make as in keeping with the improvement by Mr. Wolf on adjoining lot and hoping his application would be granted. Mr. Wolf addressed the Council, referring particularly to the great fire risk on account of buildings being placed as close as would be necessarily the case with Mr. Clarke building on a 33 ft. lot, and thought it would be advisable for the Colony to establish rules in regard to the distance to be required between buildings on account of fire risk. It was suggested that Mr. Wolf having built right up to his lot line should have considered this risk before surrendering the lot referred to and that a property owner who wished protection should be willing to pay rent on ground enough to at least divide the desired space between buildings with adjoining holder. Mr. Wolf said that rather than have a building put so close to his, he would, if permitted by the Council, re-take the lot. Mr. Kile thought it would be an excellent idea for the Colony to have a building committee to advise with builders and protect the citizens against undue fire risks, etc.

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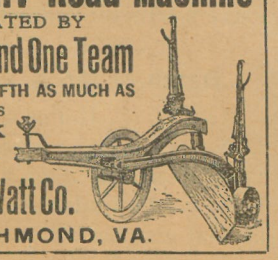
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A Good Story

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"Bill's tellin' it around," chuckled Marvin Parsons. "It was a good one on Pliny, you betcher. Seemed like every time Pliny passed Bill's house that fice o' Bill's ud run out yappin' and snappin' at him, an' he got so mad that he swore he'd kill it."

"I've swore the same thing," said Sol Baker. "Did he kill it?"

"You wait," said Parsons, struggling with mirth. "Pliny'd been over to the market an' bought him a steak for supper. It was a right prime cut, an' Pliny said to Dick Spence when he cut it that he didn't gredge payin' a shillin' a pound for a steak like that was. 'I'm a-goin' to have the old woman fix 'er up with inyuns an' brown gravy,' he says to Spence, an' the way he said it. Spence tol' me, he couldn't keep his mouth from waterin'."

"I don't blame him," said Washington Hancock. "I've tasted them steaks that Pliny's wife fixes, an' I wouldn't want nothin' better. She's got a way o' cookin' a steak that beats any I've ever knowed. It don't need to be no prime cut, nuther. She can take a piece right atwixt the critter's horns an' make you think it wus porterhouse."

"That's the French in her," said the storekeeper. "Then French—"

"What did Pliny do to the dawg, Marve?" asked Baker, impatiently. "Did he kill him? That's what I want to know."

"If he'd 'a' killed him I reckon Bill wouldn't be a-tellin' it around fer a joke," said the storekeeper, contemptuously. "That's a fool question to ast. That ain't Bill's style."

"Bill'd be chasin' behind Pliny with a double-barrel shotgun right now if Pliny'd kep' up his gait this long. Pliny uster be some at runnin', but Bill's a staver, an' he's mighty sot up about his shotgun, an' he thinks a right smart o' that dawg," said Hancock.

"Anyway, this was a pertickler fine piece o' steak," resumed Parsons. "There was two pounds of it, too, an'—"

"I wusn't disputin' it bein' a fine piece o' steak, Marve," said Hancock, mildly. "All I was sayin' wus that Pliny's wife c'd take 'most any scraggly, tough ol' piece o' beef an' fix it up so's it 'ud seem like a prime cut. You don't need to get miffed."

"What did the dog do to Pliny, Marve?" asked Baker.

"Who said he done anythin'?" demanded the storekeeper. "Why don't you give Marve a chance to tell it?"

"That's what I say," said Hancock. "You keep your mouth shet an' your ears open, Sol, an' you'll soon find out about the dawg if you're so determined to know."

"What dawg is that?" asked Henry Westerman from Duck Crook, as he lounged up to the group and hoisted his bulky form to a seat on the counter. "Ben Sibley's?"

"No, it's Bill Riley's dawg," said Parsons. "I was tellin'—"

"I didn't know Bill had a dawg. Is he any 'count?"

"Jest a little fice," said Baker. "One o' them onery little yappin' tarriers, no ercount fer anythin'. I told Bill I was a-goin' to kill him if he run out at me again."

"I thought mebbe you was talkin' about Ben Sibley's Tige," said Westerman. "Jerry Bush says he seen a dawg that can whip him. It's one of those yere sheep dawgs, an' a feller over in Sassafras township owns him. He's whipped everythin' over in that section, an' Jerry says Tige wouldn't last him five minutes. I thought if I seen Sibley I'd tell him about it. It's gotter to be a pow'ful good dawg to whip Tige."

"Tell us about Pliny's dawg, Marve," entreated Sol Baker.

"Does Bill think he c'n fight?" asked Westerman.

"Why, no," said Parsons, hastily. "It hain't a fightin' dawg. I was sayin' that he'd be'n pesterin' Pliny Williams a right smart, an' Pliny had be'n around to Dick Spence's to get him a steak for his supper. He was a-goin' to have his wife fix it up with inyuns in great shape."

"She's a great hand to fix steaks with injuns," explained Hancock, helpfully. "She can take a piece off the shank or off the neck of a beef an' cook it so's it 'ud melt in your mouth."

"She's French," supplemented the storekeeper, "an' them French know how to fix vittles. There was an ol' French woman down where I was raised— Where you goin', Marve?"

"Tell us about Pliny afore you go, Marve," begged Hancock.

Parsons turned and faced the group irresolutely. "Well," he said, "Pliny wus goin' by Bill's with the steak an' he seen the dawg nosin' at a rosebush two yards off an' he hadn't got a rock, so he plugged at him with the steak, an' the steak hit a tree an' the paper busted an' the dawg got the steak an' run under the house with it afore Pliny c'd git around to him, an' when him an' Bill did git the steak it was so mauled it wa'n't fitten for nawthin', an' that's all there wus to it, dog-gone every last one o' you!"

"What's Marve mad about?" said Hancock wonderingly, as the raconteur strode out of the store.

Bloodless "Warfare."

English travelers on the frontier between China and Burma recently found the various villages at war with one another. One traveler, George Forrest, writes: "The men of Ji-Ji were at war with their neighbors, and, indeed, we watched the progress of the fight during our tiffin. The cause was the theft of some maize, and a whole army corps, consisting of 50 warriors, had been mobilized. These fellows, with their grotesque ornaments of silver, deer horns, pebbles and cowries, their blackened faces, their flowing hempen robes, their war bows five feet long, their war swords five feet long, and their broad oxhide shields five feet high, moved in a line beyond their village. The enemy occupied a position higher up on the hill and a fierce bombardment of opprobrious epithets was maintained, but neither side got further than swearing and stringing bows until the time arrived for the afternoon meal, when the combatants dispersed to their respective homes."

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Personal and Local

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J. P. Lowell write that he has several Mobile parties interested in Fairhope and hopes to get some of them to take lots and build.

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The Fairhope had a large passenger list last Sunday, many of them northern visitors to Mobile, who came over for the trip.

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Mr. Horning presented a communication regarding proposed surrender of a portion of his ground, and addressed the council regarding same.

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Mr. and Mrs. Horne left on last Saturday for Tampa, Florida. They are very pleasant people and we would have been glad for them to stay longer.

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Frank Brown will addresss the Progressive League on next Sunday and will speak upon "The Fairhope Plan." He understands it and always talks to the point.

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Crptain McDermaid has arrived from Rockford, to spend some time with us, and is dividing his time between Fairhope and Mobile. others of the family will be down a little later.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation's annual meeting and election of officers occurs on the first Thursday in February which this year will be the fourth.

Orrie Stapleton was in town one day this week. He is now in business at Loxley and reports that Loxley and the surrounding country is being rapidly settleld up by northern people.

Wanted—A reliable man to break the ground and plant and cultivate one and one half acres of cow peas and one half acre of onions for one half the crop. Fertilizer and feed will be furnished. Call at Courier office.

Miss Millie Beckner had to give up her persistent attempt to continue her work at the Bell central and has been at home seriously ill for a week. She seems however, to be improving now and it is hoped will soon be around again.

Mrs. W. A. Spurrier and daughter Miss Alice, of Des Moines, Ia., have arrived to stay for several months and have rooms with Dr. Atkinson. They are old friends of the editor's family and Dr. Atkinson and others of the Des Moines contingent.

The many friends in Fairhope of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Manteuffel, now living in Chicago, will be interested to know that they have a baby daughter, born on January ninth, and that mother and daughter are doing well.

The Gables adds to its other attractions for its guests, fresh vegetables from its own fine garden. It has had several messes of English peas of the finest kind and has on demand daily onions, radishes, lettuce, turnips, and mustard for greens. Such things nice and fresh from the garden are especially appreciated by the northern visitors, fresh from the region of ice and snow. Even to see them growing is a delight.

The frame of Eugene Slosson's house on Bay View Avenue is up, and it already shows that it is to be a credit to the town. It is to be full two stories in height and is being constructed in very thorough manner. The foundation is of large concrete piers built right on the ground and the house is being first sheathed throughout, with matched and dressed six inch stuff, after which it will be sided. Fred Sweet and George Cain are helping Mr. Slosson in the work.

The genial Harry S. Boutelle o Chicago, who "discovered" Fairhode a few years ago and has been making us annual visits since is with us again, at the Wilson House. The Wilson goose "Gus", which is his favorite pet, hailed his return with joyful squawks and follows him around town just as a dog would. Mr. Boutelle keeps in touch with us all the time through the COURIER and as usual brought in the addresses of several friende to whom he ordered the paper sent for a time. He and Captain Mc Dermaid are great friends and will probably make a trip to Panama together.

Death of Mr. A. L. Newell

Mrs. E. M. Keller's father Mr. A L. Newell, who arrived recently in very ill health died at the Keller home on Thursday morning at 10 a m. and was buried in the Fairhope cemetery at 19 o'clock this morning. Rev. J. M. Kailin, pastor of the Pt. Clear Baptist church officiating.

(Fuller notice next week)

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Individual Production and Co-operative Marketing.

There was a well attended meeting, last Thursday night, of those interested in co-operating to do something towards obtaining a better market for our vegetables and fruit products. Mr. W. S. Baldwin outlined a tentative plan whereby a co-operative canning plant could be operated, disposing chiefly of the surplus products which could not command profitable sale in the green state and from this work into raising sugar cane individually and crushing and refining it cooperatively. The subject was well discussed and the sentiment was strongly in favor of developing such a project if there should prove to be a reasonable ground of its success.

Among the vegetables and fruits mentioned as being specially adapted to canning were: figs, beans, pears, strawberries, peas and perhaps tomatoes and potatoes. The meeting adjourned till Friday evening, Jan. 29th at 7:30 p. m. in the school-house. All interested wheth Colony residents or not are cordially invited to attend, especially fruit and truck growers.

Colony Council Poceedings.

It was moved and carrried to reconsider the action accepting Mr. Wolf's relinquishment of lot referred to. Mr. Wolf then withdrew his relinquishment of same, and motion prevailed to accept withdrawal and all entries regarding same be cancelled on the record.

It was finally moved and carried that Mr. Horning's proposition to surrender the east 132 feet of his tract subject to valuation by Superintent of Lands and highways of his fence and credit for amount thereof on his rents, be accepted, agreement to be reduced to writing and endorsed on lease; to be effective on Jan. 1, 1909. Rent on land surrendered fixed at $1.50 an acre, or $3 for 1009.

Following bills allowed:

A. C. Staples, Re-survey Steenstra tract, 3 hrs.	$ .60
G. M. Bancroft, Re survey Steenstra tract, 3 hrs.	.60
M. Dyson, 15 hours labor on Fairhope avenue	2.81
J. W. Braam, labor on telephone lines	3.00
W. T. Joyce, rep. to pump, W. W.	2.00
Fajrhope Wharf Co., wharfage on w. w. material	1.55

Bills of L. S Massey and D. Shepherd for work on water works referred back for details.

Use of school room for Friday evening, Jan. 22 granted to W. S. Baldwin and others for a meeting on cooperation.

Clerk of Water-works stated his nability to find 3 inch cast pipe fittings and was authorized to use wrought iron in laying 3 in. pipe to hotel.

Permission given Mr. J. C. Yarker to store ties on beach north of Magnolia platform, while assembling same for shipment to Mobile, same not to be kept there longer than 60 days. Adjourned to meet Monday evening, Jan, 25.

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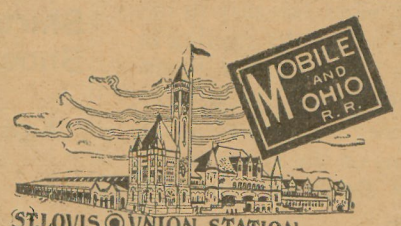
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18	38	59	54
19	45	64	56
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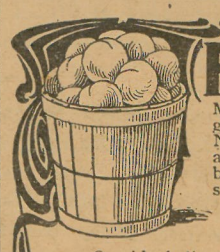
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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

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 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.

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E. B. GASTON Secretary,

The Chronicle, of Rockford, is a new Alabama paper of which number six of volume one, has just reached our table. It has an unusual amount of editorial matter for a country weekly, but very conservative in tone.

We heard a great deal immediately after the election of Mr. Taft about prosperity coming back with a rush, but, according to the chairman of the car efficency committee of the American Railway Association, the number of idle freight cars has gone back to what it was at this time last year, or 200,000 idle cars.

Dr. W. K. Harrison of Chicago, renewing his subscription to the COURIER says: "Although I have no personal acquaintance with a single member of your Colony, your paper has made me feel most neighborly to all. I am in hearty sympathy with your aims and rejoice in your success. From my distant view point the intellectual life of your community seems to be its greatest assett."

Mrs. Isabelle Schindler of Newton Centre, Mass., and who spent a winter with us recently writes: "I highly appreciate your good publication. In fact, it is of more interest to me than any paper we receive, and by reading it carefully (as I always do) I keep in close touch with your doings at Fairhope and the people. I spent a part of the summer with Colonel and Mrs. Daniels at their home on the Potomac and we very often spoke of Fairhope and warm friendships formed there."

Important Item of 1908 Development Omitted From History.

The Secretary-editor's attention has been called to an omission from his history of 1908, which he very much regrets, of any mention of the Clifton-Brown, Canning Factory, established during the year and which, though starting in a small way, promises to be of very great advantage to our farmers and truckers in giving them, in addition to the opportunity to sell their early crops of tomatoes, beans, etc. at a good price to dispose of the remainder to good advantage, by either selling to the cannery, or having it put up to their order in non-perishable shape and disposing of it as opportunity offers to do so to advantage. Those who patronized the cannery last season were so well pleased with the results, that they have promised to largely increase their plantings this season and it is hoped they will do so Mr. Clifton would no doubt, be very glad to talk with anyone as to the things to plant,

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A Florida Editor Single Taxer.

A copy of the "St. Andrews Buoy," St. Andrews Florida, marked "Please Exchange" was responded to, and the editor Mr. W. A. Emmons writes: "I wish to assure you that I appreciate an exchange with your COURIER and take delight in reading it each week.

x x x I had the pleasure of entertaining Henry George at my own home in Burlington, Iowa, in April, 1885, and at the time he delivered his great lecture: "The Crime of Poverty" and at that time another of his admirers (Mr. James Love,) presented me with a large portrait of the great George, elegantly framed, and bearing George's autograph written with his own hand, and it still ornaments a living room in my home.

"How unfortunate it was that the world must lose him just in the zenith of his usefulness: but his counsels have taken root, and while narrow minded people may scout at them, they are planted to stay, even if they never reach full fruition.

"You must pardon me for infringing upon your time; but I deemed this season of the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of your Colony a fitting time to make your acquaintance, and to wish you and it a long life and continued usefulness in the good cause."

A Side Light on Commercialism.

(Scene. Dining car on the Union Pacific Railway nearing Salt Lake City, Utah, Citizen of Chicago and of Evanston Ill., chancing to meet at same table, both strangers to each other.)

After a few preliminaries of conversation, revealing to each the residence and route-designation of the other, Number 1 from Chicago says to Number 2 from Evanston:—"The memory of one of your Evanston women, Miss Frances E. Willard, is held in high esteem by me."

Number 2. Shrugs his shoulders in dissent.

Number 1. "What objection to Miss Willard?"

Number 2. "Oh, she was only in the Temperance cause for a living."

Number 1. "The pastor of my church in Chicago receives a salary of $5,000, but I would hardly want to say that he was preaching just 'for a living;' and besides would not such a statement about him as well as about Miss Willard imply a charge of hypocrisy?"

Number 2. I am not prepared to say that she was a hypocrite, but it looks that way to me."

Number 1. "With one thing Miss Willard said I quite agree, and that was that after her experience of over twenty years in the Temperance cause she believed that fully three-fourths of all the intemperance from drink in this country is due to poverty, to the wretched physical conditions in which so many of our people are placed."

Number 2. I should think that she was wrong, and that it were truer to say that three fourths of all the poverty was due to intemperance. Why, in our mines in Utah, where I am now going, most of our employes there spend all their pay in a few days after they receive it; and most of it goes for drink; but, we don't mind it, for when they are broke they are more willing to go to work again."

Number 1. "Not to question your statement is it not true that the hard service, the long hours and the little opportunity that your men now have or have ever had, to cultivate their mental or moral faculties (in other words their poverty, as Miss Willard said) have been the reason for their indulging in drink, or other animal excesses? Why expect men to seek recreation or pleasure in realms of life with which they have had no acquaintance? It is stated on good authority that some of the employers of men in the lumber camps of Michigan and other lumber states have not only refused to co-operate with, but have actually resisted, efforts that philanthropic men and women have put forth, to better the living conditions of the employes in the woods. The employers gave as their reasons for their position (not always however openly) their belief that with improved conditions their men would be less likely, in their discontent, to get drunk and waste their wages. If not reduced in their condition they might demand higher wages or refuse to go into the woods again next season."

Number 2. "We don't mind these things."

Los Angeles JAMES P. CADMAN.

(The mine owner referred to above was elegantly dressed, wore a large diamond ring, and was a large fine looking man. He looked like a Presbyterian elder.)

At the meeting last week discussing individual production and cooperative marketing, the advantage to Colony residents was pointed out in the fact that the Colony farming lands are rented at such a low figure that anyone could get the land to cultivate without a preliminary heavy outlay for purchase price. The man with small capital has it all available for improvements.

J. P. Cadman of Chicago, now at Los Angeles writes: "I was much interested in the account of your fourteenth anniversary. You are to be congratulated in the help given you by the "big four." Mr. Fels' gift is very fine indeed."

An interesting report is received from our friend and fellow-Fairhoper W. L. Ross, of the work of the Philadelphia Public Baths Association of which he has been the efficient secretary for many years.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Beware of Setting Out Fires.

Continued complaints are made about the setting out of fires, which burn over the woods, and often get into the pastures and fences—sometimes even take other valuable property of the farmers. Our attention has been called to a new law under which the game wardens are also constituted fire wardens, and which also make it unlawful for any person to set fire to woods, grass, grain or stubble field not his own or even to set fire in any such of his own without giving five days notice. So look out how you set out fires, or you are likely to incur severe penalties.

Colony Oouncil Proceedings.

Colony Council met on Monday evening Jan. 25, as per adjournment from preceding Monday evening, with all members present but Mr. Patterson and Vice-President Paton in the chair.

Minutes read and approved of meeting of Jan. 18.

H. Creswell was present and proposed to surrender all of Jacob's tract except lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, block 7; lots 4 and 7 to be made 78 feet wide instead of 66, (being excess of ground in tract above regular 66 foot lot widths.)

The matter was referred to superintendent of lands and highways to try and reach an agreement with Mr. Creswell regarding improvements on land surrendered.

Communication received from F. L. Horning proposing to surrender three acres from south end of his tract. It was moved and carried that secretary advise him that Council cannot accept a division of the ground east and west at the present time.

Secretary reported request of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Keller for the opening of the street through s. e. one-fourth of s. w. one-fourth of section 17, and secretary was instructed to notify Messrs. Mann and Stemerdink to please arrange to fence in their tracts, at their earliest convenience, so that street may be opened. Ayes, Wood, Trenholme, Bancroft, nay, Stimpson.

Motion prevailed that a committee of two be appointed to confer with the Town Council regarding fire and building regulations. A. K. Trenholme and W. W. Kile appointed such committee.

Superintendent lands and highways and Mr. Trenholme directed to continue their work of getting plat of Colony lands in readiness for filing.

Application of Mrs. Cicely Clarke for lot 4, block 6, div. 2, granted subject to usual notice of one week.

Application of A. K. Trenholme for west 14½ feet of lot 3, block 5, div. 1, approved subject to usual notice for one week.

Transfer from John P. Lowell to R. S. Somerville of lot 9, block 4, div. 2, approved.

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Fairhope Courier

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Carnegie Recognizes Land Monopoly As a "Problem of Today."

In his new book, "Problems of Today" Andrew Carnegie has this to say upon the land question:

"If happy homes be the crown of civilization we have in America the Scripture fulfilled, for millions of men sit under their own vine and fig tree with none to make them afraid.' Those who rent have the desire and reasonable hope of some day owning their own homes. In Great Britain the land question is acute, needing the same lesson that Denmark gave but a short time ago. Not so very long ago that little country was in the hands of a few owners, who rented it in portions to farmers, whose position was that of farmers in Great Britain today. But now it is very different—the land that seventy-odd years ago was in the hands of a few is now owned by no less than 86,000 people, and as to 75,000 of the holdings, the law prevents their being merged to form larger farms or estates.

"No revolution was necessary to bring this to pass, no government ownership. The country was divided into farms of a certain size and a progressive land tax levied. For one man cultivating one farm the tax was small. If he had another the tax was much greater upon the second, and so on until additions became prohibitive, the object being to favor the owning of farms by those who cultivated them. What are the results? The produce of the land is now three times as great as under the former system."

This is a crude method of dealing with the question of land monopoly, but it may well be believed that it has had a very discouraging effect upon those who would "join farm to farm" indefinitely and it is exceedingly gratifying to see Denmark taking such radical action and to have it approved by such a man as Carnegie.

London's Marching Unemployed

London is having marches of the unemployed and hungry, who, determined that the unemployed rich shall know and feel the misery of the brethren at the other end of the social scale and perhaps with realization that both are results of the same cause, parade their rags and squalor in the city's most aristocratic sections. The London authorities seem more tolerant of the paraders than those of American cities are of like demonstrations.

At one point in England a procession of unemployed invaded a plot of waste ground owned by a millionaire marquis and declined to leave, despite orders of the police to move on. They declared they intended to cultivate the ground and grow vegetables. We have not learned the outcome of the effort.

We are Losing the Earth.

Commenting upon the statement that a lumber combine has been formed, which expects to control "practically every stick of standing timber in the Western Hemisphere—and that behind it is the great "underwriting interests which financed the steel and other gigantic combinations" the Milwaukee Journal says:

"Think of it! Practically every inch of standing timber of the Western Hemisphere! The trees that were standing when Columbus sailed from Spain, that no man planted, pruned or protected, the seedlings of God, the dower of the race, freely bestowed by the Creator—all "owned" by a few men!

"Any man who has tried within the past few years to acquire timber land in Mexico or South America is prepared to believe that 'the great interests that founded the steel and other great combinations' have grabbed everything. For he has found every tropical forest within reach of man bought up, forestalled by "big interests."

"We are losing the earth God gave us. We are coming to be tenants at sufferance of the owners of the planet on which we live. Man did not make the forests, the mines, the rivers, the hills or the plains. God made them, and he made them for all men.

"The new lumber combine and its fellows are tremendous machines for reaping where other men have sown, for taking without earning, for eating bread in the sweat of other men's brows, for building higher the House of Have and making lower, darker and more squalid the House of Want.

"How long shall we endure it?"

Approves Kiefers' Anniversary Address.

Mr. Fred J. Miller, of Center Bridge Pa., one of Fairhope's staunch friends—as is his brother T. H. Miller of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. writes this to Daniel Kiefer:

"I want to congratulate you upon your preeminently common-sense address at Fairhope. As a contributor in a small way to the fund for the acquirement of land there, I felt justified in writing long ago that I and others interested in the Single Tax put our money in there for only one purpose, i. e. to help in the making of an experiment with the practical working of the Single Tax, and that it would be nothing less than a breach of faith for those who managed affairs there to let it drift off into trials of all kinds of other things, simply bcause some one might think they were democratic.

"It is well recognized in science and mechanics that when you are trying one thing you must not complicate it with trials of other new things at the same time. You will always get a mixed result and will not know what to attribute it to. I hope they will stick strictly to the Single Tax."

The Colony Election.

The offices to be filled at the Colony annual election to be held on Thursday of next week with the incumbents, whose names under the constitution will appear on the ballot, are as follows:

President,	F. L. Brown
Vice-president	J. S. Paton
Secretary,	E. B. Gaston
Treasurer,	G. W. Wood
Trustee,	Mrs. A. J. Wolf
Supt. Lands & Highways,	G. M. Bancroft
" Public Services,	Wm. Stimpson

The following officers hold over:

Trustee,	J. Bellangee.
"	Mrs. L. J. N. Comings
Supt. Industries	A. K. Trenholme
" Public Health,	Wm. Stimpson.

State Horticultural Society Meeting.

The Alabama State Horticultural Society held its fifth annual convention at Mobile this week. The only representative from Baldwin County present at the Wednesday sessions was Fairhope's mayor, Dr. H. S. Greeno, who was called upon and gave a report of horticultural progress in the county , which aroused much interest.

President Heikes, in his interesting annual address, referred to the matter of planting of a suitable variety of fruit and nut trees, for home use, with a possible surplus for sale as incidental, as of vastly more importance than even the commercial orchards.

Referring to his attendance last summer upon several horticultural meetings in the north and west, including one at North Yakima, Wash., he said:

"Although other sections have certain advantages we do not enjoy, I have learned that we have a liberal share and that success everywhere depends more upon earnest effort well directed, than upon sectional advantages.

"Our state is making remarkable headway and, with its exceptional agricultural, mineral and other resources, can look forward to a glorious future.

"After seeing the broad prairies and taking in the grandeur of the Rockies and Sierras and enjoying the splendor of mountain and valley in the far northwest, I returned to find that I was never more favorably impressed with the magic qualities of the air, the sky, the low forest covered mountains and the broad rivers and valleys of our own Alabama."

We believe with President Heikes that while other places may have advantages that we do not have in Alabama, we have others which they do not have and a combination which is not excelled elsewhere.

Barley Before Potatoes Recommended.

Experiments made in Colorado are said to demonstrate the great advantage of plowing under a crop of barley, before Irish potatoes.

Time and again the growers have been told by the agricultural experts of the farmers' institutes that when a crop of peas, or clover, or alfalfa had been turned under by the plows, a lot of nitrogen had been taken from the air and turned to good account in the fertilization of the land. But the barley idea is a new one.

It has been demonstrated by a few farmers that partly grown barley, when plowed under before planting potatoes, produces real results.

The result in potatoes is said to be almost a 100 per cent increase in production.

Interest in the experiment has been heightenhd by what has already been accomplished in better tilling of the soil. Half the sum realized in sugar beets during the past year is credited to improved agriculture. The chief items in this credit account are increase in the tonnage of beets and the advance in sugar contents.

Whether barley would work as well here as on Colorado soil, could only be determined by experiment.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Illusions of War.

War
I abhor,
And yet how sweet
The sound along the marching street
Of drum and fife! And I forget
Broken old mothers, and the whole
Dark butchery without a soul.

Without a soul—save this dark drink
Of heady music, sweet as death;
And even my peace-abiding feet
Go marching with the marching street;
For yonder, yonder, goes the fife,
And what care I for human life?

The tears fill my astonished eyes,
And my full heart is like to break;
And yet 'tis all embannered lies,
A dream those little drummers make.

O, it is wickedness to clothe
You hideous grinning thing that stalks
Hidden in music, like a queen
That in a garden of glory walks,
Till good men love the thing they loathe!

Art, thou hast many infamies,
But not an infamy like this,
O, snap the fife, and still the drum,
And show the monster as she is!

—Richard Le Gallienne.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Organic School

Five new pupils have entered the school this month.

The "Life Class" and Kindergarten enjoyed a picnic lunch in the gully Wednesday in honor of Lavigne Berglin's seventh birthday.

Nothing in the history of the school has been more enjoyed than the gardens. Every child in the school, from the kindergarten to the teachers' training class has a plot of ground. English peas, Irish potatoes, turnips, radishes, lettuce and beets have been planted, and wonderful thrills of joy experienced at the appearance of the first leaves. The seed is good and the season favorable so that most of the children have what is known as a "good stand."

The teacher's training class have a large oblong plot in the center of the field which they have laid out in the form of a star within a circle and will plant exclusively in flowers.

The fence about the garden is much in need of repair. A cow did considerable damage the other night causing much consternation among the gardeners.

The benches for the manual training work are being placed, and the tools have been ordered. The classes will meet in the Arts and Crafts building at present.

Public School

School gardens are being made, each child preparing, planting and caring for a plot of his own.

Seeds, bulbs and shrubs are being put in the ground, to raise both vegetables and flowers.

Janette Van Bendegom is absent on account of a cold.

Lula Lawrence, who was sick last week is well and at school again.

Theresa Oswalt has returned after a week's absence.

Henry George Club Meeting.

The Henry George Club open meeting at The Gables on last Friday evening was an unusually interesting one. Mrs. Geiser read a very interesting paper giving reminiscences of the famous Delaware campaign. Mrs. Geiser, then Miss Brothers, was at that time living in Delaware with her parents. Her father and brothers were ardent Single Taxers and their home became headquarters for the brethren of the faith who participated in the campaign. Her recollections of the campaign were very vivid.

R. F. Powell and P. Y. Albright both of whom participated in the campaign, also contributed something from their interesting experiences.

Mrs. Edith Paula Smith and Miss Bessie Littlefield sang delightfully and Dr. Sheldon, who was present, was prevailed upon to render a couple of his original songs: "The Hoodoo Cunjure,' and "Chicken-hawk Cholly." and by special request Mrs. Comings also favored with piano selections.

KIEFER GROWLS A BIT

Mr. Kiefer is very fond of green onions and when he was here it was the editor's pleasure to furnish him with several bunches from his garden. In a letter to him since his return to Cincinnati, we suggested that the onions were doing finely and we might send him some to which he replied:

"I note how good your onions are, in fact, the very thought of you is redolent with the odor of them, but do not send me any as there are plenty of them in the market here, which moves me to growl a bit that Fairhope is not providing the markets of the north with onions, radishes, lettuce, etc., in abundance. Our markets are now filled with these things and I am told that most of them come from the territory between Mobile and New Orleans."

We believe there is a profitable field here in the line suggested.

LADIES AID SOCIAL AT A. H. MERSHON'S.

The spacious A. H. Mershon home was thrown open on Wednesday evening for a delightful social tendered by Mrs. Mershon, assisted by Mesdames Knox, Lewis and Magden, on behalf of the Ladies Aid Society. There was a large attendance, including a great many of our winter visitors from the north. Mr. Littlefield took the number of states represented in the gathering—and was not sure that he got all—showing fourteen states, England, Canada, and New Zealand represented. The house was tastefully decorated, Japonicas, roses and yellow jasmine appearing in profusion and delightful refreshments were served.

The following attractive young ladies assisted in serving the refreshments: Misses Ola Powell, Estelle Kile, Maud Wilson, Bessie Littlefield, Helen Taggart, Gertrude Wood and Frances Gaston.

Mr. Bewarder of the Mergenthaler Company's New Orleans' agency, was in town Wednesday night talking "Junior Linotype" with the editor-publisher. There is a prospect of one of these machines being added to the COURIER office equipment. Mr. Bewarder was for many years with his company in New York City, and was an admirer and supporter of Henry George. He was quite interested in the Colony proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sumner celebrated the twelfth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday evening by a party to which were invited all of their especial friends who so pleasantly welcomed them with a supper at their home on arrival last fall, the Chio friends who came down with them and a few others, numbering in all nearly fifty. Mr. and Mrs. Sumner were embarrassed for the time by their richness in friends and their only regret was that they could not invite all. Old fashioned games were played and a delicious lap supper served. It was a merry and congenial company, all of whom enjoyed the occasion thoroughly.

And still the fine weather continues, no frost, and warm, sunshiny, genuine spring days, with the grass green, the birds singing, flowers blooming, gardens growing luxuriously, children barefoot many of them, strawberries ripe and some of the hardier going in bathing frequently. Maybe the gulf stream has moved nearer our shore.

Surely all our visitors from the north this winter, must agree with us that Alabama well deserves her motto—"Here we rest"—meaning that there is no use to look further for a better land.

Educational Board Chosen.

The election yesterday resulted in the choice of the following as a board of education for Fairhope: H. C. Oswalt, J. H. Williams, L. S. Massey, C. L. Mershon and W. S. Baldwin.

Personal and Local

Dr. Henry Borst of Silver Hill is in town.

Mrs. Anderson of Des Moines arrived with Mr. and Miss Lee on Sunday and is at the sanitarium.

Miss Rose Jung, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jung, of North River Park, was married at the family home, on last Saturday at 5 p. m. to Mr. Felix W. Beiser of Loxley.

Little Lavigne Berglin celebrated his 7th birthday on Thursday and had 20 of his little friends in to celebrate with him. Games were played and ice cream and cake served.

Fairhope now has a legally qualified health officer in the person of Dr. C. L. Mershon, who was elected to the position by the Baldwin County Medical Society at its last meeting.

On last Monday night seven of the Fairhope boys met and organized an Athletic Club. The club was named the "Henry George Athletic Club." The following officers were elected: Maurice Greenbaum president and manager, Paul Molyneux secretary and treasurer. The club meets Tuesday and Friday evenings. At the next meeting several new members are expected.

Our friend J. H. Quick, of Sioux City Iowa author of the powerful Single Tax novel, "The Broken Lance" and other works, has accepted the position of associate editor of La Follette's Weekly. Mrs. Quick, who spent a season at Fairhope and will be remembered for her exquisite singing especially, writes: "My memories of Fairhope are lasting and pleasant. I hope I may some day see you all again."

Send for a few of our neat slips regarding Colony and COURIER, to hand to friends or enclose in letters.

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Personal and Local

Miss Lizzie Littlegreen was over from Mobile Sunday visiting her people here.

Rev. and Mrs. Hill and children spent a couple of days at their summer cottage and put out a number of fig and other trees.

Rev. E. R. Clarkson spent last Sunday at a little church a few miles from Citronelle, where he has been holding a quite successful meeting. Rev. D. M. Breckenridge filled his pulpit here in the morning and in the evening the choir presented a song service.

In the Council proceedings appears notice of the transfer of a lot by John P. Lowell to R. S. Somerville and of the application of Cicely (Mrs. T. E.) Clarke, for a lot Both lots are on lower Fels Avenue, and both parties intend to build. The Clarkes indeed, intend to live here the year around.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Lacy and children were over enjoying their summer home over Sunday. They intend to make some improvements to it before the summer season opens and are anxious to have a bathhouse up in front of the White tract and are willing to do their share toward it. While here Mr. Lacy left his subscription to the Courier.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lowell, of Mobile—and Fairhope—were over from Mobile on Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston for dinner. Miss Gladys Lowell came over Friday evening and remained until Tuesday morning, the guest of Miss Celina Roberts, and when she returned to Mobile, Misses Celina Roberts, Daphne Brown and Leah Gaston, accompanied her to visit for a few days.

Mrs. J. F. Whittle fell, Wednesday night of last week, and broke her ankle. She had just been upstairs to get an additional pillow for Mr. Whittle, who was suffering from a difficulty in breathing, similar to Asthma, and when coming down she thought she was at the foot of the stairs before she was and stepping out fell, sustaining the injury stated. Dr. Sheldon was called in and set the ankle and she is now doing as well as could be expected.

O. W. Jefferson and wife have spent a good deal of time looking around for a location, but so far have not, we believe, found any place which looks any better to them than Fairhope. They are however hardly ready to take Colony land, and would prefer to be on a railroad. We would regret to see them make the mistake we feel they will make if they fail to tie up at Fairhope.

Mr. A. C. Staples was summoned to the Fairhope Hotel on last Sunday and was most agreeably surprised to find there old Iowa friends Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gruewell, of West Branch, Iowa, his former home, who, on the eve of returning north, after several weeks spent at various places along the gulf coast, ran over to Fairhope, only to be made to feel disappointed that they had not found out its advantages sooner in order to have spent more time here. They had heard that the big storm flooded the place and imagined it was low and wet!

Amos H. Wagner of Point Clear was in the office Tuesday and was telling us of a lemon tree he got three years ago of the Dingee-Conard Co. West Grove, Pa., a little plant sent by mail for a few cents in postage, which bore about 50 lemons the first season and last year bore 250 weighing from 2 to 3 pounds each. It is called the "American Wonder" as large and he says better than the Ponderosa. He picked a sugar barrel and two bushel baskets full at one picking. It blooms and fruits all the time.

E. W. Jefferson and F. L. Horning have both shipped strawberries to Mobile, where their fine quality attracted much attention. It seems that there have been none brought on the market from the immediate vicinity of Mobile. Mr, Jefferson took over four boxes of his big "Excelsiors" a week or two ago, which brought forty cents a box. Eight boxes last week brought thirty-five cents a box. The soil here is well adapted to strawberries and if we had railroad connection, the shipping of strawberries might be made a big industry.

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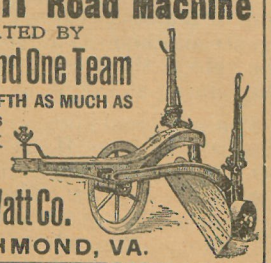
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ON GETTING THIN

The girl who had just helped herself to a particularly large and luscious chocolate cream paused with the confection suspended in the air at a remark from the girl who was looking over samples.


"Oh, Nonsense!"

"Don't talk sheath gowns to me!" she cried. "I'd look nice in a sheath gown, wouldn't I? I've gained 20 pounds this summer and I wasn't exactly what you'd call thin when I started in! I could cry my eyes out. I don't want to be fat!"

"Well, you needn't be," said the girl who was embroidering. "It is perfectly easy to get thin. I know, because I had a cousin who was perfectly awful, and she was so stout. All she did was to stand up for 20 minutes after every meal—just stand still without leaning against anything. It tires your muscles, you know, and—"

"How thin did she get?" breathlessly inquired the girl who had gained 20 pounds.

"Oh, she isn't what you'd call thin," said the girl who was embroidering. "She stood up after every meal for a year and she lost five pounds—"

"Oh, nonsense," snapped the stout girl, disappointedly.

"Well," indignantly said the girl who was embroidering, "five pounds is a lot! Just suppose you had five pounds added to your face—"

"I'll tell you how to get thin," broke in the girl who was tying the fox terrier's ears together with a piece of ribbon. "Roll. I read about it in the paper. Pick out the hardest floor in the house and put on a kimono and just roll."

"But wouldn't it hurt?" chorused the others.

"Of course!" said the girl who was playing with the terrier. "Getting thin isn't like going to an afternoon tea party. That's the reason so many people are fat—it isn't comfortable to get thin. It's hard work. I suppose while you were rolling you could use the time reciting poems that you'd memorized or calculating what kind of new hat you'd get or—"

"Did you ever know any one who rolled?" demanded the stout girl, with reviving hope and the light of desperate courage in her eyes.

"Well," said the girl who had introduced the subject, "I never really knew anyone, but the newspaper said it would make you like a sylph. You might try it."

"I'd rather be fat than black and blue," said the stout girl, gloomily. "I'm just discouraged. I—"

"You simply couldn't roll in Chicago!" declared the girl who was looking over samples. "There's too much dust and soot on everything! I knew a girl once who went without breakfast, and it was perfectly wonderful—"

"I never in my life," said the stout girl in an injured tone, "ate anything for breakfast but a cup of coffee without cream or sugar and one piece of toast! And one of the stoutest girls I know has never eaten breakfast since she was a child! She just isn't hungry! And she gets fatter every year! And I know another girl who ate with a tiny scales on the table before her and weighed every mouthful and ran if you passed the sugar and fainted at the sight of a potato. The last I heard she was gaining three pounds a week! Dieting agreed with her!"

"I've heard of another way," spoke up the girl in the corner. "You know your state of mind has everything to do with your health. If you think of disagreeable things and people you don't like it will help you to get thin! Or if you can cultivate an unpleasant disposition!"

"I never was noted for being Little Lucy, the angel child," said the stout girl, meditatively. "My family won't stand for any more ill-temper from me, I'm afraid. That idea of keeping your mind on people you hate strikes me as sensible. Still, it's a severe penalty to pay for mere thinness! I believe I'll get Fred Thompson to promise to call on me twice a week! I don't know anyone I dislike more than I do him. I don't like the way he brushes his hair or pronounces his a's or sits down or his ideas or his neckties or the way he cuts magazine leaves. I particularly dislike him in the act of trying to be sociable. I always want to pound the sofa cushions when he is around. I think I should get thin just thinking about his coming and my having to entertain him. Milly, you're sitting on the telephone book—get up, so I can find his number! I shall begin right away."

"You're crazy," remarked the girl who was sitting on the telephone book. "If you're going to be fat you'll be fat, and if you're going to be thin you can't help it! What's the use?"

"Maybe you're right," gloomily said the girl who was stout.

She sighed. Suddenly she sat up.

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Will Call is home with his family this week-

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Miss Millie Beckner is much worse. Her condition is very critical.

Mr. E. Q. Norton, of Daphne is in town today.

New dollar shirt waists at Calls.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. L. E. Page and Mrs. Gaston visited the C. O. White family at their country home on Thursday.

Whole Wheat flour, home made.
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Emil Leiser was best man at the Beiser-Jung wedding Saturday and visited friends in Fairhope Sunday.

For Sale Cheap: 1 good horse and wagon at M. V. Mathews.

County Tax Collector Oscar Hall, was in town Wednesday, collecting delinquent taxes.

If in need of any harness or parts, let me order direct from factory for you. Fairhope Livery.

Mrs. L. E. Page came over on Monday evening and is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Brown.

For dry fire wood, promptly delivered, call on R. Poortstra or leave orders at the Courier office.

Mr. Littlefield secured Mrs. Minnich and her son, of Chicago, as tenants for his new cottage as soon as he got it ready for occupancy.

New Seed Valentine Round pod Beans and extra Early English Peas. These seeds are strictly fresh.
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Mrs. Hunnel's daughter, Mrs. M. E. Higgins, arrived from Chicago on Sunday evening, for an extended visit, Her sister, Mrs. Wilson, met her in Mobile.

Plenty of fresh sweet milk at the Creamery after six in the morning and five in the evening, at 8c. per quart. Also skimmed milk and butter milk at 3c. per quart.

Mr. Boutelle has suffered for several days from a severe attack of inflamatory rheumatism. He was confined to his bed and practically helpless, as well as suffered greatly.

Dill Pickles, (say now don't that make your mouth water?)
Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Currier, of Nebraska, arrived last evening to visit the Ameses. They have visited here before and have many friends. Mrs Currier is Mrs. Ames' sister.

Duck eggs, 75 cents per setting of 15; 4 cents each in incubator lots; day old ducklings 10 cents each.
Ned Dougherty, Wayside Farm.

Any 25c package of Poultry or Stock food at 20c: this is the season to feed these foods, they are health builders.

Furnished rooms for rent. Will board if desired. Bay View Ave., just north of Mr. Swifts.
Miss Lee.

Mrs. Dr. Hail returned to Mobile on Wednesday morning after spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brown. Mr. Brown went to Mobile on Sunday and returned Monday evening.

Rev. E. R. Clarkson came in last evening and will preach on Sunday as usual. His morning subject will be: "The Eleventh Commandment," and the evening subject "Short beds and narrow bedclothes."

Wanted—A reliable man to break the ground and plant and cultivate one and one half acres of cow peas and one half acre of onions for one half the crop. Fertilizer and feed will be furnished. Call at Courier office.

Miss Ruby White, a Daphne Normal student, visited her cousin, Miss Stella Lawrence, Sunday and enjoyed a delightful sail on the bay in the Lawrence cat boat. She was also taken back to Daphne in it on Monday.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reeves, of Plainfield, Ills., who have been in Mobile a couple of months, have come over from the city to spend a couple of months with us. They are in the C. K. Brown small cottage next to Robert Stapleton's.

Shoes for sale at half price at,
Mathew's.

Dr. R. Patterson and wife, of Barnesville, Minn., and W. C. Emlaw, of Lisbon, N. D., were in town from Tuesday evening to Thursday morning. They were in Mobile and hearing of Fairhope they came over for a day.

Lou. Baldwin is quite pleased with his success with late potatoes the past fall. He planted about an acre and sold 30 bushels at 1.00 to $1.20 a bushel, has planted about 15 bushels for a spring crop, and of course, supplied the family with all they needed besides feeding a quantity of small ones.

On Wednesday, February 10th, one week from next Wednesday, the Ladies Aid Society will serve dinner in the restaurant building, for the benefit of the Church. Remember the date and plan to take dinner with the ladies. The price will be 25 cents.

Messrs. Koopman, Visser and Poortstra caught and killed an alligator 7 feet long out on section 22. They brought it in and left it on exhibition in front of the Courier office on Wednesday where it attracted much attention from our winter visitors especially. The editor acknowledges the favor of a piece of the tail, beautiful clean white meat and it tasted all right too.

Mr. S. G. Lee and Miss Nellie Lee arrived from Des Moines on Sunday and are at home in Miss Lee's Bay front cottage. Mr. Lee expects to remain several weeks but Miss Lee bought no return ticket and will remain indefinitely. It has been two years since Mr. Lee was here and he is much pleased with the number and character of the improvements made since then.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McLean, of Glendale, Ohio, write that they have arranged to spend some time at Fairhope and we hope to see them again soon. They made their first visit to Fairhope last winter and have been ever since trying to get back. Mrs. McLean, it will be remembered, was a friend of Henry George even before he wrote Progress and Poverty and last winter she gave us very interesting reminiscences of him.

JEANES SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

The first anniversary of the founding of the Ann Jeanes Public and Industrial School of Fairhope, Ala., will be held at the School, Feb. 1st. 1909 beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The principal speaker of the occasion will be Rev H. S. Henderson, D D., pastor of Zion Chapel Church Battles, Ala. A history of the school will be given by Mrs. E. F. Houston. The objects of the school will be stated by the principal of the school. We extend to our white friends of Fairhope a cordial invitation to attend. Seats will be reserved for visitors. Admission free.
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Nature's pulse is beating stronger,
And less dreary seems the night.

And the mocking-bird is giving,
A free concert all the day,
Really, life is worth the living,
If at Fairhope on the bay.

Roses blooming all the year--
But the subject, now I'll drop,
I would only add, right here,
Go to Wheeler's, when you shop.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the kind friends who assisted us in the sickness and death of our dear Father and Grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Keller and Sons.

WOW! STUNG!!

About eight passengers were badly disappointed on Monday morning who failed to take the Fairhope, relying on the Lucile, which had sustained a slight accident to her machinery Sunday night and failed to show up, The Irma was finally located at Daphne and made her way down through the dense fog which prevailed, but she rambled peaceably about through the fog and reached Mobile just in time to let her passengers crawl on the stern of the Fairhope as she was pulling out for her afternoon trip. We hate to hurt the Fairhope's business but take our advice and ride on the nice, fast, roomy, comfortable boats of the opposition companies and you can get in town early—Oh yes! You'll get there almost in time to come back.

Notice to Non-resident

STATE OF ALABAMA }
BALDWIN COUNTY }

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
vs.
Anson C. Smith.

Before P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said County.

Before me, P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace, this 26th day of January, 1909, came the plaintiff, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, in the above entitled cause, and it appear- that certain property of the said defendan has been levied upon, towit;- the frame bullding and all improvements situated on block 55, north half of block 56, east half of block 52, and lots 7, and 8, block 53, div. 4, of the land of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation as per plat on file in its office, by virtue of an attachment issued from my office returnable the 15th day of February, 1909, and that said defendant is a non resident of this state, it is therefore ordered that said notice of attachment and the return thereof be given said Anson C, Smith by publication once a week for three successive weeks before the said 15th day of Feb. 1909, in the Fairhope Courier published in said county, and a copy thereof be mailed to the said defendant at his place of residence when known.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January 1909.

P. Y, ALBRIGHT,
Justice of the Peace for Baldwin Co

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Winter Temperature.

Jar. 21,-27 1909.

Jan.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
21	63	75	65
22	60	76	67
23	60	76	66
24	58	72	66
25	54	68	64
26	61	75	66
27	58	74	64

5 clear days, 1 partly cloudy 1 cloudy. Winds light, south or west.

L. F. Manly.
Observer.

A jolly party of 36 made an excursion to Fort Blakely on the Irma under the command of the owner Captain Welch. They started out in a heavy fog and went aground two or three times, but with the aid of a negro who was familiar with the channel reached the destination all right, and made the return trip in much better time.

Word was received Thursday, of the death of Miss Clements' sister, at whose bedside, in Birmingham, she has been in attendance for a couple of weeks. Earlier word was received to the effect that she was improving and Miss Clements had had planned to bring her to Fairhope as soon as she could be moved. Miss Clements' host of friends sympathize with her most deeply in her grief.

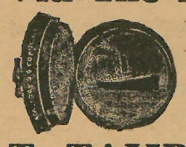
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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

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 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,

Colony Council Proceedings.

(Continued from 1st page.)

Treasurer's report for December 1908 presented as follows:

	Rec'ts.	Disb.
Rent 1908	$ 134 92	
" 1909	24 84	
" penalty	3 84	
Telephone	15	15 50
Water works connection	6	19 24
Waterworks water	8 98	15 00
Stumpage	4 50	
Taxes		114 94
Salary		25 00
Postage		1 81
Highways		8 72
District school		16 80
	$198 03	217 01
On hand Dec. 1	437 24	
" " 31		
Ass'n certificates		12 35
Water "		405 50
Cash		41
	635 27	635 27

Treasurer also presented report of tenants a year or more in arrears on rent.

Secretary and treasurer instructed to endeavor to secure a settlement of dispute between Mershon Merchandising Company and C. E. Littlefield as to which should pay rent on lots 11 and 12, block 3, div. 2.

Secretary instructed to place rent accounts of Fraternal Homemakers Society and Anson C. Smith in hands of Justice of the Peace to collect by suit.

Following bills allowed:

D. Shepherd, 5 hrs. work on furnace at pump station	$1 50
L. S. Massey, 4 hours helping at pump station	75
" " hauling two loads of dry wood for w. w.	1 00

Is Not This Hard?

An Akron Ohio friend writes:

"It is with regret that I must ask ask the discontinuance of my COURIER, increasing duties leaving no time to enjoy it the greater part of the year, and when it is read it creates such a desire to emigrate to "the land of sunshine," which cannot be gratified, that, it causes discontent with one's lot here.

"I shall always cherish a warm feeling for Fairhope, and I live in hopes of reaching there some time in the near future."

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For Mobile, via Daphne
Leave Mobile 2:30 P. M.
For Fairhope via Daphne

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ANNIVERSARY LETTERS

Interesting Letters From Distant Friends Unable to Attend in Person Fairhope's Fourteenth Anniversary Celebration

We continue the publication of interesting letters written on the occasion of Fairhope's Fourteenth Anniversary.

Mr. Joseph Dana Miller, editor of the Single Tax Review writes:

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:
E. B. Gaston, Secretary,
Dear Sirs:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your invitation to the Fourteenth Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Fairhope. It will be impossible for me to be present at what will undoubtedly be an enjoyable, and in many respects a significant event.

The almost solitary survival of Fairhope amid the wrecks of the many Colony experiments that strew the path of history is at least proof of the saving quality of such Single Tax legislation as you have been able to include in your colony plan. This, I will ask you to remember, I have always been willing to concede while finding it impossible to give unqualified assent to all the details of that plan.

Nevertheless, I have never wavered in my conviction that the work has been undertaken and pursued in all sincerity, and that we should refrain for the most part in criticising men who are working for the Single Tax in their way. We shall thus have more time to work for the Single Tax in our own way,

Fraternally yours,
JOSEPH DANA MILLER.

From Mr. A. Freeland one of the most indefatigable workers in the cause now at Nashville, Tenn.

My Dear Mr. Gaston:

Your invitation to attend the Fourteenth Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Fairhope Colony at hand.

While I cannot attend and imbibe at first hand inspiration from the congregated kindred souls, I am with you in spirit.

From the inception of the Colony idea fifteen years ago, I have followed the varying fortunes of Fairhope and Fairhopers with much interest and wished them "mighty well."

The stability of the Colony and its hope of future greatness and usefulness is doubtless mostly due to the persistent watchfulness and alertness of a faithful few self denying enthusiasts whose paramount ambition has been to prove that good theories will work in practice.

Wishing the assembled company a full measure of joy, and continued and increasing success to Fairhope and Fairhopers and to the cause they represent, I remain,

Fraternally,
A. FREELAND.

From Geo. Q. Thornton of St. Louis, president of the Carondolet Iron Foundry and member of the Colony Corporation.

My Dear Mr. Gaston:

I have your invitation to attend your Anniversary Celebration on New Year's Day, and very much regret that my duties here will prevent me being with you on that occasion. I am sure I should enjoy the opportunity very much.

Please accept my very hearty congratulations upon the success which has attended your efforts to establish a community in which, so far as is possible, under the general laws of the United States and of the State of Alabama, the product of the community inures to the benefit of all its citizens rather than to the individual profit of a few persons who might happen to get there first.

With best wishes for continued prosperity,
I am, Yours very sincerely,
GEO. Q. THORNTON.

Related Paragraphs Regarding Iowa Land.

Mr. Staples hands us a clipping from a paper published at his former home in Iowa, containing the following interesting and related items (though the relation may not be at once clear to every one.)

A Good Price.

"The news was current on our streets yesterday that Henry Gregg had sold his 80 acre farm one mile south of town for $175 per acre and that A. A. Black was the purchaser.

This looks like it's a matter of a very short time until Iowa corn land means $200 per acre!

Some Pretty Good Shoats.

"On Tuesday of last week Albin & Son bought a bunch of hogs that deserve especial mention Geo. Sizer brought in forty-four, nine and one-half month old, that weighed 310 pounds each, and Wm. Foster brought in nine of the same age that averaged 300 each. These are two of our thorough-going farmers who have learned how to feed stock for good results."

Milk and corn made the Iowa shoats. The land made the milk and corn that made the shoats and the opportunity that Iowa land affords, to make milk and corn to make fat shoats, to make money for Iowa farmers gave this Iowa land its value of $175 an acre with $200 an acre sure to come.

Mr. Staples says he remembers when this eighty acres sold for $300. No doubt the difference between $300 and $14,000 is partly accounted for by improvements, but equally without doubt, by far the larger part is purely land value.

It may be conceded that the policy whereby the owner of this eighty acres was able to reap the enormous increase in the value of this land was a good thing for him, (as owner not as user, for the same policy which benefitted him as owner, injured him as user) but how about the purchaser who had to give up a small fortune for the opportunity to use this land—and how about the far larger number who do not have the "small fortune" to buy Iowa or other land? They share none of the benefits of the system, and their number relatively increases as land values increase. Herein lies the problem of "progress and poverty."

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May we add that as milk and corn and hogs have made the Iowa land valuable the same combination is the surest one to make the land of Baldwin County valuable, and the same evil results will follow—except on one spot of Baldwin County soil. Where the Fairhope Colony controls the land, its whole people will share together in its increasing value, and equal opportunity to enjoy its advantages will be kept open for all.

New York Sunday Times Has Article on Fairhope.

During January Mr. Fels was in New York City and delivered a short address at a meeting at which Kier Hardie, the famous English labor leader and Socialist was the principal speaker.

In his address Mr. Fels told something about Fairhope which attracted the attention of a writer for the New York Times, who was present and led to the publishing of a finely illustrated article occupying about three-quarters of a page in the Sunday Times of January twenty-fifth. The article was not of course, just as a Fairhoper would have written it, but did not suffer in interest on that account.

How To Reach Fairhope From The East.

A Paterson N. J. friend inquires the fare and best route by rail and boat to Fairhope. If one has the time the best route is via Mallory steamers running from New York to Mobile with stops at Key West and Tampa, Fla. The first class fare is $30, or $55 for the round trip, which includes meals and berth. There are no "extras" unless one chooses to pay them. The second class rate is $20 each way, By rail the most direct route is via Pennsylvania line to Washington and thence by Southern and Louisville and Nashville roads through Atlanta and Montgomery to Mobile. The fare is about $32 with, of course, sleeper and meals extra. The steamer trip takes a full week, but is a delightful healthful outing—barring of course, the chance of storms at sea.

Pauperizing the People.

EDITOR COURIER:

Under the heading, "Matters of interest to Woman Readers," a leading metropolitan paper has this item:

"The duchess of Sutherland who is one of the most philanthropic of the English peeresses, believes that the time has come when pau-

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Fairhope Courier

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ERNEST B. GASTON - EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
MARIE HOWLAND - - - ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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Unjust Taxation.

Foley Onlooker

The appearance of the Tax Commissioner in this end of the county with all kinds of citation to appear and pay license for almost every conceivable line of occupation caused considerable dissatisfaction, first, because the county officials did not have the courtesy to notify the people that such licenses were necessary, second because in many cases the license makes double tax on the same property, which is wholly unjust. Where a business concern has tangible assets which are taxable as personal property and is located in the country or a small village, which has no local government, it should no more be made to pay a special license than a farmer should; of course, where there is a local government to maintain it some times becomes necessary.

For instance, we do not object to paying our real and personal property tax, our road tax, or even the poll tax, though it is without doubt unconstitutional, yet, when the tax commissioner comes and days that on top of this we must pay to the state $10 a year for the privilege of publishing a newspaper in the state, it comes pretty near riding a free horse to death, and we do not wonder that the state is fifty years behind where it should be.

We are glad to see Brother Fesler getting aroused on the subject of taxation and hope he will study it until he sees that the only just basis upon which contributions for public purposes may be levied is that of benefits received from public expenditure. It seems to us this is a self-evident proposition. If it be granted, a little further reflection will make it clear that only one kind of property is enhanced in value by public expenditure. A house is worth no more on a good road than a poor one, in fact might be worth less, for its materials could be more cheaply assembled over a good road than a poor one and cost of building houses determines their value. Brother Fesler can get no more for his paper if good roads lead into his town from every direction. But land on good roads is worth much more than on poor roads. Why therefore, should not the land pay the cost of making good roads.

Brother Fesler does not object to his personal property tax, but shies on paying $10a year "for the privilege of publishing a newspaper." But what reason more is there that he should pay for the "privilege" of building a home or being a man, than for running a newspaper? These are pertinent inquiries, which we commend to our Brother Editor.

THE SOUTH

Greatest in Resources.

(From Cincinnati Enquirer)

These southern ports have back of them all the United States south of the great lakes and west of Washington. They can have direct communication with every commercial port on the oceans of the globe. Snow and ice do not block their roads nor close their harbors. The trend of the commerce of the world is to the tropics, and when the Panama Canal is opened the Southern ports will be filled with the ships of all nations. The eastern states are dependent upon the west and the South for their food products as fully as is Western Europe. The Middle West can best reach the world through the highways of rail and water which go to the south. The south is drawing to herself gradually, slowly but surely the commercial streams which naturally seek outlets at her ports and will find herself enriched by their passage. The south is dependent upon no other section for food, for raiment, for building materials or for comfort and happiness for her people. She possesses every resource necessary for agricultural, industrial, commercial and financial prosperity. Through her productions she has the call upon the money of the world.

Mr. Fels Off for England
Closing Days in U. S. Busy Ones

Mr. Fels was to have sailed for England on January 30th but on account of pressing engagements chiefly to discuss methods of Single Tax work, did not get away until Tuesday of this week.

Much of his time while in this country was devoted to an effort to raise a large fund in yearly payments extending over five years, for Single Tax propaganda work in the United States. Bolton Hall and Daniel Kiefer are among those actively associated with Mr. Fels in the effort.

On Tuesday of last week, Mr. Fels was in Boston, the guest at a little dinner party at the City Club, where a dozen or two of the prominent men of that district, including ex-Governor Garvin, met him and advised with him regarding this important work. In a number of short speeches and newspaper interviews since his visit here Mr. Fels found opportunity to say something of Fairhope and usually with the result of arousing much interest.

The COURIER we know, speaks for the many friends of Mr. Fels at Fairhope in wishing him a safe journey, and increased opportunities for effective work in the cause which is dearer to him than aught else.

Colony Annual Election

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation annual meeting and election of officers occured last evening and resulted in the choice of the following officers:

President, Frank L. Brown.
Vice President, Mrs. Anne B. Call.
Secretary, E. B. Gaston,
Treasurer, G. W. Wood.
Trustee, J. W. Braam.
Superintendent of Lands and Highways, G. M. Bancroft.
Public Services, John F. Johnson.

The new officers chosen were Mrs. Call, Mr. Braam and Mr. Johnson. All the officers were elected by very substantial majorities, there being evidently no "opposition ticket".

Mr. Frank Brown was determined to nominate Mr. Kile to succeed him as president, but Mr. Kile postively refused to permit him to do so on account of his age and health, and Mr. Brown was re-elected.

The treasurer presented a report of the year's business and a report was presented of the business of the wharf for the year, which will be given in our next issue with a report of other business transacted at the meeting.

ANNIVERSARY LETTERS

(Continued from page 1)

From H. W. McFarlane, president Austin Public Policy Club, ardent Single Taxer and friend of Fairhope.

E. B. Gaston, Secretary:

Accept congratulations on continued growth shown by the devoted Single Taxers of Fairhope. May the fifteenth year eclipse all previous years in individual happiness, in fraternal harmony and concord, and in substantial growth and enduring prosperity for the Colony.

I regret that I can not join you in your anniversary celebration; but hope to visit the Colony soon and behold how good and how beautiful it is for brethern (and sisteren) to dwell together in peace and unity.

With a sincere "Happy New Year" to all, and the hepe that your celebration may prove highly profitable and enjoyable, I am Very truly yours,

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In an article in the New York Evening Post, replying to a previous article by Mr. F. S. Peer, on "What is the Matter with Agriculture," in which he asserts as the cause for abandoned farms, and the slavish lives led by farmers and their wives, that "farming does not pay," Mr. Fels ably presents the obstacles placed in the way of farmers by railway monopoly, tariff hindrances to trade, and over-taxation of farm products and improvements and in conclusion says: "I respectfully suggest a careful reading of 'Progress and Poverty,' by the man who is slowly but surely coming to his own, Henry George."

The soil survey of Baldwin County, by government experts, will be completed the coming spring. When the survey is completed a pamphlet containing a map of the county and descriptions of the soils over the county, giving their properties, etc., what crops will grow best in the various sections of the county, and what properties in the form of fertilizers should be added to the soils to grow certain crops, will be issued. A copy of this pamphlet will be available for all who desire it.

They have some unpleasant weather in California. A gentleman who has been planning to come to Fairhope, gives the following reasons for delay.

"I had 8000 ties to haul and expected to get done October first and start for there, but the rains started so much earlier than usual, I will have to put off coming until spring. It has rained pretty steady here for four weeks now."

A copy of the Providence Rhode Island Evening Tribune mailed us, indicates very regrettable friction between local Single Taxers and the American Single Tax League.

The grip microbe seems to have come in numbers on the north wind and bad colds have been very prevalent recently.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

February 4, warm and sunny after a very se vere cold "snap" as they say in the north. There were two nights of severe freezing. Here at the Pines on Sunday morning the thermometer marked 24 degrees, and some report 16 degrees. We worked until nearly dark Saturday night protecting things at the Pines, so that less damage is done here than elsewhere. Mr. Stockbridge raked up pine needles and covered the strawberry-bed which was just beginning to ripen its fruit. The Satsuma oranges seem to have escaped damage, but we cannot be certain yet. The young vegetable gardens, beets, lettuce, etc.. though badly injured will I think, recover. We could not spare covering for them.

Later: Prof. Vredenburg our violinist; Mrs. Jones of New York, who was with us at our anniversary; and formerly, a much esteemed Hammonton townsman, Mrs. Bertie Holt-Berry, send very interesting letters. To begin with the last—Mrs: Berry says: x x x "My son-in.law, J. R. Nichols of Brookline Mass., has become an ardent Single Taxer. He bought Henry George's complete works some months ago and he and my daughter are both studying them. Last Monday Alice wrote: 'Robert had a letter in the Boston Herald suggesting the apylying of the Single Tax to the problems before the city of Boston. Prof. Johnson telephoned to congratulate him on the letter. Tuesday night Robert was invited te meet Joseph Fels; Lincoln Steffens was arranging the dinner. The others were to be four Harvard professors, Louis Prang, Mr. Fillebrown, Mr. Carret and Wm. Lloyd Garrison—about a dozen in all.'—Prof. Johnson takes the Fairhope Courier. Alice told him that her mother was acquainted with Mrs. Howland and he said that would increase his interest, in your letters.--Thank you for sending the Courier. Both my husband and myself enjoy it greatly.

x x x You have seen by the last Courier, that I have had to stop sending the Courier to nearly all friends who have long received it. You will subscribe for it. I know.

x x x It would have interested Professor J. to know that Mr. Howland was a graduate of Harvard in the same class as President Eliot, that of 1853.

Old Soldiers Reunion.

Wednesday February third, a reunion of the following Union soldiers was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bancroft and Father Knowles.

H. S. Greeno, Major 4th Ark. Cavaly.
W. S. Baldwin, Co. K. 142 Ind. Vol. Infantry
W. W. Kile, Co. B. 4th Ohio " "
E. A. Jones, 10th Ind.
J. F. Whittle, Co. B. Chicago Artillery.
W. S. Sumner: Co. C. W. Va. Cavalry
L E. Ames, Co. I. 15th Vermont Infantry.
D. M. Breckenridge, Co. H. 148nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.
Geo. F. Marshal, Co. B. 30 Regiment Mass. Volunteers
C. W. Lyon, Co. D. 9th Regiment Iowa Cav.
Moses Louselle, Co. K. 8th Conn. Volunteers.
Geo. Lewis, Co. L. 15th Ill. Cav.
A. E. Shupe, Co. H. 82nd Reg. Ohio Vol. Inf.
L. S Massey, Co. K. 39th Ill. Vol. Inf.
Geo. Knowles, Co. E. 5th Wis. Inf.

These were attended by their wives and a few other guests including Mr. and Mrs. Currier of Nebraska.

All came with well filled baskets and after a bountiful repast all repaired to the front lawn where they were photographed.

A pleasing program for the afternoon consisted in the singing of old songs, telling war stories and the reading from Father Knowles old war diary, which gave a sad pen picture of the shooting of a deserter and some pleasing reminiscences of Pres. Lincoln. All felt the day was well spent and toward evening took leave of each other and their hospitable hosts. hoping to be as pleasantly reunited at another date in the near future.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Public School

The children in Mrs. Hubbard's room brought their pennies, a box of stove polish was purchased and their stove is now bright, the other rooms will have to do likewise.

In Mrs. Sweet's room Ralph Brown has been absent on account of sickness.

John Cailias has started to school.

The children under the direction of Mrs Sweet are preparing exercises for Lincoln's birthday.

The cold snap played havoc with the school gardens, all the plants being frozen.

Miss Clements returned Wednesday from Birmingham where she has been for the last three weeks, called by the illness of her sister.

All the children are back again with the exception of Daphne Brown, Ferris Riel, Lloyd Lawrence, Forest Nichols and Sam Littlegreen, No doubt they will be in tomorrow.

Sunday was so stormy that the boat did not make her usual round trip to Mobile and consequently Mrs. Hubbard was obliged to remain in Mobile until Monday evening. During her absence Mrs. Sweet taught her room.

Anna Mae Oswalt.

Mr. Powell Will Speak in Bay Minette

When in Bay Minette last week Mr. R. F. Powell found several of the county officers and other citizens greatly interested in the subject of taxation, especially in the great difference in assessments of similar properties, and arrangements were made for him to speak on the subject at Bay Minette next Tuesday. The meeting will be in the court house in the evening. Mr. Powell has given the subject of taxation not only in Baldwin County but generally much thought, and will present ideas well worth consideration. We hope our friends at the county seat will give him a good hearing.

S. J. Chubb, of West Toronto, Can is one of the good friends who helped to build the new Fairhope wharf, sending a subscription of $20 for the purpose. As he was one of but a few requesting payment if convenient January first, he was mailed a check to cover principal and accrued interest and wrote in reply:

"I am glad to have been able to serve Fairhope in some slight degree when the money was needed, and am glad to receive the money back just at the time when it was of great use to me."

Mr. Berglin, the creamery man from Fairhope, was up here last Saturday and made arangements with the farmers to buy their cream. Silverhill Cor. Onlooker.

The "Baldwin County Plan" Discussed by R. F. Powel

The Fairhope plan has been much under discussion at the Progressive League, but last Sunday Mr. Powell varied the program by talking of "The Baldwin County Plan."

Mr. Powell had made preparation for his address by putting in a day at Bay Minette looking over the tax assessment books and gave a number of instances of assessments of property inside and outside Fairhope, which showed very conclusively two things: that property in the Colony was assessed much higher comparparatively than property outside the Colony, and that everywhere improvements were assessed at a much higher proportion of their value than land was.

Mr. Powell's figures were a revelation to many and his remarks accompanying the same were very instructive. An interesting discussion followed.

Mrs Ms Lean and the Norther

The editor of this paper told us that we brought down that Norther with us from Ohio. He is mistaken, because in the first place there was none to bring at that time, and in the second place we verily believe he had that Norther on tap, and let it loose on our arrival just to show how cold we could be without catching cold. Coming from a furnace heated house, and even with roaring wood fires at the Fairhope Hotel we did feel the cold, but the air of Fairhope, and the absence of furnace heat combined, doubtlesss saved us from any effects of the blizzard.

We find many excellent improvements in Fairhope, and an evident desire to add to the natural attractions of the place those evidences of care and interest which can not fail to favorably impress all visitors.

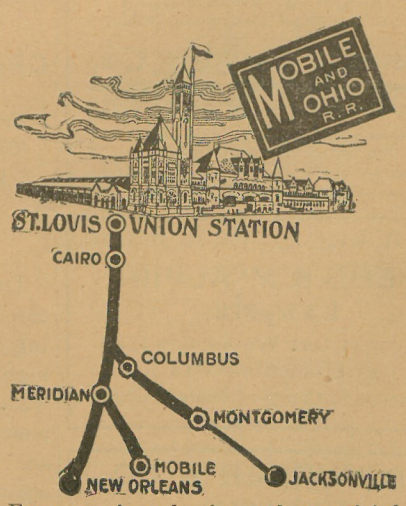
S. R. McLean.

Send for a few of our neat slips regarding Colony and Courier, to hand to friends or enclose in letters.

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Colony Council Proceedings.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Feb. 1, with Stimpson, Trenholme and Wood present, Bancroft and Patterson absent, Vice-pres. Paton in the chair.

Minutes of meeting of Jan. 25, read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

Mobile Coal Co. sack fire clay for water works	$ 1.00
E. B. Gaston, postage in Jan.	3.02
" " Express on cuts to Baldwin Times	.45
Pictures for N. Y. Times articles	.75
Telephone on message to Mr. Fels	.25
For Taxes paid Tax Coll. on Smith improvements to prevent levy.	8.65

Transfer approved from C. E. Littlefield to Mershon Merch. Co. of lots 11 and 12 block 3, div. 2, subject to payment of rent, etc.

Motion prevailed to appoint a committee of two to confer with Municipal street committee in regard to work on lower Magnolia avenue. Gaston and Wood appointed.

Motion prevailed that any persons desiring same for planting on streets in front of their premises, can have of the Colony water oaks, in nursery row on Stimpson's place at 15 cents apiece.

Motion prevailed that the town be tendered the temporary use of the branch gulley just west of the Fairhope Livery for a dumping place for tin cans and rubbish, and requested to prohibit dumping same at other places.

Application of Mariette L. Johnson for east 15 ft. of lot 3, blk. 5, div. 1, granted.

Secretary announced that there had been no objections filed to granting of lot 4, block 6, div. 2, to Cicely Clarke or of west 14½ ft. of lot 3, blk. 5, div. 1, to A. K. Trenholme, so that same were effective.

Secretary read letter from N. O. Nelson Co. regarding gauge for water works, and was instructed to write for further particulars regarding gauge.

GREAT CHANGE IN WEATHER

Northwest Wind Badly interferes With Bay Traffic, and Temperature of Twenty-threes Degrees Does Serious Damage On Land

Last week's Courier, telling of the delightful weather we were having, roses blooming, strawberries ripe, children barefoot, etc., etc.; was not off the press before "the scene was changed" and radically so. A northwester swooped down upon us Friday and by evening had "kicked up" one of the roughest seas seen in years, in fact, Capt. Joseph Lawrence said he had never seen so rough a sea at Daphne.

Leaving Mobile which is on the lee shore, the water was quiet and no one suspected that it would be so rough on the other side, but when the Lucile neared Daphne, Captain Loftus saw that it would not do for him to attempt to land her with the full force of the wind beating her against the wharf and turned back to Mobile. A little ways out Capt. Pilcher was coming with the Irma with the Sea Breeze in tow as a barge loaded with freight. Seeing Captain Loftus turn back for Mobile, Captain Pilcher did likewise, but found he could make no headway with his heavy tow and had to cut her adrift. He threw out her anchor, but she broke loose later and went ashore.

The Irma had a fierce battle with the wind and seas to get back to Mobile. Big seas broke over her bow, battered in her doors forward, and well nigh put her out of business, but she is a staunch little craft, with a powerful engine and finally got back into quiet water inside the river, where, it is reported, Captain Pilcher, solemnly promised himself never to take such chances again.

In the meantime the Fairhope, skilfully handled by Captain Owen Roberts, made Daphne, where she managed to make a landing and put off her passengers with a deal of scrambling, pushing and pulling, while the wind and waves beat the boat against the wharf in a frightful manner. At Fairhope much less trouble was experienced, because just as soon as the boat could be gotten back into her berth with her head to the wind, she lay comparatively easy.

All Friday night the wind blew a gale and Saturday morning when the tide was so low, the Fairhope dared not venture to go into Daphne, but went direct to Mobile, where she lay until Sunday, when she come over again direct to Fairhope and remained until Monday morning.

Saturday morning Capt. Loftus, with the Lucile, made a brave attempt to resume the mail service, going direct from Mobile to Battles, with the accumulated mail for the shore expecting to leave it as he took up the outbound mail going up the shore, but his vessel went aground at Battles and lost her propellor.

By Sunday the wind had pretty well abated and the Irma brought the mail but did not get to Fairhope until about 2 p. m. She returned to the city taking the outward bound mail, but did not get over to Battles on Monday until about 8:30 reach-Fairhope about nine, the mail in the meantime having been brought back to the office so that it missed getting off, again.

On Monday morning, the tide was still very low, but knowing that there must be many people at Daphne anxious to go to Mobile, the Capt. ran up that way with the Fairhope and getting as near the wharf as he dared, which was about 300 yards, sent off both his life boats, which

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made several trips bringing out about forty passengers.

Monday evening the Fairhope was able to land as usual at Daphne, bringing them the first freight they had received since Thursday evening.

Elsewhere the report of our volunteer weather observer gives the the thermometer readings during our late cold snap. It gave us the first sign of ice we had seen this winter and was several degrees colder than at any time last winter.

The extent of the damage to fruit and other crops is not yet fully known. Of course the strawberries were set back for weeks, and garden crops were very badly discouraged.

Rockford, Ills, is well represented here this winter. Mr. Jesse C. Blake, wife, son and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lander and wife are in one of Mr. Wolf's cottages and Mr. Smith, wife and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Searles are in one of Captain Nichols' cottages. These in addition to our regular winter resident, Capt. McDermaid.

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George W. Lawrence succeeded Maurice Stapleton as Town Marshal Mr. Lawrence should make a very good marshal,and the Town Council did well in his election. He is also acting as street commissioner.

Notice to Non-resident

State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
vs.
Anson C. Smith.

Before P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said County.

Before me, P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace, this 26th day of January, 1909, came the plaintiff, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, in the above entitled cause, and it appear- that certain property of the said defendan has been levied upon, towit;- the frame building and all improvements situated on block 55, north half of block 56, east half of block 52, and lots 7, and 8, block 53, div. 4, of the land of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation as per plat on file in its office, by virtue of an attachment issued from my office returnable the 15th day of February, 1909, and that said defendant is a non resident of this state, it is therefore ordered that said notice of attachment and the return thereof be given said Anson C, Smith by publication once a week for three successive weeks before the said 15th day of Feb. 1909, in the Fairhope Courier published in said county, and a copy thereof be mailed to the said defendant at his place of residence when known.

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Personal and Local

A pleasant dance was given at the pavilion last evening.

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The editor has been confined to his home the last two days with an attack of the grip.

If in need of any harness or parts, let me order direct from factory for you. Fairhope Livery.

Mrs. L. E. Page returned to her home in Mobile on Monday morning after spending about a week with her daughter, Mrs, Frank Brown.

For dry fire wood, promptly delivered, call on R. Poortstra or leave orders at the Courier office.

Any lady wishing the recipe for the new method of cooking radishes can secure the same free by calling at 222, Bay View Ave.

New Seed Valentine Round pod Beans and extra Early English Peas. These seeds are strictly fresh.
Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Beckner has been having a very serious time but seems to be gaining steadily now and it is hoped will soon be on the sure road to recovery.

Dill Pickles, (say now don't that make your mouth water?)
Mershon Merchandising Co.

Stuart Yarnelle will address the Progressive League on Sunday His subject will be "One Great Thing We Might Do." All are invited to attend.

Duck eggs, 75 cents per setting of 15; 4 cents each in incubator lots; day old ducklings 10 cents each.
Ned Dougherty, Wayside Farm.

Miss Hazel Pilcher was home over Sunday not returning to her school near Summerdale, until Tuesday.

Mr. Edgar Francis, of Perryopolis Penn., a cousin of Dr. Atkinson and Mr. Gaston, arrived on Monday evening for the rest of the winter and is a guest at the Gaston home.

Miss Clements returnd on Wednesday evening from her sad trip to Birmingham on account of the illness and death of a sister and took up her work in the public school the next day.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

The V. I. C. has a called meeting tomorrow, (Saturday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the home of the president, Mrs. Powell. Election of officers and other important business A full attendance of the members is much desired.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McLean and their daughter, Miss. McLean, of Glendale Ohio, arrived on last Friday evening to spend about three months with us. They are at the Fairhope Hotel where they have a pleasant suite of rooms in the annex.

Any 25c package of Poultry or Stock food at 20c: this is the season to feed these foods, they are health builders.

Considerable interest has been aroused in the plans under consideration for cooperative effort in preparing for market and marketing products of this vicinity another meeting is to bo held at the schoolhouse this evening to which every one is invited.

Furnished rooms for rent. Will board if desired. Bay View Ave., just north of Mr. Swifts.
Miss Lee.

Mr. Mrs. E. C. Wolcott, of Warren Ohio, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, coming over on yesterday from Magnolia Springs, where they had been visiting Mrs. Wolcott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCloud. They are members and ardent friends of the Colony and voted at the annual election.

Wanted—A reliable man to break the ground and plant and cultivate one and one half acres of cow peas and one half acre of onions for one half the crop. Fertilizer and feed will be furnished. Call at Courier office.

The services at the Christian Church are always interesting and profitable. The attendance has been unusually good all winter. This is doubtless due to the splendid musical renditions of the choir and the helpful sermons of the minister, Rev. E, R. Clarkson. The subjects for pulpit discussion on Sunday are: —at 11 a. m.—"The Philosophy of Prayer"—at 7:30 p. m.—"The Power of An All-controlling Idea." A special invitation ia extended to all of Fairhope's visitors, who will certainly find a cordial welcome awaiting them at the Church.

Ladies Aid Society Dinner

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will give a dinner at the restaurant building on next Wednesday. The dinner will be served at the noon hour, the price will be 25 cents, and the ladies hope for a liberal patronage.

V. I. C. Supper Friday, Feb. 12

On Friday evening of next week the ladies of the V. I. C. will give a "Conundrum Supper" at the Gaston home beginning at 5:30 p. m. and continuing until all who deslre are served.

The V. I. C., you know, works in the interest of the whole town. It will give you the worth of your money and spend the proceeds for your benefit, so don't fail to take supper with it on this occasion and enjoy a good social time.

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Obituary of Alden Lee Newell

Alden Lee Newell was born in LaSalle County, Ill., April 17th. 1850, died at Fairhope, Ala., Jan. 21st 1909, aged 58 years, 9 mo. 4 days. He was married to Angeline Cameron, August 16th 1869. To this union 2 children were born one dying at birth, the other, Mrs. Abbie Keller remains to mourn his departure. He also leaves 7 grandsons and a half sister, Mrs. Pool of Missouri. He was a kind and loving father, grandfather and friend. He was patien kind and gentle in disposition, making friends with all whom he mst. He had spent four winters in and near Fairhope. He arrived here on Dec. 18, in very poor health and failed rapidly, his wife died in March 10, 1889, since which time he lived with relatives. He was a carpenter by trade. Of him it may be said that he would not knowingly wrong any man. He was too broad minded and too sincere in principle to do otherwis e than the Golden Rule dictates. In the death of Alden Newell his relatives lose a faithful friend and the community a most worthy citizen.

We know God's will is best,
So in submission bow,
And trust him to the end,
He cames to comfort now.

He fills the aching void,
Sends blessings from above,
Dear Father, we'll be true
And meet where all is love.

A. K.

SIBERIA'S MANY LARGE CITIES

They Are a Surprise to the American Visitor.

One is continually surprised at finding such large, prosperous cities in Siberia, writes Prof. G. E. Pickeslee in the Boston Transcript. Omsk has some 55,000 inhabitants, Ob 25,000, Tomsk 75,000, Krasniarsk 35,000 and Irkutsk 60,000. In many ways, however, they still show the crudeness of frontier life. In Ob hardly a house is over one story high, and the dust in the unpaved streets lies some inches thick. On the other hand, there is a large number of schools in the country. Tomsk is the educational center, besides being the largest city. It has an institute of technology and a university of some reputation, which is attended by several hundred students.

After traveling for days over the level, monotonous plains of the west, it is a pleasure to reach the borders of the hill country, which stretches from Krasniarsk some hundred miles on to Lake Baikal. In one's first enthusiasm one is tempted to exclaim that Krasniarsk is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It certainly is charmingly located, reminding one of many a town on the Rhine. It is built in the valley where the Katscha flows into the great Yenisei —mountains on every side, and the high banks of the river above and below. Seen from a distance, with its many church domes glistening between the hills, it makes the most delightful picture of all Siberia.

A further ride of a day and a half through this hill country, much of which is heavily wooded with a thick growth of pine, brings one to Irkutsk, which after Tomsk, is the largest city in Siberia. It is in many ways a very attractive place. Its main streets are paved and it is lighted by electricity; it has three daily papers, a large theater, a handsome art museum, a technical school, a theological seminary, 26 churches and one of the most imposing cathedrals in the whole empire. There are two or three factories in the city, one of which is a porcelain establishment, which turns out most excellent work. In strolling through the business streets one is surprised at the great variety of goods displayed in the stores, especially at the real elegance of the silver and jewelry assortments. There are many American wares to be seen—kodaks, sewing machines, typewriters, gramophones, reapers, tools from Massachusetts, canned fruit from California, canned oysters from Maryland. In some of the show windows were pyramids of boxes of an American food product, each with a Russian label and a representation of the American and the Russian flags.

Irkutsk is over 3,300 miles from Moscow, a distance greater than that which separates San Francisco from New York, yet it is only two-thirds of the way to Vladivostok.

Right!

The man who owns a baby
Will tell you how it howls,
He'll swear the kid's a nuisance,
And, goodness, how he scowls!
But if you say you know it,
And at the baby scoff,
The dad, you'll find, is ready,
To knock your head clean off.

Trouble in the Air.

"What are you making that noise for?" queried the robin.

"Noise!" screeched the jay, darting at the other bird with hostile intent. "That's singing, you mean, jealous upstart!"

The robin took refuge in instant flight, and thus another rash and foolhardy exponent of the higher criticism was driven ignominiously from the field.—Chicago Tribune.

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Father's looking rather worried, seems
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Though he used to tell us daily to keep
hoping for the best;
All the steels he bought last autumn
have increased in price, and yet
Father seems to bear a sorrow that he
never can forget;
He appears as one who daily dreads some
long-expected blow.
All his words are pessimistic—sister has a
titled beau.

Mother's look is full of gladness, all her
former woes have fled;
She has ceased to borrow troubles that
once filled her heart with dread;
Ills that once marred all her pleasures
have been bravely put aside;
Once she sadly spoke of blessings that
to her had been denied,
But her eyes possess new luster and her
cheeks a youthful glow;
She is looking forward proudly—sister
has a titled beau.

Father used to fondly tell me I should
some day be his heir,
He possessed but one ambition; in the
dark days and the fair
All his efforts were directed so that I,
when he should cease,
Might possess a splendid fortune to protect and to increase;
All he had I should inherit, so 'twas ordered long ago;
But at present things look doubtful—sister has a titled beau.
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

Needed the Money.

Friend—Your portrait of Mrs. Neurich has fine technique, but it doesn't look the least like her.

Artist—Say, do you suppose she would pay me $2,000 for it if it did?—Chicago Daily News.

Naturally.

She (sternly)—This memorandum I found in your pocket, "Ribbon for the typewriter," looks black.

He (surprised)—Of course it does It's the ink off the old ones.—Baltimore American.

Suspicion, Not Surprise.

Mrs. Gramercy—She must have been surprised when her husband gave such an expensive present for Christmas.

Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

Winter Tempeature.

Jan. 21,–27 1909.

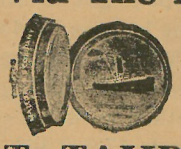
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3	34	58	48

5 clear days, 2 partly cloudy Wind northwest, very strong Jan. 29 and 30; ice Jan. 31 and February 1.

L. F. Manly.
Observer.

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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 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.

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For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc. address

E. B. GASTON Secretary,

Pauperizing the People

Continued from first page

perizing the people should cease. "This is a period of transition," she said, at a public meeting the other day, when the old days of patronage and of the rich man's kindness to the poor are approaching an end. The poor have to find their own feet and those who possess wider knowledge should help them."

The duchess of Sutherland belongs to that large and exclusive class of philanthropists who are willing to do everything for the poor except to get off their backs. She is the wife of the largest landowner in Great Britain, his individual holdings amounting to 1,258,548 acres. The holdings of the Duke of Sutherland together with 347 other lords of the land, aggregate 17,302,466 acres, or nearly one-fourth of all the land in the United Kingdom, while 10,911 own 52,082,045 acres, or two-thirds of all the land in that country. The remaining one-third is owned by 1,162,772 persons, while the remaining more than 10,000,000 people are disinherited and destitute of the means of obtaining a livelihood, except as they pay the lords of the soil for the privilege of toiling.

The duchess of Sutherland should understand that the monopolization of God's bounty to his children by the few is the cause of the pauperization of the people and that, so long as the millions are landless, they must be pensioners on the bounty of the land owners. That it will not avail the poor anything "to find their own feet" if they have no place to stand, and "those who possess wider knowledge" can help the poor only by getting off their backs and restoring to them their birthright—the land—that God made for the common use of all His children.

Woodlawn, Ills.. H. M. WILLIAMS.

Rev. Claude E Hill to Lecture at Daphne

A lecture by Rev. Claude E. Hill, of Mobile and Fairhope, on "Microscope or Telescope, which?" will be the next number on the Daphne Normal School lecture course, and will be given on next Tuesday evening, February eighth. President Baker writes the COURIER that a good attendance of the Fairhope people would be greatly appreciated.

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COLONEL EDWARD DANIELS WRITES

Of Decadence of Rural New England and of Supreme Importance of Practical Education. Training Hand and Brain Together

FAIRHOPE SHOULD RISE TO ITS OPPORTUNITIES.

Colonel Edward Daniels. whose interest in human betterment, especially the training of the rising generation to the useful use of their powers, continuing beyond his four score years, is an inspiration to everyone with whom he comes in contact and whose interest in Fairhope has not waned since the winter he and his good wife spent with us, writes:

We have recently attended a most interesting series of meetings and conferences. The last one stirred to action by the President's warning of the decline of New England, long seen by most of us born there as long ago as I was; visible enough for thirty years past. This conference was started by Prof. Butterfield, president of the Massachusetts Agricultural college and was composed of some 150 men and women from the schools, churches, factories and farms, including a few from leading papers and magazines, like Dr. Abbott of the Outlook.

The discussions during the two days disclosed a condition which might well alarm the New England people. Not only decaying civilization was made evident but in a geometrical ratio in many country places, once the most prosperous and progressive. Ideas differed as to the cause of decline but no one denied the fact. Remedies were of course numerous. Some foolish and puerile. But the feeling that the church, school and home must unite to make country life more attractive to the young folks took possession of the meeting at last.

Organization is likely to take place from this conference of all rescuing forces in New England for the betterment of country life there. This might be taken up elsewhere with great profit. No distinctly Single Tax speaker was at the meeting but there was a chance there to show the blight of a false land system.

It was my pleasant duty to show how largely it was due to a false system of education; the remedy for which must be the training of all children in the country on farms and in gardens, from the state. The intelligence of the country is at last awakened to the crimes of this generation against childhood. It is still rubbing its sleepy eyes in bewilderment at the collossal wrongs to be righted. Like a big boy it is fumbling its pockets to find the change to do do the right thing by its little brothers and sisters and unloading with liberality if not always with wisdom. But let us be thankful for the signs of promise which betoken organization of those that seek the uplift from the base greed and blind selfishness where we still wallow. All must unite upon tae one essential foundation, education.

I am glad to see that Mr. Fels has given so generous a donation to Fairhope for Industrial School work. I hope other friends may be induced to the same generosity and swell this foundation.

This is where Fairhope needs the fullest reenforcement. It is also her opportunity. She can make for herself the highest place along the coast in educational advantages along the line of scientificand industrial training schools. Such was my opinion when there—and still is. But some minds there must expand to the proportion of this idea or others grasp the full vision of possibilities which rises upon the enlightened imagination of the future of that whole region now just begun to develop.

The feeble cry of the infant fairly symbolizes what has been done and this is no disparagement of individual efforts and sacrifices. I have helped build cities, some small, some large. It does not seem presumptuous to hold some positive views and claim some knowledge of the forces and conditions which make for the permanent life and growth of communities. It seems to me that Fairhope must have a more solid industrial foundation, and as a means to hold population if nothing more. Scientific instruction of the highest order should follow closely to invite superior people with their families. If this ideal is cherished by the few only at first it will grow in time till it will fill the horizon and secure its own realization. Otherwise some other community will seize the standard and plant it elsewhere on the Gulf. Somewhere there will be a great centre of industrial life and scientific education on that shore.

At Boston saw some of your old friends, visited that delightful family the Schindlers, who are the centre of a circle of progressive people at Newton. There we saw the Courier for the first time in several weeks and rejoiced with our Fairhope friends in their aniversary which took place while we were traveling.

A Fish Fry on the Beach.

Friday, February fifth, will be remembered pleasantly by the tourists sojourning in Fairhope as well as some of the residents, because of the delightful "fish fry" given on the Bay front by some of the enterprising gentlemen, who unselfishly left off playing croquet on that day long enough to assist in arranging details and gallantly manipulating the frying pans at the last moment.

It was a jolly crowd of about sixty-five who sat down to fried and broiled fish, boiled potatoes, and delicious coffee, all prepared over charcoal fires on the spot. Of course these were not all of the good things the gentlemen had provided, and the lavish way in which the tables were spread spoke well of their ability to manage an out of doors picnic in mid-winter.

Those who sat down to the table were J. J. Mogg and wife; Rev. Breckenridge and wife; J. H. Williams and wife; S. F. Hunnel and wife; Mrs. J. H. Anderson and son; Mrs. E. G. Kingman; Miss Maud Wilson; Mrs. Ida Batcheler; M. M Marshall and C. F Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ames; Mrs. T. B. Everett and daughter; Mrs. Knox; Mrs, A. H. Mershon; Mr. C. W. Lyons and wife; Mr. E. H. Payne; Mrs. Dr. Slosson and Miss Nellie Slosson; and Mrs. Towner; all of Fairhope. The out of town guests were Mrs. Bigelow of Chicago, Dr. Stouder of Rockwell City Iowa, Mrs. Sarah Starr and Geo. F. Relyea of Joliet Ill,, Mrs. Andrews of Des Moines Iowa., J. B. Reeves and wife, Plainfield, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, Rogers Ark; Rev. Mr. Clarkson, Citronelle Ala; Mrs. Burnham and children of Evanston Ill; G. W. Chandler and wife of Ill. W. S. Sumner and wife of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Fitch and Mrs. F. C. Cheney of Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Graves Ill.; Mr. and Miss Lee of Des Moines Iowa; Mrs. W. A. Spurrier and daughter Alice of Des Moines; R. W. Heard of Montana, Mr. O. Wright of Michigan; E. D. Currier and wife of Nebraska; Mrs. S. J. Nelson of Morris, Ill ; Mrs. S. G. Magden, of Des Moines; Mrs. W. W. Barnes, Miss Marjorie Barnes and Miss Hills of Ohio; Mrs Coulter of Iowa; and Miss Penrose of Burlington Iowa.

To northern people coming here for the benefit of sunny skies and soft breezes, the hospitality of the residents of Fairhope, adds not a little to their enjoyment, for never were people more solicitous for the pleasure of their guests than are the men and women who make up this most interesting colony.

Aside from the many social evenings planned so that tourists may meet and become acquainted with each other there are frequent excursions to points of interest along the Bay as well as rides and tramps through the pines and over old plantations, which make this land of sunshine so interesting to northerners.

If the people of Fairhope were not so modest in sounding the praises of their winter resort-more tourists would find this an admirable place to spend the winter months. As it is the Steamer "Fairhope" brings in each evening some new party who soon fit into the social life and help to make this the ideal place to rest and recuperate.

A Des Moines Enthusiast.

Up to the eighth, nineteen days had been consumed in the effort to get a jury in the trial of the Coopers for the murder of Carmack. The fifth venire of five hundred men each had been examined. Most of the men selected as jurors live in remote parts of the county, where newspapers are little read because of illiteracy. The jury system is truly a bulwark of our liberties, but it is certainly needing reformation when a whole county has to be scoured for illiterates competent (?) to fill the jury box, under present day standards of court practice.

Security of possession of land is necessary to insure to users that they shall reap the fruits of their labors. Ownership is not necessary to that end, and carries with it the power to reap the fruits of other's labor.

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CREAMERY BUSINESS A SUCCESS

Mr. Berglin Much Gratified at Growth of the Business and Farmers Pleased

Brigh'. Outlook For the Future

Mr. Berglin's creamery business is showing a very gratifying growth, having already easily trebled the business with which the start was made.

The most profitable branch of the business is the sale of cream at Mobile to the ice-cream manufacturers, but as that slacks up in cold weather the cream is turned into butter, for a large part of which there is a good local retail demand at the creamery, at 35 cents a pound. For several days past about 50 pounds of butter has been made daily. It is of the very finest quality.

The milk has tested out surprisingly rich in butter fat averaging about five percent, though some has tested much beyond that.

Mr. Berglin is paying the farmers on the average very nearly $2 per hundred pounds for their milkand giving them back the skimmed milk, which is far beyond the price that can be obtained in the dairy sections of the north.

Several of the farmers are getting between $30 and $40 a month for their milk and three at least are getting upwards of $50 a month each. This will give an idea of the economic importance of the industry, when developed to reasonable proportions—not only to the farmers who will thus be enabled to turn the products of their farms into cash without impoverishing their soil, but to the whole community, which will share in the prosperity of the farmers as its members render them useful services in their turn.

In addition to the near-by farmers, who are sending their milk to the creamery separator, Mr. Berglin has a half dozen Silver Hill patrons, who are putting their milk through hand separators at home and sending in the cream daily.

The location here on the bay, with the cheap quick boat transportation for the cream, seems much preferable for this business to one on the line of a branch railroad, the service being much cheaper as well as quicker. And our summer and winter visitors are a valuable factor being liberal consumers not only of milk and butter but of "by products," skim milk and butter-milk. It is quite an added attraction too, to tourists to be able to satisfy their wants in these respects.

The creamery is a success and, as steadily predicted by the COURIER is going to be a most important factor in the upbuilding of our town and surrounding country. The COURIER is glad to have preached creamery and to have encouraged Mr. Berglin in his enterprising effort.

Dr. Greeno Attends B. C. A. S. And Commissioner's Court Meetings

Dr. Greeno attended a meeting of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society at Bay Minette, on Tuesday and also appeared before the county commissioners in regard to some matters in which he is especially interested.

Of the latter were the securing of authority to extend "Greeno Boulevard" about three miles further south, in which he was successful; and in endeavoring to make available the half of the road and bridge tax collected from property within the limits of the municipality, which under the new municipal code, should be paid over by the county to the town. There seems to be a hitch in regard to this, it being claimed by some that this provision of the law is unconstitutional. Bay Minette has received its portion—it and Fairhope being the only incorporated towns in the county—but may have to refund it. Mayor Greeno has taken the matter up directly with the Attorney-General.

The Agricultural Society had a harmonious session with a fair attendance. The unsettled matters in regard to the last season's exhibits at the state fairs were satisfactorily closed up. The matter of exhibits for next season will come before a special meeting to be called for the purpose in April.

A Successful Farmer.

One of the successful farmers of this vicinity is J. W. Oberg. We have several times given successful crop reports made by him. He is one of those who practically every season does well on Irish potatoes.

Last season, he tells the COURIER, he and his son Gus, cleared on seven acres of Irish potatoes an even $400, after paying every item of cash outlay, seed, fertilizer, barrels, etc. etc. They followed the potatoes with cotton, without additional fertilizer and gathered from the seven acres, six full bales of over five-hundred pounds each.

Cotton is now worth a fraction under ten cents. Their's is stored and will be held until it is worth ten cents. At that price the six bales will be worth $300 more and this can be considered net, for the seed, about three tons from cotton which would give five bales of lint, will cover cost of ginning and storage; which brings the net return from the seven acres up to $700, or $100 an acre; and yet some say farming can't be made to pay in this country. Aside from these potatoes which were sold on the market at digging time a few bushels were sold from time to time locally, plenty kept for family use and several bushels of small potatoes fed.

The potatoes and cotton were Mr. Oberg's principal cash crops, but like other good farmers, he has his cows, pigs and chickens and the sales of butter and eggs about keep the family supplied with groceries.

He milks two or three cows regularly and grew last year five acres of cow peas to furnish forage for his stock. This land is in potatoes this year.

T. M, Hill of "York State" sent with renewal of his subscription an extra half dollar for booklets and other literature regarding Fairhope.

FUNDS FOR LAND VALUE TAXATION PRDPAGANDA.

Joseph Fels Offers $25,000 a Year For Five Years on Condition of a Like Amount Being Raised.

The following letter has been received by the Editor:

Mr. E. B Gaston, Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Joseph Fels of Philadelphia and London, has offered to contribute $25,000.00 per year for five years for the promotion of Land Value Taxation, provided an equal sum shall be raised in the United States for the same purpose. Among the persons invited to lend their aid and advice in carrying the work to a successful issue are those whose names appear on the appended list.

The active direction of the work will be in the hands of Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, Senator Frederic C. Howe, of Cleveland, G. A. Briggs of Elkhart Ind., Jackson H. Ralston of Washington, D. C., and Lincoln Steffens of Boston Mass.

We believe that renewed interest and substantial advance can be made through this organization.

Will you please signify your acceptance at once. Yours sincerely

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The list of names enclosed includes a few of whose open adherence to the Single Tax we had not known, but we shall be much pleased if they signify their willingness to serve upon the committee. Among them are Champ Clark, the minority leader in congress and Senator Robert M. La Follette, the brilliant Republican senator who has just embarked in the newspaper business.

Railroad Talk Again.

T. L. Ingalls of Chicago, who has been with his wife spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Hutchings at the Beach Hotel, Battles, has been interested by local people in the previously much-talked of plan of an electric line along the beach, connecting with a fast ferry across the head of the bay from "Jackson Oaks" or "The Village" to Mobile.

Mr. Ingalls is said to be a very wealthy man, owner of the famous "Hotel del Prado," Chicago and a railroad promoter and builder. He is sufficiently interested in the matter to have advanced the money for a survey of the line, which is now in progress, under direction of Mr. P. A. Parker, of Volanta. He is said to have secured options on The Village property and on the Mackintosh tract below Fairhope.

Mr. Ingalls has gone to Tampa now it is reported, but will be back this way in about ten days, when he will decide whether to undertake the building of the road. It is claimed that he has all the necessary men, teams and equipment at his command, ready to throw right in here and complete the road building in short order if he decides to go ahead with it.

The route surveyed through Fairhope followed Bay View Avenue practically.

Just before going to press we are in receipt of a telephone message from E. Q. Norton of

Daphne, announcing a meeting in the Commercial Club rooms at Mobile on next Tuesday at 11 a. m. in the interest of the proposed ferry and trolley—or automobile road—down the shore; The Commercial club rooms are on the corner of Royal and St Michael streets up stairs. Everybody interested in this effort is invited to attend this meeting, No subscriptions will be asked for.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

February 10. Blizzards, or the tail end of blizzards, such as have just gripped Fairhope, leaving many of us struggling with most distressing coughs and all the symptoms, at least, of la grippe, if not something worse, make us understand the spirit and the motive of the fire worshipper; and when the cold wave passes, and the glorious sun folds us again in his warm embrace, there comes a sense of deep gratitude and blessing that is surely religious in essence. x x x Being too ill to write anything requiring effort, I will today give our readers some of our late letters that are better than anything I could write, anyway. Doctor Leigh Jones who was with us at our anniversary writes on January 29: x x x "I greatly enjoyed every minute of my stay in Fairhope and shall now have a definite plan for my future, I hope to live long enough to to get back there, and to have a garden of my own. It was a great joy to me to find so many of my old floral friends in Fairhope, showing that whatever changes might have come to me in the passing years, they are just the same as when I was a little girl in my father's garden. x x x The other day I came across two very interesting people in the neighborhood who keep a little curiosity shop. They are Syrians (or thereabouts) the wife being a native of Tarsus, the home of St. Paul who writes himself "a native of no mean mean city" They gave me some pistachio-nuts which I am sending you to plant, also some Turkish raisins, which they assure me will come true from seed. I am also ordering sent you some seeds of Luther Burbank's new hybrid fruit, the "Wonderberry." I hope you will make a success of growing these, and so, perhaps, secure new success for Fairhope. x x x I rejoiced greatly to learn that Mr. ——— is going to settle there, for I feel sure that he will prove a most valuable acquisition to the Colony. I wish it were possible for me to go now, also.

x x x A little later I shall have sent you a plant of Burbank's new white blackberry, and one or two other new plants. You see I cannot wait until I get to Fairhope to try these things; and so send them to you to experiment with, so that the people there may be enjoying them till I come. I have in mind raising fruit for the canning industry; and if these berries thrive there, they will add to the attractiveness of Fairhope as a place where people who must earn can live."

Doctor Jones thought that if I could not attend to these fruits, that perhaps Mrs. E. Smith whom she met the day before her departure and hopes to meet again, will assist. (I will surely give Mrs. Smith and others a chance to raise the "wonderberry," if the seed comes.) Dr. Jones concludes:—"As I write there is a sleety rain beating against my windows and I long to be back in Fairhope with the sunshine and the roses. The windows of my office are full of green, growing things, but they cannot fill the place of a garden—certain ly not of a real, all-the-year-around garden which we do not have in the north at all."

This correspondent fears I may think her a "little daft" because she would prefer oblivion "with or without nirvana," to a heaven without gardens. "Daft" no; I am not troubled with any doubt that heaven, whether within us or without, must meet all the wants of the soul, and so must have the glories of the plant world, You know it is the astral world that we visit in vivid dreams that is the "thought world" as some explain. But who can explain what dreams are? When I have vivid dreams the scene is almost always in gardens, and often where the foliage has an added charm that I might call luminosita; a soft steady light from within every branch and leaf, bud and flower and even every blade of grass. Our materialist friends will say this is not objective but subjective phenomena. If the latter, it may come from experience of seeing lovely gardens lighted from underneath the foliage o trees and shrubs. I was wonderfully charmed the first time I saw this and it made a lasting impression. It was in Paris when all the great parks, and the Gardens of the Tuileries, especially, were superbly prepared for the occasion of the festival of the Emperor Napoleon III. How fairy like, or how "heavenly" was the scene!

Damage by the "Cold Snap."

Great damage was done gulf coast truckers by the late freeze. First reports were that the cabbage crop in the vicinity of Mobile, had been damaged fully 75 per cent. Mr. Bellangee however, thinks the damage to his cabbage will not exceed ten per cent. His were exceedingly thrifty. His lettuce was very much hurt, not only by the cold but by the wind whipping the cloth covering of the beds up and down on the tender plants and bruising them. He is however putting out quantities more, having plenty of plants ready for setting out and undamaged. Beets were practically all killed and onions considerably damaged. Sweet orange trees--not on trifoliata stock—were badly injured just how badly can hardly be determined yet; but satsuma on trifoliata and kumquats seem to be little damaged especially where banked about the roots.

Libbeous Jefferson drove over to Pensacola prospecting last week. He was not especially pleased with Pensacola and did not see any country that suited him any better than that around Fairhope. On the road he "met up with" (as we say in this country) some new comers from Dakota, who had bought land over near the railroad and talked Fairhope to them so strongly that they came over to investigate, with result that they have decided to come over here and will recommend a lot of their friends to do likewise. They were particularly pleased with our superior school advantages and with the development of business and industry in our town. Our Colony proposition "looked good" to them too. They eft Wednesday expecting to return next week.

Charles Stromberg sends for a number of copies of the Fairhope booklet to distribute among friends. He and his mother expect to be down this month.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Public School

The town board of education wishes the teachers to visit the parents of the pupils who are often absent or tardy, to ascertain a reason. Written excuses are required each time the pupil is absent or tardy.

In Mrs. Hubbard's room the following pupils were present every day in January; Lula Gable, Tillie Poortstra, Laura Isabella Troup, Fred Olsen, Clifford Gable, and Lyston Gilmore.

In Mrs. Sweet's room, Noland Littlegreen, Valentine Oswalt, Jantiena Schumacher, Belle Stapleton; John Van Bendegom, Eddie Van Bavel, Werden Wilson, Bessie Winberg, Lucile Troup, Esther Gilmore and Annie Belle Gable.

Miss Clement's rooom is making up time by working extra hours and on Saturday.

In this room self-government is being tried, and a monitor is appointed each day whose duty it is to take down the names of those that are disorderly. Anna Mae Oswalt.

Oganic School

For the past two weeks the children have been making valentines, showing great interest and enjoyment in the work which means much for their development. Today pupils and teachers are to enjoy the opening of the valentine box.

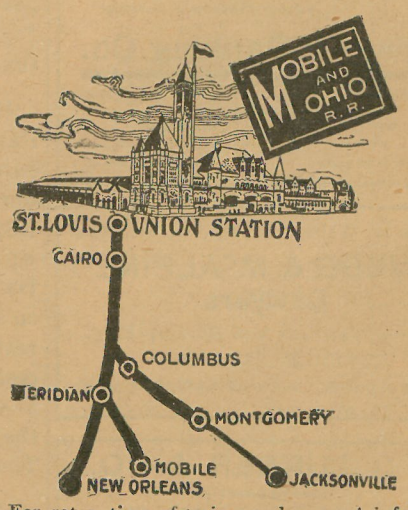
Three new pupils were enrolled this week Oliver and Bernadine Burnham and Esther Abbot.

The interest of our eleven visitors this week has been much appreciated. We are pleased to welcome any who may come to our school.

The State Board of Assessments has completed its assessments of railroad property in the state for taxation; the trackage values per mile ranging from $2,000 to $20,000. The Bay Minette and Fort Morgan is assessed at $6,000 and its rolling stock at $22,000.

Send for a few of our neat slips regarding Colony and Courier, to hand to friends or enclose in letters.

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Personal and Local

The Homecroft Shop and Garden has installed a telephone.

Mrs. L. L. Abbott, of Englewood, arrived on last Friday with two children. They are at A. H. Mershon's.

Prof. Bellangee will address the Progressive League next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His subject will be: "Nature in Education."

Rev. Clarkson's subjects on Sunday will be as follows; A. M., "The Dream of Pilot's Wife." p. m., "Does it Matter What We Believe?"

Reimer Poortstra had the misfortune to have eight cords of wood burned for him in one of these wood fires, which do so much damage every winter.

Mrs. Brown of Chicago who visited her friend Mrs. Ahrens last winter and gave so much pleasure with her exquisite singing, is again visiting Mrs. Ahrens.

Captain Joseph Lawrence is working this week putting a new porch on the east side of Captain Nichols' cottage. He has a lot of work ahead building bath-houses and rebuilding the long wharf at Sea Cliff.

Monday night was dark and stormy and the Shriner launch did not get down from Daphne to take Fairhopers up to Rev. Hill's lecture, in the Normal School course, though a number were waiting for it.

Mr. Welch, owner of the Lucile and Irma, spent Monday night in town and called on Laurence Tilson expressing sympathy for his injury and assuring him that his salary would go on until he was able to go to work again.

Mr. Bellangee went to Magnolia Springs on Saturday, meeting there his friend Mr. H. S. Wilcox of Chicago, who has made him several flying visits recently. Mr. Wilcox was accompanied on this trip by his son, Jesse, a young man. The party drove back to Fairhope Sunday and the Messrs. Wilcox took the steamer to Mobile.

Dr. John T. Hampton and wife, of Philadelphia arrived on Monday evening and are looking over our town with a vew to locating. The Doctor had been in communication with Dr. Borst, before coming and Dr. Borst was in town to meet him on his arrival. Dr. Hampton is a retired physician, a gentleman of means and culture and his wife is a very pleasant lady. We hope they will decide to remain with us. They are at The Gables.

Will Stimpson has put a concrete floor in his stable and is well pleased with it. It can be kept clean with very much less labor and prevents loss of the valuable liquid portion of the fertilizer. Mr. Stimpson uses plenty of bedding and sprinkles liberally in the stalls finely ground phosphate rock which helps to prevent the loss of the ammonia and facilitates the rotting of the solids.

Laurence Tilson Sustains Serious Injury.

Laurence Tilson one of our best known Fairhope young men, had his left leg broken on Sunday evening. He was handling a line on the Irma when she was making a landing at Daphne on her way to Mobile, and in some unaccountable way a loop in the line caught him around the ankle and drew it against the bitts as the line tightened, causing a comminuted fracture of both bones. Laurie had presence of mind enough to throw the line free thus releasing himself. At his request, he was put off on the wharf at Daphne while the boat went on to the city and as soon as arrangements could be made, was placed on a mattress in a spring wagon and brought down to Fairhope. Dr. Hodgson of Daphne straightened the injured leg and made it as comfortable as possible for the trip, and accompanied him. On arrival here the injured man was taken to the Fairhope Sanitarium, where Dr. Mershon, assisted by Doctors Hodgson and Borst (the latter happening to be in town) set the broken bones and where the patient is receiving every attention.

Naturally Laurie though he might have received treatment at the Marine Hospital, in Mobile, free of charge, wanted to be "home", among his friends, and they are giving him every attention.

Notice to Non-resident

STATE OF ALABAMA }
BALDWIN COUNTY }

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
vs.
Anson C. Smith.

Before P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said County.

Before me, P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace, this 26th day of January, 1909, came the plaintiff, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, in the above entitled cause, and it appearing that certain property of said defendan has been levied upon, towit;- the frame bullding and all improvements situated on block 55, north half of block 56, east half of block 52, and lots 7, and 8, block 53, div. 4, of the land of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation as per plat on file in its office, by virtue of an attachment issued from my office returnable the 15th day of February, 1909, and that said defendant is a non resident of this state, it is therefore ordered that said notice of attachment and the return thereof be given said Anson C, Smith by publication once a week for three successive weeks before the said 15th day of Feb. 1909, in the Fairhope Courier published in said county, and a copy thereof be mailed to the said defendant at his place of residence when known.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January 1909.

P. Y, ALBRIGHT,
Justice of the Peace for Baldwin Co.

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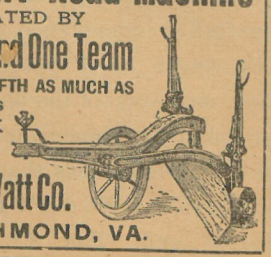
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TWO OF A KIND

Warmneck Tried to Hurry Things in the Laundry.

The man with the flaming eyes, the perspiring forehead and the all-het-up look stormed into the laundry the other afternoon and started right in to unlink.

"Say, look a-here, you," he bawled, pounding with both fists on the counter and endeavoring to impale the young man behind the laundry desk with his eye, "what's the matter with my laundry, hey?"

"You are Mr. Warmneck, aren't you, and you—" the young man behind the desk started to say, not yet realizing that he was only going to be a feeder for the caloric monologue.

"That's who I am," shouted the man with the perspiry forehead and things, "and I want to tell you here and now that it isn't going to be worth your while to try to pump any south breeze into me. What I demand to know, and to know real quick, bub, is this: Where's my laundry, hey?"

"It's—"

"It's got to be done, that's all. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. Your danged old one-horse outfit promised to have it done by five o'clock this afternoon, and I want it, that's all. No blast furnace Boreas conversation is going to take the place of that lingerie gear with me. I want that linen junk, swabbed or unswabbed, and I want it right now. Got that?"

"Your stuff is—"

"O, I've heard that kind of a spiel about 9,000,000 times before, but you are not a-going to zephyr me along with it this time. You're going to try to fan me with the gnome narrative that my stuff's all swabbed and ironed and ready, but that it isn't sorted out yet—that your regular sorter's hat blew off or something while he was out at lunch to-day, and that you had to get a slow man to fill his job, and all like that that-a-way. But you're not going to ease that one into me this time, Johnny. I'm doing the spotlight part of this sketch myself, and what I want is my laundry, and I don't care a hang whether it's dripping with suds right out of the boiling vat or not. I'm a-going to tote it away with me, if I have to lug part of these works with it. So you want to get active; d'ye hear that?"

"I'm trying to tell you that your stuff was—"

"Was delayed in transit—uh-uh—I've had that one pulled on me a lot of previous times, too. But there's going to be no such a thing as your greasing by with that one this trip. When I handed that outfit of lingerie over to this plant Wednesday evening I told you pinheads that I was going away Friday evening, which is right now, d'ye get that?—right now! You fanned me along with a consignment of superheated atmosphere about having it marked special, and having it all sealed, signed and delivered by five o'clock Friday evening—which I repeat is now! D'ye think I'm going to vamp out of this town in a suit of coal heaver's dungarees? Have you got the idea in your conk that I'm going to glide up and down the street of the town I'm going to be arrayed in a G string and an effulgent grin? D'ye imagine that I'm going to strive to make a three-sheet hit on the thoroughfares of that burg attired in a navajo blanket and a cocoanut-oiled top-knot? D'ye think I'm going to stand for a pinch by walking around in a suit of baby blue pajamas? Say, you, gimme my laundry—I don't care whether it's doused in bluing or not—I want it!"

Just at this stage the proprietor of the laundry emerged from the back room, walked around the counter to where the customer was standing, grabbed him by both lapels of his coat with his sinewy hands, put him under the pinpoint focus of his bright hazel eyes, and remarked unto him in a tone that was redolent of meaning and business:

"Say, Butch, stop that gnashing of all the enamel off your teeth and sprinkling the floor with pumice stone. It's too nice weather for that stuff. Cut out that xylophone work and hand us a little of the woozy saxophone music for a change. Nobody's abusing you. Nobody's got you under the gun. Take a reef or two in your tops'l halyards and tinkle out of this Turkestan typhoon that you're in, or the first thing you know you'll be reduced to about two quarts of lubricating oil, and it'll serve you right. We promised to finish and deliver your laundry by five o'clock this evening, didn't we? Well, just you make a noise like a hoop, now, and roll away to your chambers, and you'll probably find your lingerie heaped up on your bunk. The wagons were all out and we rang up a messenger boy and sent it to your address, just two and one-quarter minutes before you cycloned in here with your blaze on. My young man has been trying to tell you this for the past 18 minutes, but you've been too busy with your turret batteries to hear him. Now will you be docile?"

"O, marshmallows—perhaps I have been too upstage," mildly remarked the man who had been in the dog-days fume only two minutes before, and then he mopped his brow in an apologetic sort of a way and vamped out.

"You've got to learn to pass it back to 'em just as they hand it out to you, Ethelbert, or you'll never be a knock-out in the laundry business," the proprietor observed to his young man. Then: "Say, where the dickens is his stuff, anyhow?"

Wisdom.

Wisdom does not show itself so much in precept as in life—in a firm ness of mind and mastery of appetite. It teaches us to do, as well as to talk; and to make our actions and words all of a color.—Seneca.

Nearest Perpetual Motion.

The man who invented the gas meter has just died. He takes his place as coming the nearest to date to solving the problem of perpetual motion.—Hartford Courant.

Encouraging Dream.

To dream that some one bears you malice foretells a pleasant prospect in your wordly affairs; and that you will soon be advanced to some important station.

His Funeral Pile.

"The man who works himself to death," says the Philosopher of Folly, "finds that his money is nothing but his 'funeral pile.'"

Ferocious.

It isn't safe to judge by appearances. The man who acts ferocious abroad may be as meek as a lamb at home.—Chicago Daily News.

An Avaricious Woman.

A New York woman worth $500,000 has eloped with a plumber. The avaricious baggage!—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Personal and Local

Mrs. Geiser left on last Saturday for Maryland, where she expected to meet her husband.

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H. S. Boutelle and Captain McDermaid left on Thursday morning for Panama expecting to be gone about six weeks.

R. O. H. Blended Coffee.
Premier 1 pound cans of peas found only at Mershon Merch, Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gunnison have moved into the former Dr. Gibbons' cottage, now the property of C. A. Williams.

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Miss Harvey, her neice, Miss Harvey and two children and nurse of Chicago are at the Fairhope Hotel and expect to remain some time

If in need of any harness or parts, let me order direct from factory for you. Fairhope Livery.

Daniel Runyan was taken suddenly ill on Monday, at Mr. Wheeler's store where he is employed. He is considerably improved at this time and it hoped will be out again soon

For dry fire wood, promptly delivered, call on R. Poortstra or leave orders at the Courier office.

Dill Pickles, (say now don't that make your mouth water?)
Mershon Merchandising Co.

The early warm weather started up the potatoes, which already have long sprouts on them, and farmers are now beginning to be afraid they will come on so fast that frost will catch them.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson of Malden, Mass., arrived on Saturday evening and have rooms with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jefferson and we hope, will decide to locate here. They have been correspondents of the editor-secretary for many years.

New Seed Valentine Round pod Beans and extra Early English Peas. These seeds are strictly fresh.
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Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lawson, of Normal, Neb., spent Tuesday in Fairhope. They were friends of Prof. Bellangee years ago, when he was a resident of Normal, and being in Mobile, came over to see him again.

Any 25c package of Poultry or Stock food at 20c: this is the season to feed these foods, they are health builders.

The dinner by the Ladies Aid Society in the restaurant building on Wednesday was very much of a success. Just $35 was taken in for tickets, which, at 25 cents apiece, would give 140 dinners served. Of this $8 was taken for expense, leaving the ladies $27 net. There was an especially good turn out of the winter visitors.

Dried Apricots 15 cents per pound.
" Peaches " " " "
" Prunes " " " "
Mershon Merch. Co.

A large number of Fairhopers and visitors have gone out today to the "breast works" near River Park, relics of the civil war, of special interest to the "old soldiers" who arranged for this outing at their reunion with Father Knowles and the Bancrofts, reported in last Courier.

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Mr. Everett, Mr. J. H. William's brother-in-law, has returned from his trip to Spanish Honduras, and without any enthusiam to leave the land of the Star Spangled Banner for a permanent residence in that domain of his Spanish Majesty. We understand some of our local people had thought of seeking new homes and awaited with eagerness Mr. Everett's report, which was very emphatic to the effect that they had better stay where they are.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gaston, of Cochranton, Pa., arrived last evening to remain a month or more. Mr. Gaston has been a reader of the Courier for some time and says that the issue of two weeks ago decided them to come. In it we almost "dropped into poetry" writing about the "birds singing, flowers blooming, children barefoot, etc.," and that very night we had the fiercest kind of a norther swoop down on us. But "everything is lovely" again now. The editor and this namesake of his, have not yet figured out their relationship and it may be too attenuated to be defined, but he seems a very nice gentleman and we hope he and his wife will like Fairhope and Fairhopers like them. They are at The Gables.

The Gables is having a fine run of winter visitors. Among those now there, are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Skinner and their daughter, Mrs. Kimball and two children, of Minneapolis, (old friends of the C. O. Whites); Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shorrey and daughter of Kalamazoo, Mich., (friends of our friends, the Abbots of Englewood, and who arrived with Mrs. Abbot); Mr. and Mrs. F. E, Ballard, of Oak Park, Ills, (friends of the Shorreys); Mrs. Robert Barbee and two children of Englewood; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gaston of Cochranton, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Roake, of Saint Paul.

Owing to inclement weather and insufficient advertising, the meeting for Mr. Powell at Bay Minette, on Tuesday evening, for an address on "Equalization of Taxation" did not materialize. Mr. Powell, however, spent some time very profitably he thought, talking with the County commisioners upon the subject. He found them much interested and apparently quite anxious to do anything they could, not only to see that the county got the revenue to which it was entitled, but that its burden was fairly distributed over the people.

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Feb.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
4	38	69	60
5	65	70	64
6	50	65	56
7	52	67	56
8	48	64	57
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Sorry for the Lightkeeper.

While the dear old country gentleman and his wife were walking on the beach one evening they suddenly noticed the revolving light of a lightship. The old lady gazed at it with open eyes for some minutes, then she turned to her husband with a puzzled look. "Well," she exclaimed, "if the man in that ship hasn't lit that light this 40 times, and it has gone out everytime!"

She Missed Mr. Blaine.

"I miss Mr. Blaine. I cannot bear the orderly array of my life. I miss the envelopes in the gravy, the bespattered table linen, the uncertainty of the meals, for you know he always starts out on his constitutional when he hears them taking in dinner. I miss his unvarying attention and as constant neglect."—From "Letters of Mrs. James G. Blaine."

Used Dolls to Set Fashions.

Long before women's newspapers were started, and fashion plates in their modern form were thought of, women derived their knowledge of the fashions from dolls dressed in modern costumes, which were sent from one country to another, more especially from Paris, which then, as now, was the leading center of the mode.

The Most Dangerous Capital.

London, which used to boast of being the quietest and safest capital of the world, has become noisier than Paris and more dangerous than New York. Nearly 300 persons are now killed annually by street accidents, and how many more just escape with their lives cannot be computed.—Outlook.

Early Conditions Important.

Artists say that the surroundings of the child determine whether or not he may become an artist. Hideous surroundings warp and twist the perception of the beautiful so that in later life the child cannot compete with those who have enjoyed a more artistic environment.

A Social Animal.

Man, just as Lord Bacon avers, is a social animal, and inveterately so, else the natural difficulty of always walking up to the hostess saying: "I've had such a lovely time!" must have long since proved insurmountable.—Puck.

Time's Changes.

When the "old schoolboys" studied geography they were familiar with a blank space on the map known as the Great American Desert, a hopeless region. Now the best apples in the United States are raised there.

He Gave It Up.

After Hercules had passed safely through two Fourth of July celebrations, a half-dozen football games and a hunting season in the Maine woods his persecutor gave up trying and surrendered the stolen crown.

A False Accusation.

As fire when thrown into water is cooled down and put out, so also a false accusation when brought against a man of the purest and holiest character, boils over and is at once dissipated, and vanishes.—Cicero.

The True Spirit.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you? Then you can keep Christmas.—Henry Van Dyke.

Grass of Great Strength.

A steel-like grass which grows on the volcanic slopes of Oran, Algeria, is so elastic and strong that it can be used instead of springs in the manufacture of furniture.

War Office Cat.

Of the war office cat which recently passed away, it is said that he was not a good mouser. Can this have been the influence of environment?—Punch.

The Present Moment.

Since time is not a person we can overtake when he is past, let us honor him with mirth and cheerfulness while he is passing.—Goethe.

His Idea.

Sammy (admiringly surveying his lately-arrived twin sisters)—Did you get them cheaper by taking the two, papa?—Smart Set.

Liberty and Morality.

Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith.—Greeley.

A Sign.

When a woman says she "has her suspicions" it is a sign that she is willing to share them with other people.

Composition of Dead Sea.

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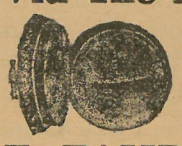
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, 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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It's the discouragement complete
That blocks a new beginnin';
You want to quit your habits bad
And when the shadows flittin'
Make li'e seem worthless like an' sad
You want to quit your quittin'!

You want to quit a-layin' down
An sayin' hope is over
Because the fields are bare an' brown
Where once we lived in clover,
When jolted from the water cart
It's painful to be hittin'
The earth; but make another start
Cheer up, an' quit your quittin'!

Although the game seems rather stiff,
Don't be a doleful doubter,
There's always one more inning if
You're not a down and outer.
But fortune's pretty sure to flee
From folks content with sittin'
Around an' sayin' life's N. G.—
You've got to quit your quittin'.

—Washington Star.

Pythian Benefit to Laurie Tilson.

The local lodge Knights of Pythias of which Laurie Tilson is a member, will make its already arranged celebration of the 45th anniversary of the founding of the order, a benefit to its injured member. This will be held at the Christian church on Friday evening Feb. 19. An excellent program has been arranged and a large attendance is hoped for. The admission will be twenty-five cents.

The Nebraska legislature will adopt the Oregon law on the selection of candidates for United States senators, that is that candidates for the legislature may pledge themselves to vote for the man for United States senator who receives the highest number of votes of the people at the general election, regardless of party. This is as near election of senators by popular vote as it is possible to get without a change in the federal constitution. New Jersey may enact the same law.

There is a law against the putting out of poison in this country and some one is likely to get into trouble. A number of dogs have died from eating it lately and some quiet investigating has been going on. It is not merely a matter of dogs getting it. Sometimes tiny babies get out on the street for a moment. Further comment should be unnecessary.

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LETTERS FROM DISTANT FRIENDS.

The following letters written on the occasion of Fairhope's fourteenth anniversary we were unable to publish earlier but they are quite applicable as well as highly encouraging now.

Seattle Wash.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Your kind invitation to the 14th anniversary celebration of Fairhope just received via New York. I regret that I cannot be there in person but I surely will be in spirit. Have been suffering from a severe case of ptomaine poisoning or I would try to comply with your wish for a response in verse. I congratulate you and your associates on your substantial success and am sure the years will add to it. All honor to the Fairhope pioneers who have blazed a trail in the wilderness, "which civilization may hereafter broaden into a highway."

With best wishes for a very happy New Year to you and all other Single Taxers.

Truly yours,
Will Atkinson.

Toronto Can.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I am honored by your invitation to take part in the Fourteenth Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Fairhope. Not long since it really looked as if I might pay another visit to Fairhope this winter, but that prospect has vanished.

So I must content myself by sending to you of Fairhope my hearty good wishes and congratulations. The mere fact the "the Colony" has held its own and more, for fourteen years speaks volumes.

Colonies come and Colonies go
But Fairhope goes on for ever.

Fraternally yours,
Robt. Tyson.

Beaver Pa.,

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend the Fourteenth Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Fairhope. I would be pleased beyond measure to be present on this occasion, but on account of the great distance I shall be compelled to forego this.

I shall, however, be with you in spirit, and hope that you will have a pleasant and profitable time.

The last election has for us a few unpleasant lessons, not the least of which is that the general public has not yet attained that degree of intelligence, nor awakened to that point of social consciousness that is necessary for the adoption of the George theory of government. Deplorable as this fact is, yet it is a fact, and we shall make greater progress by frankly recognizing it. We all had hoped that the educational period was about over; that we were on the verge of entering the Promised Land. But in view of what has transpired it is very evident that it will be many years yet before we shall experience the glad spectacle of the general acceptation of our cherished principle. The educational period is still on our hands, and so we must each in our respective sphere and method continue the work of popularizing our teachings.

In this work Fairhope stands at the very front. There is no method of teaching that succeeds quite so well as by example, and Fairhope is giving the world, despite constitutional and statute limitations an example of the virtue of the Single Tax.

May your efforts be crowned with increased glory and success.

Yours truly.
Chas. R. Eckert.

The Evil Art of Knocking

The Resister devoted an editorial recently to the "Evil Art of Knocking," which contained many sage observations.

"Let us be practical" it says, "and observe that knocking does not improve the situation half as rapidly or as well as hopeful encouragement would do. The man who accomplishes something for his town is the optimist—the believer in his town, and who, instead of wasting his time pulling down what others try to build, builds up himself and does all he can to help others to build.

"Moreover, how much pleasanter it will be if we all turn optimists, discover what a good sort of a world this is after all, and determine to greet one another with smiles and words of encouragement, rather than with sour faces and detraction!

"We all wish to be happy; we all expect to be happy, some day. When our ship comes in, we intend to enjoy ourselves. Yet the ship has come in already for the greater number of us, and still we forget to rejoice. We immediately set our eyes upon some other ship that is coming in for the other fellow, and discontentment settles like a dark cloud upon our souls. How foolish! The present is all we shall ever have on this earth. In the name of Heaven, let us make the most of it!"

"Only One Place That Suits" and That is Fairhope

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I know you will be surprised to hear from me, after being away from Fairhope so long, but I am still interested in the little town, where I lived four years ago. My wife, baby and myself recently arrived here from the west coast. While out on the coast, we lived eleven months in California, eight months in Washington and seven months in Oregon, and after all of our roaming around the country we have come to the conclusion, that there is only one place that suits us and that is Fairhope. Better climate, more congenial people and better surroundings in every way. So it is our intention to again locate in Fairhope and this time to stay. x x x Whenever I think of Fairhope it makes me anxious to get back

Sincerely yours,
St. Elmo, Tenn. Geo. E. Miller.

You see it is not safe to charge against Fairhope all who come and go away again. Other causes than disappointment with plan, location or even "the management," sometimes cause people to leave and sometimes they need opportunities for comparison of conditions elsewhere with those at Fairhope to appreciate how superior ours really are.

Friend Miller and his wife are by no means the only ones who have such recollections of Fairhope as make them want to return.

We are informed that the Robac's are looking hitherward again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McCarthy who spent winter before last with us should be here again ere the Courier goes to press and say: "We expect to make Fairhope our permanent home and do all in our power to make the Fairhope Idea a success."

Mr. Ames who bought Mr. E. J. M. Stevens' place on Bay View Ave—and to the Stevens' regret almost as soon as the deal was made—tells us that Mr. Stevens writes inquiring about available lots and that they may come back and build again. (Their many friends will hear with regret that Mr. Stevens' health has been quite poor.)

They will all be welcome back—especially, of course, if they come to help carry out the "Fairhope Idea," but whether they do or not, we will feel the surer that they will be happy and helpful for their having come and gone and come again.

Fairhope and Baldwin County Plans Discussed by Correspondent.

Editor Courier:

I see in the Courier of fifth inst. that in discussing the "Baldwin County Plan" of taxation it was again brought to light that property within the Colony is assessed—valued for taxation—much higher than property elsewhere. Without knowing what was said in discussing the subject I wish to say, I hope this excess of valuation was not attributed to a desire of the county officers, or any of them. I believe it is due first to the state's imperfect plan of valuing or assessing real estate, which includes land and improvements as one. Second to a defect in the Fairhope Plan, which requires lease holders to return the value of their improvement but places no direct restrictions upon them. Thus, even the most devoted Fairhoper would feel less restraint in giving in his property for assessment than he would if he knew that the money to pay the tax would come direct from his own pocket.

The above being true, as a rule, regarding devoted Fairhopers what can be expected of

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Wealth Thrust Upon Some.

An item in the Detroit Informer gives interesting information about the condition of the colored citizens in the vicinity of Chatham, Ontario. More than a half century ago, a Rev. Wm. King purchased a large tract of land in that vicinity and sold it to negro immigrants inserting in every deed a clause preventing the purchaser from selling within 25 years.

Says the Informer;

"Many of the purchasers of these lands severely criticised this great man because of this limitation upon their purchase, but his wisdom was soon apparent, as he sold the land much below its real value, and land that some of our colored farmer ancestors purchased from Rev. King for $2 an acre is now worth $100 an acre, and this value of the land grew while its owners earned a good living from it at the same time."

Wealth was thus in effect thrust upon some of these people. But the most significant fact is not that some of them would if left to themselves, have failed personally to reap this advantage, by selling their lands, but that the logical result of our land policy is to thus give unearned wealth to some of the people. It is unimportant to the community who are the individuals who reap the benefit, whether the original holders or later purchasers; whether they reap against their own designing or because of their "forethought" in putting themselves in position where the golden stream will flow to them.

The important thing is that any should reap what they have not sown. This cannot be without others failing to reap what they have sown. In some cases one individual profits at the expense of another. In the reaping of the unearned increment of land a portion profits at the expense of all.

Johan Hanson S. T., Returns to His Home in Sweden After Extended Tour.

"Ret" (in English "Right," the organ of the Single Tax movement in Denmark is regularly received at the COURIER office. Much to our regret we are unable to enjoy it because of unfamiliarity with the Danish language, but Mr. Hagstrom has kindly looked over it for us and furnishes a translation of an article in regard to the extended world tour of Johan Hanson, of Sweden, whom we had the pleasure of meeting at the New York Conference, in November, 1907. From it we quote as follows:

Our fellow worker the Swedish author Johan Hanson, visited Denmark shortly before Christmas on his way home to Sweden after having spent 22 months in studying social conditions around the world.

He journeyed throughout England, Scotland, Canada, New York, Chicago, California, Vancouver, Hawaii, Fijii Islands, New Zealand and Australia, Italy and Switzerland.

The main object of the journey was to study the social movements of people in different countries, also to get an insight as to how people stood in relation to each other, and on the whole to gather material for a social reform work.

Interest gathered especially about the relation of the World's peace movement to social peace, the land question, prohibition, cooperation and socialistic and non-socialistic trades union movements.

A Swedish paper asked him "have your views concerning the land question undergone any change?" and received the following reply:

"No, not of any importance. Now as before I hold that in the collection of land values we have the essential land question and the means thereto is a change in taxation.

"During my visit in England I felt strongly drawn personally towards the leaders of the land nationalization movement, but that did not change my opinion that land value taxation is the right way.

The experiments in the first named direction which I learned to know practically in New Zealand and Australia, were not encouraging. On the whole it seems that experiments with state land purchase in the Australian states as well as in Ireland, East Prussia, and later in England, with a view to realize the use of small holdings, have proved to be disappointing. In Australia therefore the idea is partly given up and the land given back to private control.

"It is greatly interesting to compare these experiences with the altogether good results which were reached by a trial with land value taxation. One did not need to be a sharp observer to notice that this last method was gaining at the expense of the first."

Like the leading Danish friends of Henry George, Johan Hanson finds it unwise of certain Georgians particularly in America, to too strongly emphasize the tax on land values as being fully sufficient to cover all the needs of the community. What is necessary, he says, is that the present plundering system of private control of ground rent and indirect taxation be quickly and radically abolished.

"Ret" offers Johan Hanson a hearty welcome back and thanks him for the interesting letters we through several years have been enabled to give our readers, as well as those we have lying in manuscript for publication at the first opportunity. We hope that the return of our highly gifted energetic fellow-worker will give the Swedish land value reform movement a powerful aid in the right direction and that we also here in Denmark in the future may reap a benefit from Johan Hanson's talented work for our cause.

The Proposed Eastern Shore Road.

It is to be hoped that the committee appointed at the meeting in Mobile on Tuesday and the Chicago capitalist, who has taken so much interest in the matter of a trolley line along the Eastern Shore, will be able to get together upon a feasible plan, just to all interests, and that such a road may be built. It was wisely provided also in selecting this committee that it should take up the general subject of better transportation facilities along the shore and between the shore and Mobile, so that if possibly Mr. Ingalls may not decide to go ahead with the road, the committee may be able to devise a plan by which the local people interested may be united in building either a railroad or a wagon and automobile road One thing is certain there must be better facilities of communication along the shore.

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Mr. Harry Pillans in discussing at the Tuesday meeting the proposed road along the Eastern Shore, said that he had gone over the matter pretty thoroughly some years ago with Mr. C. A. Swift, who has built so many miles of road throughout this county for hauling logs to his mills and that Mr. Swift had authorized him to quote him as asserting that a road could be built from Daphne to Zundels and equipped —not a trolley road but a steam road—for $50,000. We were very skeptical as to the possibility of a road being built for any such money, but in talking with Mr. Pillans after the meeting, we were especially interested to know that Mr. Swift's idea was to build his line at the foot of the bluff where all heavy grading would be eliminated—where in fact the principal part of the grading has already been done by nature. It will be remembered that the COURIER has advocated this as the place to run the proposed carriage, wagon, and automobile road connecting the shore settlements. We appreciate the fact that there are also some disadvantages of this route but are still inclined to think that on the whole it is the best.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

The little box of books from the publishing house of W. Huebsch of New York, came today. The list of them which we will send to the COURIER next week, will show how valuable they are, especially, the works upon education by Edward Howard Griggs. This reminds me of my intention to write about the last Mothers' meeting. Reading the preface to "Moral Education" by Mr. Griggs emphasizes my appreciation of the work of Mrs. Johnson in the Organic School. She is also the head and inspiration of the Mothers' Meetings. I do not attend them regularly, as I would like to, for they are not only enjoyable but highly instructive. Mrs. Johnson is in touch with the best educators of the age, and she gives at those little meetings the most advanced scientific principles yet discovered upon the training of the child. At the last of these held at the Gables, the theme considered was the education of the child from birth to the age of four years.

She endeavored to show that there is a natural order in which muscular activity should be developed, and that unless that natural order is followed "perfect brain development and coordination can never be attained." Such leaders as Hughes claim that writing in primary schools is a direct violation of that natural order by "using the finer muscular adjustments and thus defining nerve channels to the brain which should not be defined until after those corresponding to the larger movements are developed." x x x At the next meeting we are to have, by the earnest request of the members, Froebel's ideas upon the Educational value.

The naturalist when he would understand the nature of an animal, observes his natural movements, or "habits;" for he understands the law that "attractions are proportional to destinies" Just in the ratio of our comprehension of this law, do we try to gauge our educa-

tional methods. We observe that the little child is full of life. He throws out his legs; he jumps and springs, laughs and sings, and just as soon as he can, he tries to seize and handle everything about him. He is doing just right for his healthy, normal development. All he needs is proper food, clothing, pure air, baths, toys, and amusements through play with the society of his peers. These conditions are possible only in the well organized nursery. The isolated home is adapted to the needs neither of the old nor the young hence they cannot have the freedom they need The little one is constantly told to be careful when forethought is not an element of his nature. He is ordered to keep away from this and that, and to not touch, when the motor muscles are crying aloud for action—and that action is possible only in its proper environment, the nursery, where all is adapted to its needs, and where he can be wholly free.

Mrs. Johnson did not say this, but she knows that the wants of the child even as those of adults, are more varied and imperative in this age when the "thoughts of men are widening with the process of the suns."

The real educators of today are being carefully studied by Mrs. Johnson and her assistants. For centuries the schools have been cultivating the sensor at the expense of the motor system. The result is that greatest handicap of human progress: the lack of the power to "do as well as it knows; to execute its decisions—to accomplish its destiny."

TROLLEY OR AUTOMOBILE ROAD FOR EASTERN SHORE

Considered At Meeting of Citizens of Baldwin County and Committee Appointed to Confer With Mr. Ingalls and Report.

Pursuant to call, as announced in the Courier of last week, a party of about twenty gentlemen met in the Commercial Club rooms at Mobile on Tuesday, to consider the proposed trolley or automobile line along the Eastern shore, connecting with a ferry steamer to run between its northern terminus and Mobile.

Judge W. S. Anderson was elected Chairman of the meeting and E. Q. Norton, secretary. Mr. Norton as one of the parties chiefly instrumental in calling the meeting was requested to state the object, which he did. The subject was also discussed by Dr. Greeno, Harry Pillans, H. Parker. J. B. Robertson, R. F. Powell and E B. Gaston.

A motion by Dr. Greeno prevailed to appoint a committee of four citizens from Baldwin County and four from Mobile with the presiding officer as a ninth member, to confer with Mr. Ingalls, the gentleman who is considering the installation of a trolley line along the shore and now having a survey made with that object in view.

The committee was to ascertain Mr. Ingalls' plans and what he would ask or expect from local people, and also to consider the subject of better transportation between Mobile and the Eastern Shore in general. It was also understood that the committee would call another meeting of all interested to which it would report its findings and recommendations.

The committee was selected by the chairman as follows: W. S. Anderson, chairman, A. E. Stiles, Harry Pillans, J. K. Glennon and J. B. Robertson, from Mobile; Mayor Greeno of Fairhope, A. Moog of Battles, P. A. Parker of Volanta, E. Q. Norton of Daphne, from Baldwin County.

Colony Council Proceedings.

Colony Council met in regular session on Monday Feb. 15, with Messrs. Johnson, Stimpson, Trenholme and Wood present, Bancroft absent, Vice-president Mrs. A. B. Call in the chair.

Minutes read and approved of meeting of Feb. 1.

Following bills allowed:

H. C. Oswalt, Trustee for inc. fee for 55 pupils in Jan. at 35 cts.	19 25
J. S. Paton, 7 hrs on telephone	1 40
J. W. Braam 20 and one-half hrs, on telephone	4 10
Mrs. L. J. N. Comings serv. as trustee at w. w. ref. and auditing books	1 80
Mrs. Ada Wolf, 4 hrs. at w. w. referendum	80
J. Bellangee 8 hrs. at w. w. ref. and 12 hrs. auditing books	5 00
Wm. Call 27 hrs. auditing books for Mrs. Graham, trustee	5 40
E. B. Gaston notices and ballots Dec 3 w. w. ref. and envelopes for same	1 70
Dec 17. Notices and ballots for w. w. ref. of Dec. 19	1 15
Dec. 20. Revising rent list (carried over from 1908) and printing same and 125 envelopes	7 70
Dec. 24. Assembling Labor and Land circulars	1 50
Jan. 8 Ptg. 500 short bill heads, 250 long	2 30
" 15 Revising rent lists and printing 300 of same	4 00
Jan. 19, 1000 envelopes,	3 50
Printing rent lists of 1908	12 00
Wm. Stimpson, oil and janitor service for 3 meetings in Dec. and Jan. and Annual meeting,	1 50
John A. Patterson	
Roll roofing and chgs $3 70	
Lumber $2 00 for rep. barn	5 70
Charges on wire for telephone	20
" on w. w. material	55
" " Library supplies	25

(On latter bill ayes Johnson, Trenholme, Wood, nay Stimpson.)

Wm. Stimpson reported cost of extension of water main to Hotel, labor $17.25, fittings $8.00 total, $25.25.

Report of Mr. Stimpson accepted.

Water Clerk directed by motion to see to delivery and inspection of 3 inch pipe to replace pipe on Bay View Avenue between Fairhope and Magnolia Avenues, as per contract with Mr. Troup.

Application of John C. Porter for lot 7, block 4, div. 2 accepted.

Transfer from Mrs. Getty. of lot 3, block 1, div. 3, to ..... was approved.

Transfer E. J. M. and Mary Stevens to Mrs. L. E. Ames, of lot 2, of blk. 4., div. 1, as per replat of Feb. 12, 1904, approved (subject to usual conditions.)

In regard to application of H. O. Daniel for s. e. ¼ of n. e. ¼ of s. w. ¼ and s. w. ¼ of n. w. ¼ of s. e. ¼ of 16 with quit-claim deed from Paul Tyner, as secretary of Fraternal Home-Makers Society, at dissolution of said society in Sept. 1907, it was moved and carried that same cannot be taken under the circumstances as sufficient to convey lease of Fraternal Home makers Society and that Secretary proceed as before directed, to collect rent due by suit before Justice of the Peace, against the record lessee Fraternal Homemakers Society.

The treasurer presented report for January as follows, which was received and placed on file.

Rent 1907	$ 1 50	
" 1908	96 98	
" 1909	380 40	
" Penalty	2 30	
Stumpage	30	
Telephone	1 75	28 00
Waterworks	53 00	83 63
Cemetery	5 00	
Old hall	25	
Taxes		266 81
Salaries		50 00
Postage and printing		11 40
Highways		31 35
Public School		35 00
	541 48	506 19
On hand Jan. 1	418 26	
" " 31		
Water certificates		405 50
Association "		20 00
Cash		28 05
	959 74	959 74

The receipts and payments on telephone account were all for current expenses. The receipts on waterworks account were all for connection with mains. The payments were $53. 63 for construction and $30 for pumping. The taxes paid were all for lessees.

-G. W. Wood, Treasurer.

Mr. Trenholme of committee appointed to confer with Town Council with regard to fire and building regulations reported progress.

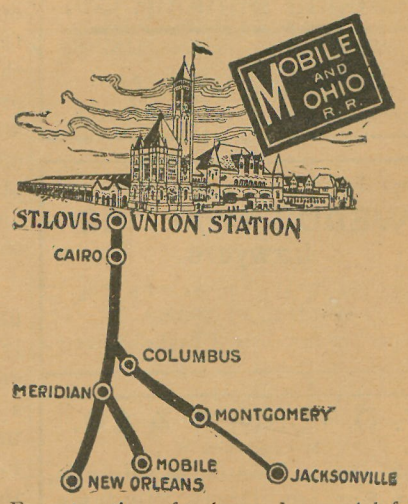
Adjourned.

From reports which reach the Courier Fairhope has a better proportionate supply of winter visitors this season than any resort town along the coast. We understand that there is a noticeable falling off in the tourists at Citronelle and also at Magnolia Springs. At Fairhope we think there are more than ever before at this season.

Jno. M. Trunk of Chunchula, Ala, is dead. He is the man through whose efforts a sufficent sum was raised and expended last year in an experiment in growing Sumatra leaf tobacco under shade at Chunchula. This experiment was a complete success. A leading Mobile cigar manufacturer who used it, said it was "equal to the very finest wrappers grown on the island of Sumatra, as to quality, texture and yield."

The next meeting of the Mothers Round Table will be on Saturday, March the sixth at "The Gables" and all mothers are cordially invited to attend.

Doubleday Page and Co. announce among their February publications "The A. B. C. of Taxation," by C. B. Fillebrown. Mr. Fillebrown is one of the leading Single Taxers of the country.



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Personal and Local

Mr. Brothers spent from Thursday to Monday at Magnolia Springs.

Alfred Shepherd is helping Mr. Wheeler in his store during the illness of Mr. Runyan.

Mrs. Whittle who fell and broke her ankle some weeks ago, is getting along very well for one of her age and hopes to be able to be out of bed soon.

Mrs. A. B. Call, the new vice president, presided over the Colony Council meeting on Monday evening and Mr. Johnson, took his seat with the Council for the first time.

We had a fine rain on Saturday night, and another on Sunday night which were very much needed, as we have had for months past far less than our normal rain fall.

A strong south-east wind blew almost all day Sunday, and it was so dark and stormy that Captain Roberts remained in Mobile over Sunday night, coming back to Fairhope early Monday morning in time to leave as usual.

The Courier was led by an informant, into making the error last week of reporting Mrs. Brown, of Chicago, as visiting her friend, Mrs. Ahrens, when it was Mrs. Ahrens' sister, Mrs. Straube of Chicago, who had arrived to visit her.

Mrs. Geiser, who left on Saturday two weeks ago to join her husband in Maryland, where he was called by the illness and death of a relative, is greatly interested in Fairhope and had hopes of getting her husband here while on this tripand it is possible he may come yet. If he does not come at this time she will be pretty sure to get him here next season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Trimble, of Montclair, N. J. arrived on Tuesday evening and will probably remain for some time. The especial reason for their presence here is the imperative advice of Mr. Trimble's physician that he make a change to a warmer climate, coupled with the suggestion of Mrs. Trimble's brother, Mr. R. W. Weeks, of New York City, a reader of the Courier, that they should try Fairhope. Their own interest in economic reform was not an unimportant factor, although they are not Single Taxers. Mr. Trimble is a lawyer by profession. Mr. and Mrs. Trimble are at the Fairhope Hotel.

Monday night was one of the hardest ones experienced by boats lying along this shore. The strong south-east wind which prevailed for a couple of days previous had brought in a high tide and the wind turning to the west piled it up on the eastern shore with a heavy sea. The Irma got down as far as Fairhope, and they sought shelter in the lee of Fairhope wharf and steamer where she passed a very rough night in spite of the protection afforded. Captain Roberts stayed with his boat most of the night, not knowing when she might part a line or it might even be necessary to seek a better harbor. Tuesday morning the Irma remained at Fairhope and had the mail sent up from Battles overland.

Accident on Borst Hill, Ladies Injured Severely

Miss Lillie Clifton had her collar bone broken and Miss Mary Gabel had her shoulder dislocated in an accident which occurred on Fairhope avenue just this side of the Dr. Borst place on last Friday evening. These ladies with Mrs. Henry Gunnison, and little Master Niles Held, were coming into town together in a two seated rig with Mrs. Gunnison driving. Coming down the hill this side of the Borst place, the strap holding down the shafts, broke, letting them fly up and the wagon run on to the horse, frightening it and causing it to become unmanageable so that it veered to one side and at the culvert at the foot of the hill the ladies were thrown out with the seats on top of them, with results as stated. Mrs. Gunnison also sustained a painful sprain of one arm and was badly bruised up. The little boy escaping injury. Arthur Richardson and Maurice Greenbaum who happened along almost immediately, assisted the injured ladies into town, where Miss Clifton's injury was attended to by Dr. Sheldon and that of Miss Gabel by Dr. Mershon. Both are doing as well as could be expected.

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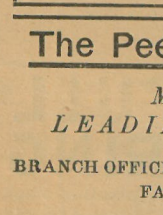
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The Wednesday Night Man



IT WAS quite in accordance with their idea of the fitness of things that the new occupant of the great house next door should be beautiful Miss Victoria Dare. Ever since the kindergarten days the small neighbors on either side had made it the dwelling place of countless princes and princesses of their fancy, and there was no denying that a real one was ever so much more satisfactory.

When Miss Dare first dawned on the view of Margery and Peggy she was immediately acclaimed an angel. The idea was not a new one, however, for it had been voiced of her generally ever since—well, ever since she had come into the world to be the object of loving dispute among countless aunts and uncles, not to mention grandparents and neighbors and friends and—but that is what the story is about.

From this time on Miss Dare was the recipient of the ardent devotion of two little girls. It was expressed in the most unexpected ways, from the bestowal of a rescued and bedraggled puppy to sticky and decidedly doubtful looking samples of their united efforts at fudgemaking.

All went with comparative smoothness until "they" came—"they" being an assortment of young men who were prone to dance attendance upon Victoria. They were all duly inspected by Margery and Peggy, and privately approved of or disapproved of, as the case might be. Safety lay in numbers, however, and nothing serious was apprehended until the matter was sifted down to two, the others having been promptly relegated to the none too exclusive station of "brother."

With the usual keen observance of their tender years, the small neighbors were quick to discover that on Wednesday morning there was wont to be seen with disturbing regularity a quantity of American beauty roses at Miss Dare's home. With unusual penetration, they discovered that these invariably followed the Tuesday evening calls of one Arthur Lee. With equal persistency and in equal profusion appeared on Friday mornings the pink roses following the Thursday evening calls of one Joseph Jeffreys. At first both were regarded with undisguised hostility by two pairs of childish eyes, but gradually, by their clever management of bribes in the way of candy, this sentiment was reduced to a sort of tolerant friendship.

Things were progressing favorably, when one day Margery was heard to say with considerable heat: "Anyhow, if some one is bound to marry Miss Dare, I do hope it will be Mr. Lee. I always have liked 'em best with light hair in fairy tales."

As it happened, Peggy had always been keenly partial to dark-haired heroes, and Mr. Jeffreys' choice of candy being much to her taste, she loyally waged a wordy war in his defense.

After that there was no longer true unity in their friendship. Margery was addicted to noting the superiority of American beauties over pink roses, while Peggy upheld the other side of the argument.

Much to the amusement of Victoria, they would, with an elaborate show of innocence, try to discover which of the two was the favored one. Miss Dare showed a surprising willingness to discuss each in turn with studied impartiality.

There came a morning—a Thursday morning—when, contrary to her usual custom, Miss Dare received Margery and Peggy in her own rooms upstairs. Soon she was conscious of two pairs of eager eyes regarding a profusion of violets about the room. This discovery was rapidly followed by the question:

"Oh, who sent the lovely violets, Miss Dare?"

Victoria hesitated a moment, then laughingly answered:

"Why, dear, the Wednesday night man."

For a time the enmity of Margery and Peggy was at rest, and they again had a common interest—the mysterious Wednesday night man. Miss Dare, however, evinced a supreme indifference to such an interesting subject.

At last they came to the conclusion that she didn't care a bit for him. "Because," said the knowing Margery, "she never talks about him as she does about Mr. Lee."

"Because," declared Peggy, "she doesn't keep his flowers in the front windows as she does the pink roses."

So they were convinced of the hopelessness of the case of the Wednesday night man.

But there came a time when both agreed that grown-up people really did the most unexpected things; for both the red and the pink roses ceased to come, and the florist seemed to know nothing but violets.

Again Margery and Peggy took up a common cause, and this time it was that of the Wednesday night man.

A Fair Investment.

Mrs. Homespun (indignantly)—Here's an article says that in Formosa a wife costs a sovereign!

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Windfall in Bible.

While reading a Bible which he had bought in a second-hand shop, a Herne Hill (London) gardner named Wallace, recently thrown out of work, came upon two £5 ($25) notes and the following inscription: "I gathered this money with very great difficulty, but, having no relative who is in absolute need, I make thee, whosoever shall read this Bible, to be my heir."

New Book of Kings.

A fine book might be written upon the psychology of royalty, containing all the human documents that have come down to us from the rulers of the past. Such a book would make us think more kindly of those rulers—even of that long list of the kings of Israel of whom we are told nothing except that they did evil in the sight of the Lord.—London Times.

English at the Universities.

To an American in England nothing is more surprising than the discovery that neither Oxford nor Cambridge provides any opportunity for the serious study of English. At Oxford, for example, there is only a single professor of English literature, whereas there are ten or a dozen at Harvard and Columbia.—The Forum.

Seek for Words in Things.

It used to be a common saying of Myson's that men ought not to seek for things in words, but for words in things; for that things are not made on account of words but that words are put together for the sake of things.—Diogenes Laertius.

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Personal and Local

G. M. Bancroft has been ill for several days.

The Fairhope had a passenger list of 66 to Mobile on Tuesday morning and a good freight both ways.

Miss Gladys Lowell, of Mobile, is visiting Miss Leah Gaston.

There was a very pleasant dance at the Fairhope Pavilion last evening.

Will Call came over Tuesday evening and is at home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Currier left for their home in Nebraska on Thursday morning:

Miss Chapman is to address the Progressive League, Sunday. Her subject will be: "The Birth of Life."

Miss Jennie T. Brown of Saint Louis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Minnich, in the Littlefield cottage on Morphy Ave.

The Fairhope Pharmacy has a large supply of Telephone batteries which they are retailing at 30 cents each.

Mrs. Kate Davis and Miss Burke, of Mobile, were guests of Miss Ola Powell from Friday evening of last week to Sunday evening.

Miss Louise McLean left for New Orleans on Wednesday morning to visit her brother and remain over Mardi Gras. She will be gone about two weeks.

Miss Taggart is enjoying a visit from her cousin Miss Alice Hettinger of Freeport Ill., who arrived on Wednesday and is with her at the Gables.

My spring opening will occur next month, but I have a few very nice street hats should you need one for Mardi Gras.

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Prof. Baker of the Daphne State Normal School, with his wife and baby, and accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Baker, of Harrod, O., visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon last Sunday.

Prof. Bellangee read a paper before the Progressive League on last Sunday on "Nature in Education," which was so much appreciated that the League voted to request its publication in the Courier. We would like to publish it, but its length, it would occupy something over two pages of the paper, will, we fear, prevent us from doing so.

Dr. Reynolds of Chicago, who has been here several weeks is improving in health rapidly now. He has gained sixteen pounds in weight since his arrival. His sister, Miss Bertha Reynolds, also a physician, left last week.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

A second story is being added to the Powell residence. Mr. Powell is superintending the work himself and pushing it right through. The roof was cut loose, put up to its proper position, studding put in place and one side about covered with sheeting in one day's work.

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Mr. Oscar Haugan has returned to Chicago but his father and mother are here and his sister, Mrs. Grovenier was here for several days, leaving for Chicago Thursday of last week. The senior Mr. Haugan is president of one of Chicago's strongest banks, the City Bank of Chicago. They are in the Dr. Brown cottage.

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We have had some disagreeable weather within the last few days, with a slight freeze on Wednesday night and frost on one or two other nights, but when we read in the papers of the fierce storms and cold which have prevailed elsewhere, we thought ourselves fortunate. Hard winds, snow, sleet and cold have prevailed over a large extent of the country.

A number of Fairhope young ladies gave a very successful dance at the Fairhope Hotel on last Saturday evening. The fine enlarged dining room was tastefully decorated. Music was furnished by a couple of Mobile gentlemen, on piano and violin and they were very kindly assisted by one of our winter visitors, Mr. Blake, on the clarionet. Among those from out of town who attended were: Mrs. Davis, Misses Burke, Lowell and White; Messrs. Perez, Hilary White, Hess, Frank Pearson, Earl Norton, Ted Leiser and Ralph Jung.

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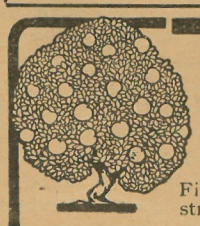
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Monday, leave Fairhope as usual 7 a. m. for Mobile, but remain in Mobile until 4 p. m. in order to give those desiring opportunity to see the ceremonies attending the arrival of King Felix; stopping at Belrose, Dryers and Montrose, going and returning.

Tuesday, the big day, will leave Fairhope as usual at 7 a. m., for above landings, and return from Mobile direct to Fairhope at 1 p. m. Leave Fairhope again for shore landings at 3:30 p. m. and leave Mobile returning at 11 p. m. after night parade, touching Belrose, Dryers, Montrose and Fairhope.

Fare 50 cents for round trip, tickets good returning at any date.

Fairhope Hotel Arrivals.

The following were registered at the Fairhope Hotel since the beginning of this week: Messrs. H. A. Hooe, J. H. Simmons, C. T. Jones and Frank Jacques, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thomas, Miss Bessie Thomas, Miss Frances Merrill, of Rushford, N. Y.; F. T. Gordon and wife, of Birmingham, Ala.; Chas. J. Stromberg, Mrs. A. G. Stromberg, Mrs. Geo. A. Bell, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. James M. Trimble, Montclair, N. J.

Of these, Mr. Thomas declared his intention of returning and with all the rest of his family, which he said includes six girls. He also inquired about the tax he would be obliged to pay on a 50x100 ft. lot. He was greatly impressed with the sign at the wharf, and Fairhope may count him as a future cottager, including his six girls.

The gentlemen from Louisville became greatly interested in the Single Tax philosophy, and regretted they had not heard of Fairhope sooner, because in that case they would have made a longer stay. However, they are to be heard from again.

Mrs. Bell expected to make this only a stop over for Magnolia, but the Fairhope Hotel suits her so well and she finds the outlook on the bay so inspiring she will remain at least another week.

Fairhope needs to do "more blowing of its horn," and the place will soon not be large enough to hold the throng of winter visitors.

An Arbitration Society.

An effort will be made to organize a society to encourage the settlement of differences which may arise among the citizens of Fairhope, in the economical and common sense method of arbitration.

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13	66	71	68
14	66	72	70
15	56	60	52
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Lay Hold of the Common Good.

If men hate the presumption of those who claim a reputation to which they have no right, they equally condemn the faint-heartedness of those who fall below the glory which is their own. Lose, then, the sense of your private sorrows and lay hold of the common good!—Demosthenes.

Lives There the Man?

Lives there the man with soul so dead as to disown the wish to merit the people's applause, and having uttered words worthy to be kept by cedar oil to latest times, to leave behind him rhymes that dread neither herrings nor frankincense.—Persius.

Said Uncle Silas—

When a feller finds a button sewed on his shirt that has been missin' a month or two he wonders what in tarnation his wife is goin' to strike him for in the hat or dress line.—Los Angeles Express.

Hard Task for Government.

Gin is still used as a medium of exchange in some parts of the Niger country in Africa, but the government discourages it. Owing to the extreme conservatism in these districts the task is difficult.

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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 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.

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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.

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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For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc. address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Colony and County Plans Discussed.

(Continued from 1st page.)

others who have made improvements because they see that the Fairhope Plan will work to their benefit; especially if they make sufficient improvements?

To these last will come the thought. "Suppose I should want to sell my improvements, a high rate of value for assessment will do much to assure the buyer that the property has value."

The above are I think, the principal reasons why property is valued higher for assessment in Fairhope than it is otherwise.

Where is relief from the conditions? A meeting and comparison of valuations by those who have taxable property would help some.

I think however that a new provision in the lease is needed for effective work; this should require that all lists of valuations to be given in for assessment must be submitted to the Colony Council or a committee provided for the purpose, to review said lists and if it was decided that the valuation was too high the property holder would be notified as to the value determined by the reviewers, and any taxes paid in excess of that, would not be allowed on rent.

I think also that there should be a provision in all future leases, that in no case should the state, county and municipal taxes exceed the rent of the land held by the tax payer.

This would prevent any building of storage warehouses and in the case of residence property, it would check careless and excessive valuation. Of course this is not just as the Single Tax would work; but you know that you are hedged about with conditions you cannot control and the main thing is to do justice among all tenants; bear your just share of all taxes, and no more and prevent speculation in land values. Respectfully Yours

Flatwood, Ala., M. M. COPE.

Comment by Editor.

Mr. Cope's suggestion of a meeting and comparison of valuations by lessees is an excellent one. The greatest need is an understanding of the situation. The leases of the Corporation now include clauses providing that the lessee shall make the Corporation his agent to return his property for assessment where permitted by the law so to do and that "in no event shall the corporation be bound to pay taxes on any more than the fair valuation of the property on the basis required by law."

A provision as suggested that in no case should the taxes paid or allowed by the Colony exceed the rent, would not only be a denial of our fundamental principle, but would subject those who benefit the community most by making the best use of their holdings to the very injustice against which Fairhope is an organized protest and with an injurious reaction upon the community.

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SINGLE TAX PROGRESS IN AUSTRALASIA.

Henry George Idea Gains Steadily and Results Vindicate its Claims.

On the occasion of the celebration of Henry George's 69th birthday at Melbourne, Max Hirsch, one of the foremost single tax men of the antipodes, delivered an address before the Single Tax League of Victoria which was reproduced in part by the Melbourne Progress as follows;

To Australia still belongs the pride of place; and, in Australia, to the state of South Australia, at least in point of time. That state imposed a tax on the unimproved value of land for state purposes as early as 1886, and without exemptions; and 10 years later also gave to municipalities the option to rate land values alone, though unfortunately, under conditions which have prevented all but one municipality from profiting by the option.

In Queensland the Georgian ideas were introduced by the greatest of our living statesmen, Sir Samuel Griffith, now chief justice of the commonwealth. Inspired by George's writings, he initiated the exemption of improvements in 1891, and gradually extended the system. The results were so eminently satisfactory that his conservative opponents were compelled to place the coping stone on his structure and to exempt all improvements in 1905. More than ten per cent of the annual value of land is now used for public purposes.

New Zealand, under the guidance of that great statesman, Mr. Ballance, imposed a tax on the unimproved value of land also in 1891, and in 1896 gave to municipalities the option of rating land values alone. Nearly half the rates are now raised in this manner.

In point of actual achievement, however, New South Wales holds the world's record. You are aware that in 1896 Mr. G. H. Reid imposed a land value tax, disfigured by many exemptions. For this Sir Hector Carruthers, a single taxer, substituted the rating on land values, as far as the municipalities would adopt it. His act made the system compulsory as to part of the rates, and optional as to the rest and the result has demonstrated the wisdom of this provision. For nearly every municipality has discarded taxing improvements altogether, and in the nine cases in which councils wanted to adopt the dual method, a referendum of land owners themselves has compelled them to adopt the true system. At the same time Sir Hector conferred wide powers of administration upon the local councils, compelling such high rates that at least 20 per cent of the annual value of the land is now used for public purposes. The city of Sydney is as yet under the old system but this also will soon be changed.

Western Australia, the baby state, also has imposed a tax on land values for state purposes, and has given its rural districts power to exempt improvements from rating.

Tasmania has had a tax on the improved capital value of land for many years, and many efforts have been made to exempt improvements. But, though the lower house has passed no less than four bills for this purpose during the last ten years, the upper house, where the landlords sit, has rejected them all. A new effort is to be made during the present year, which we may hope will have more satisfactory results.

The only Australian state which has failed to achieve anything in our direction is our own Victoria. Once it marched at the head of Australian democracy; now it brings up its tail. Maybe the efforts now being made by the Bent ministry may succeed, but it would be rash to assume so. Meanwhile population is still leaving us every year for those states which, by taxing land values in some form make it easier to earn a living for those who do useful work, than is the case in their native state.

"The Bread Line."

Extracts from an article by Rev. C. R. McNally in The Examiner (Baptist) of N. Y., Jan. 28. describing night scenes in the Bowery.

That long black line surrounded the entire city block. More than two thousand men were there. This was no unusual sight. It can be duplicated almost any day in the wee small hours at this spot. Those in the front line had stood for more than two days, and this is a nightly occurrence.

Who are they? They are hungry and starving men waiting for a roll of bread and cup of coffee. It is the 'bread line' of the Bowery Mission. These men are penniless, homeless and hungry: sometimes worse. On Sunday night, January 17, I saw the following: a man in the front of the line had just entered the mission when he fell to the floor in an exhausted condition. After he had been revived with a couple of cups of coffee and some bread, he explained that he had had nothing to eat for two days, that he had walked all the way from a distant point in Brooklyn across the bridge to get the food in the bread line to keep him from starvation. The tax on his strength in getting to the mission had been more than he could stand. x x Some are splendid, able-bodied looking fellows and decently dressed. Some, with equal physique, are stained, worn or ragged. Some haAe scarce enough clothes to cover their bodies, and wear shoes so far gone that the bare foot may be seen, open to the cold and filthy slush of the streets. Some are young, cruelly young. Some are old, pitiably old. The cripple too is there. But all are homeless and hungry, without money and without work. They are not 'sots' and 'soaks' I have yet to see a drunken man in the bread line.

By actual test nine-tenths were American-born citizens. 25 per cent were union workmen and had their cards in their pockets. About one-half were catholics and the rest were protestants, They are not 'bums'. They are anxious to work and will go to work when work is found. The employment bureau of the mission has placed 2500 of these men in positions in the last 12 months, and the reports show that not one per cent have gone bad. Their willingness to work is seen by the fact that they gathered in hundreds to accompany one of the mission workers to get places in the snow gang, only to be turned away because they were unable to furnish the 25 cents 'graft' demanded by the bosses of the gangs, in some instances the shovels being taken out of their hands and given to those able to furnish the 'graft'.

These men are the victims of a mal adjusted social order. It is not only the duty of man to work when he is able, but the right of man to work when he is willing. It was estimated that there were 200,000 unemployed men in New York last winter. The number is certainly not less now. Whose fault is this? Perhaps that is impossible to say. That there is a fault no thoughtful man will gainsay. There is no law of right which can justify one part of the social order living in abundance and perhaps extravagance, while another part starves and suffers, although able and willing to work These are conditions which demand the most sober and careful attention of our greatest men. The fault wherever it lies, must be corrected.

All honor to those who stand back of the Bowery Mission and all other such institutions!

The protest of the insurance companies of Mobile against the raise of license for doing business in the city from $250 to $400 and which was reinforced by a protest of the citizens when the company retaliated by raising rates, has prevailed, and the city council with one dissenting vote only, put the license back to where it was. This was a case in which the people were made clearly to see that a tax upon a useful industry simply recoils upon the consumers of its product or services. Every such tax is alike shifted back upon the consumers but as yet the people do not see it.

The influence of railway employes as a body in politics, has been a bugaboo of those opposing government ownership of railways. Under the private ownership regime the corrupting influence of railway promoters and operators has done more to debauch legislators and judiciary than all other causes combined and now comes a report from Texas that railway owners and their unionized employes have combined to fight reforms proposed in behalf of the people, the two cent car fare law, being the immediate point of attack. A possible combine of one factor is certainly not more dangerous than a present combine of both.

Jno. J. Murphy, secretary of the American Single Tax League, visited Pittsburg on the twelfth and was tendered a reception by local Single Taxers which was attended also by Single Taxers from other points in the state.

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The Proof of the Pudding.

If to any extent people who left Fairhope, (they will go and come in every section of the country) located in nearby settlements it might well be assumed that the "Fairhope plan" or "management" was responsible. Such cases are however, exceedingly rare, while there is a pronounced tendency on the contrary, for people from the surrounding country to come to Fairhope. We count no less than 20 families now living in Fairhope, (and presume we have not counted all) who have come to us from other points in Baldwin County; and not one of them, we believe, primarily because of enthusiasm for the principle upon which Fairhope is found ed, but because they saw actual advantages to them here not to be found elsewhere, advantages which we assert must logically be credited to Fairhope policies.

And yet there are those ready to assert wherever opportunity offers, that the plan is a "fraud, a fake and a failure", to charge it with being the greatest hindrance to the growth of the place, and its overthrow the one thing needful to "make Fairhope grow." This is one of the worst obstacles against which we contend. We can make the demonstration, but we cannot make some people see or concede it.

However, the fact cited of people who have opportunities to see for themselves, coming to Fairhope from surrounding points rather than leaving Fairhope to go to them, is encouragement enough for us, and abundant foundation for our faith in the future.

A Cabinet of Corporation Lawyers.

"Five lawyers, best in the land, to be members of Taft's official family. Wants their aid in handling abuses by Corporations." So reads the headlines of a dispatch and in the body of it, it is stated that Mr. J. M. Dickinson, who is to be a member of this "official family," in accepting the war portfolio will give up the position of general solicitor of the Illinois Central system and a salary of $35,000 to take the position tendered him by the president elect.

Now it is certainly true that the new president will need the aid and counsel of men experienced in business and "learned in the law," and it is not impossible that a man having made himself worth $35,000 a year to a railway corporation (which it is pretty certain he did not do by advising it scrupulously to obey the obvious will of the people as expressed in legislation and conduct its business upon a basis of strictly fair dealing) may be filled with a desire to distinguish himself by service to the people, in correcting abuses under which his former employer prospered to an extent justifying it in paying him a salary several times in excess of what the people are willing to pay.

But remembering that from the same source have been drawn in the past, cabinet officials, representatives, senators, judges, etc., etc., the while all the corporate abuses have arisen, and that usually the attorneys and officers of the big corporations when drafted (?) into the public service retain their corporation interests, sometimes—as in the case of Theodore Shonts—continuing to draw their salaries from the corporations, the people may be pardoned a lack of enthusiasm over the prospect.

Physical and Moral Degeneracy Fruit of Economic Injustice.

The Royal Commission which has been for the past three years studying the condition of the English poor, has issued a report of 1200 pages and there will be forty volumes more of evidence taken and reports of special investigators. In an interview the chairman of the committee said:

"The serious feature of the report is the deliberate statement that the conditions of life in London and other big towns are such as to produce a degenerate race, morally and physically enfeebled."

In the house of commons they are having fierce debates on the question of unemployment and John Burns and Winston Churchill speaking for the government talk of "afforestation, a labor exchange bureau and probably, state insurance against unemployment!" Anything, of course, but to get off the backs of the people; anything but to disturb the system by which titled and untitled beneficiaries of special privilege hold for their profit or pleasure, the natural opportunities for employment; living in unearned luxury, while millions are forced into a widening and deepening abyss of chronic unemployment, and hopeless poverty, with physical and moral degeneracy which threatens the very existence of the nation.

And even John Burns the famous "labor member" of parliament talks of "insurance against unemployment" without apparent appreciation of the fact that the only insurance against unemployment which is needed or would amount to anything, is to be had by freeing opportunities for employment now monopolized.

Importance of Water Transportation.

The importance of water transportation—over an unmonopolizable highway—is indicated in the report that shippers of Montgomery, tiring of alleged broken promises and procrastination on the part of the railroads serving that city will themselves organize and operate a line of fast steamers on the Alabama river to Mobile and possibly one or more ocean steamers from Mobile to the north Atlantic ports.

An article in the Montgomery Advertiser of Wednesday says:

"For years the merchants of this city say they have been begging and pleading for fair rates so they could compete, actually begging to compete, in their own immediate territory, Yesterday it was learned that Mobile can undersell local merchants in certain merchandise as close to Montgomery as McGehee's Switch, ten miles from the city. It was learned also that a Montgomery merchant cannot buy flour direct to Montgomery as cheap as it can be sent from the factory down to Mobile and back as far as Greenville, a few miles south of this city."

"Committees of the city s leading business men have waited on the railroads, have appeared before the interstate Commerce Commission, and in fact have appealed to every authority, but the freight rates of the railroads have remained unchanged."

It is one of Fairhope's great advantages, which will become more appareut as its business increases, that it is located on navigable water.

K. P. Entertainment.

The Knights of Pythias gave a delightful little entertainment on last Friday evening, for the dual purpose of celebrating the 45th anniversary of the founding of the order and for a benefit for an unfortunate fellow-knight, Laurie Tflson.

A. H. Mershon presided.

Dr. Greeno gave a short history of the founding of the order, its aims and accomplishments. The new Fairhope Orchestra (Miss Bessie Littlefield cornet, Don Littlefield violin, J. C. Blake clarionet, C. E. Littlefield baritone horn) with Mrs. Minnich accompanying on the organ, gave a couple of numbers; Miss Nellie Slosson gave a violin solo and she and Mr. Pilcher sang a duet; Miss Frances Gaston sang also, as did Mr. Arthur Dealy, Mrs. Edith Paula Smith, gave a banjo solo; Mr. Albright, Mr. Geo. T. Relyea, one of our winter visitors, and Dr. Geo. A. Sheldon recited, and the latter responding to an encore, sang "Chicken-hawk Cholly."

All the numbers were excellent and the audence very appr eciative, insisting on more than the schedule from almost every performer.

Something over $27 it was announced, was cleared.

Elsewhere appears the program of the joint reunion of Federal and Confederate Veterans, which will be held at the Bayside Pavilion on March 4, next Thursday. The COURIER is informed that not only is a strong delegation from Semmes Camp, Confederate Veterans, of Mobile, expected, but a number of Union Veterans from that city. Major Tebbetts, collector of the port of Mobile has made application to the treasury department at Washington, for permission to have the revenue cutter Winona, placed at the disposal of the committee to bring over the Mobile veterans and take them back.

15,380 acres of timber land in Washington County, Alabama, thirty miles from Mobile, was sold within a few days, to Saginaw, Michigan, parties for $650,000. It is estimated the timber on the tract will cut seventeen million feet of lumber. The lands were owned by the late Russel Sage who bought them at prices ranging from one dollar to three dollars an acre. The price at which the land just sold, was over $40 an acre and this purchase was for "investment," the purchaser believing that timber lands are certain to increase rapidly in value.

Mr. G. H. Knox, of Des Moines, who is here for a little while, on one of his several visits to Fairhope, has become a declared convert to the Single Tax. He is making a diligent study of the various phases of the philosophy and is fully convinced of the fundamental soundness of the proposition that all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth and that the one practical way to secure that right is to take land values for the common benefit. It is a pleasure to know that Fairhope and the COURIER have materially contributed to this result.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

February 22nd. I did not remember that this day is the anniversary of the birth of Washington, until a sharp call from the garden made me rush out to see the procession of the Organic school passing up Magnolia Avenue. It had got far beyond the pines when we saw it, for there was no music. A few little drums I thought, would have delighted the kindergartners and—me! I just love a drum when it is small and at a safe distance! But those little ones were charming. Their uniform was all made by themselves—fancy paper caps, flags, belts, capes, shoulder-straps and even the little painted hatchet that each carried in the right hand. One of the little tots must have got quite tired for his teacher, Miss Taggart, was carrying him or her in her arms.

x x v The Progressive League was led on Sunday by Miss Chapman who always has something worth hearing. The COURIER announced the subject as the "birth of life." I went to her seat before the lecture commenced to give her moral support and encouragement, for I felt that the profundity of her subject would cause floundering and possibly submerging before we could save her! Fortunately, her subject was the "breath" not the "birth" of Life. She is an advocate of deep breathing, rhythmic breathing as taught by the yogis and swamis of India, and she, who has survived several serious accidents, and not a few very severe diseases, as we know, gave strong testimony to the efficacy of her theory.

Of course the subject touched upon what is called, loosely, "occultism," and particularly, levitation, as in some way related to that phenomenon. Mr. Coleman had witnessed a successful trial of raising a full grown man from a table on the four fingers alone of four persons, the subject holding himself rigid and all filling their lungs with air at the moment of making the trial. I remember that we made the experiment once at Casa Tonti, our old home in South Jersey, and that Edward Howland, was the subject. I am certain that I myself was one of the "levitors" if such word be permissible, and that we actually did raise the body, and that Mr. Howland, who was skeptical by nature, declared that all there was to the experiment was the two facts that he was actually lifted above the table, and that "of course" each one of us must have exercised a lifting force equivalent to about thirty-six pounds as his weight was 145 pounds normally. The experiment is interesting, and I am quite confident that it will, in some tests, at least, prove successful here, as well as elsewhere.

Miss Chapman has been successful in treating herself, she asserts, since she discarded the aid of physicians in whom she has small faith When she took her seat, our amusing, unfailing, comely septuagenarian critic, rose and declared that whenever he was ill he did not commit the folly of treating himself; he went to a physician. And he earnestly advised the speaker to do likewise, and with such paternal seriousness as to suggest that she was crazy, which of course created much merriment. The president, Mr. Ewald, had some trouble in preserving ideal order. There was a tendency rather greater than usual to fly off the subject on to Single Tax. Some one suggested that it was not possible to keep to the subject when nobody had any idea what the subject was. This brought down the house, and the chairman ruled that for the rest of the time everyone should be free to bring up any topic he pleased. Next Sunday we are to hear Mr. Trimble, on "Anarchy, a record of personal investigation." This will be something out of the usual course, and the League should turn out in force.

It has been almost oppressively warm today. We had strawberries—a few—from our garden, and the green peas are coming up finely.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Organic School

The parade on Washington's Birthday was a success and enjoyed by all. Much individuality was shown by the pupils in the decorations of caps, shields etc. After the parade the children accompanied by the mothers of some of them and their teachers, went to the beach for a picnic dinner. The afternoon was such a happy one that few were ready to return home at the regular time of dismissal.

There was no school on Tuesday, but work was resumed Wednesday.

We are glad to have two more pupils, Clarence Keller and Andrew Harvey.

Miss Slosson.

Public School

The Washington Tea Party given by the school last Friday was quite a success. We took in six dollars and thirty cents, which paid for the Encyclopedia-Dictionary, and left two dollars and thirty cents towards a bookcase.

This week the attendance has been very small as a number of the pupils went to Mobile to attend Mardi Gras. Mrs. Hubbard went over Saturday morning intending to return Tuesday night, but on account of the illness of her husband she was unable to do so. Olive Worcester taught her room Wednesday, but since Thursday Miss Clements has has the sixth grade and Mrs. Sweet the fifth.

In Miss Clements' room, Jack McCarthy has entered. He was a pupil here two years ago and all are glad to welcome him back.

Anna Mae Oswalt.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean are certainly doing their full share for Fairhope while with us. At the hotel they haye many opportunities to meet visitors and talk with them of Fairhope policies and Single Tax principles in general, which they never slight, and Mrs. McLean is in the COURIER office almost every day getting copies of the Fairhope booklet and mailing them to distant friends,

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Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy and son, John, Jr., arrived last Friday from Mansfield, Mass., via Mallory steamer to Mobile, and are at home in the Dr. Page place, corner Section St. and Magnolia Ave., which they have purchased. They are Single Taxers of long standing, returning again after a former stay of several months and are very welcome.

A recent inquirer writing about Fairhope, from Scotland, said: "I got your paper from a friend, a late settler in your district and he speaks highly of the place and says he hopes to go back there." "A satisfied customer is the best advertisement."

The state of Florida has won its suit before the United States circuit court of appeals, at New Orleans, involving its right to collect taxes for the reclamation of large tracts of land, including the famous everglades.

The V. I. C. will meet at Mrs. Gaston's on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This will be an important meeting and the members are urged to attend. At the same hour and place the teachers are invited to meet with the School Committee.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Round Table will be on Saturday, March the sixth, at "The Gables," and all mothers are cordially invited to attend.

The Blue and the Grey

REUNION OF

FEDERAL AND CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The G. A. R. of Fairhope, and the Raphael Semmes Post C. V., of Mobile, will hold a joint reunion, at the Bayside Pavilion, in Fairhope, Ala., Thursday, March 4, 1909.

Program

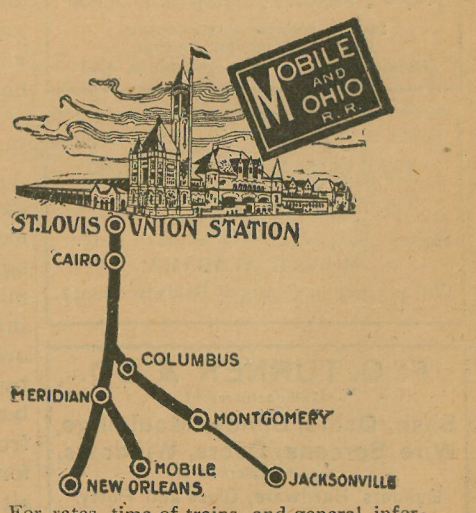
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Music, "Dixie" Fairhope Orchestra
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Address, Rev. E. R. Clarkson, Fairhope
Address, Hon. Max Hamburger, Mobile
Music, "Star Spangled Banner" Orchestra
Recitation, "Shenandoah" with musical accompaniment, P. Y. Albright, Fairhope
Short Speeches from Comrades of the Blue and Grey
Song, "God be with you till we meet again."
Benediction

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Personal and Local

Mrs. Comings has enlarged her kitchen at The Gables by a neat extension to the west.

Miss Gladys Lowell returned to her home in Mobile on last Saturday morning after spending a week with Miss Leah Gaston.

Ordinarily we have strawberries a good while before dewberries are ripe, but the dewberries were just in condition not to be hurt by the freeze which set the strawberries back and we are likely to have them about the same time this spring, for the dewberry vines are a mass of bloom.

Wuilfert Reondeou, has purchased the improvements of John Blomquist on four acres just east of Mr. Braam's and applied for an additional 14 acres unleased adjoining it. Mr. Reondeou is one of the gentlemen mentioned in the last Courier as having purchased land back in the interior and visiting Fairhope at the solicitation of Libbeous Jefferson. He was so pleased that he has come back to make his home here and has wisely located on Colony land. He expects to build a small house at once and to bring his family down from Dakota soon. He has a lot of friends in Dakota who are planning to come south and will make them acquainted with the advantages of Fairhope and endeavor to save them from the mistake of buying high-priced land away back in the country when land much more desirably situated can be had without purchase price at Fairhope.

An Arbitration Society.

Pursuant to invitation of Mr. W. W. Kile a dozen gentlemen gathered at his new house on Sunday morning to consider the matter of organizing an arbitration society.

Mr. Kile was chosen chairman of the meeting, A. K. Trenholme as secretary. Mr. Kile gave his views, at some length, on the subject, giving from his own experience interesting incidents of the miscarriage of justice in the ordinary process of settling personal differences through the courts, the annoying delays and the heavy expense, making it very often true that even the winner loses in dollars and cents, having only the poor "satisfaction" of seeing his opponent lose more than himself.

A vastly better plan was the organization of a society for the settlement of disputes out of court, by agreement of the members to submit their differences to a body of intelligent, fair minded men of their own choosing, agreeing to abide by their decision. He suggested a board of three arbitrators, elected from year to year by the members, for their especial fitness for the position. He said that a somewhat similar plan had recently been given the sanction of law in Ohio.

Most of the gentlemen present discussed the subject, all agreeing as to the advisability of such a movement.

A motion finally prevailed that a committee be appointed to issue a call for another meeting at which it was hoped a larger attendance might be secured, the committee being authorized to use the names of all those present in making this call. Mr. Kile and Mr. W. S. Sumner were chosen as this committee.

For Improvement of Magnolia Avenue.

The Magnolia Avenue Improvement Society held a meeting at the Gaston home on Tuesday evening, to plan for the improvement of that important street.

It was decided to raise as large a subscription as possible from those especially interested and tender it to the street committee of the town council on condition that at least as much more be appropriated to the improvement of the avenue from the summit of the hill to the junction with Fairhope avenue at the west side of the park. $28 was subscribed at the meeting and this should be materially increased when others are seen who were not at the meeting.

Magnolia is probably the best improved residence street in town, second only to Fairhope Avenue in importance, and it is sincerely to be hoped can, by cooperation of the town and the residents, be put in good order. At present it is literally a "disgrace to the town."

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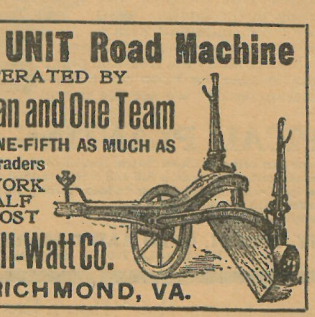
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ON MAKING PRETENSES



THE girl who could eat chocolates, continue her embroidery and talk at the same time necessarily held the floor, her versatile talents giving her the right to do so.

"Double personalities!" she sniffed. "I don't see why they make such a fuss over a simple affair like that! Why, any girl who has any pride at all in her achievements has a dozen personalities, and in any one of them she would have to be introduced to her real self if they chanced to meet! If you are going to be a success you simply can't afford to be your real self all the while, you know.

"In the first place, half the people you met wouldn't understand you, half the rest would be bored, and two-thirds of the remainder would go away and talk about you.

"I'm not speaking of relatives, because usually they are the least acquainted with you of anybody. Why, I've met utter strangers with whom in five minutes I was more in accord than with all the cousins and aunts and what-not I'd known all my life.

"But that isn't what I started out to say. We girls show our variegated assortment of selves more distinctly according to the man who happens to be calling on us or taking us out somewhere. Yes, you do, Annie!" she broke off, accusingly, glaring at a girl who looked rebellious.

"I hope," said the rebellious girl, a little stiffly, "that I have character enough and sense enough not to try to deceive—"

"Oh, that's all right," broke in the girl who was doing the talking. "I've no doubt you have a perfectly glittering rock-bound strength of character, but I'd like to know what good it does you when Henry dawns on your horizon. Why, you know you take no more interest in the state of the pig-iron market than you do in the color of the toga Julius Caesar wore to breakfast on Mondays, yet you resolve yourself into a regular blank phonograph record into which Henry pours an account of what pig iron sold for last week, and what it is going to sell for next week, and how he is slaying it single-handed.

"At discreet intervals, when he has to catch his breath, you repeat snatches of his own remarks to him, and generally admire him for his sagacity. Henry simply has got to have some one admire him and you know right well if you didn't do it he'd hunt up some girl who would. He demands adoration and you supply the best, hand-made, all-persuasive, saccharine brand on the market, and if you keep it up faithfully he's sure to marry you in the near future."

"I think you are perfectly horrid!" flared the object of these remarks.

"We all do it," pursued the first girl, calmly. "There's the man who prides himself on his ability to understand women. Instantly in his presence a girl becomes a little helpless and appealing. There is a look in her eyes as she glances at him that asks him to spare her inexperience and her simplicity, because all her sweet young life she knows is as an open book to him. This makes him feel good. He likes metaphorically to pat her on the head and murmur: 'Fear not, little girl! Though I know you better than you know yourself, yet will I not take advantage of my knowledge. I will act just as if you were as clever as I am.'"

"If you're trying to hit me," spoke up the blonde girl, excitedly, "I don't think it is very nice of you! I never look at Arthur that way, nev—"

"And then," went on the talker, "when a blustering, gruff man comes along who maintains that he is perfectly independent of sympathy and despises the gentler graces, we adopt a hail-fellow-well-met air and a ladylike cynicism. We cultivate a nice little bitter twist to our lips and a shrug to our shoulders. Oh, we are seasoned, disillusioned, cold spectators of a disappointed world, and many many times have we thought the very thoughts he is putting into words so forcefully. Yes, indeed! We make ourselves into a slightly dimmer replica of him as he is mentally.

"Then, if a man comes along who is frothy and epigrammatic, we have the muse of comedy beaten a mile so far as a smile goes. We sparkle. We effervesce. If we don't sparkle naturally we put up such a good imitation it would deceive an expert. That is really the most wearing kind of man to live up to. I don't know anything more tiresome than having to be giddy when you feel like a freight car full of Henry's beloved pig iron.

"Say," ended the girl who was doing the talking, "wouldn't it be easier if there were only one pattern of man, instead of a few thousands?"

"I'm sure," said the blonde girl, still haughtily, "that I'm fond of all my friends! I don't understand you in the least!"

"I suppose not," said the girl who had been talking, with a sigh. "I love you, Arline, but you really don't belong to the one-third of the last quarter of the second half of the entire population I spoke about at first!"—Chicago Daily News.

Improved Pumping System.

In California, where many wells yield both natural gas and water, it is stated that a system has been tried whereby the gas is separated and utilized in an engine to pump the water.

Linguistic Policemen.

There are at present on duty in the main thoroughfares of Paris 21 policemen who speak English, nine who speak German and six who speak Spanish, and their usefulness has been clearly demonstrated.

Conservation.

The resources of the earth are the basis of our national wealth. By means of them alone, in material things, comes leadership among the nations. The conservation movement now fully under way embraces the forest movement as one of its sources and great divisions. Thus the cause of forest conservation throughout the country has won a powerful ally and a more effective support for the work that lies just before us.—Gifford Pinchot in New England Magazine.

Did Not Worry Her.

Have the terrors of the French revolution been exaggerated? A French woman mentioned in Sir Mountstuart Grant Duff's diary had lived in Paris through the last 30 years of the eighteenth century, and when asked for her impressions of the tragic times of the terror replied: "The whole affair has been vastly exaggerated. For my part, I never found it necessary to abandon my weekly 'at home' days."

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Personal and Local

Miss Celina Roberts visited relatives in Mobile during Mardi Gras.

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M. E. Page.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Norton, of Daphne, were in town on Saturday.

A large stock of fresh candies just received at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Miss Leah Gaston was the guest of Miss Gladys Lowell, in Mobile, from Monday to Wednesday.

R. O. H. Blended Coffee.
Premier 1 pound cans of peas found only at Mershon Merch. Co.

W. W. Kile's brother, Mr. Hiram Kile, left for his home in Ohio on Wednesday morning.

If in need of any harness or parts, let me order direct from factory for you. Fairhope Livery.

Mr. G. H. Knox arrived from Des Moines last week for a short stay with his family.

Mr. Meeker joined the ranks of those furnishing milk to the creamery on Tuesday.

Mrs. Hail is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brown and is accompanied by her two younger children.

The Fairhope Pharmacy has a large supply of Telephone batteries which they are retailing at 30 cents each.

Miss Millie Beckner is receiving treatment at the Providence Infirmary in Mobile and reported to be improving rapidly.

We have a few pair of odd sized shoes that we offer at very low figure, they are good goods for little money. Mershon Merch, Co.

Look out for the Ladies Aid Society regular meeting at the Church on next Wednesday afternoon. Further announcement later.

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Mr. Bellangee is enjoying a visit from his sister Mrs. Mary Roberts of Dade City, Fla., and his cousin Miss Millie Martin of Princeton Ill.

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Misses Ola Powell and Frances Gaston were guests over Mardi Gras at the Dacovich home and attended the Elks ball and several other social functions.

The Christian Endeavor Society will give a literary and musical entertainment at the Church next Friday evening, to which all are invited. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

My spring opening will occur next month, but I have a few very nice street hats should you need one before then.
Mrs. A. B. Call.

Mr. Charles H. Viggars, of Chicago, has been since last Saturday visiting his friend Charles Stromberg. He expects to leave for Chicago tomorrow.

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The Weather Man

The weather man, was drunk one day
Or sold out to the devil,
Quite well we knew it, by the way,
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That very night, we laid a plan,
To give some one a bounty,
That could kick the weather man,
All over Baldwin County.

But oh! the beauty of next day—
Now, what's the use of lying,
It's only this, I cared to say,
Of Wheeler do your buying.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wolcott are again visiting the F. L. Browns, coming over Saturday from Magnolia Springs, where they were visiting Mrs. Wolcott's parents the McClouds.

Prof. Phillips will not be able to deliver his lecture on wireless telegraphy at Daphne on next Monday evening, as announced. It will be given at a later date of which due announcement will be made.

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Mr. Theodore Coleman of Milwaukee is visiting his brother Mr. C. L. Coleman and family at Ingleside. The editor had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Coleman in Milwaukee about 11 years ago and enjoyed a visit from him.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyons, visited their son and family in Mobile and attended Mardi Gras, going over Monday morning and returning Wednesday evening.

Misses Nellie and Lois Slosson attended an entertainment by the Nonpariel club, of Silverhill on last Saturday evening and Miss Nellie participated with three numbers on the program.

R. J. Williamson, an ardent Single Taxer, of Brooklyn, arrived last evening for a visit of a few days. He has been a reader of the Courier for years and deeply interested in Fairhope. He feels acquainted with every one whose name has been made familiar through the Courier and finds Fairhope beyond his expectations.

New Church Service

The Rev. J. B. Spiers of Richmond Va., general missionary of the New Jerusalem church (Swedenborgian) for the southern states, will preach at 8 p. m. Sunday at the Gables. Subject, "The Work, Play, and Recreation of Religion."
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HOTEL NOTES.

The Fairhope Hotel

The following have registered at the Fairhope Hotel since the last week's Courier went to press: G. W. Wright, H. L. Baird, John A. Shawver, Albert Miller, Canton, Ohio; Geo. A. Shay and Louis Wagner Chicago, Ill.; Ralph J. Dill, Philadelphia. All of these, but the latter, were down to look at land in Baldwin County.

Others were Mr. J. Curry, Waukegan, Ill.; Wm. L. Wuest, wife and child, Cincinnati; M. D. McRae, Birmingham, Ala.; N. W. Reynolds and family, Milwaukee; Chas. Bisecker and wife, Delavan, Wisc.; M. D. Hanover and wife, Barnesville, Minn.; Mr. E. E. Grace, Montrose, Ala.; Dr. S. R. Geiser and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Magly, Cincinnati. Of these Mr. and Mrs. Wuest after taking a look about on Sunday and after enjoying the Carnival in Mobile returned Wednesday for a prolonged stay. They are south on account of the health of their little boy, but he is now so much improved that he will join Mrs. Harvey's little son also of the Hotel, at the kindergarten.

Mr. J. M. Trimble, who will be heard at the League next Sunday made a misstep in the dark and fell on the grass and sand in front of the gallery on the first floor, but without serious results from the shaking up. Mr. Troup immediately extended the railing over those few feet of unprotected space. During the past week the painter has been busy on the dining room and by next Sunday it can be seen in its new dress of two shades of green very artistically disposed and blended. S. R. McL.

The Gables

At The Gables in addition to the number of regular guests, the following were registered during the week. Rev. J. B. Spiers of Richmond Va.; D. R. Gregg, of Greenville Ill.; Mr. J. M. Phillips, of Dayton O.; Dr. W. W. McCallum, of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stearns, of Brookline Mass; and Mr. Robt. Barbee of Chicago, who joined his wife and children who have been here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs, Skinner are spending the week with their friends. the C. O. Whites at their country home.

Town Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED: by the Town Council of Fairhope, as follows: Section 43 of Town of Fairhope Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Section 43: That under and by virtue of the provisions of section 1346 of the Code of Alabama, of 1907, a tax of four dollars per capita is hereby levied upon all male inhabitants in the corporate limits of the town of Fairhope between the ages of 18 and 45, for the tax year beginning Oct. 1, 1908. That said tax is due and payable at the office of the town treasurer on the first day of the same month every year thereafter. That if said tax is not paid the delinquent tax payer shall be warned out to work for four days on the streets and if such delinquent refuses to perform such work he shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance and it shall be the duty of the town Marshal to arrest and bring him before the Mayor and if he be found guilty of such violation he shall be fined $10, which fine shall include said tax and cost of court. Should delinquent then fail, refuse or be unable to pay said fine, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to sentence him to hard labor on the streets of the town for a period of ten days, All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor.
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk.
February 22, 1909.

Edgar L. Francis has purchased 20 acres of Gus Oberg in section 21, and will set out pecans at once on 5 acres of it which is cleared.

Winter Temperature.

Feb. 18-24, 1909.

Feb.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
18	41	66	62
19	53	66	56
20	47	—	64
21	66	78	70
22	69	78	72
23	71	76	72
24	57	60	50

4 clear days, 3 partly cloudy. Rain on the night of the 23d. Wind south, changing to north.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

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The Fairhope Single Tax Corporatiion, a corporation,
vs.
Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society.

Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporarion, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the 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 24th day of February, 1909, and returnable before me on the 17th day of March, 1909, at Fairhope in said county, against the estate of said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $27.10 therein, and. whereas said attachment has been executed by G. R. Cain, Deputy Sheriff for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society:

A two-room frame dwelling, a small detached one-room building, one well, the fence, clearing and outbuildings situated on the se.¼ of ne.¼ of SW.¼ and sw.¼ of nw.¼ of SE.¼ of Section 16, Township 6 South, range 2 East, Baldwin County, Ala.

And whereas it appears that the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society are non-residents and their present residence unknown, now therefore the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society are hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereof as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 24th day of February, 1909.

P. Y. ALBRIGHT,
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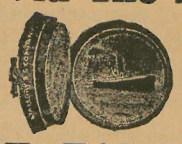
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a 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.

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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.

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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Increasing Activity of Single Taxers.

Encouraging Reports From Oregon and Rhode Island Stimulate Enthusiam.

FROM JOHNSTOWN, PA., DEMOCRAT.

Local Single Taxers are much encouraged over the reports from various quarters, particularly over those from Rhode Island and Oregon, where active campaigns have been in progress. Ex-Gov. Garvin reports that he is confident of the early passage of the proposed local option amendment to the tax laws of Rhode Island and he believes that before the end of the current year the single tax plan will be in practical operation in at least three or four important communities in that state. It is said that Woonsocket stands ready to tax land values only for public purposes as soon as the law will permit. Manufacturing establishments have long been exempt from taxation in that town and as a result it has grown rapidly in population and industrial importance. Several big manufacturing plants have been established there within recent years by French capitalists who were attracted by the tax exemption.

In Oregon the single taxers are preparing to renew their fight for a single tax amendment to the constitution. They were defeated by a comparatively narrow margin on the referendum vote last June, chiefly by the agricultural sections, and they believe that in the next election they can overcome this. They bank much on the fact that they carried the county in which Portland is situated and that in the other populous counties their strength was sufficient to alarm the land monopoly interests. It is their confident expectation that with a campaign of education pushed into the rural districts by a more effective organization than was possible in the first contest they will roll up a safe majority.

It is understood that the American Single Tax League is planning to help along local movements wherever the opportunity may present. It is raising a large fund for this purpose and there is evidence that the propoganda is well under way. It is said that there is a greater demand for single tax speakers than ever before. There is also a marked increase in the demand for the literature of that economic philosophy.

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The Way

Would'st thou be wretched?
'Tis an easy way:
Think of but self, and self alone, all day:
Think of thy pain, thy grief, thy loads, thy care,
All that thou hast to do, or feel, or bear;
Think of thy good, thy pleasure and thy gain,
Think only of thyself, 'twill not be in vain,
Most wretched wilt thou be,
Thy object thou wilt gain.

Would'st thou be happy?
Take an easy way:
Think of those round thee—live for them each day;
Think of their pain, their loss, their grief, their care;
All that they have to do, or feel, or bear;
Think of their pleasure, of their good, their gain,
Think of those round thee--it will not be in vain,
Serene and happy will thou be,
The goal thou wilt attain.

D. D. CHIDESTER.

The Thin Veneer of Our Civilization.

We boast of our superior "civilization?" and feel that we have a mission to extend it to distant nations and the "isles of the sea" even at the mouth of cannon, if need be, but incidents are constantly occurring to show how thin a veneer hides the innate savagery of many of our people.

The murder of a policeman by a Greek in Omaha recently, led to an attack by a mob upon the Greek settlement, in which thirty homes and shops were wrecked and burned and about two dozen Greeks more or less severely injured.

A mass meeting with a large attendance was addressed by two members of the state legislature who made very inflammatory speeches and following the meeting nearly 2,000 persons rushed to the Greek quarter and began the work of pillage. Scores of women, it is said, participated in the rioting.

Analyzed we have no doubt this outbreak will be found to be due to industrial friction. The native population—or quite likely a portion of the foreign population which came in ahead of the Greeks—was probably alarmed lest the Greeks should take their jobs, or resentful because they were actually doing so.

It amuses some people to see how the Single Taxer presents his philosophy as a remedy for apparently diverse difficulties, but it would certainly greatly lessen friction between races by removing the frightful competition for jobs, which is the result of monopoly of opportunity and which is at the bottom of all apparent "race problems" in this country.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Your Town

More towns die for want of confidence on the part of business men and lack of public spirit, than any other cause says a floating editorial. When a man in search of a home or a business location goes into a town and finds everyone brim full of hope and enthusiasm for the prospects of the place and all earnestly at work to build it up, he soon becomes imbued with the same spirit, and as a result he drives down stakes and goes to work with the same interest. When, however, he goes to a town where every one expresses doubt and apprehension for the future prosperity of the place, moping about and indulging in mournful complaints, he naturally feels that it is no place for him, and he at once shakes the dust from his feet while he pulls out with all possible speed for some other place. Consequently try to make a live, enterprising town out of the town in which you live. When you are working for your town you are accomplishing all the more for yourself.—Exchange.

Sweden Gives Women Full Suffrage.

The woman suffragists of every country have good and great cause to rejoice. The parliament of Sweden has granted to women the right to vote on equal terms with men. Although women vote in Australia and New Zealand, those countries are colonies, although of course perfectly independent as to their colonial legislation. Finland, where women also vote, is a dependency of Russia and Russia may deprive both the men and the women of Finland of the elective franchise. But Sweden is an independent kingdom with far reaching influence on the international affairs of all Europe, and that this great kingdom has gone ahead of even Denmark and Norway, who have conferred every right of franchise on their women except the parliamentary franchise ,is a sure harbinger of victory for the women of England and then the rest of the world.

Cuba for Cubans.

A bill has been introduced in the Cuban congress to prohibit foreigners from holding property in Cuba and radicals supporting it claim to have an overwhelming vote in favor of it. The Cubans are evidently possessed of the same spirit which in this country imposes tariff barriers and points with glee to the distress caused citizens of other countries by being shut out of an accustomed market for their goods with us. They are probably also influenced a good deal by their observations of the troubles often brought on "weaker nations" by profit-seeking citizens of stronger ones, who make excuses for intervention with armies and navies over alleged contracts broken or rights infringed. It is the same spirit which came near passing a similar measure in California. So we should not criticise the Cubans too severely.

A Prayer For Peace

Let there be light, Lord of Hosts
Let there be wisdom on the earth!
Let broad humanity have birth!
Let there be deeds, instead of boasts!
Within our passioned hearts instill
The calm that endeth strife;
Make us thy ministers of life;
Purge us from lusts that curse and kill!
Give us the peace of vision clear
To see our brothers' good our own,
To joy and suffer not alone;
The love that casteth out all fear!
Let woe and waste of warfare cease,
That useful labor yet may build
Its homes with love and laughter filled!
God, give Thy wayward children peace!
—William Merrell Vories, in the Advocate of Peace (Boston.)

R. J. Williamson left on Monday morning, after a stay of three or four days which he seemed to enjoy to the utmost and with great regret that his ticket would not permit him to stay longer. Mr. Williamson authorized the COURIER to say that he was greatly pleased with Fairhope, found it indeed, beyond his expectations. He hoped to come again, bring his wife with him and stay longer, He presented to the Fairhope Library before leaving a very valuable collection of matter, newspaper clippings, bills, leaflets, etc. regarding Mr. George's various campaigns in New York; of exceeding interest to Single Taxers, and becoming more so as the years go by. One who particularly enjoyed Mr. Williamson's visit was Mr. Wolf, who lived for many years in New York. He said it was almost like making a trip back there to visit with Mr. Williamson.

The Arkansas anti-trust law of 1905, providing a penalty of $200 to $500 for each offense and the forfeiture of the right to do business in the state, of corporations entering into combinations in restraint of trade, has been declared constitutional by the United States Supreme court. The case upon which the decision was rendered was one against the Hammond Packing Company of Chicago, against which a fine of $10,000 was imposed.

The Fairhope (Ala.,) COURIER tells of a fish fry on the beach of Mobile Bay last week. That sounds mighty summery and was likely written for northern eyes to get sore over, but if we had the beach and the fish and somebody to saw the ice and shovel snow off the beach if we had a beach, we could eat a fish fry here with no second fiddle to anybody.—Coleridge (Neb.) Blade.

Spring is here. Peach and pear trees are in bloom, roses are putting out new leaves and full of blossom buds, and those who know the delights of gardening are at it with all the enthusiasm which spring always brings.

Fairhope Courier

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Alabama Mayor Opposes License Taxation

Mayor John D. Dunlap of Gadsden, Ala., is an Alabama mayor who does not believe in licenseson useful occupations as a means of raising municipal revenues. To an interviewer he said, as reported in the Montgomery Advertiser:

"It is a senseless part of our system, this license proposition," remarked Mr. Dunlap. "Who can sincerely support a theory that would put a tax on the privilege of doing legitimate business, conducting a legitimate trade? Is it right to say that I shall be charged a license for the privilege of carrying on my business after my investment in the city has been made?

"The sooner the tax rate limit of Alabama municipalities is raised or removed, the better for the future of the state. The only reasonable way to support a government is through taxation of property. Let property equally contribute to the expenses of city, county and state, and not levy on thrift and industry."

The license tax is perhaps the most objectionable form of tax and the people of any local community should have the power to tax themselves to any extent they saw fit for local public purposes. We say "the people" and we mean "the people." We do not mean officers who might impose heavy taxes to make rich picking for themselves and friends. The removal of the limit of taxation for local purposes should be accompanied with the initiative and referendum and recall, to enable the people to be at all times supreme in their common affairs.

But we regret that Mr. Dunlap, who sees so clearly the evil of taxes on the "privilege of doing legitimate business, conducting a legitimate trade" does not seee that taxes on property which is the product of legitimate effort, are essentially the same.

We hope he may be brought to see that every tax upon property which is the product of human effort is a "levy upon thrift and industry" and that the one proper source of public revenue, not open to the objection he has so well stated, is land values, which are not due to any ones' "thrift and industry" but to the increasing need of increasing population, and to the increased advantages of living and doing business in a community to which all its citizens its "desirable citizens" at least, contribute.

Commission Upon Country Life Investigates to Good Purpose.

The Commission Upon Country Life, commissioned by the late president, in its recently issued report, showed that its investigations had been to good purpose when it stated:

"The farmer is handicapped by the speculative holding of lands, monopolistic control of streams and forests, waste of our natural resources and by restraint of trade."

These are evils which are not only handicapping the farmers, but all other citizens of the country save only those who are unjustly their beneficiaries.

Both the commission in its report and the president in his message accompanying it laid stress upon an extension of cooperative effort among farmers, more practical education of farmer's children and better roads.

Said the commission on the matter of education.

"There must be not only a fuller scheme of public education, but a new kind of education adapted to the real needs of the farming people. The country schools are to be so redirected that they shall educate their pupils in terms of the daily life. Opportunities for training toward the agricultural calling are to be multiplied and made broadly effective. This means redoubled efforts for better country schools, and a vastly increased interest in the welfare of country boys and girls on the part of those who pay the school taxes. Education by means of agriculture is to be a part of our regular public school work. Special agricultural schools are to be organized."

The Recall a Reasonable and Democratic Measure

Referring to the movement for the recall of Mayor Harper of Los Angeles which it is believed the voters favor two to one, the Mobile Register says:

Excellent as is this opportunity to get rid of an incompetent man, the system cannot be praised, for its direct effect upon an official of reasonably good intentions and average ability would be to prevent him from adopting or following any policy but one he thought to be immediately, that is to say, temporarily, popular.

It must be admitted that if power be lodged in the people to recall officers as their judgment dictates, there is no guarantee against their error of judgment, but if they do err it is in regard to their own affairs, they are the ones who will suffer—and gain wisdom there by.

But if a majority of the whole people is likely to err how much more is a portion of the people likely to do so? And not only are the people entitled to have that policy pursued which meets their approval, whether permanently or temporarily, rather than that approved by an "official of reasonably good intentions and average ability," but all officials are not such unfortunately, and without the recall the people have no immediate and adequate remedy against the incompetent and corrupt.

A press dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, states that Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, has officially notified the supreme court of his intention to become a lawyer. In his application he said that his preceptor is to be Newton Baker, city solicitor of Cleveland. He gave his age as 54 years and claimed to possess the necessary qualifications to become a disciple of Blackstone.

The former Eastern Shore steamer Heroine —once a blockade runner, and considered one of the fastest boats in this section of the country, is about a thing of the past. She has been stripped of machinery and everything of value.

GRAND REUNION OF BLUE and GRAY.

Notable Event Not Only in the History of Fairhope but of the Whole Country.

A memorable occasion was that of yesterday, at Fairhope, when, responding to invitation of Fairhope members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Camp Raphael Semmes No. 11, United Confederate Veterans of Mobile, met with them in a grand joint reunion, or "camp-fire."

Happy incident indeed was it, that the beautiful revenue cutter Winona was placed at the disposal of the surviving veterans of the army which in 1861 to 5 fought against the flag she bore, now cherishing it as fondly as those who then fought under it, to bear them to the joint reunion. As the handsome vessel steamed up to the landing with the stars and stripes and stars and bars both flying, the cheers of those on board joined with the cheers of the welcoming crowd on the pier, as one spirit of pride and patriotism stirred them all.

The local G. A. R. men met their guests at the pier and escorted them to the Bayside Pavilion where, assisted by their good wives and other volunteers, ample provision for their entertainment and refreshment had been made.

About 60 members of Camp Semmes came over, headed by Commander Geo. T. Lyndall and accompanying them were many ladies and many G. A. R. Veterans of Mobile, making a total party of nearly 150.

As soon as mutual greetings were exchanged many took advantage of the opportunity to stroll up town and see what was doing in the "Single Tax Colony," which some were visiting for the first time and within a short time the ladies began to serve the luncheon of baked beans, sandwiches, coffee and etceteras which had been provided in abundance. The number of those served was estimated at over 250. None went away hungry and all were served and the room prepared for the afternoon exercises by one o'clock, the time set.

Very shortly after that time the assembled veterans and friends were called to order by Rev. A. E. Shupe, who briefly and feelingly referred to the extraordinary occasion of the gathering.

Led by the Fairhope Orchestra, Miss Vera Smith and Don Littlefield, violins, Miss Bessie Littlefield and Mr. Dyson, cornets, Mr. J. C. Blake, clarionet, Mr. C. E. Littlefield, baritone horn and Mrs. Minnich organ, the audience then joined in singing "America."

Mayor H. S. Greeno then eloquently welcomed the veterans of the Lost Cause in behalf of the local G. A. R. veterans of Fairhope and of the entire community. The Doctor was unusually happy and eloquent in his remarks.

His welcome was appropriately responded to by Commander Geo. T. Lyndall of Semmes Camp, U. C. V. who was both witty and eloquent and pleased the veterans of both armies mightily.

"Dixie" that rousing song, hardly more cherished now in the south than in the north, was then sung, the orchestra accompanying.

To the welcome of the Mayor of Fairhope, Judge J. H. H. Smith, of Bay Minette, then added a welcome in behalf of Baldwin County.

Rev. E. R. Clarkson was to have been the next speaker, but was unavoidably detained at his home by the illness of his wife and Hon. Max Hamburger of Mobile, member of the Alabama senate from his county was introduced to make the principal speech of the day. And it was a treat indeed. It was apparent to those who had not before heard the eloquent young senator, why he was such a favorite with the

old soldiers of Mobile and had been put forward to speak for them on the occasion.

No report of the speech would do it justice had we space for such. With touches of pathos alternating with flashes of wit and humor, enlivened by good stories well told, with its graceful tributes to the men who wore the blue and the gray--not forgetting the ladies to be sure—and through it running a note of high patriotism and joy over the strength and splendor of a reunited country, it was just such a speech as suited the occasion and the gifted orator received an ovation at its close.

Following Mr. Hamburger Comrade Hatch, a grizzled veteran of Taylor Battery, Illinois artillery, with a voice still strong and sweet sang "Illinois."

Mr. P. Y. Albright then gave his beautiful recitation "Rapahannock" with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Minnich.

"Short speeches from Comrades of the Blue and the Gray," was the next order of business and might well have been the most enjoyable part of the program had not the necessity for hastening in order to take the steamer back to the city at the announced hour, prevented the veterans "warming up to the occasion" as they certainly would have done, though there were several appreciated little speeches. During these E. B. Gaston was called upon to sing 'Tenting Tonight," which he did the audience joining in the chorus.

The chairman then announced that many had expressed the wish that such gatherings might be repeated and named two comrades from each camp as a joint committee upon the matter.

"God be with You 'till We Meet Again" was joined in by all, after which Commander Lyndall called for a rising vote of the members of his camp upon an expression of thanka to the comrades of Fairhope and the citizens of the town which was given amid cheers.

The benediction by Comrade Leonard, of Mobile closed the exercises.

Falling in line to the beat of a drum in the hands of a Confederate Veteran, the visitors accompanied by their hosts and a large throng of citizens marched out the long wharf to their waiting steamer.

And as the vessel glided slowly from the wharf the Mobile veterans lined along the rail and led by their commander gave three cheers for the ladies of Fairhope, which were answered by three from the wharf for the visitors and many cries of "come again" and hats and hankerchiefs waved from both sides until the vessel was well off on her return journey.

It was a memorable and significant occasion, the forerunners no doubt, of many to come not only here but elsewhere throughout the country.

In our next issue we shall give the editorial comments of the Mobile papers upon the occasion.

Notable Visitors

Fairhope has had within her territory two distinguished rare women this past week. They are Miss Emily Howland and Miss Cora Hancock. Miss Howland is 81 years old, but her eye is as bright, her smile as winning and her voice still sweet as of a young woman —some young women. She is the daughter of one of the signers of that Declaration of Rights at Seneca Falls N. Y. sixty years ago, and which was the beginning of the struggle which will yet give full social and political freedom to all the women of the world. Last October in Buffalo Miss Howland presided at the National American Woman Suffrage Convention on Pioneer Night and when the daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton supported her mother's resolution demanding the right of franchise. Miss Cora Hancock was a nurse during the Civil War and wears a gold badge conferred on her for her services, entitling her to membership in the Army Corps which she served. She has also a silver medal, bestowed on her for special work on the field at Gettysburg and a watch chain full of souveniers from the soldiers she nursed back to life. One is from a man who had been laid aside as too seriously wounded to be worth the attention of the surgeons. He is living today, and owes his life to that devoted nurse. The most pathetic medal is a dollar, one side made smooth for the soldier to engrave for her—but it is yet smooth and blank. Both Miss Howland and Miss Hancock came here to investigate conditions in Fairhope and to study the principles of the Single Tax.

Miss Hancock's entire life, like that of Miss Howland has been one of service to humanity, she has worked with Mr. Powell in the gardens on vacant land in Philadelphia and of Mr. Fels she exclaimed "that same dear little man."

Mr. and Mrs. Powell drove the ladies about Fairhope during the day and in the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston, Mrs. Comings, Mrs. Johnson and others, called on them at the hotel.

The ladies left for New Orleans on their way to California, but Fairhope will hear from them again.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Public School

The following children have been neither absent nor tardy during the month of February.

In Miss Clement's room, Ruth Toft and Oget Olsen.

In Mrs. Hubbard's room, Lulu Gable and Jesse Stimpson.

In Mrs. Sweet's room, Noland Littlegreen, Valentine Oswalt, Jantiena Schumacher, John Van Bendegom, Eddie Van Bavel, Bessie Winberg, Esther Gilmore and Phillip Brady.

On account of Mardi Gras and sickness the attendance has been very poor, so our school can not show as good a report as usual of those present every day.

Daphne Brown.

Organic School

The record of the weight of children made recently, showed a universal gain during the last month. An effort is made to adapt the exercises of the school to the physical need of the individual child, as well as to the intellectual and moral demands. Physical soundness is the basis of all true education.

Work in the gardens was resumed this week with much fervor. Their is a fair stand of English peas but owing to the freeze nearly every thing else had to be replanted.

Among our dozen visitors of the past week was Rev. Spiers, who expressed great interest in this school and regrets his inability to bring his children here to attend it.

Della and Lawrence Cain and William Wuest have been enrolled as new pupils.

Miss Slosson.

The Equal Suffrage Amendment passed the senate of the state of Washington 30 to 5, and the House 70 to 18. Does not look as though that is a dead issue.

Commercial Club of Daphne

In answer to a call by President B. B. Baker, president of the college, the business men of the town met at the college auditorium last week and formed an association to be known as the "Commercial Club of Daphne," for the purpose of better advertising the attractions and advantages of the town and surrounding country. It was the opinion of those present that the nrtural advantages of the town of Daphne were such as to attract a large amount of capital and a great number of people if those advantages were properly advertised. The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm aroused. The following officers were elected: W. D. Randall, president; B. F. Bates, vice-president; H. Holland, recording secretary; B. B. Baker, corresponding sscretary; R. L. Randall, treasurer; L. C. Pomeroy, publicity agent. Various committees were also appointed.

Mother's Round Table

The Mother's Round Table will meet Saturday, March 6, at the Gables at 3 o'clock' The subject under discussion will be "The Educational Value of Play." All who are interested in children are earnestly requested to be present.

A PRACTICAL VIEW OF RELIGION.

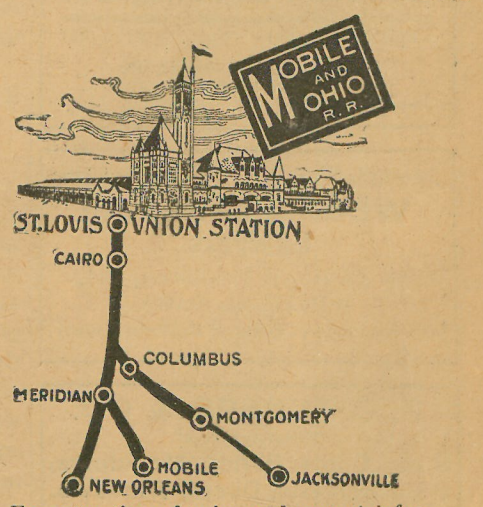
The New Church services conducted by Rev. J. B. Spiers at the Gables, Sunday night were especially suggestive and helpful.

The conclusion arrived at was that the real work of religion is that done during the six days of the week and the play or recreation is engaging in the worship of church services on Sunday, and the joy in this recreation is measured by the earnestness of the work of religion done during the week.

Another suggestive thought was that about the uses of the individual in the work of religion. The speaker claimed that the individual who devotes his life to the establishment of justice among his fellow men in the state or world, is performing the very highest work of religion. J.

According to the South Alabamian of Jackson, Alabama, that town is "in the middle of a bad fix."

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Colony Council Proceedings.

Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Mar. 1, with all members present but Mr. Bancroft, Vice President Mrs. Call in the chair.

Minutes of meeting of Feb. 15, read and approved.

Treasurer's report for February presented as follows:

	Rects.	Disb.
Rent 1907	$ 23.93	$
" 1908	48.28	
" 1909	245.06	
" Penalty	.54	
Stumpage	6.25	
Telephone	11.32	
Waterworks, connection	6.50	4.65
" water,	59.77	19.77
Taxes, for tenants	.20	160.30
" " Corp. town tax		92.98
Salaries		25.00
Postage and printing		41.47
Labor on bath-house		3.75
Meetings at W. O. W. Hall		1.00
Auditing		5.40
	381.85	354.30
On hand Feb.1,	453 55	
" " " 28:		
Water Certificates		407.50
Association Certs.		73.60
	835.40	835.40

G. W. WOOD, Treas.

Captain Roberts appeared before Council in regard to a division of his ground so that he could surrender a portion to the best advantage, as before talked of. Suggestion was made by member of the Council as to the best division and Captain Roberts took diagram and said he would consider the matter further.

Mr. W. W. Kile was present and inquired in behalf of those who had some time previous presented a petition asking for the filing of a plat of Colony lands, the present status of the matter. Secretary read from the minutes the last action of the Council which was to instruct Mr. Trenholme and Mr. Bancroft to proceed with the placing of dimensions of lots on the plat preparatory to filing.

After discussion by members of the Council and lessees present, the following motions, relative to same prevailed:

That Secretary hereafter give dimensions of lots in leases.

That the committee, (Messrs. Trenholme and Bancroft) be again directed to continue its work of ascertaining dimensions and placing them on plat.

Following bills allowed:

E. B. Gaston, secretary, postage in Feb. $1.63, less items of postage pd. him by other parties, 93c. $.68

A letter was read from Ashcroft Manufacturing Company in regard to their "equalized altitude guage," intended to show at pump house the stage of water in the tank so as to guide pumper; the same being to the effect that a guage could be made so as to show the stage of water in the present tank and be equally suited to showing the water in a stand pipe 60 feet high. No action was taken but it seemed to be the judgment of the Council that such a gauge should be ordered as soon as convenient.

Moved and carried that Mr. Berglin be charged $6 per year for water for the creamery.

Following transfers of land approved:

Libbeous Jefferson to A. C. Staples, 12 acres in NW. Cor. of NW. ¼ of SW. ¼ of Sec. 16.

John Blomquist to Wuilfert Reondeou, of 4 acres in NW. Cor. of SW. ¼ of SW. ¼ of Sec. 15. Application of Mr. Reondeou also accepted for balance of west half of SW. ¼ of SW. ¼ of Sec. 15, less the two acres in the NE. corner leased to Farmer's Union.

E. L. Page to Mrs. Mary McCarthy, of lots 1 & 8 and west half of lots 2 & 7, block 4, div. 4.

Wm. Stimpson reported the purchase, at Sheriff's sale, of the Steenstra tract, on north side of Fairhape Ave. 300 feet east of Section st. and extending through to Magnolia Ave. with a width of 117 feet and applied for lease of said tract, having paid the rents due thereon. The application was accepted.

Secretary instructed to bid up to the amount of Corporation's claim and costs of suit, on the Anson C. Smith improvements, to be sold under execution from Justice Court tomorrow.

Following relinquishments of land approved:

Charles Stradling, lot 8, block 30, div. 2.

Fairhope Imp. Co., lot 4, block 1, div. 1,

Both of above subject to rent unpaid being a lien upon other lots.

(Continued on page 7)

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT.

State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporatiion, a corporation,
vs.
Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society.

Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the 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 24th day of February, 1909, and returnable before me on the 17th day of March, 1909, at Fairhope in said county, against the estate of said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $27.10 therein, and, whereas said attachment has been executed by G. R. Cain, Deputy Sheriff for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society:

A two-room frame dwelling, a small detached one-room building, one well, the fence, clearing and outbuildings situated on the se.¼ of ne.¼ of SW.¼ and sw.¼ of nw.¼ of SE.¼ of Section 16, Township 6 South, range 2 East, Baldwin County, Ala.

And whereas it appears that the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society are non-residents and their present residence unknown, now therefore the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society are hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereof as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 24th day of February, 1909.

P. Y. ALBRIGHT,
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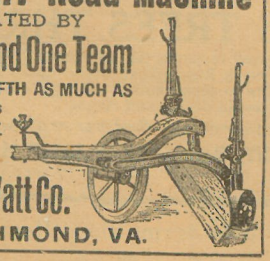
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HOW HE WENT

He Vowed He Wouldn't Go and See Her.

Making a gesture of impatience and desperation, he seized the photograph that decorated his bureau and turned it face downward. No doubt it was a fancy, but it seemed to him that the picture smiled in mingled amusement and derision.

"What?" he cried. "Would you?"

And snatching up the photograph, he tore it into fragments, and threw it into his waste basket, immediately thereafter throwing himself into his easy chair and groaning in the anguish of his mind.

(Ah, my beloved ones, take heed!)

"I know what I'll do!" he groaned. "I'll pitch a penny for it. Heads, I'll go; tails, I won't."

He flipped a penny and quickly covered it with his hand, drawing a long breath before he looked at the coin.

Tails.

"There!" he cried. "That settles it! I won't go!"

And as though everything was over then, he brushed his hair with wonderful nicety, and opening his wardrobe, he drew out his other coat and brushed that, too, though in a sulky sort of way, frowning fiercely and pouching his lips.

"Wait!" he muttered, catching sight of a pack of cards on his table. "I'll cut for it. Red: I'll go. Black: I won't go."

He shuffled the cards, with most unusual care, separated the pack, groaned heavily, and looked at the card he had cut.

The nine of spades.

"There!" he cried. "Now it is settled! Now I won't go!"

And groaning again, he opened a paper bag and took out two new neckties, one of green silk, one of blue. After a torment of comparison he selected the green one and draped it around his collar as though the fate of empires depended upon the beauty of the effect.

"I know what I'll do!" he said, catching sight of the pincushion. "I'll just count these pins. If it's an even number, I'll go. If it's odd, I won't go."

"One, two three . . . fifteen . . . sixteen . . . seventeen.

"There!" he muttered, wiping his brow, after he had kneaded the pincushion in vain for another pin, "now I won't go!"

It suddenly seemed to him that the green tie was not as becoming as the blue one. He made the change with feverish fingers, dashed into his coat and hat, groaned again—

And out he went.

(Ah, my beloved ones, take heed!)

"I know what I'll do!" he muttered, as he came to a crossing. "If I can get over to the other sidewalk in less than ten steps, I'll go. If it takes more than ten steps I won't go."

And though he strode over the crossing with giant strides, almost injuring himself in his unbiased endeavor, he couldn't make it in less than 11—not for the life of him.

"Now!" he growled fiercely to himself. "Now I won't go!"

Setting his teeth, he charged into a florist's shop and bought a dozen roses. He laid these across his arm, strode out again and moodily contemplated the night.

"If that car stops, I'll go," he muttered. "If it doesn't stop, I won't go."

It didn't stop.

"There!" he groaned, as though in relief. "Now it is settled!"

Whereupon he entered a candy shop and bought a pound of the best.

"Now, I'll just walk one block way," he said to himself, "and then I'll turn right around and go home."

So he walked one block that way.

"One more," he said.

So he walked one more.

"Now another," he said.

So he walked another.

"Now this one," he said.

But in the middle of this one he stopped and looked at a certain house, scowling at it spitefully and pouching his lips again.

"I'll go up the steps," he muttered, "and come right down again—just to show myself I can do it."

At the top of the steps he stepped into the vestibule, placed the flowers and candy on the floor and drew the penny out of his pocket.

"Heads I'll ring the bell," said he. "Tails I won't."

Tais it was.

"Best two out of three," he said.

Tails again.

"Best three out of five."

Tails again.

Whereupon he picked up the candy and the flowers, turned around and rang the bell.

The door opened. He entered; and toward midnight, when the door reopened and he reappered, a maiden kissed him with an unmistakable air of ownership, and whispered to him that he was her lion-hearted knight.

Ah, my beloved ones, take heed, for Destiny had loved that man in vain, and even Fate had done her best to keep him safe from harm!

How Far a Waiter Walks.

Have you any idea of how much ground a waiter covers in performing his day's work? At a certain hotel, which has a long, narrow dining-room, the matter was recently put to the test, and the head waiter was armed with a pedometer when he went on duty at seven a. m. When he had retired after the dinner hour he had covered ten miles and a fraction. He asserts that this long record of distance covered in a single room is largely the result of the telephone and the social life of the hotel.

Historic Dagger Sold.

The dagger presented to Lord Darnley by Mary Queen of Scots in the year they were married, and believed to be the one with which Rizzio was killed, was sold at Sotheby's, London, recently, for $50.

The Real Need.

A French army officer has invented eye-glasses which enable the wearer to see behind him. What most people need is a device which will enable them to see a foot or two in advance of their noses.

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If in need of any harness or parts, let me order direct from factory for you. Fairhope Livery.

The Fairhope Pharmacy has a large supply of Telephone batteries which they are retailing at 30 cents each.

Charles Stromberg has returned to Chicago, but expects to come down again later in the season to look after his pecan orchard.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet delightfully entertained on last Friday evening, a number of friends. An interesting contest was that of guessing the names of popular magazines indicated by other words or phrases. Mrs. E. C. Wolcott guessing correctly 18 out of 20, won the prize. In progressive flinch, at six tables, Mr. Sumner proved the winner. Delicious refreshments were served.

Am open to engagements as nurse, $1 per day. Mrs. L. J. Curtis.

Mrs. Mary Yuille, of Daphne, who has been an invalid for many years was brought down on the Fairhope Sunday morning and taken to the Fairhope Sanitarium. where she will remain for an indefinite time. Her nephew, Mr. Robert Yuille and his wife and Mrs. E. W. Yarnelle, who has been her companion for a year or more, accompanied her. Mrs. Yarnelle remains with her but Mr. and Mrs. Yuille returned on the afternoon boat.

Word came to the Courier last week that Messrs. McDermaid and Boutelle were delayed on their trip to Panama by the suffering of Mr. Boutelle from rheumatism. He had to be carried from the train to the hotel on arrival at New Orleans, and was laid up there for a week. They sailed from New Orleans on the steamer "Heredia" and she went ashore on a reef about fifteen miles from the coast of Nicarauga. Owing to her having a double hull she did not take any water and the passengers were in no danger and were taken off by another ship of the company sent out to their relief. Our friends are having quite a time of it, evidently.

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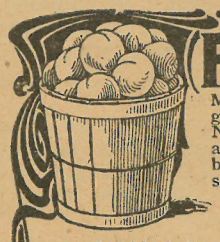
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HOTEL NOTES.

The Fairhope Hotel

The following have registered at the Fairhope hotel since the last issue of the Courier: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dye and Miss L. Dye, Sioux City Iowa; Mr and Mrs. F. H. Moore, Mr. J. Danjon, Mrs. A. Dicer, Miss J. T. Lundberg, Mr. E. C. Wachter, Clyde Moore, Claude Moore, Mobile; Mrs. D. D. Slack, Woodsocket, S. D.; Mr. H. Thomas, Columbus, Miss.; Mrs. W. M. Williams, Misses Mae and Jennie Williams, Birmingham, Ala.; Misses Lydia and Eva Wessinger and Mr. A. L. Neal, Montgomery, Ala.; Mr. R. A. Brown, Greenville, Tenn.; Mr. J. R. Mixon; Bay Minette; Mr. and Mrs. J. Randell, Chicago; Miss Emily Howland, Sherwood, N. Y.; Miss Cora Hancock, Philadelphia.

Mr. R J. Williamson's departure was a matter of regret to every one at the hotel. That efficient optimistic Single Taxer radiated good humor and jollity during his short stay, shortened by the strange inefficiency of railroad passenger agents and arbitrary rules about the validation of tickets sold over their own lines. However, Mr. Williamson has promised to return and have his wife with him on his next visit, though he made no promises regarding his four daughters and four sons—all Single Taxers.

The handsome globes for the new system of lighting for the hotel are now installed and the rooms are brilliantly lighted. The new gallery at the rear of the house is nearly completed add will be an excellent improvement. S. R. McL.

Statement. for V. I. C.

The Courier is requested by the ladies of the V. I. C. to state that when soliciting for the Thanksgiving dinner it was generally understood that the fund raised was to be applied to the drainage of the school grounds, but that it had later appeared to the members that a new fence was very much more needed and the fund will be thus applied, leaving the drainage until later.

V I C Social

The regular monthly social of the V. I. C. meets at The Gables next Friday evening. The subject of "The Needs of Fairhope From a Stranger's Point of View" will be discussed and both Mrs. McLean and Mr. A. B. Gaston (the visitor from Pennsylvania) have promised to give their view, so it is sure to be a very interesting meeting.

NOTICE

Send ten cents for a package of Sawdine the New Catarrh Remedy. Satisfaction or money back, address M. V. Mathews, Fairhope, Ala.

Arbitration Society.

The question of organizing one at Fairhope will be discussed at the Progressiye League on Sunday by W. W. Kile.

Figs and Grapes For Sale

Grapes: Niagara, White Diamond, Moore's Early, Ives, scuppernong and Muscadine, 1, 2 and 3 yrs. old. Also Celestial Figs, Grape Fruit, Ponderosa Lemons, Ornamentals.

M. E. Page, Fairhope.

Spring Temperature.

Feb. 25 – March 3, 1909.

	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
Feb.			
25	40	59	52
26	42	59	55
27	57	71	64
28	51	69	60
March.			
1	52	71	64
2	64	70	66
3	59	—	63

4 clear days, 3 partly cloudy. Wind variable.

L. F. Manly, Observer.

Pekin Duck Eggs.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

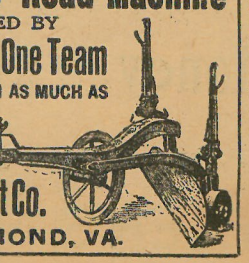
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The Secretary was instructed to post notice on the bulletin board and advertise in the Courier warning every one against depredating upon the Corporation land, by cutting or hauling of down or standing timber, without first securing permission of the Superintendent of Lands and Highways.

Moved and carried that claim of Casey Kraak, of $19.65, against Wharf No. 2, be taken up, paying for same in credit on rent account as proposedby him.

Statement was made of the interest of citizens on Magnolia Ave., in the improvement of that avenue, having subscribed $40 or more for the purpose, Municipal street committee having agreed to duplicate the amount which might be subscribed. It was moved and carried that in consideration of the enterprise of citizens, cooperating with Town Street Committee and the long stretch of park fronting on said street, that the Corporation subscribe $10 toward the proposed street improvement.

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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 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.

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For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc. address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

A Newspaper Ad.

"A merchant in one of the large eastern cities," says an advertisers' magazine, "composed a circular letter recently that looked to him like a trade-winner. He mailed 20,000 copies of it to a select list of names at an expense of $580. The net profit on the resulting orders was $27.80. He showed the letter and the results to an acquaintance in another line of business, who persuaded him to print the same letter, word for word, in a local newspaper. The newspaper ad cost $124. The profits on the sales directly attributed to it within three days were $962.50 with mail orders still coming in at the end of that time. What is the moral? There are several. The most obvious moral is that the daily newspaper carries business announcements at a much cheaper rate and with much greater certainty of effective delivery than Uncle Sam,

Library Contributions

Numbers 1920 to 1987.

T. N. Freeman, The International Socialist Review, eight numbers.

Mr. Paton, the Harmonies of Evolution, by Florence Huntley. C. F. Shandrew. The Trimmed Lamp, by O. Henry. Principles of Plant Life by Luther Burbank. H. M. Alden, the author, Magazine Writing and the New Literature. From Edith Stowell, A Bachelor's Raby. From Miss Louise Manly, The Complete Works of Augusta Evans Wilson, eight volumes. A. K. Trenholme, The Bath Comedy, by A. E. Castle, and Paris Illustrated, by Esther Singleton.

From Joseph Fels, 32 volumes from the house of W. B. Huebesch, New York. These include:

With the Battle Fleet, by Mathews; The Spy, Gorky; June Jeopardy, Gilmore; Spiritual Significance of Modern Socialism, by Spargo; Historic Faiths, by Pflederer, and Christial Origins, by the same; The Religion of a Democrat, by Zueblin; A Princess and Another, by Jenkins; Mozart, translated by Krehbiel, also Beethoven by the same from the German of Friederich Kerst; Self Measurement, by W. D. Hyde; The City that Was, W. Irwin; Where Knowledge Fails, by Earl Barnes; Things Worth While, by T. W. Higginson; Are you a Bromide? by Celett, S. B.; Gaining Strength in the West, by G. B. Price; In Peril of Change, by Masterman. Also four principal works of Edward Howard Driggs: Moral Education; A Book of Meditations: the New Humanism; The Use of the Margin; and nine handbooks of the lectures of the author.

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Peace, Good Will.

(Mobile Daily Item, March 4, 1909.)

On the eastern shore of Mobile bay today at Fairhope, within a short distance of Spanish Fort, the scene of the last struggle between the North and the South and in view of the final struggle of the Confederacy on the seas, is being enacted a drama decidedly in contrast with the final scenes in the great struggle of 1865.

Beneath the moss-covered magnolias on the eastern shore today are assembled men who wore the gray, as guests of men who wore the blue. Members of Camp Raphael Semmes, No. 11, United Confederate Veterans, at the invitation of men at Fairhope, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, journeyed to the eastern shore to join in a camp fire, the first of the kind ever held in this section,

The occasion is a happy one. It is indicative of the fact that here in Alabama today "Peace, Good Will" prevails, the feelings of the days of '61-65 are buried, no more to be resurrected; that good fellowship prevails and the great white-winged dove of peace is spread over the land.

It is well that this camp fire was lit on the shore of Mobile bay, once the scene of a desperate struggle between men of the North and men of the South. Fairhope, built up by men who wore the blue, is located mid scenes historic. It commands a splendid view of Choctaw Point, where Farragut landed when Mobile fell. It is near to Spanish Fort, where a handful of brave men struggled for that independence which had already been lost to them at Appomattox, and it is not far away from Forts Morgan and Gaines, then and now defending Alabama's gateway to the seas.

In the days of '65, where now stands the thriving town of Fairhope, were a few desolate homes, made so by four long years of bitter warfare. Now peace reigns and men from the North are living in contentment and happiness, friends to their one-time foes and around the camp fire they are today recounting scenes of those dark and gloomy days, no more to be visited upon our fair land.

May there be other such gatherings as the one at Fairhope in the near future.

Death of William Morphy

Pioneer Single Taxer.

Word has just reached the COURIER of the death of Willliam Morphy, which occurred at Des Moines on January 26. Mr. Morphy contributed as much or more than any other man to the writer's own conversion to a thorough belief in the Single Tax philosophy.

Though never connected by membership with the Colony, he was one of those whose advice was sought and valued in the framing of its plans, and was always deeply interested in its progress.

He materially aided in the securing to the Colony, what is known as the "Morphy Tract" of forty acres, by advancing the cash for its purchase and holding it until the Colony was able to repay him.

Mr. Morphy visited Fairhope in 1900 and before the Progressive League delivered an address upon the Colony, which was greatly appreciated and published in full in the COURIER at the time.

The following tribute to him is by Mrs. Lona Ingham Robinson, of Des Moines and was published in the Des Moines Daily News.

"The passing of William Morphy, January 26, at his home on Carpenter avenue, takes from our midst one of the most noteworthy, if not the most widely known of our citizens. During his twenty-five years residence here he was one of the staunchest advocates of Henry George's land theory, doing effective propaganda work by personal argument and through the public press. Though as much artist as artisan, and having more natural gifts and acquired knowledge than most professional men, he insistently ranked himself with workingmen and at noon hours or on the cars quietly put forth the unanswerable logic proving man's equal right to the use of the earth and the method by which it can be established. Teaching in this way he had an advantage over him who tries to bridge the gulf between the pulpit and the pew. Political economy was his special line of study, but for pastime he moulded intaglios and statuettes or painted landscapes and portraits, varied with the evening study of the German language. The bible, he seemed to know by heart; not in a fragmentary way but in co related fashion and would sometime relate a bible narrative with a vividness and reality that breathed of yesterday.

"Mr. Morphy's gift for story telling and dialect monologue was the frequent delight of neighbor boys, who naturally dropped in to visit the boy whose father was a whole theatre. He would, with one or two readings grasp an entire Dooley article or a story of Myra Kelleys and then tell them off to a friend or two with a conversational effect that would have delighted the authors. But with all his humor the Scotch strain in his blood drew him to grave and speculative thought. He was ever assimilating facts and co-ordinating ideas for he had a constructive mind. It is safe to say his influence has been a mental and moral stimulus to those who have known him and his memory is an inspiration to his friends."

Importance of Poultry Industry

The COURIER is informed by Mr. Mershon of the Mershon Merchandising Company that his house handled 1560 dozen eggs, the product of the immediate vicinity, during the twenty-four business days of February. Nine hundred and sixty dozen of these were shipped to one house in Mobile, bringing back to the community nearly $275. We have not the figures of eggs handled by our other merchants and shipped and sold locally direct to consumers by the producers, but we think it safe to assume that it would probably equal the amount handled by Mershons. If so this would give a total of over 3000 dozen which at even twenty five cents a dozen, (and many sold at thirty cents, though since the first of March they have dropped to 15 cents) would bring to the producers $750, quite an item of monthly revenue in a community of this size.

Carnegie Sees Something.

Andrew Carnegie is a queer product of our civilization. In his book entitled "The Gospel of Wealth,,' he very frankly writes this bit of common sense:

"Let population remain stationary and so do values of property. Let it decline, and values fall even more rapidly; and this law holds in the whole of that vast and great field of wealth, real estate. In no other field is the making of wealth so greatly dependent upon the community, so little upon the owner, who may wholly neglect it without injury. Therefore no form of wealth should contribute to the nation so generously."

The attention of several real estate boards and of the California Promotion Committee is respectfully called to that statement. However, it is not that real estate should contribute "generously" to the Nation. It will be sufficient if it contribute justly, by giving back to the community what the community adds to it. That will be enough.—Star.

Colonel Daniels' Plans for A Nation Wide Farm School.

A copy of the Christian Science Monitor mailed us by a friend, has a column article from Gunston, Va., in regard to Colonel Edward Daniels' plans for "A Nation Wide Farm School."

It quoted the Colonel as follows:

"My idea," he says "would be ideal schools established at intervals of 8 or 10 miles square over the whole country, with conveyances provided for every child daily to school and home again. These schools would be built on large farms carefully chosen for fertility of soil, woodland and running water and if possible the homes of the teachers would be near the school buildings. There should be ample playgrounds, shelters for animals, greenhouses, workshops and all the material needed to fit the child for the business of life. Here would assemble men and women skilled in all the simple industries, such as gardening, household craft, rearing of domestic animals, care of small fruit, etc., who love children and know how to teach. They would teach the children to grow things in farm and garden, to make simple things in the shops, to care for animals —all in the best possible way.

"Many hours would be spent out of doors, where work, play and study would alternate in due proportion. The children would learn

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gentleness, patience and endurance; how to make themselves and others comfortable and happy; home building and home keeping in all its details. They would build strong bodies, perfect in organs and functions; balanced minds alive to every duty, and brave to faithfully perform the duties perceived.

"Lessons from books would not be neglected, but would be supplementary to the lessons from life and the things they meet in the world around them. The school city and the junior republic would be there to teach the duties of citizenship. At noon a wholesome dinner would be served, free, the festival of the day and one of its best lessons.

"From 6 to 14 years of age this would be the training school for every child. Then I would provide in each large county or group of small counties the industrial college, where all arts could be taught whose practice is needed for civilized life. There those who wished to pursue their studies further would find the complete equipment needed. In the higher school every pupil should learn to do by doing, as in the primary school, and be fitted for life in a practical manner. The country is already provided with all the colleges needed for merely professional education and book training.

"I would buy all the lands near these schools, divide it into small farms, and sell or lease them to families on long time, conditioned only upon residence thereon. In this way the country industrial school would be opened to city children."

According to the writer of the article Colonel Daniels' plans have been approved by President Roosevelt, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Senator Dolliver and many other prominent men.

Notable Lecture by J. M Trimble, Esq. Before the Progressive League.

The lecture by J. M. Trimble Esq. before the Progressive League, on Sunday, Feb. 28 was one of the most scholarly and instructive addresses delivered before the Progressive League. Mr. Trimble's subject was "Anarchy, the Record of a Personal Investigation made in 1900."

The record was of an investigation made by Mr. Trimble in behalf of the Italian government as to the existence of an alleged anarchist plot at Patterson and West Hoboken, New Jersey for the assassination of European Monarchs, culminating in the assassination of King Humbert, of Italy.

So much was the lecture appreciated that on motion of Mr. Wolf, the speaker was given a practically unanimous vote of thanks.

Mr. Trimble's conclusion was as follows:

"Not the least of the evils which an Anarchist outbreak produces is the insensate reaction which follows. But one idea seems to possess public men and the press, and that is repression.

"All the remedies suggested are but the bitter fruit of this tree. The only idea seems to be to devise means to apply force in some way to the extinguishment of Anarchy. To this end clamor has been made for the enactment of more elastic laws, capable of being stretched to meet an emergency; for the imposition of new and severer penalties; for the restriction of immigration; the increase of police despotism for the curtailment of the liberty of speech and of the press; for a practical abandonment of many of the most distinctive features of our policy, and a return to medi-eval ideas and methods. These good people forget that repression is no remedy; that Anarchy is the steady co-efficient of excessive government, and that police despotism is its efficient ally.

Anarchy is a mental state, a mental disease; and these ideas of forcible repression belong to that grade of intelligence which a hundred years ago treated insanity with stripes and chains.

"But shall not crime be punished? By all means. Nor can it be gainsaid that every government has a right to protect itself against those who openly avow their intention to overthrow it. Ordinary laws however, are equal to all this, and the extension of the function of forcible repression beyond those legitimate bounds which are the distinctive inheritance of Anglo-Saxons, would be a mistake. If a new policy be necessary towards the Anarchist movement let it be ridicule rather than repression, the lunatic asylum rather than the prison.

"In facing this problem of Anarchy however, the American people should take a broad view. Let them indulge in a little introspection and self examination. Let them inform themselves of those conditions which make for its existence and insure its future. Anarchy is a symptom of a diseased condition in the body politic.

"They will find, I fear, everywhere those conditions intensifying. Capital is alert and aggressive. It has captured positions formerly belonging to the people and deemed impregnable. Our thoroughfares, once wholly public, are now only partially so. They have become private property owned by private capitalists, who pay their employees the smallest wages and exact the longest possible hours of labor, without the let or hindrance or care of the great public, whose bounty they enjoy. Our very streams and rivers have become private property, and only the other day we heard a cry raised that the corporation which practically owns the Passaic river intends to divert its waters to another state.

"Our courts do not yet record the decrees of the vast combinations of capital, but how long will it be before they do?

"The aggrandisement of capital, the promotion of private interests have become avowed objects of legislation. The political and social advancement of humanity as an ideal has vanished like an "irridescent dream" from our horizon. The world is only a market, and government has but one object, the protection and the development of manufactures and trade. Public opinion no longer concerns itself in the administration of justice: the exercise of the police powers; the enactment of wise laws for the common weal.

"Everywhere increase of armies and navies; everywhere the mailed fist; everywhere a universal chorus to might, money and manufactures as the triune deity of the world.

"Yet this is but a temporary phase. It verges even now towards the inevitable reaction. And when that reaction comes there will be a readjustment of social conditions. The mighty intellect of man, now insensately occupied in the production of incalculable wealth, will then turn its attention to and solve the problem of its distribution upon just and scientific principles.

"Anarchy will be overwhelmed and blotted out by the advancing tide of human enlightenment. A real civilization will take the place of this haphazard mass of confusion and injustice, which now masquerades under that name.

"You are a dreamer" says my practical friend, Nay. You are an atavist, and I am a prophet. You believe that human society must always be dominated and controlled by the basic elements, the animal-like qualities of the human mind; tigerish greed, selfishness and unscrupulous fox-like cunning.

I know that the higher elements, enlightened reason, the scientific spirit, the sense of justice and ethics, will yet get control of it—reform it—mould it and reestablish it on enduring foundations. When will this be—tomorrow? No. The day after? No. When? I cannot tell. I know not how or when, but yet I know it surely comes. Armies and Anarchy are the concomitants of a crude half finished civilization. A higher and better civilization shall surely come, where Anarchy shall find no excuse, where prostitution of body and soul shall be no longer necessary for bread—where the bitter cry of child-slavery shall no longer ascend unanswered to the heavens, and the plutocrat shall be no more known. Ah! yes, it comes, as sure as Christ lives, or science advances and education spreads. As sure as I find here in Fairhope high-minded devotion to man's social and economic betterment, both in those who construct and those who criticise.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Mch. 8. You have read of the new Sanitarium: It is next door to the Pines, or rather to the Library and is where our peach orchard once flourished. It is a very pretty, substantial building, well and handsomely finished, like all the buildings of Mr. Kile. Every fence he puts up is a model of taste, strength and elegance. He is rich, of course, or he could not build so many houses; but such a man should have all the money he can use. He is a blessing to any community. Every hour of his waking life seems given to civic improvement. Any one who could envy the wealth that such a man commands is weak indeed. x x x I was expressing my opinion of the value of his work to a friend recently, who replied, churlishly: "But he does it all for money, you know?" No I do not. That man would not live six months if he were not encouraged and held up by a nobler motive than personal gain. In the best and highest sense of the word he is a friend of the Colony. I know he will not like to read this. No matter. He must know

what some of us—nearly all of us—think of him. He is no longer young, and by no means robust. x x x When I think what a fuss we shall make over him by and by when "no words can cheer, no flowers adorn his path," I am determined to speak now, and I wish that life were long enough to write all that justice demands of those who are laboring to build up Fairhope.

Last Sunday Mr. Kile addressed the League for the first time as leader. His object was to urge the formation of an organization for settling all disputes out of court that can be so disposed of. The matter was seriously discussed, and all, or nearly all favored the proposition. A committee was elected to arrange a plan and call a meeting to consider it next Saturday evening at the school house.

The greatest benefit should result from this wise move. Especially will it inculcate the habit of arbitration—the only way for settling disputes among those who really desire justice.

But I commenced to say something of the new sanitarium which is under the management of Dr. Mershon who has rented the building. Mrs. Watkins, sister of Mrs. Curtis, is in charge. I know very little of sanitariums (or sanitaria) but can affirm that this one is so attractive that one might almost hope for a rest there. Everything is kept in fine order by Mrs. Watkins and the appointments, those of the operating room especially, are thoroughly modern, I understand. x x x I ran up the other day to see a patient I know, Laurie Tilson, He was about the most comfortable looking fellow I ever saw. If suffering still from his badly crushed leg, he did not show it. His east window gives on the Pines, and he talked pleasantly of watching the operations here and the coming and going of the patrons of the Library. x x x Spring is here in earnest. Great purple clusters of the "Wistaria," opening lilies and other flowers, and luscious strawberries attest this. My neighbor Nathaniel Mershon, set out a large bed in January close to our common gate. Already they are in bloom and fruit and growing most luxuriously.

Sudden Death of Mrs. J. J. Mogg

A pleasant day was sadly ended on Tuesday when Mrs. J. J. Mogg was seized with a sudden attack of heart failure when returning with her husband and brother Mr Parrish and his wife, from picnic trip to Magnolia Springs and died within a very short time.

The party got caught on the return trip in the severe rain storm of Tuesday evening, but were quite well protected in the curtained carriage in which they were riding, and Mrs. Mogg was feeling quite as well as usual and much more concerned for her brother than for herself.

When near the Scanlan place about three miles out from Fairhope, Mrs. Mogg complained of a difficulty in breathing and was so affected that she was taken into the Scanlan home. A doctor was sent for and Mr. Mogg himself went to get Mrs. Shupe and Mrs. Tiffany near by, but before they got there, she had passed away.

The body was sent to Mobile on the Fairhope on Wednesday morning to be prepared for shipment north and Mr. Mogg left on the Steamer Baldwin the same morning, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Starr, to take the first train for Momence, Ills., the home for many years of himself and wife and where burial was to be made.

Mrs. Mogg was subject to similar attacks; in deed, Mr. Mogg said that eight years ago, when they came to Fairhope for the first time, he would have been much better prepared for such a shock than when it came.

Few in Fairhope knew of the sad occurrence until Wednesday morning, but quite a number were down to extend sympathy and say goodbye to Mr. Mogg when he left on the Baldwin about 10:30, she having been secured to come this way through a telephone message to Mr. Brodbeck at Zundels.

Mrs. Mogg was in her 68th year. Her maiden name was Clarissa L. Parrish. She was married to Mr. Mogg on Dec. 13, 1866. Two sons were born to them, Millard and Clayton, both of Chicago and both of whom have visited at Fairhope.

She was a woman of noble character who wilf be sadly missed by her family and friends.

The COURIER knows it voices the sentiments of the entire community in expressing to the bereaved husband and other members of the stricken family, heartfelt sympathy.

The Mother's Round Table.

The Mother's Round Table which met at the Gables was one of special interest.

The subject considered was the chapter in "Froebel's Laws for all Teachers" on the educational value of play, Several points of great value to mothers and teachers were emphasized. Some of those were as follows:

1st. The activity of the body helps to form the brain.

2nd. There is a natural order of muscular development corresponding to certain brain areas which are defined by this muscular activity and that unless the natural order be followed, perfect brain co-ordination can never be attained.

3rd. Play is the most natural and effective form of exercise to develop moral, mental and physical soundness.

4th. Play is the real work of childhood. It does not destroy or weaken the power to work as some would argue, but the more thoroughly and earnestly a child plays the more efficient worker he becomes as an adult.

5th. Play is the only means for perfect self-expression, and self-expression is the only means of true growth.

School life should be less tense. There should be fewer requirements and more opportunity for self prompted activity on the part of the child.

Play is in response to an inner necessity. All the exercises of the school should be more in harmony with the child's present needs—not for some future use.

A great field lies open to teachers and mothers, to study the laws of the development of the child, and devise plays and exercises which shall supply the demand of the child's nature and thus secure a harmonious, symmetrical development of the whole being.

Gaining knowledge and retaining it—being able to pass examinations, cultivates the sensor system at the expense of the motor, and creates a race of people who know, who understand, but are unable to execute. The greatest weakness in the world today is being unable to do as well as one knows and is a direct result of the centuries of training the receptive powers and neglecting the executive.

Between twenty-five and thirty ladies were present, and interest manifested was very encouraging.

A suggestion was made that it be called a Parents meeting, and the fathers invited to participate. The fathers are very welcome indeed and no doubt are equally interested in providing the proper environment for the growing child.

The next meeting will occur on the first Friday in April, and will be addressed by Dr. C. L. Mershon on the subject. "Prenatal Influences."

For an Arbitration Society. Meeting for Organization Saturday Evening.

The Arbitration Society was up for discussion on last Sunday at the Progressive League. W. W. Kile made the opening address and responses were made by Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Trenholme, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Wolf and others.

It was decided by vote to organize, and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Baldwin and W. W. Kile were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and to call a meeting for its consideration. The meeting is called for Saturday evening March thirteenth, at the school house at eight p. m.

Such a society may be made useful to the people of Fairhope in many ways. Come and assist in its organization. The Committee.

Later: On account of conflict with an other gathering it has been decided to postpone this meeting to another date of which due announcement will be made.

Mr. F. J. Le fevere, of Louisville arrived on Thursday evening of last week and is a guest at the Zurhorst home.

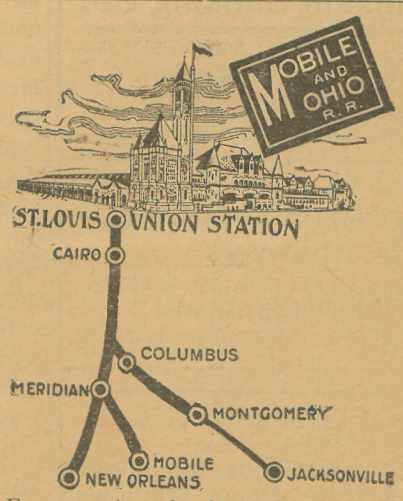
The latest word from the proposed beach railroad is that Mr. Ingalls has received the profile and report of Mr. Parker, was much pleased with it, and would take the matter up with his associates and give a definite answer within a very short time as to whether or not he would undertake the building of the road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gaston, Mr. and Mrs. Roake and Mrs. and Miss Spurrier were with Mr. and Mrs. Mogg and Mr. and Mrs. Parrish on the picnic trip to Magnolia Springs on Tuesday, returning from which Mrs. Mogg was seized with the illness which ended so suddenly in her death. Being in advance of the Moggs, they did not know until several hours afterward of her death. All were caught in the severe storm and more or less soaked, but none suffered any ill effects.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buyers of Canton, Ohio, arrived on Sunday morning and are at "The Gables." They expect to remain a couple of weeks.

Henry George Club Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Henry George Club, will be held at the Gaston home on Saturday afternoon of next week when Mrs. M. L. Johnson will review Book 9. of Progress and Poverty. All are cordially invited.



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Personal and Local

The Fairhope brought over a large crowd on Sunday.

Ira Powell has recently purchased 2 new horses for his livery stable.

Mr. Call has reshingled a part of his house and re-floored the front gallery.

Miss Millie Beckner is very much better and was able to be out to Church on Sunday evening.

There was a very pleasant dance at the pavilion on Thursday evening.

Herman Stemerdink was over from Mobile from Saturday evening to Sunday evening.

Miss Gladys Lowell came over from Mobile on Thursday evening and spent until Monday morning a guest of Miss Daphne Brown.

Laurie Tilson was moved from the Sanitarium to the Wilson House on Sunday afternoon. Laurie was all right at the Sanitarium but he wanted to go "home".

Mr. Dannenhour, who has rented the Bayside Cafe has it stocked up better than we ever remember having seen it before and we sincerely wish him a good business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown gave a very pleasant dance at their home on Saturday evening at which quite a number were present. Refreshments were served.

Overseer Miller has put in a couple of good bridges across small branches on the Silverhill road. Much more work might be done on it to a good advantage.

While Washington was having a big blizzard on March 4th. so that nearly all the decorations for the inaugaration of Taft were ruined and all outside exercises had to be eliminated we were having regular summer weather here for the U. C. V. and G. A. R. reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross arrived on Saturday evening from Houston, Texas, intending to make their home with us. They are Single Taxers, friends of H. F. Ring and have been readers of the Courier and interested in Fairhope for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Cross will for the present reside in the Getty cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, after a several weeks stay with a view to locrting, decided adversely and left for their old home in Massachusetts, last week. They liked Fairhope they said, but did not see their way clear on the economic phase nor were they wholly convinced as to the Colony policy.

O. W. Jefferson and family, left us last Saturday to go on to a farm Mr. Jefferson has purchased about 7 miles from Pensacola. Mr. Jefferson did us a good turn in helping to get the creamery established and we had hoped he would decide to locate in or near the Colony, but wish him well in the location he has chosen.

The capacity of the Fairhope Creamery is not large enough to handle the supply of milk and Mr. Berglin has ordered a new and larger separator and a larger churn so as to accommodate it and as soon as he has them installed he expects the supply to increase materially, The creamery is one of the best things that ever struck Fairhope and has put new courage into many of our farmers. Mr. Berglin deserves great credit for his enterprise.

Christian Endeavor Entertainment.

The Christian Endeavor entertainment at the Church, on Friday evening was quite a success, a large audience being in attendance and the Society clearing eleven dollars.

The program was as follows:

Music by the Orchestra

Recitation by Miss Louise Barnhart.

Vocal solo by Mrs. Edith Paula Smith.

Recitation by Miss Irene Bell.

Vocal solo by Miss Frances Gaston.

Recitation by Mr. Pilcher.

Music by the Orchestra.

Vocal solo by Miss Bessie Littlefield.

Recitation by Miss Anna Mae Oswalt.

Vocal solo by Miss Slosson.

Recitation by Mrs Johnson.

Music by the Orchestra.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT.

State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporatiion, a corporation,
vs.
Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society.

Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the 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 24th day of February, 1909, and returnable before me on the 17th day of March, 1909, at Fairhope in said county, against the estate of said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $27.10 therein, and, whereas said attachment has been executed by G. R. Cain, Deputy Sheriff for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society:

A two-room frame dwelling, a small detached one-room building, one well, the fence, clearing and outbuildings situated on the se.¼ of ne.¼ of SW.¼ and sw.¼ of nw.¼ of SE.¼ of Section 16, Township 6 South, range 2 East, Baldwin County, Ala.

And whereas it appears that the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society are non-residents and their present residence unknown, now therefore the said Trustees of the Fraternal Homemakers' Society are hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereof as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 24th day of February, 1909.

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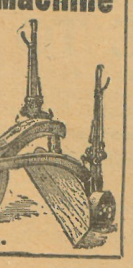
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"These soft, syrupy names for towns," began a traveling man as he bit off the end of his perfecto savagely, "never any more of 'em for mine. "I've got to know after this all about a town, just what size map it breaks in on, and some more things before I'll fall for its purty name. There may be a lot of good towns with mystic, euphonious names that you'd rather have in your mouth than a bite of chocolate, but they don't get my money. Nope! Nix! Huc uh! I've got to know more'n just the name after this.

"Here's what I'm getting at," says the reminiscent drummer. "Something made me think just now of my trip down through Florida — somebody spoke of taking a run down to Miami, and reminded me of it—and I recalled my little stay at Zolfo Springs.

"Now, just take that name Zolfo Springs and roll your tongue around it once or twice. Pretty good, ain't it? Doesn't it just sort of conjure up pipe dreamy effects of broad hotel piazzas and fluffy, chiffony, pink-cheeked southern belles floating around, and neat little tables here and there with mint juleps and seltzer bottles and things on 'em? Ain't that the sort of truck that flits right into your mind the minute you say 'Zolfo Springs?' Can't you look out through the palm trees and see the crimson sunset on the job? You can feel the balmy Florida breezes on your cheek, can't you —and hear the tinkle of the mandolins and—well, you know? Doesn't that 'Zolfo Springs' name just brjng up all that sybarite stuff, though?

"Well, it was about this time of year I was in Florida, and I had to run down to Fort Meyers and some other towns down in there for a day or two. I can't tell now just where it was I heard the name, but I woke up one morning with 'Zolfo Springs' rubbing and beating against my tympanum. It struck me that it would be better to stop off some place like that than to try to make the run down to Fort Meyers over night. 'I'll just stop off at the springs,' I says to myself, 'until morning and then jump on down to Fort Meyers.' And so I did.

"On the way down the conductor came up and asked me: 'Are you sure you want to get off at Zolfo Springs?'

" 'Certainly,' I told him. But I did not get wise. Within half a mile of the springs he came along again and asked me if I wanted to get off there, and if I was acquainted with any one at that point. I told him I was, just to keep him quiet.

"After the train had gone on I looked around to see where they'd left me. There was a little shed of a station and that was all, except about three feet of sand everywhere you stepped. I looked around for a wagon to take me to the hotel, but there was none. There wasn't a human being or a house in sight. It was getting dark, too. I started up the road and after I'd walked about two miles, carrying my grip, through the sand, I came upon a colored man. "Where's the hotel?' I asked him. 'Ain't none,' he says.

"He volunteered, though, to take me up to Cap'n Smith's house to see if I could get lodging there for the night, as that was the only house within walking distance. We arrived at the captain's place, an old shack, at 11 o'clock. It took me about 20 minutes to talk him into keeping me over night, and then he had to go back to talk it over with 'the old woman.' Finally he said he would move 'Sis' over into their room and give me ner bed.

"Next morning when I got up I found that 'Sis' was an idiot about 18 years old, and 'pa' and 'ma' lanky Florida 'crackers,' who were continually rubbing snuff. They ate off a table consisting of pine boards laid on boxes. There were 'greens' soaked in grease, 'chicory' instead of coffee and some leaden biscuits. Of course I couldn't eat anything. And I could not get a train out of the place until night. I was just about all in when I got down to Arcadia, 20 miles south, that night!

"Ah, no more of those pretty names for me!"

That Awful Gift of Imagination.

If you wish to pray against a burden of temptation, pray against that awful gift (for it is a purely involuntary gift) of imagination which alternately flatters and torments its possessor—flatters him by making him fancy that he possesses the virtues which he can imagine in others; torments him, because it makes him feel in himself a capacity for every imaginable form of vice. Yet if it be a gift of God's (and it cannot be a gift of the devil's) it must bring some good, and perhaps the good is the capacity for sympathy with blackguards, "publicans and sinners." To see into the inner life of these; to know their disease, not from books, but from inward and scientific anatomy, imagination may help a man. If it does that for me I shall not regret it; though it is, selfishly speaking, the most humiliating and tormenting of all talents.—Charles Kingsley.

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The Best Lullabies.

The motherly woman who has raised half a dozen children can beat all the divas that ever "dove" at singing lullabies that really lull.

Cattle Raised for Their Hides.

Galloway cattle are being raised in Alaska, their hides being considered equal to bearskins for beauty and service.

Real Pathos.

There is nothing so pathetic as the efforts of a dull mind to produce bright speech.

Views Hard to Condense.

The man with broad views of life cannot condense them into the narrow confines of the home.

Must Keep Hands in Sight.

Every visitor to the White House must keep his hands in sight—during public receptions

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Personal and Local

Mr. Bellangee has provided himself with a small canning outfit and plans to can up his own surplus products.

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Mr. Everett left on Tuesday for Philadelphia on business, not knowing whether he would return here or not.

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Miss Alice Patterson is home from her school at Laurel, Miss., on account of a small-pox scare. She got in Monday evening.

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P. K. Dealy has some very forward patches of both Irish potatoes and beans. They are a fine stand and coming on rapidly.

A new line of bust ruffles, very dainty. Mrs. Call's.

The appearances of things about the Yarnelle place is greatly improved since Mr. Revenaugh has "joined drives" with Mr. Yarnelle.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery.

Mr. A. B. Gaston will address the Progressive League Sunday March 14th on "Spirit Communion as evidence of a Future Life."

New muslin underwear at Mrs. Call's. Pretty new styles.

Edw. Corrigan, the big horse man passed through Fairhope Sunday, coming over on the Fairhope and taking a rig for Magnolia Springs.

Pure Olive Oil in ½ gal. bottles at $2.75 and qt. bottles at $1.50.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. R. E. Greene, of Mobile, was in Fairhope on Sunday. He is a barber by trade and would like to come to Fairhope and open up a shop.

The Fairhope Pharmacy has a large supply of Telephone batteries which they are retailing at 30 cents each.

Mrs. Perry and little foster-daughter, Annie Doyle, returned on last Friday evening from a nearly two weeks visit at New Orleans. They were there for Mardi Gras.

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Louis Prang, the famous art publisher, writes the editor that he and his wife expect to start for Fairhope on March 15th and spend several weeks with us.

Mr. Rucker of the Fairhope Bakery is much encouraged by the good winter business he has been having. He is also sending rye bread two or three times a week to R. O. Harris, of Mobile, who is building up a good demand for it.

Just in, just the thing, just the fit for you, a NEW stock of the latest styles of shoes and oxfords.
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Mr. Bellangee's cabbage patch has panned out finely and he is supplying the local market with fine solid heads. The cabbage was affected very little by the freeze and his lettuce not as much as he at one time thought.

Mr. L. L. Abbot joined his wife here on Monday evening for a stay of several weeks to enjoy our delightful spring climate. Mr. Abbot has been to Fairhope often enough now to know when our weather is most pleasant and times his visits accordingly.

We have a few pair of odd sized shoes that we offer at very low figure, they are good goods for little money. Mershon Merch, Co.

Miss Manley's sister Mrs. E. C. Stevenson, daughter and little son, of Rockwell City, Iowa, arrived on Wednesday evening for a short visit with her, and Miss Manly will go with them when they go for a visit with other relatives, and probably spend a portion of the summer with them at their Iowa home.

Mr. Best, of Pensacola, who owns several hundred acres of land not far from Fairhope has spent seneral days in Fairhope looking up his land which he had not before seen. His wife is with him. They are guests of Miss Nelle Lee. Mr. Best is greatly pleased with Fairhope and vicinity and talks of making a home here.

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Ernest Swift has gone into business in Mobile, he and his friend, Mr. Sturtevant, having purchased the Quick Transfer Company business at 270 North Royal street. Ernest is a hustling, agreeable man who makes friends everywhere, and we believe will make a success of this venture. No doubt his many friends at Fairhope will be glad to give him such business as they have in his line.

Tuesday was the roughest day on the bay in a long time. The wind blew a gale from the southeast all day. The mail boat, Lucile, got up the shore as far as Daphne but did not venture across the bay and even the Fairhope could hardly make headway against the wind and sea for a time after leaving Daphne. She was the only boat to the Eastern Shore in the evening and brought the mail.

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HOTEL NOTES.

The Fairhope Hotel

Those who have registered at the Fairhope Hotel since the last issue of the Courier are the following: Mr. Fred M. McLean, New Orleans; Miss Louise McLean, Glendale, O.; Mr. Edward Corrigan and niece Miss Corrigan, Chicago; Mr. C. J. Alyea, Champaign, Ill.; Mr. Alex Hutchinson, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Elmer and Miss Elizabeth Elmer, Mobile; Dr. W. D. Harvey and Dr. W. O. Krohn, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. O. L. Lyford and Miss R. L. Thwing.

Miss Harvey was greatly surprised when on Tuesday evening her father and his partner came over on the Fairhope. The two will be here for some time. Dr. Harvey found his daughter and small nephew and niece greatly improved; and now considers Fairhope a fine health resort.

Dr. Slosson very kindly invited the hotel people for a trip in his launch Sunday; those who accepted the Doctor's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Wuest and little son, Mr. and Mrs. Trimble and Miss McLean.

Two very distinguished physicians of Chicago are making a visit in Fairhope. Dr. W. S. Harvey is one of the advanced members of the profession in surgery, and Dr. W. O. Krohn is one of the best known nerve specialists. He is also the author of a work on physiology generally adopted for school work, in nearly every state, Alabama included. Both of these Doctors are delighted with the country around Fairhope and regret that they cannot prolong their stay. They will be entertained by several prominent physicians of Mobile on their way home.

Mr. O. S. Lyford, the most recent arrival, is the Vice President of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois R. R. With his relative, Miss Thyng, he expects to make a long stay in Fairhope.

Two Needs of Fairhope.

We need a watch and clock establishment—a place where such things are kept for sale and where they may be prepared. Silver and nickel plating might also be added.

A Bank would surely be appreciated by the citizens of Fairhope and surrounding country, and those who should be good judges think it would pay.

Readers of the Courier who are looking for an opening would do well to investigate.

Mr. E. C. Wolcott went to Bay Minette on business on Monday and from there took the B. M. & Ft. Morgan train to join his wife at the McCloud home at Magnolia Springs, whither she had gone overland, the Browns taking her as far as Marlow, where her father met her. Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott will leave next week for their home at Warren, O., but fully determined to return and make their home here as soon as they can arrange their affairs to do so. Beside being a good Single Taxer and loyal Fairhoper, Mr. Wolcott is an expert in clay manufactures, especially brick and tile, and will probably help, when he comes, to develop our rich resources in that line.

Mrs. Grace Webster Johnson has closed a deal with M. Dyson for his home on upper Fels Ave., and expects to return in the fall with her mother to occupy it. Last year when Mrs. Johnson and her mother were here, they purchased a lot of Mr. Oswalt, but on further consideration decided to locate on Colony land. Mrs. Johnson and her aunt Mrs. Burnham, left yesterday morning after a stay of two or three weeks. It was Mrs. Burnham's first visit. She was much pleased and it is very likely that she and her husband will come here to live in the near future.

The Blakes left on Thursday morning for their home in Rockford, Ills., after a stay with us which was not only pleasant to them but made greatly so to us by Mr. Blake's generous assistance with his talent as a clarionet player in the orchestra and at other times. He also interested himself in our water-works pumping system, being an expert on that kind of machinery, and helped Mr. Massey make some valuable improvements to the plant. We hope they will come again another winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCloud, of Magnolia Springs, Ala., came over last week to attend the Federal and Confederate veterans reunion and remained until Saturday morning, the guests of the F. L. Browns and Ameses. Mr. McCloud had visited Fairhope before but it was the first visit for Mrs. McCloud. Both have fallen quite in love with Fairhope and its hospitable people and progressive institutions and it is quite likely will arrange to transfer their residence here ere long.

Spring Temperature.

March 4, – 10, 1909.

Mar.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
4	43	61	55
6	48	65	—
7	61	71	66
8	—	—	68
9	69	76	70
10	71	71	65
3	53	66	63

2 clear days, 4 partly cloudy. 1 cloudy with rain. Wind SE.

L. F. Manly,
Observer.

A party of nine people came over from Magnolia Springs in two rigs yesterday and took dinner at The Gables. The party was composed of: Mrs. Mary Karnes, Wm. Karnes, Miss Bessie Karnes, Mrs. Brinkham, Mr. and Mrs. Duetrich, C. Moulton, Edward B. Case and Emma L. Case. They ordered dinner by phone at The Gables and were served an elegant seven course dinner in the best style of that excellent hostelry.

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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 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Dairying in the South.

The National Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the State Experiment Stations, has been making a study of the question of dairying in the south. In a statement recently made by experts having this work in charge great emphasis is laid on the fact that dairying in the south is not only a profitable industry in itself, but that it may be made the means of increasing the productiveness of the soil and promoting a better type ofagriculture.

In conclusion, the report points out that the three main points that every Southern dairyman should bear in mind, and which cannot be too strongly emphasized, are: "Better cows, more home-grown food, a better product."

Turpentining Not Injurious to Quality of Timber.

Special investigations, involving mechanical tests and the physical and chemical analysis of the wood of bled and unbled trees from the same locality, have been carried on by the United States Government through the Forest Service to ascertain the effect of extracting the rosin from pine trees.

Results prove conclusively (1) that bled timber is as strong as unbled trees if of the same weight; (2) that the weight and shrinkage of the heartwood is not affected by bleeding; (3) that the durability of the heartwood is not affected by bleeding, since the rosin comes from the sapwood only.

Judge Browne to Lecture in Daphne Normal Course, Next Monday Evening.

The next lecture of the Daphne State Normal Lecture Course will take place Monday night, March the 15th. Hon. Sam'l B. Browne, of Mobile will deliver an address on "Four Years in the Confederate Army." Judge Brown is well and favorably know both as a fearless Judge and a matchless orator, and the college is fortunate in securing this attraction.

The course which was an innovation has proven decidedly popular and has meant much to the students and people of Daphne. There are two numbers after this next, one a practical demonstration and lecture on Wireless Telegraphy by Dr. Phillips of Spring Hill College, and later a musical number by the students of the school under the direction of Miss Shivers; Musical Director of the College.

The Shriner launch, which was unable to reach Fairhope on account of rough weather on the occasion of the last lecture, will make the trip and carry all Fairhope people who may wish to attend.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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St. Patrick's Gospel.

This is St. Patrick's message,
"Hear, all ye sons of toil!
There is no hope for labor
Till ye reclaim earth's soil!

"By Erin's ruined hamlets,
By Erin's famine years,
Hark to this Godsent gospel,
Fair fruit of blood and tears!

"The pirates who enslaved me
And sold me o'er the main,
Are kin to those who sell God's earth
And so make slaves again.

"Yet tell it not in anger,
Proclaim it not in wrath,
But as a gospel from above
To show God's chosen path.

"Fling to the winds our banner,
Fair flag of light and life,
The Emerald with the sun-burst
Foretelling end of strife!

"Tear down the paper barriers
That bar men from God's land!
Does any son of Ireland fear
The weight of a dead hand?

"By th' tears of exiled daughters,
By the blood of martyed sons,
God's earth is for the living!"
St. Patrick's Gospel runs.

WILL ATKINSON.

(From the San Francisco "Star.")

Referendum or Recall Needed in Mobile

The Mobile city council last week ordered raises in the salaries of municipal officers aggregating $10,770 per annum. Of the action of the council the Register said:

The Register has ventured the statement that public opinion would not approve a general raise of salaries at this time, when, as Mr. Hale has shown, there are so many deficiencies in the public service that are not supplied because of lack of money.

Some complain of irresponsive and extravagant government, but there is little actual interest exhibited in what government is doing. Even now, although we invite the public's attention, we do not expect an outcry. The critics will "take it out" in criticism on the street corners. Little wonder that public servants do much as they please in public office. In fact, to paraphrase Hastings' remark, we are sometimes surprised at their moderation.

However, every development is a further argument for the institution of the commission form of government.

Is not such action a further argument for the institution of the referendum and recall, the latter of which at least, the Register recently repudiated. The chief reason why the people will "take it out in criticism on the street corners" and why "public servants do much as they please in public office" is because the law provides no adequate method for the people to make their will effective over their public servants. Given the referendum, to be brought into action by petition of a reasonable percentage of voters, the citizens would, if the action of the council is not approved by public sentiment, promptly reverse the council.

Indeed, in all probability, the council would never have ventured to make the raises. The commisison plan of concentrating administrative authority is only good when accompanied by the initiative, referendum and recall, as in Los Angeles, Des Moines and most other cities which have recently adopted it.

Later: The mayor vetoed the councils' salary raises, and the latter acquiesced, but the argument for the referendum and recall retains its force.

Late Visitor Expresses Appreciation.

Friend Gaston:

I arrived home Wednesday and woke up Thurday morning to see a blizzard raging outside, and then I thought a lot of hard things about railroad agents in the south. Four Mexican tourists on the train consulted me as a weather profit and I (hypnotised no doubt by Fairhope weather) staked my reputation as a prognosticator and made the wild assertion that winter had passed and we would have no more snow in Washington or New York during the month of March.

My Mexican friends stopped off at Washington for the inauguration. They must think now I was an official of the Weather Bureau. They intend to spend a few weeks in New York so I am keeping indoors as much as possible. The meeting would not be cordial.

I could fill up a few pages of foolscap with good words for Fairhope and its intelligent and interesting people, but it is enough for me to say that I feel your Colony has come to stay and will make its mark in both the business and economic world. Nature has been generous toward that section of Baldwin County in climate and landscape and I left Fairhope with a kindly feeling for all things; and to those of us who believe that life should be more than a struggle for worldly gain, the Colony is certainly an inspiration. I am deeply grateful to you all for the courtesies shown me during my short visit and hope to again visit you in the future for a longer stay. With best wishes for a continued and growing prosperity,

I remain yours sincerely,

Brooklyn, N. Y. R. J. WILLIAMSON.

Colony Policy Discussed by Secretary New York Tax Reform Association.

EDITOR COURIER:

I have seen in the COURIER a copy of a town ordinance levying a tax of $4 per capita upon certain inhabitants. If this tax is levied for local purposes, it seems to me that it would be economically correct for this tax to be paid by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation out of the rentals received from its lessees, so far as it falls upon them. As I understand your local situation since the incorporation of the town, the Single Tax Corporation has only a moral and not a legal liability, to expend its rentals upon local improvements. So far as its lessees are concerned, it would seem that it makes no difference to them whether the net rentals (after deduction of state and county taxes,) are used directly for local improvements, or whether part of the rentals are used to pay poll taxes into a fund that is to be used for local purposes. This is assuming, of course, that the local taxes are properly expended, but even though they were not, it would seem best to pay these taxes out of the rent.

Of course, there may be some complication in your local situation of which I am not informed, which would render such payment inadvisable.

I have been much interested in the working out of your experiment and have believed that the plan under which you are working is economically correct; that is, that the rental value of your land will increase faster than other taxable property. So long as any poll or license taxes are used for public purposes, I believe this will continue to be true, provided such taxes are used for proper purposes.

"Taxation by the poll" or per capita, is a relic of barbarism, and in times gone by resulted in such gross oppression that some states forbid in their constitutions the levying of poll taxes as grievous and oppressive. Such taxes fall on all who are subject to them, with equal weight, regardless of either ability to pay or benefits received; though all economists use one or the other of these tests to determine the justice of taxation.

Yours truly,

A. C. PLEYDELL.

New York City.

COMMENT BY EDITOR.

Under its lease contracts the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was not bound to pay either poll or other municipal taxes, but the Council, rightly, we are sure, held that the Colony principle dictated the payment of these the same as state and county taxes.

The incorporation of the town has not affected the moral or legal obligations of the Colony under its leases, but as municipal property, poll and road taxes, (the latter on polls or heads also) are expended for local public purposes, the payment of them out of ground rents, is an expenditure for the "equal benefit of lessees" as provided by the lease.

As, for instance, the road tax, of $4 unjustly assessed on males between the ages of 18 and 45, but which relieves the Corporation of the necessity of doing the road work thereby done, and when refunded to those paying it out of the rent fund, distributes the burden justly as the Colony principle provides.

Fairhope is going to add a new wrinkle. It will soon have an arbitration society which will have for its work the settlement of disagreements between persons and organizations there. —Baldwin Times.

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"HOW IT WORKS"

The case of Henry Creswell presents a fair illustration of the working of the Colony plan in so far as it benefits the working man. For Mr. Creswell is essentially a working man, and although he is nearly 85 years of age, he seldom misses a day of manual labor. He came here about thirteen years ago and took up six acres of Colony land, the rent of which was at that time $3 a year. Since then the rent has gradually advanced until this year the same six acres pays $90 a year, and Mr. Creswell has been forced to relinquish all of it but about two lots on which his house stands.

Now compare this with the case of H. C. Oswalt. Mr. Oswalt came here at the same time Mr. Creswell did, but instead of taking Colony land he chose to buy 40 acres for which he paid $50. He has since sold $2,000 in lots from it and has half of it left. We are not citing this case as an argument for or against the Colony, but merely to illustrate the manner it has affected these two men who were among the early comers. Both are growing old and can't hope to fight the battles for a livelihood much longer. One of them preferred to take advantage of his opportunity and buy land to hold for a rise in value. The other selected Colony land with the result that he must lose it and have nothing to show for his thirteen years of toil. The Colony has many advantages but this is one of the cases where the advantage is not apparent.

—Eastern Shore, for March.

The editor of the Eastern Shore has sometimes criticised the editor of the Courier for statements which he alleged were though perhaps not untrue, "misleading," but the foregoing contains statements not only misleading but untrue.

Instead of the gentlemen referred to coming to Fairhope together Mr. Oswalt secured his land fully three years in advance of Mr. Creswell's coming and it was perhaps a year later that Mr. Creswell secured his land.

When Mr. Oswalt purchased this was the wildest spot along the eastern shore, the site of Fairhope enclosed as a cow pasture, no wharf, no postoffice, no store, nor promise of any. Between the securing of his land and the securing by Mr. Creswell of his colony tract, Fairhope was founded, a wharf built, post-office established, store and school opened, and many families located in the near vicinity, such circumstances as always cause a rapid advance in land values.

Mr. Creswell has not been "forced to relinquish" his ground, without compensation, as one would infer from the article quoted, for he has from time to time, transferred lots realizing for the improvements every cent we are sure, which he would consider them worth, if the purchaser. And instead of his having "nothing to show" as asserted, for his toil, every valuable improvement he has made to his property is still his—and even his to enjoy free from tax to state, county or town.

Nor is any fair comparison to be made between the financial or other circumstances of the two men. Mr. Creswell was a man nearly 70 years of age, too old and crippled with rheumatism to hold any kind of a position in Iowa, whence he came and without any surplus capital for making "investments." Mr. Oswalt, though a delicate man, was in the neighborhood of thirty, the owner of a cotton plantation near Montgomery from which he derived an income, a southern man, familiar with conditions in this section. In any fair comparison of the experience of the two men, these facts should be presented.

However, we have cited them more to "keep the record straight" than for any other purpose. For the sake of argument we may admit that they started together under like circumstances.

But these two men do not in themselves present the whole case. It is not argued that Mr. Oswalt has benefitted to the extent of the lots he has sold or the increased value of those he retains, by his own exertions. The $2,000 received was not in return for his labor or expenditure, but was tribute paid by those coming later to one who, by the mere circumstance of securing title to land in advance, was able to dictate to them the terms upon which they might build homes or employ themselves.

It would be foolish to deny that the present land system benefits some. It would not persist if it did not have beneficiaries. The objection of the Single Taxer is that its benefits are not bestowed in proportion to deserts and where benefits are bestowed without deserts it inevitably follows that others are deprived of that to which they are entitled.

Those who furnished the few hundred dollars to make the original purchase of land for the Fairhope Colony (some of it at the same price at which Mr. Oswalt purchased) might have pursued the same course which has so profited him—and it is safe to say that had they done so they would not have received one-hundredth part of the criticism bestowed upon them—but holding the principle that all men are equally entitled to the use of all land, at all times, that it is a continuing right, accruing not only to those now here but to those coming in the future. a year, 10 years, or a hundred years hence, they took portions of the land they had purchased and opened it to others, under agreement that each should pay from year to year, the value of his holding into a common fund to be expended for the common benefit.

Under this policy Mr. Creswell leased a portion of Colony land. When taking it he paid not one cent of tribute to those who had preceded him and purchased it before any of the advantages which then surrounded it existed, but with the distinct agreement that he in turn should enjoy no advantage over others who came later than he. His rent was trifling at the outset, but increased, (as the value of Mr. Oswalt's land increased) the difference being that Mr. Oswalt retained the increasing value of his land while Mr. Creswell turned the increasing value of that which he held into a fund which he shared in common with his fellow citizens, who contributed with him to its increasing value; and into which also they turned the increasing value of their holdings.

For any year during which Mr. Creswell has held his land we are prepared to show by figures and a comparison with the price at which similarly located land privately owned was held, that any man desiring land for use—such use as it was reasonably fitted for—could much better afford to rent at the price charged Mr. Creswell than buy.

Mr. Creswell made the mistake for years of holding land for farming purposes practically in the heart of town (his corner is within 225 feet of the business center of the town and there is now a store on its farther corner. Even with the poor use made of the land, one could better afford to rent than buy at current prices, but the Colony policy is not designed or claimed to benefit those who hold land idle or put it to poor use.

It is not intended to encourage farming on town lots, in demand for business purposes or home sites.

Just across the street from lots which Mr. Creswell has been farming, Mr. Wheeler has just built a nice dwelling. The rent of $9.60 for the lot, he thinks small, and thinks of taking the adjoining lot simply to be able to choose his neighbor.

The Eastern Shore article, will surprise some who supposed the editor was a Single Taxer. It furnishes additional evidence that the most of the opposition which deyelops to the Colony, is based upon hostility to its underlying policy.

A Visitor's View.

Address of A. B. Gaston at V. I. C. Social on Friday evening, March twelfth.

It would seem to me much much more kind and polite to give you credit here in Fairhope for what you have accomplished, rather than to criticise or suggest. In fact, it is my nature to look for the good, the noble and the attractive in individuals, as well as municipalities and colonies, rather than to be on the watch for the faults, for the ignoble and the repulsive. I have found much more in this town, as the law designates it,—in the "Colony" which I love to call it,—much more to praise and admire than I really expected to find, though my hopes and anticipations were quite "uppish" as Aunt Rachel says when she means exalted and high-minded, It is true, that although I havs visited the zoo at Philadelphia, and at Cincinnati; I have attended meetings of the long haired Spiritualists at the great northern camp meetings, and I took the children to Barnum and Bailey's world renowned circus and menagerie last summer,—yet in all my travels I have never found in one spot quite such a various and curious aggregation of live creatures as I have discovered in my wanderings in and around Fairhope. From the "real Single Tax" man in the extreme south of town, to the high-minded, patient, charitable and able editor of the COURIER, whom everybody loves (except his enemies;) from the submissive and happy donkey who lies down in the main street to sun himself and roll in the dust, up to the Chief Gardner, who is said to be the most industrious man in town; from the bare-foot gentleman on the northeast, to the kickers in the southwest; from the Organic school up on the corner, to the colored collection over south; from our Mary, the best cook south of the Ohio river, to the gentle landlady of the Gables,—and other extremes I might mention, thence to the finest bunch of common people you ever saw, found all along in between these extremes —I tell you it is admirable, it is unique, and I would not have one removed, any more than I would have one less of the sweet song birds, or the beautiful flowers among the pines.

But I hear some one say, "you are off your subject. Stick to your question." Really, I guess you are right,—but how can I, when I find so much to praise and admire, and have such a splendid occasion to overflow my banks? You see, I am just running over with genuine admiration, and this is no joke. I

have made more warm friends here (without effort) in the past four weeks, than in any similar length of time in my life, and this applies to visitors and guests as well as Colonists. I attribute this fact, however, almost entirely to my wife's influence. She has attracted to me most of the good things I have enjoyed of this life, any way.

But, dear friends, I am a stranger in your gates,—yes, you have to have gates, I am sorry to say.

I have not been to the dictionary, as I meant to do, to look up the real meaning of the word "civic," so I must go on a little, at random: Now, when I first came into the Colony and rode up Fairhope ave., I was prepared to see red soil, and pale faced, consumptive looking sand, for had I not ridden the whole length of sickly looking Alabama the day before? I was sorry to see so few green lawns. I was pained to see you had to have your yards fenced. Do try to get a law passed, some sweet day, forbidding stock to run at large in municipalities, towns, villages, or whatever you call them down here, then, fancy the improved beauty of the yards and streets which will rapidly follow.

And now comes the milk in the cocoanut, or rather, the poison in the lovely blossom. I have been cautioned and I whisper it to you, not to offer a remedy for the friction and discord and the unhappy conditions I find here among liberal, broad-minded men and women. I will not attempt it; but, they are so much in evidence, and so repulsive, I cannot help speaking of it, and you will pardon me if I express my unqualified disapproval, I have been buttonholed on the streets and by-paths and induced to listen to criticisms of the management until I got sick of it, and rebuked one good member by saying I had much rather hear the good qualities of any man than to hear of his mistakes and weaknesses.

Ruskin colony in Tennessee. Topolobampo on the Pacific slope, and some other bright and promising efforts at co-operation have failed because of jealousy, envy, discord.

Do not, I pray you, let such results, from such causes, overwhelm you here. The eyes of the world at large are upon you. We expect nobler things. Do not disappoint us. Let each one present take the resolution home with you tonight, that you will labor and pray for success, and so, get the mental and spiritual atmosphere of the community charged with this thought. You have a common aim, and motive, surely. There cannot be one among you who would rather see "failure" printed in large letters down on the wharf as the steamer approaches, than have success worked out by other than your particular method.

I had the pleasure of attending one meeting of the V. I. C. I was very much pleased with their practical work and suggestions and while I may not be able tonight, to reach the ears of members of the municipal council, nor of the Colony board, I sincerely hope and trust that they will both lend this society hearty co-operation in all wise and progressive movements. This seems to me of vital importance.

So I leave you with one word: harmonize, harmonise, harmonize! and the blessings of high heaven, and the aid and influence of good angels will surely be added.

Henry George Club Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Henry George Club, will be held at the Gaston home on Saturday afternoon of this week when Mrs. M. L. Johnson will review Book 9. of Progress and Poverty. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

The League meeting Sunday was very interesting. The leader, A. B. Gaston of Pennsylvania, greatly appreciated the compliment of a large audience when the weather was anything but alluring. His subject was "Spirit communion as evidence of a future life" I have always "trained" with spiritualists, finding them among the best of my friends, though we always had great difference of opinion as to definitions, and interpretations. M. Godin, the founder of the Familistere in France and Belgium, was a spiritualist. He believed, like the Theosophists in the persistence of the individuality (the soul,) eternally but not the personality. That where we really "live and move and have our being," is the spiritual realm, what we call the material being changing, evanescent, the phantasmagoria of the real, that which remains. Booker T. Washington in his noble speech in New York on Lincoln's birthday, said of that immortal hero "In the very highest sense he lives in the present more potently than 50 years ago, for that which is seen is temporal, that which is unseen is eternal." This last idea translated from the Latin of Terrence, is often quoted. It is the expression of the true spiritualist such as I believe A. B. Gaston to be. He said we were as truly in the spiritual world today as we ever would be; and what was telepathy but spiritual communion? Being asked, he related a remarkable experience of slate-writing, but his discourse showed that his real faith was in the spiritual influences that make us lovers of our kind and enable us to labor for human progress. He ended his discourse by a gratifying tribute to the work we are doing here, and to our people.

Of course we could not expect a discourse on such a subject without criticism following. Mr. Lancaster who always creates a little breeze of merriment, declared that the whole thing was "unmitigated nonsense." I think he is too fond of debate, but there is never a dull moment when he is on the floor. He makes some of us a little "mad" with him, but we fully recognize that he has a perfect right to his turn, and to fair play on a free platform.

I have much to say and good news to tell my friends, but there is not time enough in the twenty-four hours to do a tithe of what not merely is to be done but is feverishly pressing to be done.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Organic School

The visit to the Revenue Cutter on March 4, was a day of interest. The school arrived in time to see the boat come in, to see the soldiers disembark, and hear the salutes. Then the officers of the boat very kindly "showed them over the boat." Courteously answering all questions and explaining every thing to their delighted and wondering gaze. In the afternoon another trip to the pierhead was made to witness the departure.

The daily school program should not be so formal that its requirements prevent the development of power in the child which is secured through activity along the line of his keenest present interest.

The "river systems, water sheds, deltas," etc., which the last storm revealed were much enjoyed next day, Building dams across miniature rivers to make the water drop its sand and thus prevent the formation of a gulley, gives information in geography, stimulates patriotism by making "our country lovable" and supplies the demand of the child's nature for self-prompted creative activity in play.

Celina Roberts and Marie Baldwin have enrolled as special students.

Among our many visitors was Dr. Krohn of Chicago who spoke highly of our work.

St. Patrick's day was properly celebrated and lunch was enjoyed under "our beech tree" in the gully.

Public School.

Our school has had several noted visitors in the last two weeks. Dr. Krohn a noted nerve specialist from Chicago, who wrote the phsiology now used in the Alabama schools, accompanied by Miss Alice Harvey, looked in upon us for a few minutes. One of the children said to his teacher: "Do you think Dr. Krohn keeps all of his own rules of health?" After a discussion it was decided that he does since he looks so healthy.

On last Friday Dr. H. S. Greeno, mayor of our city and Mr. H. C. Oswalt, chairmen of ths Board of Education, made us an appreciated visit and spoke words of encouragement to teachers and pupils.

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gaston also honored us with their presence one afternoon. Other welcome visitors were Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Hills, Mrs. F. L. Brown, Mrs. Braam, Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Kile, Miss Margery Barnes, Miss Manly, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Stevenson and Master Billy.

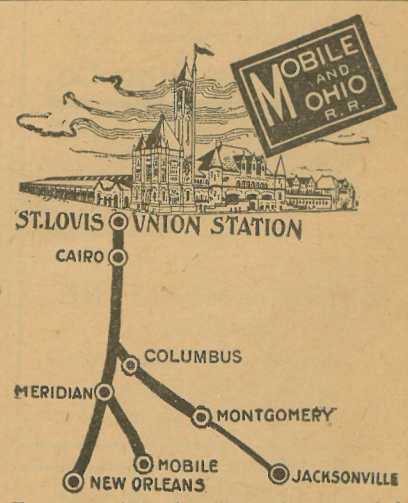
Manual Training Equipment Arrived.

The tools for the manual training department of the Organic school, have arrived and Director Johnson is busy getting things in shape for his classes. He hopes to begin work on Monday morning.

The tools are the very best obtainable, from the manual training department of Chandler and Barber, Boston. There are twelve sets, each having cross-cut, rip, back and key-hole saws, jack and block planes, hammer, try-square, chisels, gauges, rule, spoke shave etc. beside which there are for common use, braces and bits, drills, clamps, turning saws, carving punches, and many other tools.

Mr. Johnson has made 12 very complete and substantial little benches; each equipped with vise, etc.

The department will occupy for the present, the old arts and crafts building, but it is quite inadequate. The boys have been in inspecting the tools and are very anxious to get to using them.



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Colony Council Proceedings.

The Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, March 15, with all members present.

Minutes read and approved of meeting of March 1.

Following bills allowed:

H. C. Oswalt, Pres. Mun. Educational Board for incidental fee for 56 pupils in Feb. $19 60

J. A. Patterson, Whfgr. for cash advanced for bundle of waste & chgs on same for w. w. 1 15

American Supply Co. 5 gals. cyl. oil for w. w. 2 00

Action of secretary in bidding in Anson C. Smith improvements for Corporation, paying $15 67 costs on same and drawing an order for that amount for his reimbursement, was approved and his bill for town taxes on same allowed. .75

Secretary instructed to advertise for bids for Anson C. Smith improvements to be in not later than next meeting of the Council.

Secretary instructed to look after interests of the Colony in the sale of Improvements of Fraternal Homemakers Society.

Mr. Bancroft presented report on value of Mr. Horning's fence on east 132 feet of his tract surrendered, that there was 52 rods of it which he valued at 35c. a rod or $18.20. In regard to Mr. Horning's proposed surrender of 3 acres additional on the south of his tract, he recommended accepting improvements thereon for rent of 1909.

Mr. Bancroft's report of fence on east 132 feet was accepted same to be credited on Mr. Horning's rent as per motion at previous meeting, Bancroft, Johnson, Trenholme and Wood voting "aye" and Stimpson "nay".

Mr. Bancroft reported on replatting tract of Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Dorgan that himself and lessees had agreed upon a plat he exhibited showing east 66 feet divided into two lots, each 124 feet deep, one facing south on Fels Ave. and one north on Morphy Ave., balance divided into 3 lots, each 81 feet in width facing west, south line of south lot being 132 feet and north line of north lot being 162½ feet.

The report was on motion adopted.

It was moved and carried that in making new leases of lots in this tract stipulations be made that outbuildings thereon shall be located so as not to be offensive to present lessees.

Suggestion of Supt. of Lands and Highways as to numbering of lots in replatted tract approved.

Rents appraised for 1909 on new lots as follows: lot 5 $8.60, lot 6 $3.60, lot 7 $8.40, lot 8 $12, lot 9 $7.

Following rule adopted:

Hereafter no allowance to be made for improvements on ground surrendered except the same is needed for streets desired to be opened or other public purposes but Corporation will accept surrenders if rents are paid, and turn over to party surrendering, any sums which may be realized from improvements.

Superintendent of lands and high ways directed to take up with Mr. Stimpson the opening of Bancroft St., on west side of Steenstra tract and report his recommendations.

Treasurer and secretary instructed to prepare a statement of financial condition, estimated revenue, expenses, etc.

Moved and carried that Water Clerk make final report at the next meeting so as to turn water works over to Supt. of Public Services.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to confer with the Municipal Board of Education and also with the V. I. C. School Committee in regard to sale or rental of the school-house to either party. Johnson Trenholme snd Stimpson appointed such committee.

The Jeanes Industrial and Public School.

Mr. E. B. Gaston, editor of the Faiahope Courier, and other generous hearted Single Taxers, have shown themselves appreciatively toward us in our struggle to establish the Ann Jeanes Industrial and Public School and the editor has kindly consented to allow space in his paper for the purpose of giving me opportunity to present our school and its needs to the public. I hope it will be a means of bringing to us some friends that might help us in our work.

The Ann Jeanes Industrial School was founded in Feb. 1908. Named for Miss Ann D. Jeanes, of Philadelphia, who donated a large fund for the purpose of educating the colored children of the south industrially.

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We have a building that would accommodate nearly 300 students. The building is as yet unceiled and unseated. We have not yet been able to fence our school ground and farm in order that the children might do experimental farming, all for the want of means.

If any feel they could help us, it would be gratefully received. Any amount would be acceptable. If any wish to know further about the school write to the principal or any friend you may have in or about Fairhope. Yours truly,

J. B. CARTER, Prin.

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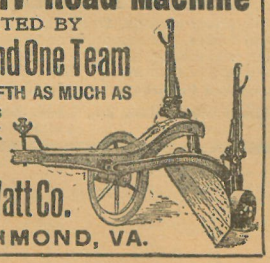
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THE BLACK BALL

By Stuart B. Stone.

Twelve men sat at dinner in an upper room—12 chattering, excitable men, and a woman. Two other men stood guard at the door, and no one passed in or out without the exchange of cabalistic signals and the muttering of mysterious passwords.

On the walls of the room the crown-weighted lords of Europe reposed, head downward, with black crepe draping and hemming the pictures about. Kindly expressions of "Death to Monarchs!" and "The Dagger for Despots!" twined above and below the spectacle of the kings of the earth upturned.

The 12 men ate prodigiously, while the lady, who was most ravishingly charming, flitted about from one to the other muttering smiling incendiarisms and passing the things they ate.

At the head of the table was a bushy-whiskered, red-faced individual.

"Brothers," he began, "we have a single purpose; it only remains to ascertain which of us will be the instrument of of the wrath of the people down trodden and oppressed."

There was a pounding of clenched fists on the table, a chorus of assenting voices in a half-dozen barbarous dialects, and a pompadoured Swede shouted: "Down with the usurper!"

The speaker resumed: "We shall now see who is to be the instrument of righteous vengeance. Mlle. Aimee will spread the ballot, and conduct the drawing. The black ball means well, we know that, I think."

A low murmur went round the long table as the pretty Aimee procured 11 white balls and a black one. These she placed in a wooden box, having a lid opening at the top. Tilting the lid so that the contents of the box were screened from the observation of the drawers, she approached the first man, a red-bearded Slav. The Russian thrust his hand into the box and drew forth a white ball, whereat he seemed much relieved.

"Lucky Alexieff," said the Slav's nearest neighbor. "The black ball is certain death, for how can a man slay a king and escape? Yet the work must be done."

The speaker dived into the box as he talked and captured a white ball, also.

The third man was Gerard, the Parisian, his smile never changing as he, too, drew a ball white as snow.

"Himmel!" muttered a Hamburger by his side. "I think the black ball is to be mine." But the German drew white also.

The fourth and the fifth of the conspirators — Finlanders, who knew something of Siberia—obtained white balls with never a sign of ruffled nerve, but the sixth man, a Bohemian, shivered the least bit, requiring two attempts before he entered the fateful box to bring forth another white ball.

"Half gone, and black yet remains," whispered the president; and there was an uneasy shuffling among the other five. But the president drew forth a ball of the white dazzle. The next three men drew rapidly—white, white, white—amid little whistles of amazement.

Dainty little Aimee stood now before Brother Stathoff, the clean-cut, kindly-seeming young Bavarian. If the 12 had noticed carefully they might have seen that the lady's red lips quivered the slightest and that her bosom heaved. But they looked only at the mild blue eyes of Stathoff of Bavaria, who reached for the fatal box. Almost had he obtained the ball when the dainty Aimee stumbled, nearly falling.

"Mercy!" she stammered, laughing, but it was necessary for Stathoff to draw again.

And this time as he reached for the ball—hidden to him, but in plain view of mademoiselle—the lid snapped to, as by accident, and for the third time the box must be made ready for young Hans Stathoff. This time, with the brown eyes of Aimee following his every motion, the gentle Bavarian made successful entry—drawing a gleaming white ball.

"It is well," murmured the gray-bearded Valmirsky, as he brought forth the black ball of death, and the Pretty Aimee and young Hans Stathoff and all the other plotters drew deep breaths of relief.

But only the pretty Aimee knew how love, entering even the close-guarded halls of conspiracy, had dealt life to a young Bavarian giant and death to the worn graybeard of Little Russia.

Probing Wall Street.

It reminds me of the time when a small but ambitious country town elected its first commissioner of health, says the New York Press. The people were as proud of this individual as the Chinese are of their toddling new baby emperor. He decided to clean up things. The first move was made against an aged negro, a mild, harmless, faithful former slave, claiming the respect of every one in the place. "nUcle Mose," said the commissioner, "you know I have got to clean out things in this town and make it smell sweet. I have sworn to do my duty. Your cabin doesn't smell sweet. Got any cats and dogs around?" "Oh, yas, sah; seven cats en nine dogs." "Kot. any pigs?" "One, sah." Got any chickens?" "Fo' hens en a rooster, sah, en some aigs." "Anything else in the way of animals?" "Dat's all." "Well, Uncle Mose, they'll all got to go; your cabin stinks." "Say, Mars Missioner, don't blame it on de animals; it me dat stinks. I ain't had a wash in nigh on 50 yeah!"

Advice.

Enough good advice is given every day to make a heaven of earth and to forever remove the blight of failure from human endeavor.

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The Omaha Bee says that Paul Revere was the founder of the rough riders. He was also the original night rider, wasn't he?

Climatic Peculiarity.

New York, despite its more rigorous climate, is 900 miles nearer the equator than is the British capital.

Form of Love-Making Barred.

Love-making on postal cards is in violation of the postal regulations of Russia.

Improved Hedge Trimmer.

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Personal and Local

Miss Millie Beckner resumed work in the Bell central office on Monday.

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Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hunnel's daughter, left for her home in Chicago on Monday.

Pure Olive Oil in ½ gal. bottles at $2.75 and qt. bottles at $1.50.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Quite a party from Fairhope attended a big ball at Marlow Opera House on Wednesday eve.

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Miss Harvey returned to Chicago with her father the first of the week greatly benefitted in health by her stay here.

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Mershon Merch. Co.

F. M. Marquis, Middleburg, O., an old time Single Taxer, came in last Friday and is looking over the situation.

The Fairhope Pharmacy has a large supply of Telephone batteries which they are retailing at 30 cents each.

Miss Gladys Lowell came over from Mobile on Wednesday and is spending a few days here with Miss Daphne Brown.

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Mr. Coleman will address the Progressive League on Sunday and will have for his subject "Relative Right and Absolute Wrong" with parables.

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Mrs. Abbie Keller is having an addition built on to her home. Mr. Keller and Roscoe will do the work, will also paint the house and add a new fence in front and name the place as is the custom in Fairhope.

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C. J. Littlegreen intends to make a speciality of ice cream this summer and to send out a wagon with cream every day when the weather warms up a little more.

Last Friday was Miss Marjorie Pilcher's 14th birthday and it was celebrated by a party to which many of her young friends were invited and at which they had a a delightful time.

An interesting and appreciative letter from Mr. Mogg was received too late for this issue, but will appear in next issue.

We have a few pair of odd sized shoes that we offer at very low figure, they are good goods for little money. Mershon Merch, Co.

The Ladies Aid Society meeting and ten cent lunch at Mrs. Bertha Mershon's Wednesday evening was perhaps the most successful in the history of the Society. 110 people were served with luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mann arrived on last Saturday evening and are at home in their cottage. They left heavy snow in Iowa with trains and street cars blocked. Mr. Mann is fairly well but Mrs. Mann's health is very poor. They will stay until warm weather comes in the north at least.

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Judge W. A. Spurrier joined his wife and daughter here on Saturday and appears to be having a royal time. He is very fond of fishing and Monday afternoon drove over to Marlow with his wife and daughter and put in some hours fishing in Fish river on Tuesday, getting a fine string of speckled trout and black bass. Yesterday the party went to Daphne.

Hats! Hats!! HATS!!! We have a nice new stock of Spring and Summer Hats and Caps for young and old; Ladies' Sun Hats, Men's latest style felt hats, etc. Come while the stock is complete.
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Miss Alice Herring returned on Saturday evening, from a nearly two month's tour which took her as far west as Denver. In St. Louis it was her pleasure to meet with James Eads Howe, C. B. Hoffman and others in a conference over plans for a big colony undertaking, and was successful in urging the inclusion of the Single Tax as a feature of the plan.

On account of delay in the shipment of goods I am unable to announce the date of my opening. And will not be able to send out announcement cards. Look for the date in the Courier. We have quite a number of models on hand and will be pleased to show them and take orders for work from this time on.
Anne B. Call.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCloud attended the reunion of the Federal and Confederate veterans, and spent the remainder of the week visiting at the hospitable home of Major and Mrs. L. E. Ames, of Fairhope. Mesdames Ames and McCloud were entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Hutchings at Battles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wolcott were entertained at the home of Frank Brown, Fairhope, during the reunion. —Baldwin Times.

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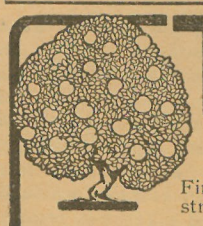
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Mr. McLean's Birthday.

Last Friday was C. F. McLean's birthday and his wife and daughter, conspired with the other guests at the Fairhope hotel to surprise him which was done, most successfully and pleasantly both to him and the participants including a couple of dozen of the townspeople, who were invited in. The guests were surreptitiously assembled in the big hotel dining room, where they confronted Mr. McLean when he was called into the room 'unbeknownst.' A very humorous little speech was made by Mr. J. M. Trimble and Mrs. Trimble read the following very clever little original poem based upon an incident in Mr. Mc Lean's experience which he had related to her.

Mr. Gaston and Miss Gaston both sang and light refreshments were served. It was a very pleasant occasion.

(Mrs. Trimble's poem crowded out. Will appear next week.)

V. I. C. Social.

A most pleasant social had the V. I. C. at The Gables on last Friday evening. The pleasant parlors were filled. The subject for discussion was "Civic needs of Fairhope from a visitor's standpoint."

Mr. Mc Lean made many practical suggestions, especially the line of making the town beautiful and attractive and Mr. A. B. Gaston of Pennsylvania, made a speech which as he had fortunately written it out, we give elsewhere. Miss Smith and Mrs. Barbee favored with piano selections and Miss Smith also rendered a violin solo, and Mr. Gaston sang.

Grand Excursion!

The Fairhope Christian Endeavor Society has chartered the Steamer Baldwin for a Grand Excursion to Fort Morgan Wednesday next, March 24th, 1909. The boat will leave Daphne at 7 a. m. Fairhope at 8 a. m. and Battles at 8:30 a. m. Returning, leave Fort Morgan at 3 p. m., giving about three hours at the Gulf. Hot coffee will be served free, by the Society on board the boat. Bring your lunch and cups and enjoy the day.

The Arbitration Socie y.

Will organize at the School house, Sunday, March 21 at the close of the regular exercises. Every body interested should be on hand to help.

The committee elected two weeks ago, will report a constitution.

Mr. D. B. Clark, of Montgomery has spent several weeks at Fairhope and has fallen quite in love with our town. He is an expert painter and sign writer and while here has done some very fine work in that line. The painting and decorating of the Fairhope Hotel dining room before referred to was his work as also some neat lettering for the hotel. He also painted a nice sign for the Bayside Cafe, a couple of buggies for Dr. Mershon, and several other sign jobs, among them a very neat one which adorns the front window of the Courier office, calling attention to the fact that it is Colony headquarters and that free literature and information will be cheerfully furnished, with an invitation to "come in." Mr. Clark has absorbed a good deal of Single Tax during his stay and will have a good word to say for the Colony wherever he goes.

"Hello John, you're still in Fairhope, are you?" "Yes Jack this is a nice town to live in and, for scenery, health and climate we have all of them beat. By the way Jack where can a person get something to supply the inner man? Now you know my wife is allfired particular about her groceries." Well John we trade with Mershon Merchandising Co. they have the most compiete and best line in town, the beauty of it is you seldom ever get anything of them that is stale, we have been delighted with the treatment they have given us, and too, they 'deliver'. Yes, Jack you will be pleased with them and also with their goods." All right John we'll trade with them and I'll tell them that you spoke a good word for them." "Alright. Well, so-long Jack." "Good bye John."

Excursion to Palmetto Beach

By Steamer Baldwin Sunday, March 28. Leave Marlow 7:30 a, m. via Magnolia Springs. Round trip, 75 cents.

Spring Temperature.

March 4, – 10, 1909.

Mar.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
11	51	62	61
12	62	69	68
13	66	73	68
14	63	55	50
15	37	50	50
16	39	55	55
17	52	62	60

Fine rain Saturday night and Sunday morning, followed by a norther, temperature falling to 37 on Monday night and Tuesday night, with light frost Tuesday night. No harm done.

Interesting "Hotel Notes" crowded out.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

Mershon Merchandising Company, a corporation, plaintiff,
vs.
C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, defendants.

Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the Mershon Merchandising Company, a corporation, by their agent, A. H. Mershon, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment, issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said state and county, on the 11th day of March, and returnable before me on the 7th day of April, 1909, at Fairhope in said county, against the estate of C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, defendants, for the recovery of the sum of $18.98 therein; and whereas said attachment has been exe cuted by G. R. Cain, deputy sheriff for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, to wit: one dining chair, one rocking chair, one high chair, one washstand, one kitchen table, one work basket, two iron beds, two bed springs, one refrigerator and one dresser. And whereas it appears that the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy are non-residents of this state; now therefore the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy are hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereof as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 17th day of March, 1909.

P. Y. ALBRIGHT,
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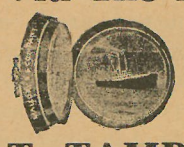
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a 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.

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A much better one would be to apportion the federal revenue to the states in proportion to population and let them collect it from a tax on land values.

Old Soldiers at Fairhope

At Fairhope last Thursday the old soldiers of the northern army and the old soldiers of the southern army, met for the first time in the south in a body, and that occasion was said to be a veritable love feast for all.

Forty years has been sufficient to heal all the wounds of the war and to forever consign to the reminiscence waste basket the hatred and enmity and prejudice which combined to disturb our former peaceful land, and now with the open hand outstretched in friendly greeting, with every trace of enmity which war between the states had stamped upon their faces gone out and the light of common sympathy and interest beaming in its stead, these old heroes of warring forces met and mingled their voices and their tears in a public meeting. The flowers breathed their sweet fragrance in this atmosphere, the voices of orators grew eloquent, the music made merry the heart long sad, and all nature seemed to feel the wonderful sweetness of this occasion.

When this country forgets this cruel conflict of nearly half a century ago and all will join hands in brotherly sympathy and love, when there will be no north and no south, but be wholly united in heart and purpose, then the causes of the struggle will have been thoroughly obliterated, and perfect peace will have been established in this blessed land.

—Baldwin Times.

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LAND VALUES 62 1-2 PER CENT OF NEW YORK REAL ESTATE

According to the report of the Department of Taxes of the city of New York, for 1908, the value of the site of New York was 62½ per cent of the total real estate values, the improvements being only 37½ per cent. Of the five boroughs constituting the city, Brooklyn, the great residence section of the city, was the only one in which the improvement values exceeded the land values. In Manhattan, the most solidly and expensively built upon, the land values were almost exactly twice the improvement values. These facts amply justify the claim of Fairhopers, upheld by Mr. Pleydell, secretary of the New York Tax Reform Association, in his letter published in last issue, that the rental value of Fairhope land will keep pace with the increasing taxable value of other property.

ACTIVITY IN ENGLAND.

Land Values, (London and Glasgow) for March, contains much of interest regarding the progress of the work in Britain and her colonies and carries a supplement of sixteen pages reporting a National Conference on Land Values and the Budget, convened by the United committee for the Taxation of Land Values, held at London February eighth.

A large number of members of Parliament and other notable persons were present and sent regrets. Mr. Fels who was on ship approaching England from his late trip to this country, arrived only a half hour too late for the sessions.

The following resolutions were passed:

That this Conference urges the Government to make a substantial beginning with the taxation of land values in the Budget this year.

That this Conference, having regard to the enhancement of land values at present taking place in rural districts and the consequent difficulty of obtaining land, insists that the government shall include rural land in any scheme of land values taxation, and thus facilitate the administration of the small holdings act and the provision of cottages for rural housing.

The measures immediately urged in Great Britain are not so important in themselves as for their educational value. No speech is made for a tax of a penny in the pound on land values which does not present the principle of land value taxation—that it is based upon value received from the public—which carried to its logical conclusion means not a penny, but 20 shillings in the pound.

Tuberculosis and the Tariff.

Editor Courier:

In an editorial in its issue of March 7th, the Kansas City Star, under the head-line of "Tuberculosis and the Tariff," makes some very radical statements, and draws a very radical conclusion. It is not my purpose to discredit these statements or the correctness of the conclusion, but only to "Inquire to know" "Where we are at?"—to where a thoughtful and consistent investigation will lead? The Star, I understand to be a strictly independent paper, but supported Mr. Taft and the Republican party generally in the last election.

The editorial makes out a clear case against the defendant of murder in the first degree. It says: "There is an intimate relation between the high protective tariff and the high mortality resulting from tuberculosis." Then the explanation is made: "That tuberculosis is largely a disease of poverty, and next to good food and fresh air, the most important thing in the prevention or cure of tuberculosis, is warm woolen clothing,"—that the cost of such clothing and bedding is increased 150 per cent by the heavy import duties on wool and woolen goods, and on machinery and other articles affecting the manufacture of this wearing apparel, that the benefits derived by a high tariff "are as nothing compared to the cruelties, hardships, sickness and death resulting from an insufficiency of warm clothing."

In conclusion, the demand is made that "the tariff should be taken off both raw and manufactured wool, and from all machinery or other articles affecting the cost of manufactured wool."

If the reader, with paper and pencil will try to make out a list of "other articles affecting the cost of manufactured wool," the effort will prove an interesting pastime; and the long list will be astonishing. There are other things too, than warm clothing that enter into the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, especially with children of tender age; a good warm house in severe damp weather with well regulated heat and ventilation. Add to your list the articles that are manufactured for these purposes. And the "good food." Add to your list the articles used in the production, preparation and distribution of good food for the poor. Why should not these articles be placed on the free list? Then there are other diseases caused by poverty, other preventatives and other cures. Where indeed will consistency end this long list?

But the Star editorial is interesting; at least to me. It is encouraging too, for it portends that through this deepening mist of gloom "there's a light about to glimmer,"—that the decadence of superstition, folly and party prejudice will "clear the way." And that will lead to the plain and simple truth, that a protective tariff is a fraud and a crime, and always was. At such a time, I shall be vain enough to proclaim, "I always told you so."

F. G. Lockwood.

Dr. Krohn on Education.

Dr. W. O. Krohn the eminent nerve specialist of Chicago, who visited Fairhope last week, has been prominently interested in educational work, having been associated with Col Parker in his great work some years ago.

Dr. Krohn is in hearty sympathy with organic education and commended the effort here. He is acquainted with Dr. Henderson and his work, and insists that the reform for which Dr. Henderson stands is scientifically sound.

He thinks the unnatural environment created by our present school aystem is a most prolific source of insanity.

One of his most startling statements was that the present course of study covering eight grades or years of work, could be accomplished in two and one-half years, if presented to the child at the time when his nature or stage of development is ready to receive it.

The constant violation of the natural order of the unfolding of the organism not only is a waste of time and energy, but is a cruel thwarting of nature with consequent unsoundness at maturity.

MRS. BROKAW'S NOVEL, "THE SOUL OF THE WORLD."

A sensational item going the rounds of the newspapers recently, in regard to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brokaw, led both Miss Chapman and Mrs. Mathison to write them and they recently received an interesting joint letter from Mrs. Brokaw.

The Brokaws are at Pasadena Calif., and are striving to get out a book which Mrs. Brokaw has written entitled "The Soul of the World."

From a little prospectus of the work we quote.

In "The Soul of the World we find a mother's deepest solicitude for her loved ones put into an effort to show how a balanced land tenure can be easily and quickly secured, and poverty, crime, and suffering thereby done away with, so that not only her own children, but all others, may have the opportunity to come to maturity in the harmonious environment of nature's making. The story form enables people with different views to discuss them and thus make many points clear. The author's three children furnished many of her inspiring touches.

The heroine is a former school teacher who has come to California and taken to gardening for her health and living. One of the early Single Tax propagandists, a leading "new thought" writer, and a wealthy Japanese seek to gain her affections.

The book is practically a historical novel. Real people are behind all the principal characters. The opinions and convictions expressed on sociology and psychology are mostly those of living people, so woven into the story as to make it interesting to even the casual reader.

Few, if any methods are more effective for teaching economic reform than that of the well written story and we presume that Mrs. Brokaw has in her "Soul of the World" written one.

The zeal of herself and husband for the cause of land reform is known to all of the old guard of Single Taxers, many of whom will, no doubt, take pleasure in ordering a copy of her book. At the time of her writing about 75 additional subscribers were needed to cover the guarantee to the publishers and secure the first edition. The price is $1.00 postpaid and orders should be addressed to Equitist Publishing House, Sta. A. Pasadena Calif.

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By a Land Reformer.

"There is a natural and divine law anterior and superior to all human and civil law, by which every people has a right to live of the fruits of the soil on which they are born and in which they are buried."—Cardinal Manning.

In view of many arguments both for and against the Taxation of Land Values it may be well to remind our unconverted readers that there are some folk who, in their wisdom or ignorance, have not yet come to regard Nature's great gift to man, the land, solely as a means of providing unearned incomes, whether large or small, for an elegant, leisured "superior class," or as a mere gambling counter for financiers and speculators, or as a means of securing interest, compound interest, and a profit, whether moderate or excessive, for a few far-seeing or merely lucky investors.

Quite the contrary. They have come to regard it as the eternal and inalienable home, storehouse and workshop of the whole human family, whether rich or poor, on which all must live, from which all the material necessities for life, well-being and industry can alone be drawn forth, and to the use of which, by "natural and divine law anterior and superior to all human and civil law," all necessarily have equal and inalienable claim, as all have equal claim to life. Hence it is that when considering the present helpless, dependent and impoverished condition of the great masses of our industrial population, whether employed or unemployed, they realize that this can only be attributed to the fact that they are denied access on equal and equitable terms and conditions to the great natural storehouse by means of which alone their material wants can be satisfied; that, in defiance of natural and divine law, our own man-made laws, for which each one of us is directly responsible, have made Nature's bounteous gift to all men the private property, the hereditary heirloom of a particular caste or class. And hence it is also that when studying what is known as the social problem, the unemployed problem, the housing problem, the sweating problem, or any other special phase of the eternal poverty problem, due to the present unequal and iniquitous distribution of wealth, they realize that this cannot possibly effectively be solved without some drastic and far-reaching change in the present man-made laws, determining both land tenure and taxation.

—Land Values.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

"VALUELESS" LAND

Owner Refuses Offer of 20 pounds an Acre by Mr. Fels.

"At a conference of ratepayers in the county and burghs of Dumfries, in conjunction with the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values (London,) held at Dumfries on Saturday, Major-General Graham, of Wyseby, a land-owner, rose in the body of the hall and stated that he had a piece of waste land, and did not know what to do with it. It was valueless.

"Ex-Bailie Burt (Glasgow:) Would you give it to anybody?—No. (Laughter.)

"Mr. Joseph Fels (London:) Would you take five pounds an acre for it? No. (Laughter.)

"I thought you said it was valueless?—I want to look at it. (Laughter.)

"Would you take twenty pounds an acre for a plot in the centre of it? No.

"The Chairman (Mr. H. L. Davies:) I think we are going to have a deal here. Mr. Fels has bought waste land in the South of England to give work to the unemployed. (Cheers.)

"But the deal if it came off, was not reported." —Land Values, London.

Letter From a Reformer's Town.

To Andrew Walker
Boston Mass.,

Dear Andrew:

So you would like to know something of our little town with the high ideals, where I have pitched my moving tent, You say you are growing restless of the city life and "big business" and the crowds, and tall buildings and would like to get somewhere, where you could breathe the free air and see flowers and growing things and hear the wind in the trees and the breaking of the waves on the shore once more.

Well I understand that feeling, I have been there myself, until the "wanderlust" took me and carried me down to this little Alabama village, which is as full of plain living and high thinking people as a persimmon is full of fruit.

And so you are seriously thinking of pulling up stakes and coming down here. It is a serious step and you had better deliberate well about it for Fairhope is somewhat like heaven in that "many are called but few are chosen" to stay here.

It is a long cry from the Boston public gardens to Mrs. Howland's garden; from the "Common" to the fringe of beach which is our common.

But if you would like to know what I can tell you, I will do what I can by letter, which is but a poor substitute for a personal visit.

You ought to run down here next summer and spend your vacation "investigating" Fairhope. We are strong on being "investigated." From New York you could take a Mallory line boat direct to Mobile and there board the Fairhope 2nd. for "the town with a purpose."

Take down your map and just look where Fairhope is. Way up at the north end of the Gulf of Mexico, just about the middle you will find Mobile Bay, a long shallow land-locked body of water.

On the eastern shore indistinguishable from the ship channel, about two-thirds of the way up, lies Fairhope.

The latitude is about 30 degrees and 40 minutes north. The longitude is almost exactly the same as Chicago.

Fairhope is in the timber or "piny woods" belt. Geologically, Colonel Daniels would tell you, that this section is of Tertiary formation, overspread with sandy drift.

This fact I have , not that it is of tertiary formation, but that it is overspread with sandy drift.

This is another land from your trim New England states, with your mountains and running brooks. Some days when the sun is bright and warm and I look down the endless vistas of yellow pines. the young ones with their white tops like devotional candles, the old ones with vast tapering trunks and branchy tops, and the drowsy hum of the insects comes on the still air and afar off I hear the creak of an ox-team, then I think of Tennyson's "Lotus Eaters."

"A land in which it seemed always afternoon,
All round the coast the languid air did swoon."

But this feeling rapidly disappears when I get into town and hear a long bearded man in patched overalls and no hat expounding philosophy in front of the post office. The inhabitants of this town are certainly not "Lotus Eaters." The industrious ants or the busy bees would be a better comparison. But I am getting away from the subject and as it is getting late I will close. Remember me to Mrs. W. I will tell you more later.

Your friend,
Frank.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Saturday evening the Woman's Henry George Club held its evening meeting at the Fairhope Hotel. There was a good audience, though by some oversight no announcement of it had been made in the COURIER. Mr. and Mrs. Norton of Daphne were present, and Mrs. Norton had the honor of delivering the address of the occasion. She was looking exceedingly well and her fine paper upon "What Women are Doing" was listened to with marked attention. She gave an able summary of the great achievements of women in art science, literature, politics, education and reform. The lecture was crowded with facts we are too prone to forget, for all signs show that woman is advancing as never heretofore.

The triumph of the age, in my opinion is the conquering by the women of Sweden of equal political rights with men. It is the first instance of a great independent nation doing justice to its disfranchised citizens without regard to sex or race. This great mark of progress was noticed editorially in our issue of March fifth. After the lecture, we had a pleasant social reunion, many of our visitors being present, and a "refreshment" so perfect for such an occasion that it should be, I think, generally adopted: simply a Roman punch (unfermented wine being used, of course) and a plate of delicate salted biscuits.

Says R. S. McMahon, of New Iberia, La.: "I congratulate you on two things. One is the splendid paper you issue. I read it from one end to the other and know everybody in Fairhope by name. I find it most interesting and regard it as the best propaganda publication I know of. The other matter is the way Fairhope is going through the panic. Your interesting community is holding its own and growing some, while nearly all Louisiana towns under 15,000 are losing population and trade. It looks to me as though Fairhope is destined to do great things yet."

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Organic School

Our Manual Training department was opened on Friday, all children over seven years being admitted. An experienced visitor friend stated that our course with Mr. Johnson's modifications of the Swedish Method was the best ever seen.

Our Manual Training affords great opportunities for self prompted creative activity toward which we are working.

School was closed on Wednesday to permit teachers and pupils the pleasure of the trip to Fort Morgan.

Miss Slosson.

Public School.

This week the school had a holiday on Wednesday on account of an excursion to Fort Morgan, which most of the children enjoyed.

In Miss Clement's room we have a new scholar Jennette Cherry, who has entered the sixth grade.

In Mrs. Hubbard's room Annie Doyle has returned to school and Minnie Lawrence is absent now on account of sickness.

Clifford Gable will be absent for three weeks to help his mother.

Mr. Oswalt visited Mrs. Hubbard's room and explained the postal system to the pupils.

Mrs. Sweet's room has a new pupil, Julia Cherry.

Daphne Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gaston Leave

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gaston left for their home at Cochranton, Pa., on Wednesday, after a stay of several weeks, during which they endeared themselves to all who met them. They are exceedingly pleasant people and greatly interested in the work we are doing and in the people of Fairhope. Mr. Gaston in particular, would like to come to Fairhope to live and while Mrs. Gaston is hardly ready to agree to make a new home so far away from her children and grandchildren, they will at least spend their winters with us.

Mr. Gaston intends to take out a membership in the near future, whether they come to Fairhope or not, his chief object being to help along the worthy purposes of the Colony. While here he became deeply interested in Mrs. Howland and her devoted and unselfish efforts to help Fairhope through the library, and took the initiative in guaranteeing a substantial fund to be paid her in monthly instalments during 1909 and to which on his invitation, other friends here and abroad are taking pleasure in contributing.

The appreciation and cooperation of such friends is most encouraging and one of the greatest resources of Fairhope is its power to attract such helpful influences.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prang Arrive.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prang, of Boston, arrived on Tuesday evening to spend a month or more with us, and are at the Gables.

They are Single Taxers of long standing and have been long interested in Fairhope. They had planned several times before to visit us but were prevented by various untoward circumstances.

Mr. Prang is the famous art publisher whose name is almost a household word, though on account of age he has been out of active business for years.

Hotel Notes.

The recent arrivals at the Fairhope Hotel are Harry Slom. J. N. Mc Auley Mobile, Mr. W. L. Woodruff and family Mobile, Messrs. W. E. Dow, D. A. Holloway, New York, J. P Atherton, Kentucky, Miss Jeffery Mobile, Mr. Carmichael and party Mobile, Mr. A. M. Anderson Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Trimble have sent letters to their friends at the hotel, where they have been greatly missed. Mr. Trimble has not improved since they left Fairhope and Mrs. Trimble writes that they had not thought until they were away from the place that Fairhope had so great a hold on them and that they were really homesick.

Mr. O. S. Lyford and his sister Miss Thyng, will leave the last of this week for their home in Chicago. They had visited Pass Christian and other resorts in its neighborhood and they prefer Fairhope to all of them. From the point of view of a railroad official who has had wide experience Mr. Lyford's opinion has peculiar weight. He has declared that for site and all other natural advantages including the exhilerating air of Fairhope, it is the resort on the Gulf coast that should have the largest patronage of the largely increasing numbers of people from the north who desire to spend from two to five months away from a more rigorous climate. He says Fairhope ought to be ready for more winter visitors and then boldly advertise for the business. Mr. Lyford and Miss Thyng visited Daphne and were so fortunate as to find Mr. Theodore Shonts and party at their superb southern home. Mr. Lyford had not seen Mr. Shonts in a number of years but he was at once recognized by the former president of the Panama Canal Commission. Mr. Shonts declared his intention of spending the next winter season with a large party at his Alabama home.

Having made many noticeable improvements in the interior and exterior of the hotel building Mr. and Mrs. Troup are now quite busy planting trees, shrubs and flowers, after laying out their grounds with excellent effect.

S. R. Mc L.

The Spurriers Leave Promising to Come Again

Judge Spurrier, wife and daughter, left on Monday, the ladies to proceed direct to their home at Des Moines, but the Judge to go to Indiana where some property interests required his attention. He would have been glad to have stayed a little longer at Fairhope but Mrs. Spurrier became anxious to get back to the children she left at home. All made many warm friends while here, who will be glad to know that they left promising to return next winter and that there is very excellent prospect of Judge and Mrs. Spurrier making their home here. The Judge enjoys a lucrative practice, has amassed a competence and is in better shape than ever before to add to it, but he has always been a radical in thought and politics and has tired of the game of politics and business and feels very much as if he would like to drop it all for awhile at least. For such an one certainly no place can offer the attractions that Fairhope can and we feel sure that we will have him and Mrs. Spurrier with us.

Mother's Meeting.

The next meeting will occur on the first Friday in April, and will be addressed by Dr. C. L. Mershon on the subject. "Prenatal Influences."

The Steamer Fairhope was hauled off on Monday for a thorough over-hauling, after a very steady winter's running and to put her in shape for an equally steady summer's business. While the Fairhope is off Captain Roberts and Manager Watros are running the gasoline boat "Willie R" on her schedule, handling both passengers and freight. The "Willie R." is a good beamy boat with a 60 horse power engine and makes good time. Her light draft enables her to lay an almost straight course from Daphne to the lighthouse at the head of the channel, passing through the gap in the obstructions and unless she has much freight to handle above, she beats the fast mail boat Lucile to Mobile.

THF ARBITRATION SOCIETY

As announced elsewhere the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws for the Arbitration Society will be presented on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the school house and it is expected to formally organize and launch this excellent movement. There should be a full attendance of the citizens of Fairhope and vicinity at this meeting. Come and bring a friend with you.

Likes Fairhope Better Every Visit

G. H. Knox, just returned from Fairhope to his home at Des Moines wrote on the 19th:

"I am glad to send you $1.00 to renew my subscription to the Courier. It was with much regret that I had to leave Fairhope the other day. I like the place better every time I go. I think the greatest improvement you have made during the last four or five years is the establishment of the organic school. Children should know nature before they know books. They should be natural scientists before they learn to read.

"The climate here is not like Fairhope. St. Patrick's day started in with the thermometer at zero and about a foot of snow on the level."

Our article entitled "Letters From a Reformer's Town," is the first of a series which one of our townsmen has volunteered to write giving the information which it seems to him would be of interest to one looking Fairhopeward, judging by his own experience before he came. We believe they will prove of genuine interest.

The potato and bean crops in this vicinity are coming on finely. We do not remember to have ever seen them so forward at this writing. We ought now to be safe from frost damage and if we have seasonable rains will have a bumper crop and one that will break the record for earliness.

The committee of Mobile and Baldwin county citizens on the proposed Eastern Shore railroad are to meet in Mobile today. The situation is reported encouraging. It is said that Mr. T. P. Shonts who lately visited his winter home at Daphne heartily approves the project and will give it financial backing.

The Daphne State Normal has gotten out handsomely illustrated hangers on heavy plate paper, announcing the Summer School, which will be held from May 25th to July second, six weeks.

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Personal and Local

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Woodruff and little son were over from Mobile on Sunday. Their many friends are always glad to se them here.

Among those employed in Mobile who visited their people here last Sunday, were: Vera Mershon, Grace Williams, Dan Shepherd, George and Ernest Swift and A. G. Carlson.

Mr. John F. Carter, Jr. formerly editor of the Mobile Daily Herald, has received an order for an illustrated write-up of Fairhope for which the secretary has furnished him the material.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver who sprained her knee some time ago and has also suffered since by a sort of rheumatism or neuralgia in it, has been at the Fairhope sanitarium for two weeks past where she has been taking electric treatment.

Wilson and Stapleton, butchers, dressed last week a hog which weighed 265 pounds, a good hog for any country. It was raised by Amos H. Wagner living six miles below Fairhope, near Point Clear. More of this kind of hogs and fewer land hogs, would be good for the country.

It will be Mr. Ewald's turn to address the Progressive League on next Sunday, but he will give the time to the committee on constitution and bye-laws for the Arbitration society to present its report. It will also be the date for the election of a president.

An Important Truth.

They say the fly, don't wipe his feet
And very careless in his walk.
The cockroach, said he was not neat,
And ought to know, that folks will talk.

Oh roaches are such saucy things,
I wish that I could blot them out,
But they can "get there" without wings,
When they see danger is about.

Both flies and roaches I despise;
But this one truth, let me impress,
And ever keep before your eyes,
If bought at Wheeler's, you pay less.

Fort Morgan Excursion

The trip to Fort Morgan on the Steamer Baldwin, given by the Christian Endeavor Society, on Wehnesday, was a great success, Although it was cloudy early in the morning, nearly 170 people took the opportunity of going on such an interesting trip. The Baldwin reached the Fort at 11 a. m. and all started out to see the Fort and the Gulf, under the care of guides who seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. The Fort has been very much improved since the big storm three years ago and the time spent there was very profitable indeed.

About a quarter past two it started to rain and the Captain blew his hurry up whistle and all were soon on board and started on their return trip by half past two. All enjoyed the trip immensely and hope there will be another one soon.

Mobile Party Picnics at Fairhope.

Mr. and Mrs. John P, Lowell of Mobile and Fairhope with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Somerville of Mobile, entertained Miss Tillie Voit of Freeport, Ill, and Miss Clara Culver of St. Louis last Sunday by giving them a picnic on Mr. Lowell's lot in Fairhope.

Miss Gladys I. Lowell and Miss Daphne Brown helped to swell the party.

While waiting for lunch to be served Miss Lowell and Miss Brown escorted Miss Voit and Miss Culver about Fairhope showing them many places of interest. Miss Voit took advantage of the opportunity to send several souvenir postals of Fairhope to her home. Miss Voit was more than pleased with Fairhope and has promised to make a return visit very soon.

The day was an ideal summer's day and one to be remembered by the visitors both coming from the north and leaving very disagreeable weather behind them.

Miss Culver said, "this reminds one of a day at home in June and just think, It is only March."

After the party had partaken of a bountiful lunch and the inner-man was satisfied, they were entertained by Capt. and Mrs Owen Roberts to a gallery party and then a stroll along the beach, until time for the Steamer Fairhope to leave.

We trust our friends from Mobile and the north may return many times.

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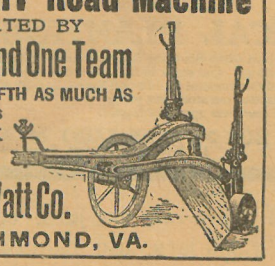
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INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

ILLUSIONS OF A PASSING CAR.

Why a Wheel Sometimes Seems to Revolve Backward.

Under this heading, in The Autocar, Charles F. Street notes and explains the fact that at night a moving wheel frequently appears to revolve abnormally, at times going too slowly, again appearing to stop, and still again seeming to turn backward. Under similar conditions, if a walking stick be twirled in the hand, a series of distinct images will be observed at intervals, their distance apart depending upon the speed of whirling. We read:

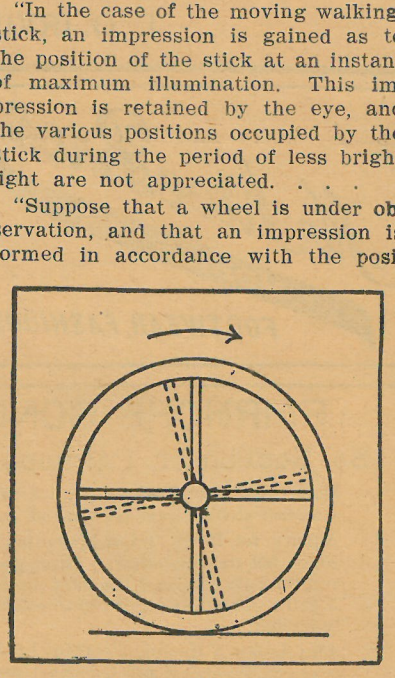
"These illusions are only obtainable in the light emitted from an electric lamp supplied with an alternating current. The alternating current. . . . changes its direction, in some cases 40 times per second, and in others as many as 90 times per second.

"In order that the current may change its direction, there must be an instant in every reversal when there is a momentary but entire cessation of the current, and this cessation necessarily affects the emitted light in the form of a very short flicker.

"Owing to a peculiar property of the human eye, these cessations of the light, when the eye is viewing any fixed object, are not noticeable. . . .

"In the case of the moving walking-stick, an impression is gained as to the position of the stick at an instant of maximum illumination. This impression is retained by the eye, and the various positions occupied by the stick during the period of less bright light are not appreciated. . . .

"Suppose that a wheel is under observation, and that an impression is formed in accordance with the position of the spokes, and that the view is then obstructed for a time, during which period of obstruction the wheel, having ten spokes, say, is turned through one-tenth of a revolution.



Successive Images That Make a Wheel Seem to Revolve Backward.

"If the obstruction referred to be removed, and another observation of the wheel be made, there would be absolutely no evidence that the wheel had been turned at all, the spokes being all alike in appearance, and now occupying a similar position as before.

"This is exactly what happens when a wheel is viewed in an artificial light supplied with alternating current. . . . Therefore if the speed of a wheel be such that the spokes occupy the same relative position to the car every time the light reaches its maximum value, the sensation gained with regard to the movement of the wheel is that it is not revolving at all, and this speed can be defined as synchronous speed."

If the wheel is revolving at a speed slightly less than synchronous, then the first impression of the spokes is as shown in the figure by the full lines, and the next is obtained when the spokes are in some position as shown dotted behind the first. The wheel thus appears to revolve backward—the jumps from one position to the other being unnoticed. If the speed be greater than synchronous, the spokes appear a little further ahead each time, and the wheel appears to be moving slowly forward.

"Another illusion is obtained by watching the wheels of a passing car through a length of distance of, say, ten yards from the observer. Such a view is almost unique in demonstrating the well-known fact that the top of a rolling wheel moves at twice the speed of the center of the wheel, and infinitely faster than the bottom of the wheel, both relative to the earth."

THE CONCRETE BOAT.

Italian Engineers Succeed in Constructing Such Vessel.

The success of Italian engineers with concrete as a material for building boats is exerting an influence on marine experts of other countries to such an extent that a large number of experiments are in progress with results that may mean much for the future.

Concrete has, without doubt, many excellent points as a shipbuilding material. In the first place it offers less resistance to propulsion in water than wood or steel, and no painting is required. In the second, the cost of concrete boats is about one-half that of steel and the maintenance cost is comparatively nothing.

Its strength and practical indestructibility is also a great factor in its favor. In a recent test made by the Italian government, a 1,000-ton concrete boat was rammed by a much larger steel vessel. The result was serious damage to the steel craft and very little harm to the concrete boat. Various trials of this nature have led the Italian government to consider armoring its warships with concrete.

New Fishes in the Sea.

In a communication to the Royal Society of Queensland, Douglas Ogilby records the discovery of one new genus and seven new species of fish. Among these are slender dog shark, Howe's needle fish, long-beaked garfish, the somber leather jacket and others.

Pygmies of East Africa.

The thick forest along the banks of the Semliki, in eastern Africa, is densely inhabited by pygmies. They are cannibals, and when pressed for food exchange their children for those of other families. They refuse to eat members of their own families.

Objectionable.

"I wouldn' objeck to de man dat keeps talkin' all de time," said Uncle Eben, "if he didn' insis' on th'owin' in a question every ten minutes or so dat you's got to answer to show you's keepin' awake."—Washington Star.

Fan Easily Handled.

A patent has been granted on a fan, the propeller-like blades of which are driven through gear wheels by a lever operated by one finger of the person holding it. The inventor claims it obviates the effort needed for using the ordinary fan.

Cleopatra Homely!

So Cleopatra was homely after all! Well, at its worst, history is only like those newspapers in which every police court heroine is young and beautiful.

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Personal and Local

The potato and bean crops on Evergreen Farm are looking fine.

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A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson at the Bancroft home on Saturday night.

Am open to engagements as nurse, $1 per day. Mrs. L. J. Curtis.

W. W. Kile is having ten acres of corn put in on his farm by Van Bavel and Koopman.

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The Christian Endeavor Society cleared about $50 on the Ft. Morgan excursion.

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There will be a Rainbow social at the Daphne State Normal school on Monday March 29, given by the Girls Culture Club.

If you want fence posts call on Wm. Stimpson. he has a big stock of them.

A party from the Fairhope Hotel is picknicking at Magnolia Springs today.

Fine, fresh line of chocolates.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Titus, of Princeton, Ills,, are here prospecting, and we hope to secure them as residents.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Robt. McDermaid is with us again. Capt. and Mrs. McDermaid are in Mobile and will probably be over this evening.

The Asparagus is about ready for market on the Bancroft farm. On the sandy soil at the editor's home we have been having it for a couple of weeks

Mr. J. C. Porter has put up the rear portion of a nice cottage he is to build on his lot between Miss Gooding's and Mrs. Wolf's cottages, and is "at home" there.

Ice cream, cold drinks, hot coffee, and sandwiches at Cozy Corner Cafe. Also take orders for ice cream in quantities of from one gallon up, also put up lunches and sandwiches for picnics, etc. C. J. Littlegreen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gaston were guests at tea, Tuesdav evening, of Mrs. Howland and Mr. and Mrs. Stockbridge. A royal strawberry short-cake with lots of Strawberries from Mrs. Howland's own garden was the feature of the repast.

Mayor Greeno, Deputy Sheriff George Cain, Clerk Albright, P. J. Creamer and other Fairhopers have been in Bay Minette this week before the circuit court, or grand jury,

Mr. Robac has definitely decided to return to Fairhope and has rented the restaurant building of the Fairhope Improvement Company from May 1, though it will probably be the 15th of May before he arrives here.

The "Willie R." is taking the place of the Fairhope while the latter is being put in shape to give the best possible service during the summer season. She has good freight capacity and accomodations for 25 passengers and makes excellent time and the patronage of the public will be greatly appreciated.

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The following enjoyed a delightful launch excursion to Magnolia Springs last Sunday: Misses Louise and Marie Baldwin, Frances Gaston, Alice Patterson, Ola Powell and Celina Roberts; and Messrs. Ed. Roberts, Tom Wilson, Ed. Sheldon and James Gaston. The Shriner launch from Park City was chartered for the occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. Mershon gave a progressive flinch party on Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Abbott. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Abbott, A. H. Mershon, Littlefield, Gaston, W. E. Sweet, J. F. Johnson and J. M. Pilcher; Mr. N. Mershon, Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Magden.

In response to the solicitation of many, Mr. John McCarthy has decided to open up a harness repair shop and has secured the shop alongside the Arts and Crafts building where he can now be found. Mr. McCarthy has had long experience in the business and has all the necessary equipment and material for repairing harness, saddlery, carriage trimmings, etc.

On account of delay in the shipment of goods I am unable to announce the date of my opening. And will not be able to send out announcement cards. Look for the date in the Courier. We have quite a number of models on hand and will be pleased to show them and take orders for work from this time on.
Anne B. Call.

The Courier "family" acknowledges indebtedness to Mr. Rucker, of the Fairhope Bakery, for a liberal gift of delicious cream puffs and cake. Mr. Rucker is not only a fine bread baker but equally good on fancy baking. We hope ere long to see him equipped with a nice shop, in connection with his bakery, where he can display and retail his goods.

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Harry S. Boutelle returned on Wednesday evening from his trip to Panama with many interesting experiences to relate of the trip and of his observations of the work on the great canal. He thinks the American engineers and workmen are "making good" and the canal is destined to be on of the greatest works of the world and one of which all America will be proud. He brought back a fine collection of views of the canal work. At New Orleans, he had the pleasure of meeting his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Howe of Chicago, who returned to Fairhope with him. Mr. Howe is an air inspector and engineer of the Illinois Central railway.

Mr. Bellangee is shipping his fine cabbage almost daily now to Mobile beside supplying most of the local demand. The editor acknowledges receipt of a fine head weighing full ten pounds, which was placed on exhibition for a brief time at the office and then put to the eating test at home. These cabbages were grown without any commercial fertilizer whatever. Plenty of manure, deep breaking of the land, frequent cultivation, and our genial winter climate made the crop.

The town street committee has had Section street down toward the cemetery worked, something very much needed. Though it is not a road much travelled, when we do have occasion to travel it, we want it in condition. Other good work has been done on Magnolia and Morphy avenues. Some excellent work has been done on Magnolia avenue by cooperation of the residents there and the town.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

Mershon Merchandising Company, a corporation, plaintiff,
vs.
C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, defendants.

Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the Mershon Merchandising Company, a corporation, by their agent, A. H. Mershon, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment, issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said state and county, on the 11th day of March, and returnable before me on the 7th day of April, 1909, at Fairhope in said county, against the estate of C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, defendants, for the recovery of the sum of $18.98 therein; and whereas said attachment has been exe cuted by G. R. Cain, deputy sheriff for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, to wit: one dining chair, one rocking chair, one high chair, one washstand, one kitchen table, one work basket, two iron beds, two bed springs, one refrigerator and one dresser. And whereas it appears that the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy are non-residents of this state; now therefore the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy are hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereof as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 17th day of March, 1909.

P. Y. ALBRIGHT,
Justice of the Peace.

Warning!

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19	60	73	—
20	68	71	68
21	66	74	64
22	52	64	60
23	55	72	62
24	63	76	64

Fine rain Wednesday afternoon and night. Good growing weather.

The V. I. C. will meet with Mrs. E. B. Gaston tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock instead of with Mrs Powell.

Pretty Nearly Correct.

Andreas Pellisarti, who said he lived somewhere in Mulberry street, was arraigned in the New York children's court charged with playing ball on the street. "Don't you know it's "Yes, sir," sobbed Andreas. "Don't you know that you are likely to hurt somebody? The streets don't belong to you. Now tell me, son, to whom do the streets belong?" "De automobiles," answered the culprit. "Discharged," said the judge.

The Feast of Dolls.

The feast of the dolls is the quaintest of all the little Japanese girls' festivals. In the storehouse, where are kept all the family treasures, there are boxes filled with dolls which have come down from the grandmothers and great-grandmothers. Each new bride brings her dolls when she comes to her father-in-law's house, and she keeps the feast each year till her eldest daughter is old enough to take it up.—London Daily News.

Gold Sweats.

Gold in transit by sea "sweats," however tightly it may be packed. It is usually sent in stout kegs, and squeezed in as tigthly as possible; but there is a regular allowance for loss by attrition upon the voyage, and in the course of years this loss to the commercial world amounts to a large sum.

Passive Virtue Not Enough.

Beware of making your moral staple consist of the negative virtues. It is good to abstain from all that is hurtful and sinful. But to make a business of it leads to emaciation of character, unless one feeds largely also on the more nutritious diet of active sympathetic benevolence.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Bicycle for the Blind.

An Englishman has invented a bicycle for the blind. In reality it is a multi-cycle, carrying 12 riders, led by a seeing person, who does the steering.

No Will and No Way.

Folks as have no mind to be o' use have always the luck to be out o' the road when there's anything to be done.—George Eliot.

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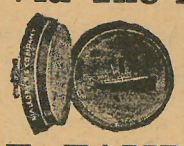
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a 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.

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The Wonderful Chimpanzee.

Original poem by Mrs. Trimble on occasion of C. F. McLean's birthday, founded on an incident related by Mr. McLean.

There was once a young man, and such wisdom had he,
He thought he could teach a young chimpanzee,
The creature was built on so human a plan,
He really believed he could make him a man.
He trained him to dress himself, as I have heard,
And to dine like a man—without saying a word.
If his collar stud happened to fall on the floor,
And was lost in the straw not a swear did he swore.
He taught him to stand and to sit and to walk.
And was certain he'd some time teach him to talk.
And he gave him a well known Irishman's name,
Pat Rooney it was—on the long roll of fame.
Such a wonderful creature he turned out to be,
That all the world heard, and half came to see
This wonderful, wonderful chimpanzee.
But Rooney himself rose up in his might,
With wrath in his eye, and determined to fight;
For he was no mountebank monkey not he;
"And I'll murther the man who dared name him for me."
But his lawyers explained that to law he must go,
To punish the man who insulted him so.
A suit then for libel they speedily brought
'Gainst the man who this wonderful monkey had taught,
And Pat Rooney himself came from far to behold
The creature of whom such strange stories were told;
With a grin of surprise, "Howly Moses!" cried he,
'Why that dom'd little thing looks exactly like me!"

A Card from Mr. Mogg

My Dear Mr. Gaston:

I wish to express in the COURIER my heartfelt gratitude to you and your family and all the good people in Fairhope for their assistance and kindness to me in my great bereavement. On my arrival in Momence I found everything prepared for the services that followed that could be asked for, even to our Pastor Johnston Myers, from Chicago being there, who talked from the words: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, 'Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

The ladies of the Momence Baptist church after service prepared dinner in the basement of the church for those from Chicago and out of town there being nearly forty altogether.

May the blessing of the great head of the church rest upon you all in Fairhope is my prayer. J. J. MOGG.

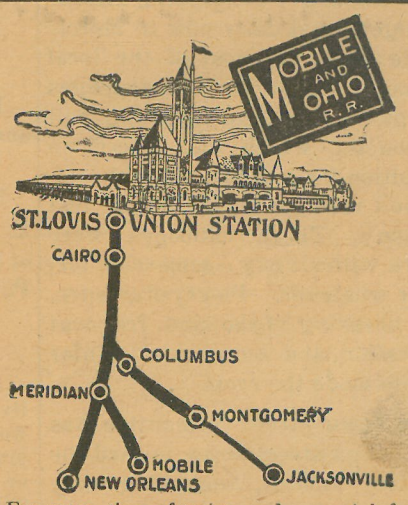
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Charles Le Baron Goeller of New York, who wrote an article on taxation for the "News" of Union, New York, using an editorial in the COURIER as the basis of his argument says: "Your method seems to be the most effective and forceful way of showing the Single Tax."

Alabama was third among Southern states in production of turpentine and rosin in 1908 with 3,744,050 gallons of turpentine, and 446,909 barrels of rosin.

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I WILL.

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear,
I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall know no fear.
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze,
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread,
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine—
I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.

S. E. Kiser.

A Fable For Fairhope From Bolton Hall

Asked for a message to Fairhopers at the late fourteenth anniversary, Bolton Hall sent to Daniel Kiefer the following:

"I should have liked to go to Fairhope, because I like Fairhopers, kickers and all, and I like Fairhope, but I do not see that I could do any good. You have in your growing library a copy of "Things as They Are" and in it you will find my idea of the methods of radicals under the title "Reconstruction" a fable.

Radicals are necessarily people of strong and independent opinion, relieved from most of the pressure of public opinion, and generally aggressive—it is natural that they quarrel,—just take the hide-bound fools whom they despise.

So here is a fable written especially, for this auspicious occasion.

The Trouble at Home.

The twin giants "Stupidity" and "Selfishness" mated with each other and brought forth "Monopoly," who ravaged the world.

A nephew of the giants, who was named "Discontent" grew so strong that he aspired to exclude "Monopoly" from the earth. So he took "Stupidity" and "Selfishness" to live with him and set them to build a fence around the world.

Bolton Hall.

Prohibition and the Landlord

(From the Standard, Sydney, N. S. W.

Single Taxer to Travelling Lady Temperance Lecturer: "Could you tell me if wages are any higher in the "dry" districts of New Zealand than they are in the wet ones?"

T. L. T. L. "I am afraid not. You see, in N. Z. wages are fixed by law, so they must be the same in all districts."

S. T. "Thank you. Perhaps you can inform me if the rent of land is higher in 'dry' districts than it is in wet ones?"

T. L. T. L. (Thinking that she is sayinga fine thing for temperance): "Oh, yes; I am so glad to be able to tell you that every body is agreed that land in the 'dry' districts is ever so much higher in those places than it was when they were wet, and that it is higher now in the dry districts than in the surrounding wet ones."

S. T. "Well, it seems to me as if the poor unfortunate New Zealander cannot ever reform himself, and become a sober abstainer, with out paying his landlord for the privilege."

E, L. S. H.

A Late Visitor Approves Mr. A. B. Gaston's View

Editor Courier:

Having just returned north from my first visit to Fairhope and the southland, I was much interested in the article published in the Courier of March 19th. given by Mr. A. B. Gaston of Penn., before the V. I. C. I thought how some of his statements coincided with my views in regard to you all in that lovely spot, for I enjoyed every moment of your beautiful climate, and it just seemed you must be the happiest people in the world. I should have returned north with that same spirit, if I had not met the people and attended different organizations. And I just said within myself, how I desire and trust that you may all see only the good in one another, and I believe that even though you cannot all think just alike you will rest assured that all are working for the good of Fairhope as a whole.

Suppose your taxes are increased each year. Bear in mind, that it takes money to improve any place, and we who are not privileged to live where the earth belongs to the people, constantly have our taxes raised, and you should want to havecivic pride sufficient to desire Fairhope your home to become more beautiful every year. The blessed sunshine and warmth of your climate! I wish I were there today, snow storm here. All love one another; and I pray, do not let trifles render you apart, but push on to a great and growing town that shall be a joy to us who cannot be with you in person, but ever will be in spirit. Visitor.

ALABAMA'S FORESTS.

About 75 per cent of the area of the state is by nature wooded, with pines predominating. In the year 1900 Alabama was one of the leading lumber producing states, since that time there has been a steady decrease due to the rapid exhaustion of the Virgin forests.

It is estimated by lumbermen and timber experts that inside of ten years if the present practices continue the Virgin forests of Alabama will have been depleted, and the timber remaining consist of such sapling thickets as have escaped the ravages of the present destructive methods.

In the meantime the state will have increased greatly in population, industries will have opened up along the varied lines of the state's resources, and the demand for lumbor and forest products increased in like ratio.

It will then be too late to preserve the young forests that have been destroyed, preventive measures will not at that time replace the loss, nor lessen the strenuous need.

What excuse shall the state offer for her willful neglect in failing to protect the welfare of her citizens and their industries?

Present conditions must be recognized and the destruction stopped, or the industries of the state will be seriously crippled at no distant time.

It is well known that timber of large diameters required centuries to mature, and that the near future cannot await such a growth, even if the young forests had been protected and reforesting been the practice dur ing the past fifteen years.

What shall be done now at this time is the vital question.

First and foremost the conscience of the state must be aroused, the lumbermen, turpentine operrtors, and the stockmen must be compelled to respect the laws of the state whose protection they enjoy.

The cutting of timber indiscriminately, boxing young timber and burning the woods at caprice must cease. Pleading personal rights therefor must be disregarded by the state in the interest of the state's welfare.

The state has seen fit to abridge personal privilege in protecting the health of her citizens by quarantine- why should not the same beneficial restriction be exercised in the welfare of the commerce and industry of the state upon which the citizens of the state are dependent for their bread and meat?

What if the interests to be restricted are wealthy and powerful politically? The more reason why they should be brought to answer and obey the laws and be compelled to respect the welfare of the state, in that they are the chief offenders and are capable of accomplishing the greatest damage to the forests.

Self aggrandizement at the expense of the state's welfare is a species of despotic abuse which can not be tolerated in a self-respecting government, and no measures found necessary to prevent such abuse should be halted on the grounds that they are drastic.

The lumberman should not be allowed to destroy the young timber by careless logging, the turpentine operator should not be allowed to cut boxes in sapling timber, and the stockman should be made to cease firing the woods. Let the state employ wardens sufficient in number to enforce the laws, this can be done

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Mr. J. A. Vautrot, editor of "The Unionist," of Mobile, was in Fairhope last Sunday and was shown over the Colony and its working explained to him by the secretary. Mr. Vautrot was very favorably impressed with Fairhope and is seriously considering securing a home here.

Mrs. C. F. Mc Lean is in receipt of a letter from Henry George Jr. It was written on the Overland Limited and mailed at Ogden Utah. The writer is on his way around the world, for Collier's Weekly. He has a special mission to Japan, where he will make a stay before taking the Trans-Siberian Railway to Russia and Germany. The writer will be in England during several weeks before returning to New York in the latter part of July or the first of August. Recently Collier's came out most enthusiastically for woman suffrage, and certainly the paper has done great service for humanity in its exposure of medical frauds, and the slaughter of the innocents by patent medicines. That it will soon advocate the principles of the Single Tax seems now more than a probability.

Brown Believer in Baldwin

President Brown is one of those who has great faith in the agricultural possibilities of Baldwin county, a faith based on practical experience in both Iowa and Alabama. Of course, his principal business is saw-milling and brick making but he requires much feed for his work teams and the several head of cows he keeps and endeavors to raise all of it possible on his 30 acre farm. Last year he had five and a half acres of corn which he says cost him $65 to make including all items of outlay, fertilizer and labor except that of haryesting and which fed him 23 weeks, relieving him during that time of a cash outlay for grain alone, of $13 a week beside the fodder, and he cut two tons of fine hay off of a part of it from which the corn was cut early. He figures that the five and one half acres netted him at least $250.

This year he is putting in twelve acres of corn, and has in about three acres of velvet beans. He has in thirteen acres of oats, three acres of which he pastured all winter and still is, and the balance of which he will cut for feed. With the oats he sowed last fall was a considerable mixture of barley, which is nearly waist high now, and would indicate that barley is a fine forage crop.

Having grown corn in Iowa and Alabama, Mr. Brown says there is far more net profit in corn in Alabama than in Iowa. Nothing disgusts him more than the talk of some people that a "living can't be made in farming in this country."

Editor Visits Bay Minette.

When in Bay Minette over Monday night it was the editor's privilege to be entertained by Editor Colley of the Baldwin Times and his wife, and their genuine southern hospitality was highly appreciated. Our acquaintance with the editor of the Times dates back several years when he was an employe of Abner J. Smith, then editor and publisher of the Times. Mr. Colley left Baldwin county soon after and went to Jackson, Ala., where he published for some time, the "South Alabamian," but having "Baldwin county sand in his shoes" and having married one of Baldwin County's fair daughters, it was inevitable that he should come back.

Under Mr. Colley's management the Times is one of the very best weeklies in the state, and fully deserves its large subscription list and generous advertising patronage. Colley is young, with all the hopeful enthusiasm and effervescing spirits of youth, but he also takes a broad and serious view of his responsibilities as a moulder of public opinion. His editorials show that he is much more concerned to be right than to be popular and in his handling of local news he is considerate both of the public welfare and of private feelings. A growing editor and a growing town are linked together and the Courier congratulates both.

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Bay Minette shows many evidences of prosperity. Several nice business buildings and many attractive cottages have been erected within the past two or three years. As the seat of government of so great and well advertised a county as Baldwin it is certain to become a fine town.

It occupies a beautiful level table land, and is well laid out (the new part) with large lots and wide streets, most of them one hundred feet wide.

Its worst handicap, as with all other towns (except Fairhope) is its vicious taxation system, which rewards the holders of idle land and penalizes those who apply their capital and enterprise toward the town's upbuilding. Within a radius of a half mile in view from the Court house, four lots out of five at least, (perhaps nine out of ten) are absolutely unused, and are chiefly owned, we understand, by one man. These lots are assessed, we are informed, at a uniform rate of $50. On a municipal levy of five mills, the limit, such a lot contributes *twenty-five cents* annually to the town treasury, while certain, if Bay Minette grows, as her people hope and believe to, increase in value ten per cent per annum, and in some cases no doubt, a great deal more.

Deriving thus practically no revenue from the vacant lots, which this policy encourages keeping vacant, the town is obliged not only to tax buildings, stocks of goods, her few manufacturing establishments, etc., but also to impose road taxes and poll taxes on persons, and numerous burdensome license taxes.

The town will grow in spite of this policy, but how much faster it would grow if the order were reversed and the taxes placed upon the value of the opportunities for making homes or doing business, rather than the use made of the opportunities.

A Suggestion Regarding the Library.

Editor Courier:

Mr. Gaston of Pennsylvania made a very commendable effort to raise money for the attractive library of Fairhope. There is a better plan, it seems to the writer, and one strictly fair and business like, and that is the one adopted and most successfully carried out at Pass Christian. There every stranger can have the privilege of a very good library by depositing a dollar before taking out any book, and then paying two cents a day for each book taken out, In surrendering the last book the dollar is returned. Now this plan should be adopted at Fairhope. There are a great many who come here who are not Single Taxers, but every fair means to make them so should be used, and in taking books from the library on a strictly business plan, they might often take out one of the books of the two Georges, and with excellent prospects of being interested to their conversion. That plan would not interfere in the least with the efforts of any one to secure contributions of both money and books for the library, In fact in many instances, not only of Single Taxers, but of others who had enjoyed the use of the library, the dollar would be left to go into the library funds. Really Fairhope needs a little more of the ability to grasp business opportunities!

S. L. Mc L.

ALABAMA'S FORESTS.

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and the wisdom of such a course will be demonstrated by the results inside of ten years.

An educational campaign at this time is not what is most needed. The lumbermen are agreed as to the results of their present wasteful methods. The turpentine operators know full well that every young tree they box is eternally out off from further growth and can live at longest but a few years. Every boxed turpentine orchard is a mute witness to the awful destruction of the turpentine axe. Every stockmen who fires the woods in the spring under the mistaken impression that the grazing is thereby quickened is well aware that he is destroying nearly all the yearling and second year saplings in the fires' track and cares not a whit.

Moral suasion and printed matter on forest conservation are all right, but as a means to accomplish the results sought they are as medicine for a dead man.

Did the state depend upon such means to accomplish quarantine measures, the results would be equally ineffectual.

Full, and comprehensive laws and an efficient police force are the only means to bring about the desired end, and the quicker this fact is recognized the sooner real work can be started.

That the majority of the country people are ready to assist the state in the work of forest preservation is no conjecture, the farmers as a rule are convinced that in preserving the forests they are serving their own interests. They know the relation of birds to agriculture and of the forests to the birds in general and are ready to help in protecting their bird friends.

The opposition to forest preservation consists of ignorance and a selfish greed that sees no farther than the present and is as unpatriotic as it is unreasonable.

That the state should permit the wanton destruction of thousands of acres of young timber annually in the face of the rapidly passing Virgin forest and the constant increasing demand for forest products is a wilful disregard of its plain duty to its citizens.

Alabama's vast timber, mineral and agricultural resource, is the heritage of this generation from those of the past, let it not be despoiled, but husbanded and protected that it may be handed down to the succeeding generations in perpetuity benefitting both the present and all the generations yet to come.

Daphne, Ala. B. F. Bates.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

The Pines, March 29. The new plants sent me by Dr. F. L. J. are doing well, all but one which I replaced. These plants are mostly new hybrids originated by Luther Burbank. They are described in the catalog of John Lewis Childs which can be seen in the library. One is named "Phenomenal," and Mr. Burbank says of it: "It is larger than the largest berry ever before known." It has a bright crimson, raspberry color and tastes both like the raspberry and the blackberry, grows in clusters and measures two inches around one way and two the other—not the cluster but the individual berry. The doctor sent also the three new blackberries, two of them being white instead of black and it is "perfectly hardy in the coldest part of the country." It will not, I fear, endure our summers. Another sent is the Iceburg "one of Luther Burbank's greatest creations. It bears loads of delicious berries which are not only white but so transparent that the seeds which are unusually small may be seen in the ripe berries."

The extraordinary praise of these fruits makes one doubt that it can be merited. The same friend sent seeds of the much advertised "Wonderberry." I gave some to Dr. Clara. They came up bravely and are already transplanted. Mine are looking well also. It seems that several have tried "Wonderberry" and do not find it good to eat. But it may be that this is not the same. We will report later. It is produced, Mr. Burbank says "from the union of two very distinct wild species, Solanum guinense of West Africa and Solanum villosum of the west coast of North America." He adds that this new species bears the most delicious and wholesome berries in the utmost profusion " Unless some accident happens to them there will be enough of these plants for trial among our friends. I intend to give mine to anyone who will prove them.

Fairhope is beautiful just now, though there are many brown limbs waiting for their drapery of green, notably the peaches and plums which blossom before exfoliation. The glory of the Chinese wistaria is departing, and its lovely carpet of purple petals must be rolled up and serve as a mulch for the vine. The roses and the violets are in luxuriant bloom. We have green peas at the Pines today for the first time; strawberries for many days. When the late destructive blizzard was threatening, Mr. Stockbridge covered the bed with pine needles which proved a "good scheme." Dr. Clara says her strawberries dry up in summer. Here, near the bay as her place and mine are, we can prevent this by a mulch of old, stable yard scrapings, and keeping down the weeds.

Yesterday we met in the Progressive League to discuss the constitution prepared by the committee of the Arbitration society. Mrs. Johnson as the secretary of the committee read the draft of the constitution. We discussed section by section and finally adopted it. The discussion seemed to me very tedious for there on the front seat were our distinguished friends from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prang and I feared they would pronounce the League tiresome. It was after five o'clock, and some few of the audience had left when Mr. Prang, by invitation, went on the platform amid much cheering, and made a charming little speech of about five minutes. Mrs. Prang followed, and all my anxiety about these visitors finding the League tedious was dispelled by her first gracious words. They were, in effect, that she would consider that the visit to Fairhope had richly paid for the trouble of the journey if only to be present at the inauguration of an arbitration society, which she heartily approved, and listen to the discussion of the subject in so calm and admirable a spirit! It was certainly one of the most self-controlled discussions we ever had; and the speakers kept to the question with such unusual persistency that there was but a single fling at "the management" during the whole debate!

The speaker for next Sunday is Mr. E. B. Gaston; but as it is our custom to yield the right for the day when we have visitors whom we wish to hear, we may have the pleasure of listening to Mr. or Mrs. Prang next Sunday. Mr. Gaston was not present being out of town on business.

It is Strange.

Every living thing has a law of its development, a natural order of unfolding and coming to maturity. Every gardener studies the law governing the life and growth of the plant he is cultivating and strives to work in harmony with that law. Every intelligent stockman studies the law governing the development of the animal he is raising and endeavors to act in harmony with that law, for he knows by experience that violation means disaster to his enterprise.

It is strange that society, human government should have ignored for so long, such a fundamental law of progress as equality of opportunity. It is strange that the religious teachers have not, ere this, insisted upon the restoration of the use of the earth on equal terms to all the children of men. Strange, that those who proclaim the Father's tender love to man, are not equally jealous in making men conscious of the material manifestation of that love—the unfailing bounty of the earth—and in condemning the greed which denies to the weakest member of the human family, his just portion of his Father's gift.

Every child develops according to an unchangeable law of his nature. The laws of the mental unfolding are quite as inexorable as those of physical growth and may not be violated.

It is strange that so many educational leaders should ignore so fundamental a principle as self-prompted activity in the development of both the physical and mental power of the child.

Self-prompted activity does not mean license to do wrong.

In every child is the impulse to activity which may not be repressed. It is the business of parents and teachers to provide such an environment that the child may be able to choose his activity. Joy in the work is a primal necessity. Full power can not be attained without it. The occupations should be the expression of an inner necessity.

Educational leaders must insist upon the restoration of this birthright to the child.

The daily school program should allow more freedom of choice, more opportunity for the child to work for the joy of working, not because it is in the course of study, not because he will pass or receive high marks, but because his very nature demands the activity. Knowledge gained at the expense of power is of little value.

It is strange that educators should take children from the world of sensation, the only condition of real development and put them into a world of books; of abstractions and generalizations. Strange that they should deprive the child of the most fundamental necessity—self-prompted activity—and enforce the constant following of directions, the constant doing of unwelcome tasks, which is the very source of weakness, and then wonder at the great lack of true human power in the world.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Organic School

We have been highly honored this week by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prang of Boston, who have spent a part of two days visiting our school. They are deeply interested and believe that natural education is the only method.

Mr. Prang knows Dr. Henderson personally and heartily approves of his theory.

Governor in Baldwin. B. B. Baker Re-elected Presldent Daphne Normal.

President B. B. Baker, of the Daphne State Normal School was unanimously re-elected and the work of the school heartily commended at a meeting of the trustees of the school on Tuesday, attended by Governor B. B. Comer and State Superintendent of Education Gunnels, who by virtue of their official positions are members of the board. The governor and party took a launch over from Mobile in the morning and returned in the afternoon. The governor was very hearty in his commendation of the school and gave renewed assurance of his hearty support to it. He said he thought its ideal location would contribute to making it one of the most popular similar schools in the state and gave the local people much encouragement to hope for a largely increased appropriation from the next legislature.

WE GROW!

The Fairhope post-office receipts for the last quarter an 45 cents over the $250, which received for four consecutive quarters would put the office in the third class.

Miss Louise Manly left with her sister, Mrs. Stevenson, neice and little nephew, on Sunday afternoon for an extended visit. They went to Greenville, S. C., the old family home, where the mothes lives, and will visit other relatives before proceeding to Mrs Stevenson's home at Iowa where Miss Manly will spend the summer. Mrs. Stevenson only expected to remain in Fairhope two or three days, but was so pleased with our town that she extended her visit to two or three weeks. Miss Manly is thoroughly devoted to Fairhope and its institutions and will give a good report of them wherever she goes. The Courier wishes her a pleasant summer and a safe return.

Major and Mrs. J. F. Whittle on Wednesday evening celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary having in a pleasant company of their immediate neighbors and friends. Their friends Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hatch of Mobile, formerly of Illinois, were over for the occasion and were their guests from Tuesday evening to this morning. Mr. Hatch is the G. A. R. veteran who sang "Illino's" at the Blue and Gray reunion. While here Mr. Hatch practically closed a bargain for a place in Fairhope.

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Personal and Local

New braces were pnt under the water tank last week.

The atletic club has organized a baseball team.

Miss Lizzie Littlegreen and her friend Miss Annie Smith spent Sunday in Fairhope.

Laurie Tilson's leg is reported to be much better now and the splints have been removed.

Ralph Dill spent several evenings in Fairhope last week and attended the dance at Mrs. Call's on Friday evening.

Mr. Hagstrom has purchased a new horse, and will go on working his farm as he has not been able to sell it.

Will Davis has built a new fence in front of the Home Telephone Company's central building which improves its appearance very much.

Nice work is being done by the pupils in the manual training department of the organic school, under the supervision of Mr. Johnson.

Dr. Reynolds and family left on Sunday evening after a stay here of nearly three months, during which time his health has improved wonderfully.

On account of the improvements being made on the Powell residence the Village Improvement Club held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Gaston, on Saturday.

On Sunday afternoon the Willie R. went direct from Fairhopo to Mobile having 23 passengers from here, her limit being 25, and the Lucile had her limit before she got to Mobile.

The Riendeau brothers, who purchased the improvements of John Blomquist, have returned to thelr homes in Northh Dakota and expect to return in the fall with their families and take up their permanent residence here.

A very delightful dance was given at the Call residence on Friday evening in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Bessie Call, Mrs. A. B. Call and Miss Alice Patterson. A large number of people were present and a delightful time was had by all. Music was furnished by Mr. Bell on his violin and by Mr. Coleman's big phonograph. Refreshments were served.

NEGRO GIVEN SIX MONTHS.

Tony Strong, a negro deck hand on a schooner which had come from New Orleans to Fish River for a load of clay, was arrested about 3 o'clock Monday morning by Sheriff Cain on Battles wharf. He was tried before Jndge Albright the same day, on the charge of petit larceny and given six months in jail. According to the story of the captain of the schooner, who had him arrested, Strong stole nineteen dollars and thirty-five cents and a watch from him, but when the negro was captured nineteen dollars and thirty cents had vanished leaving only five cents and the watch. He was taken to Bay Minette on Tuesday.

V I C SOCIAL

The Village Improvement Club will have a strawberry social at the home of Mrs. W. E. Swee t on next Friday evening. This social will of course, be up to the usual V. I. C siandard and you can't afford to miss it.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT

State of Alabama }
Baldwin County }

Mershon Merchandising Company, a corporation, plaintiff,
vs.
C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, defendants.

Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the Mershon Merchandising Company, a corporation, by their agent, A. H. Mershon, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment, issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said state and county, on the 11th day of March, and returnable before me on he 7th day of April, 1909, at Fairhope in aid county, against the estate of C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, defendants, for the recovery of the sum of $18.98 therein; and whereas said attachment has been exe cuted by G. R. Cain, deputy sheriff for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy, to wit: one dining chair, one rocking chair, one high chair, one washstand, one kitchen table, one work basket, two iron beds, two bed springs, one refrigerator and one dresser. And whereas it appears that the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy are non-residents of this state; now therefore the said C. A. Murphy and Mrs. C. A. Murphy are hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereof as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 17th day of March, 1909.

P. Y. Albright,
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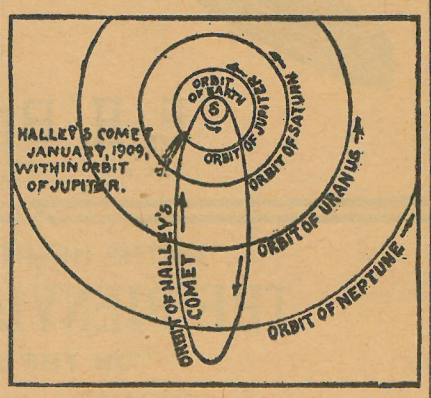
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SCIENCE AND INVENTION

THE HALLEY COMET.

Astronomers Are Watching for the Visitor, Says Garrett P. Serviss.

The keynote of astronomy in the present year is furnished by the approaching return of the great comet of Halley. That comet will not be in perhilion, i.e., at its nearest point with regard to the sun, until May, 1910, but during this year it will come into sight, and every observatory in the world will be busy studying it. The preparations for this great astronomical event have already, for a long time, been going on, because it is an unparalleled thing of its kind.



The Orbit of the Comet.

For this reason, writes Garrett P. Serviss in the New York World, I give a little diagram showing the orbit of Halley's comet and the position which the comet occupies at the present moment. It is now about as far from the sun as the planet Jupiter, and if it were a large solid body like Jupiter it would already be plainly visible to the naked eye.

But a comet is not a solid body, although it is probably made up of solid particles, and only when it gets near the sun does it begin to display its characteristic features. Then only is the wonderful tail unfolded to amaze all beholders. The tail of a comet is believed to consist of immeasurably minute particles which are shot off from the head, or nucleus, by some repellant force emanating from the sun.

Recent investigations seem to prove that this force is electric in its nature. It has also been thought that the "push" of the light waves from the sun may play a part in the phenomenon, for, strange as it may seem, it is now known that the waves of light are able to drive before them excessively small particles of matter which they may encounter. The idea is that the heat and perhaps the electro-magnet action of the sun on the approaching comet have the effect of releasing infinitesimal particles, which are then driven away by the flowing light waves (which travel 185,000 miles per second).

The certainty that the sun exerts a repellant force of some kind is sufficiently established by the well-known fact that the tail of a comet always points away from the sun, changing its direction as the head of the comet passes around the sun, so that the tail always remains on the off side. The reason why the return of Halley's comet excites so much attention from astronomers is because it is absolutely the only really great comet the period of whose revolution and the date of whose returns are known. It comes back once about every 76 years. It was seen in the time of Sir Isaac Newton, and then Halley, who in this respect outstripped Newton, detected the fact that it was a periodic comet and predicted its return in 1758.

Halley was dead long before the comet got back, but back it came as he had predicted. The next return was in 1835. The present return is the third since the days of Newton. Just at what moment it will be caught sight of nobody can tell. That fact gives special zest to the search. There is some hope that photography may reveal it some time this winter, for very faint objects are frequently caught in that way before they become apparent to the telescope.

SHOWED ENTERPRISE.

How Railroads Gave Information to Travelers on Election Night.

One of the most interesting innovations of the recent presidential election was the arrangement made by at least ten of the great railroad systems of the country to furnish election returns all through the night to the passengers.

Special wires were run from the main offices of these systems into the offices of one or another of the many metropolitan newspapers, and the latest returns were placed on board the trains at every stop and posted in conspicuous places. When regular stops were infrequent the trains were slowed down at small towns and the returns, especially telegraphed to the station agents of those places, picked up.

Starch Water-Proof.

By a German patented process, starch is made insoluble in hot water by treating it, in the cold, with formaldehyde and a moderately strong acid. The product is distinguished from that obtained from starch and formaldehyde at a high temperature by the fact that the starch grains remain unaltered and quite permanent. It is not only insoluble in boiling water, but it is not attacked by soda lye or other strong alkalies. It may be employed as a filter in plastic compositions, as a dressing for fabrics and in the manufacture of paper.

Revelations of Color.

Colors tell a tale. Feminine lugubrity shows a painful affection for musty blacks, for sickly fawns and grewsome grays. Those of overflowing vitality, on the other hand, love bright colors—orange, scarlet and blue. People of amiable, but rather indefinite character, show a decided preference for pale shadowy shades—pale-blue, pale-pink, white or cream.—Gentlewoman, London.

Signals That Carry Far.

When an African chief of the Nigerian tribes is ready to begin harvesting and requires extra assistance, says Popular Mechanics, he sets some of his tribesmen drumming. They beat a huge kettledrum made of skin stretched on a calabash and a small side drum. The sound of the drumming carries a great distance, and laborers come in from all directions.

Wasting Letters.

We have only a few letters in the alphabet, yet many persist in wasting them. Here comes M. Ffleuron, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Brentt, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Perscey, Mr. Willcocks, Mr. Hammersleight, Mr. Mavgonnigale, Mr. Maccrae, Miss Carrollyne Welles, Miss Mnculands, Georges Kheller, etc.—N. Y. Press.

Timber Too Widely Scattered.

While there is an abundance of suitable timber in Brazil, it is difficult to find many districts where the trees suitable for lumber are close enough together for profitable work. Transportation causes much difficulty, often making it impossible to transport logs to a mill or lumber to a market.

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Personal and Local

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A very enjoyable masquerade ball was given by Mr. Danenhower at the Pavilion last evening.

The Courier is indebted to Mrs. C. K. Brown for a literally gorgeous bouquet from her flower garden.

Russel Big Boll Cotton Seed for sale, $1,00 per 100 lbs.—Gus Oberg.

Strawberries and dewberries are both ripe now. The former are being shipped from Fairhope to Mo-Mobile almost daily.

M. V. Mathews sells 50 sacks of feed a week. Why?

If you want fence posts call on Wm. Stimpson. he has a big stock of them.

Eugene Louselle, who has been employed at Fort Morgan for several months, visited his people here last Sunday, as did 'Gene Wilson, who is now employed in Mobile.

For Sale Quick: fine horse and wagon and harness at Mathews.

J. K. Simmers, the Mobile monument man, and Fairhope's good friend, (as is his partner, Mr. Stemerdink) was in town on Monday in the interest of his business.

R. O. H. Blended Coffee, at
Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. Forbes Bebolt came over from Mobile to spend Sunday with his cousin, Ira Thomas. who played last week in Mobile with the Philadelphia team.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Mr. Ernest Ahlberg, of Chicago, spent Monday night at the Slosson home and left on Tuesday for his home after a six weeks visit at Silverhill.

Fresh Vegetables picked from the garden while you wait, at
Mershon Merch. Co.

Daniel Runyon, who had been a resident of Fairhope for a year or more, lately employed by Mr. Wheeler, died early Thursday morning and was buried today.

The luncheon at Mrs. Jos. Williams on Wednesday afternoon, given by the Ladies Aid society was a success.

Peter Gass, died very suddenly in Mobile on Wednesday. He was one of the very first of Mobilians to build a summer cottage in Fairhope and was a very loyal friend to the Colony and its policies.

Frank Brown and the editor went to Bay Minette on Monday on a summons as special jurors, fearing they might have to remain all week but got excused on Tuesday in time to get home on the evening boat.

Mr. J. P. Lowell has his plans prepared for a nice. two-story cottage on one of his Fels Ave. Colony lots. From his description of it to the writer in Mobile on Tuesday, it will be quite an ornament to the street.

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Miss Kathleen Shivers and her pupils, will give a musical recital at the Daphne Normal school on Monday evening, the fifth in the N. S. course. The attendance of Fairhopers will be greatly appreciated.

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Mrs. Edith P. Smith expects to leave on Saturday for an absence of several months, during which she will pursue her profession of artist (in painting and sculpture.) She will probably spend most of the time in New York.

Both the Lucile and the Willie R had all the passengers they could carry on Monday morning and had to leave a number of passengers on the wharf at Daphne, which the Willie R. made a second trip for, arriving in Mobile on the second trip a few minutes after twelve.

Ice cream, cold drinks, hot coffee, and sandwiches at Cozy Corner Cafe. Also take orders for ice cream in quantities of from one gallon up, also put up lunches and sandwiches for picnics, etc. C. J. Littlegreen.

Ira Thomas, of New York city, catcher for the Philadelphia American League, made a couple of flying trips to the eastern shore to visit his aunts, Mrs. J. D. Lucier of Euclid and Mrs. C. G Larson of Volanta, and his cousins, Misses Irene and Helen Lucier and Mrs. L. E. Baldwin.

"Let there be light." We have another shipment of the celebrated Rayo lamps. They are an inspiration to the housewife and a joy forever. Mershon Morch. Co.

Several of those who have returned north recently have written back warning their friends against hurrying north. Every spring many get fooled by the fine weather here and think they must get back to their northern homes only to run into blizzards and snow blockades.

"Judge", the fine bulldog belonging to Mrs. Troup, lost his collar last week. Andrew Magrie Harvey Jr., aged four, who has been staying at the Fairhope Hotel with his mother and little sister and nurse for the past two months, is very fond of "Judge." He put his arms around him very tenderly and asked: "My darling dog, where is your necklace?" Much to everybody's regret, Mrs. Harvey and her two interesting children left for their home on Wednesday.

Karl Lehman, field secretary for the Colorado C. E. Union, but who is now doing work, for the C. E. Union in Alabama, will be in Fairhope next Monday night, April 5, at tne church. Bro. Lehman is a "live wire" and all should hear him. Everybody invited. Date April 5. Time 8 p. m. Place, Church.

Arbitration

The Arbitration Society met at the school-house on Sunday the 28th to consider a constitution and by-laws and to elect officers.

The constitution was discussed for over two hours and finally adopted after which the following officers were elected:—W. W. Kile, President; Mrs. Johnsor, Secretary; A. K. Trenholme, Treasurer. Society then adjourned to meet on call of the president to adopt by-laws and to elect Vice-president and judges.

Meeting called for Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the school-house, Everybody invited to attend and join.

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Hotel Notes.

The arrivals at the Fairhope Hotel since the last issue of the Courier were: Mr. Fred M. McLean, New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Smith Mrs. Nannie Brooks. Miss Lyons, and Messrs. B. E. Brooks, J. P. Knott and G. R. Bowman, of Mobile.

Mrs. Harvey, her two children and nurse, left for their home in Chicago on Wednesday. She subscribed for the Courier, as she said she wished to keep in touch with Fairhope and its people. The improvement in the health of her little son, who had undergone a serious operation before coming south has been so marked that his mother feels she owes a debt to Fairhope. The baby, who has been the pet of the hotel, has extended her vocabulary in a way that will astonish her father when she reaches home. Mrs. Harvey returned laden with booklets for the offices of the three physicians in the family, two of whom Dr. W. S. Harvey and Dr. Wm. O. Krohn, have visited Fairhope and returned greatly impressed with the possibilities of the place as a winter resort. With those three prominent physicians and the important railroad official of Chicago, Vice-Pres. O. S. Lyford of the C. & E. I., Fairhope may be assured that next year there will be a very large addition to the winter colony from that city.

Chicago physicians are much given to sending their patients away from the winds, especially during the trying months of February and March. It behooves the people of Fairhope to be well prepared to bid for her fair proportion of that increasing number of northern people who turn their faces southward in the winter, and to be ready not only to house them, but make the place continually more attractive for them. Commercially speaking, there is money in it and Fairhope should be a Favorite resort, not only by reason of its natural advantages but because its people are in no way grasping or unreasonable in their charges.

Fairhope friends of the Schullers, Smits, Steenstras, Zasses and Simon Yansma, former residents, will be interested in news coming from them through Mr. Schuller in a letter to the editor. All the above are now in St. Louis, except the Zasses who have gone back to Paterson, N. J. Mr. Steenstra has a tailor shop and is doing quite well. Mr. Yansma is married and the father of a baby six months old. John Smit, the head of the Smit family, died a couple of years ago. Jake Smit is married and a father. Mr. Schuller and his family are well. He says he is working everyday but the money goes as fast as he makes it. Rent and everything else, he says, is higher than two years ago. He "still has that longing for Fairhope, and it won't wear off." Some day he will come back again and "burn his bridges behind him."

Mr. Fred McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McLean made Fairhope a second short visit on last Saturday and Sundry, leaving Sunday evening. Mr. McLean is a civil engineer by profession and is now in charge, as superintendent, of the building of a new depot and laying of the tracks in connection therewfth, for the New Orleans and Northeastern R. R. at Hattiesburg, Miss. On his former visit he drove back into the country as far as Fish River and on last Sunday he took a horse-back ride in company with his sister, Miss McLean and Mr Gaston, along the bay shore to Battles on the south and Volanta on the north. He was not only charmed with the beauty of the country but quite enthusiastic over the possibilities of development at Fairhope along many lines. Mr. McLean follows in the footsteps of his worthy parents in being an ardent Single Taxer. He expects to visit them here again before they return to the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Troup of the Fairhope Hotel, gave a very pleasant party to their guest, Mrs. Harvey, on the eve of her departure for her home in Chicago. Those present in addition to the hotel family were: Mesdames Coulter, E. C. Slosson, Nelson, Miss Nellie Slosson, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston and Mr. R. F. Powell. Lemonade and cake were served. Mrs. Harvey was made to feel the regret of the friends she has made here over her departure and assured of their hope that she might come again.

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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,

Compliments for the Associate Editor and the Courier

An old newspaper man thus expresses his appreciation in a letter to Mrs. Howland:

Dear and respected Madam:

For some time past I have been impelled to write to you to give you a word of cheer and encouragement in your work. I pretty well know the way of that work, having been city editor of three daily papers in my time, and often amid conflicts of a very trying sort. Your letters are a source of joy to my wife and to me, and I think the most gladsome feature in the .ittle COURIER though I must say it abounds in good things. I gave a copy to a good neighbor, a man of sense and some little worldly gear and a very intelligent family, and I think the impression it made is strong and durable.

Your letters breathe the spirit of Grace Greenwood and Julia Ward Howe, the Spirit of Christ, an inspiration to good and pure things, and may the God of mercy speed you and the COURIER toward a mighty victory.

U. M. WEIDMAN

South Manchester, Conn.,

From An Old Friend

I am glad to enclose subscription to your most excellent paper, which should be greatly missed if it should ever disappear from my mail. I have promised myself a visit to Fairhope long before this, but it has not been convenient to get there yet; but if I do not get there, it is very pleasing to realize that the town and the friends are there, and that all possible is being done to open the way for all people to ultimately take possession of their own, in other words to receive their natural inheritance.

Des Moines Ia. E. H. GILLETTE.

We think it enough that our title is derived by the grant of the former proprieter, by descent of our ancestors, or by the last will and testament of the dying owner, not caring to reflect that (accurately and strictly speaking) there is no foundation in nature or natural law, why a set of words upon parchment should convey the dominion of land; why the son should have a right to exclude his fellow creatures from a determinate spot of ground, because his father had done so before him. * * * Now the foregoing declaration is not that of an irresponsible or illy-informed person, but is the serious atatement of the highest English-speakiag autrority on law, Sir William Blackstone.

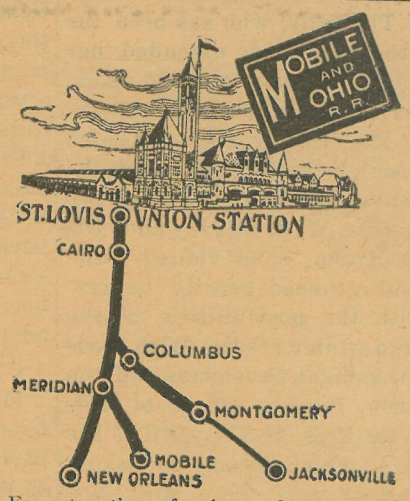
Mr. Geo. W. Chandler, one of our late visitors, writes from his home at Canton, Ills, to Mr. Chester Wright: I often think of the pleasant times we had in Fafrhope and hope to be able to go there again next fall for the winter. Suppose the old gang are hard at work on the croquet ground. Give my regards to them, and to all friends at Fairhope.

J. P. Cadman wrote from Los Angles, Cal.: "Mayor A. C. Harper has resigned under fire. Great triumph for the people and for the recall. San San Diego is soon to vote on the no-saloon question and will be enabled to do it by the initiative in their charter."

Send for a few of our neat slips regarding Colony and COURIER, to hand to friends or enclose in letters.

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For Fairhope via Daphne

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A LETTER FROM ARDEN.

Editor Courier:

We are not unmindful of the kindly greeting you gave our former letter from Arden and your promise of space for another such. So let us mark the spring time (although we had a snow storm, three days ago) and the newly canonized optimists' day which has just rubbed April Fools' Day from the calendar, by sending another little report of progress.

And how good it is to report progress, not of a few individuals, but of a whole group, not one left out. This is progress, not of the kind that the master of economics coupled together in his fearful alliterative "Progress and Poverty." We are making progress, however slow, that is not over the bodies of those who have gone down in the struggle or fallen in the long wandering in the desert our civilization has made out of the abundance of nature. We are growing richer, and not at the expense of each other; happier and not by forgetting the sorrow of the world.

Our report to our mother city, Fairhope—we who are building such a community as you of Fairhope first planned and built—is of a village that, small though it is, has not an idle man or idle woman, and none so rich or so poor that they must be carried by the workers.

The 25th of March, the beginning of our year, saw the greatest income to the treasury from land rentals, so much that when the balance is received, it should wipe out every indebtedness left by the old, unfortunate years of pioneering. Every week the town clerk has new applications for land. There is not a man or horse in the village that has not plenty to do—not to mention the women who have more than plenty to do all the year round.

The stone is being hauled from brook bed and stone pit, the saw mill buzzing, though for the most part cutting only fallen timber for fire wood—our forest trees are too beautiful and precious to cut as long as they will stand.

One new cottage is up to the second floor joists, another just bringing its stone foundations above ground level, the cellar of a third just dug, and that of a fourth staked out ready for shovel and pick.

The spring planting is begun, a car load of manure hauled and divided, new trees set out, a little road mending done and plans making for a half dozen more cabins and cottages.

The Shakespeare club still holds its meetings in the city, but will gather at Arden over Easter. The weekly class for the study of Esperanto is begun for the summer; the violet has been found in the woods, and the maple buds are reddening.

We cannot express the joy and hope of it all; but fortunately there is no need to tell it to you. You of Fairhope know it already; and we who following along the same road, real civilization, to having finer things and having them better, to hurrying less and living more, thank you once again for your good example.

Sincerely yours,
Frank Stephens.

Creamery Keeps Coming.

The Fairhope Creamery continues to improve its equipment, increase its output and extend its benefits, and has already conclusively demonstrated that dairying is one of the industries for which the locality is particularly adapted.

Mr. Berglin, the enterprising proprietor, having started out in a modest and inexpensive way, and demonstrated the opportunity, is now increasing his equipment. He recently installed a new 100 gallon churn (one of our Captain Mc Dermaid's make, by the way), and is expecting daily a new De Laval seperator with a capacity of 1750 pounds of milk per hour.

The writer had an interesting talk on the steamer en route to Mobile one day recently, with Mr. B. W. Haxall or Virginia, after he had spent several days in this section in the interest of his company, the Sharpless Separator Co. Mr. Haxall covers the entire south for his company, but has also spent much time in the great dairy sections of the north and west. He was very enthusiastic over this as a dairy country and declared his conviction of the certainty of dairying becoming one of its profitable permanent industries.

He was pleased with our conservative manner in which the creamery had been started, contrasting it with other efforts where so much capital was invested and fixed expense incurred as to handicap them at the outset.

Our milk, he declared, tested very high, averaging about five per cent. and the price paid for butter-fat was way above the average.

Every farmer furnishing milk to the creamery with whom the writer has talked, is pleased with results. Some of them were on the verge of leaving the country, but the creamery has given them new hope and enthusiasm. They have a certain income coming in right along, and are not kept on the rack of uncertainty for fear of late frosts, glutted markets or commission thieves.

What is the Greatest Happiness?

There can be no greater happiness than feeling that you are at rest with the power that hath made all thihgs, and the best we can do for our children, all children, is to teach them to be morally responsible for all they do. The church and school teaches this to some extent, but there is so much form about it that it is not so easy to grasp. It must be the home children have that will make them what they will be in the future. It then falls to our lot that we see to it it that our lives are truthful above all things, and unselfish so that they may feel for the downtrodden and oppressed when they come to maturity and help to make the world better not worse to live in. The salvation of mankind depends on the young much more than the old of today, and natural education is the education to come and all who believe in it and work for it now are preparing the way, which is always the hardest part in any reform. They are belittled and ridiculed almost beyond endurance at times, but we will stand fast and let the tempest blow knowing well that we stand fast and let the tempest blow knowing well that we stand on firm ground. We may not be here to see the sunshine when it comes, but that does not matter, there is a pleasure in standing up for the right for which we are only too glad to give our life. There is so much to do that there is no time to waste. First, involuntary poverty is to be abolished for people can never grow good if there is always a wolf of want before the door. This wolf must be driven away and forever destroyed so that there can be peace and good will on earth. This can only be brought about by educating the young, the men and women of to-morrow. We should always have this in mind when we meet them and are with them. Their minds are open to good influence, and they in turn teach others. So with Fairhope, what it stands for means much, and we who have the privilege to live here and help it along should overlook the mistakes that some of us have made, for we can only learn by experience and cannot judge others unless we can put ourselves in their place. I can find a pleasure and happiness in living in Fairhope as a Single Taxer and a reformer that I can not find elsewhere.

Bertha Mathison.

NEWSPAPERS FIRST

Most Valuable to Draw Trade, Says Well-Known Merchant.

That newspaper advertising has always proved to be the most profitable mode of publicity for retail trade, was the statement made by R. D. Baldwin, a merchant of Fitchburg, Mass., to the Pennsylvania Retail Hardware Association, in convention in Philadelphia.

"Advertise in the newspapers first, last and all the time," said Mr. Baldwin. "This is the most effective method of advertising you retail men can adopt. The most effective method of newspaper advertising is the concentration of the 'ad' upon some one article to be sold next day. The attention of the public is focused upon the commodity in queston, and the sales will be found to be greater, in the aggregate, than wilf be found to be the case if you attempt to advertise everything to be found in your store."

The Courier acknowledges receipt of a club of five subscriptions including her own renewal, from Mrs. C. F. Dodworth, of Pasadena Calif. Two of these are public libraries.

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GERMANY'S ONE SUCCESSFUL COLONY AND THE REASON WHY.

From the Liberator, Auckland, N. Z.

It is just ten years since the German government acquired the colony of Kiaotchau, China. The colony is about 300 miles square and although it is one of the youngest of Germany's colonies, it has proved the most successful of all, rivalling even the colonies of so old and experienced a power as England. The Westminister Review of July 1908, publishes an article by R. Ockel, which deals with the progress of this colony, and gives his opinions as to the reason of this unique progress in a German colony. He says:

"Looking backwards over the first decade of the history of the Colony of Kiaotchau, the picture is a very favorable one. The small Chinese fisher village, Tsingtau, without roads or streets, has grown into a beautiful city, built according to one plan, with sewers and storm water drains, a good water supply, and electric light installation, and beautifully paved streets. Forests also have been planted round the town in order to increase its scenic attractions, as well as to improve the sanitary conditions of the town.

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Dealing with the rapid development of Tsingtau, the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce said in a recent report:—"The Imperial Navy Department has made, by means of the first-class harbor, with practical plants for speedy loading and unloading of large ships, Tsingtau a port with which no other port, including the 65 years' old Hong-Kong, can be compared!

Tsingtau is the gate for a huge Hinterland with which it is already connected by the 450 kilometer (nearly 300 miles) long railway, with the capital of the province, Shantung, and it is intended to enlarge the existing line till Tientsin is terminus for the four provinces, Shantung, Pechili, Shausi, Honau, a fertile and ore-rich tract of about double the size of the German Empire, with a population of 80 million men. Within barely nine years of its coming into existence as a port, Tsingtau (Kiaotchau) has overtaken Tschifu, opened 43 years ago by the Treaty of Nanking.

The system of land tenure adopted in Kiaotchau is largely responsible for this phenomenal rise of a previously unknown place. On taking over the land at the price ruling before the seizure by the German government, the order of the 2nd September, 1898, stipulated that the buyer of land shall pay a tax of 33 per cent on the increased value, and that if a plot of land is not sold for twenty-five years, the owner shall pay a tax of 33 per cent on the increased value found by assessment to have taken place. The owner of land has to give notice of any intended sale, and (in order to prevent under-assessment) the government has the first option to buy at the owner's figure.

In addition, every landowner has to pay each year a tax of 6 per cent of the capital value of his land. The owner's valuation is taken, but again (in order to avoid under-assessment) the government has the right to buy at the owner's figure. This tax effectually stops all speculation in land, and prevents the holding of land idle. The withholding of land from use is further checked by the regulation that if land is not being built upon at a certain date, in accordance with the stipulated plan of building, the owner forfeits his right of property, and the government takes it back, paying only half the assessed value. Instead of forfeiting the right of property, the order of December 31st, 1903, imposes a progressive land-value tax, which effects the same purpose of forcing the land into use.

MRS. PRANG WRITES ABOUT FAIRHOPE AND MOTHERS' MEETING.

The following from our visitor Mrs. Louis Prang was not intended for publication, but I had asked her for "copy" this week, and when she read me this interesting letter all about Fairhope, and I begged her to give me that instead of any other copy, she kindly consented. I am certain that our readers will be glad that I insisted. M. H.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis:

I know that such ardent and active Single Taxers as you, are waiting eagerly to know our impressions of this Single Tax Colony. It would need many a day to give them for whenever we take our walks abroad we meet a new strong character and a new phase of life. But today I must leave out many of these—the public library and its brilliant librarian, the author of "Papa's Own Girl"—the learned philosopher who seeks truth, goodness and beauty in long, straight, fascinating rows of strawberries, lettuce, onions, cabbages and fig trees—the "nature man," who after trying all the climates of the world, pronounces that of Fairhope the best and living only on the fruits of the earth turns deep the soil and watches his garden grow—these few examples are literally only the A, B, C, of Fairhope's remarkable population—the rest of the alphabet would not suffice to include them all. This is a Colony with an ideal and its members are idealists of strong individuality.

But they are pioneers and one would hardly expect in pioneer life, abundant leisure for high thinking, yet it is so and stimulation of thought is constant.

Last Friday the monthly Mother's meeting was held at "The Gables," in the hospitable and attractive library of Mrs. Comings, who is our cultivated hostess and who is in the front rank for every good word and work. The Mother's meeting is especially in connection with the Organic school, which is following out the line of education advocated by Dr. Charles Henderson (who is a friend of ours of many year's standing,) in his book "Education and the Higher Life," and exemplified by him in his summer camps for boys and in his California school at Riverside.

The topic for the afternoon was "What is Organic Education?" and Mrs. Johnson, the enthusiastic principal of the school, with beaming eyes and earnest words told of the work she is trying to do. She aims for the sound, accomplished, beautiful body—the intelligent, creative mind—the sympathetic, reverent spirit. She believes that it is impossible to have an unsound body and a thoroughly healthy mind, or an unsympathetic spirit and a vigorous mind. True development must come through experience, guided experience, for she desires to present the right to the children, being of the firm conviction, that one cannot look upon the right and do the wrong. Herein lies a whole body of doctrine.

Also man is a unit body, mind and spirit; these must be developed not only for his individual growth but for social growth. There comes first then, if there is any first, the sound, accomplished and beautiful body to be reached by bodily activities, by outdoor life, by seeing and hearing the wonders and beauties of nature, by studying the land and the water, by tasting and feeling and smelling by walking and running and jumping, by all sorts of games, by manual training, by singing, by calling, by speaking in different keys and tones, and all this, as you may imagine, from the pure love of it, from unrestrained delight. Ah, what a paradise of a school!

And in this process, every effort is made always for each one to do his best and so whether in skill or in creation, will grow the individuality—each child's special and heaven born power. As the mind grows in the pursuit of these activities, comes the desire to know of the rest of the human world, to learn to read, to wish to tell also by writing, to express in figures what they have learned through experience, in weighing, measuring, etc. In the Organic school, the children do no book study until they are ten years old, then with eager, alert, curious minds, they burst into the world of other's experience while continuing their own sense experiences, and begin to share more completely the experience of others. Thus they pass from the outdoor geography of stream and brook and bank and island and peninsula and watershed to the globe and thence to travel and geography from books. Meantime they are gaining power through knowledge of materials, of nature and its forces, through interest, through self-control; and power is the great end of education.

During all this, their common work and play they are led through right guidance, to regard the rights of others, to grow in loving kindness, to advance in that brotherhood which the true democracy demands, to see that one may not be by himself alone, that all should be for each one and that one should work for all. The greatest punishment for the child is to be segregated from the common work and the common play.

After Mrs. Johnson's glowing statement of her educational principles and desires, she gave a day's program, requiring a schoolroom of large free floor space for untrammeled movement, and all outdoors to roam in—first, a song, reverent and joyous, in a circle, that at once suggests consideration of others and the harmony that binds all, teachers and children and then the scale, individually and collectively, part singing, a new song. The teacher reads a story, beautiful and of a self evident moral and the children learn the fine art of listening. Outdoor running and jumping follow for the free, accomplished body, then table work of paper folding and cutting, clay modeling, brush work for the little ones and real manual training shop work for the older ones. An hour spent outdoors in looking, listening, explaining, experimenting closes the morning. But just previous to this comes a light lunch, during which the children not only care for their sound bodies but acquire mutual courtesies and brotherly kindness.

In the afternoon, a half hour of quiet, fol-

lowed by an hour of art work, then voluntary plays, that is to say, plays chosen by the children.

Lively questions and discussion followed Mrs. Johnson's exposition, it not being necessary in the somewhat prevalent northern way to press the members to express their opinions. Some of course, clung to the order and restraint and the necessary books of the ordinary school education, some felt that the ordinary school education was already adopting more or less of the organic methods, while others from overflowing and enthusiastic hearts exclaimed "The Organic school is the school for my children." Mr. Prang, being asked for his views said:

"Natural (Organic) Education is education based on natural experience with things in nature and art, with acquiring knowledge through contact of things with our senses instead of getting acquainted with them in the school room through books and descriptions by the teacher; it is a gradual development of the child's inside powers in the most natural way by the teacher living with the child in and out of doors and making it practically acquainted with its surroundings by observation and handling.

"Natural (organic) education differs from the usual school education as the education of a cook completed in the parlor through excellent cook books and scientific theories about handling a stove would differ from the organic education in the kitchen by actually building a fire, keeping the stove in order, preparing the dough, etc., etc., and tasting and serving the finished product.

"A child is not like a lump of clay to be shaped according to the idea of an educator by squeezing it here and thumping it there as some of our present pedagogues still believe that it can and ought to be done; the child is a living organism with all sorts of latent faculties to be developed in natural ways, that is in such ways as nature proceeds in developing any created being, that is by sense experiences."

I remember, dear Mrs. Lewis, how you began baby Jerome's organic education by letting him dance on the spring bed and I never see his springy step and note his springy mind without thinking of it. I know that both of you would be delighted with this organic education. We have spent whole mornings with the children following their pursuits. Fairhope has several romantic, entrancing gullies, to which we were taken in the outdoor period. You can see by the enclosed picture what rare opportunities for delight are afforded them.

We are very glad that the Single Tax Colony of Fairhope (beautiful name!) should be one of the first to give to its children the fine, beautiful, ideal education. The school is free to all members of the Colony, a fee being charged to others. The children from seven to ten, constitute a life class, which is led by Miss Taggart, a gifted college graduate. Mrs. Johnson herself, was a training teacher before coming here and is conducting a training class for organic school work in addition to her education of the children. Mr. Johnson, trained for his work, cares for the manual training.

It is beautiful to see this full free spirit of true education making its way in our full free country

We are happy to watch another development in the Interlaken school at La Porte, Indiana, of which Dr. Wm. N. Hailmann is principal. The Interlaken school connects with a series of European schools, thus adding foreign to home experiences. Our friend, Ewald Haufe is working with intense earnestness for what he calls "The Natural Education" in Austria and Germany.

This long letter is only a beginning in telling the wonders of Fairhope. One of the great delights is that all give you roses and not only the beautiful roses of the garden but spiritual roses of hospitality and kindness.

Yours lovingly,
Mary Dana Hicks Prang.

Constitution of Fairhope Arbitration Society Adopted Sunday March 28, 1909

Art. 1. Name.

This society shall be called the Fairhope Arbitration society.

Art. 2. Object.

Its object shall be the settlement of differences among members by an arbitration court, as described in articles 6 and 11.

Art. 3. Officers.

Its officers shall be president, vice presinent, secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected for one year and shall serve until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Art. 4. Duties of officers.

The duties of officers shall be the same as that of simiiar officers in other societies.

Art. 5. Salaries

No salary shall be paid any officer of the society.

Art. 6. The Arbitration Court.

The court shall consist of three judges, who shall be elected at the same time as the officers of the society and who shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. 7. Compensation of the Court.

The judges shall receive for services in adjusting cases, two dollars a day, but in no case shall the compensation be less than one dollar.

The secretary shall attend all sessions of the court and shall make a correct record of the case in a book provided for that purpose, and shall receive the same pay as the judges.

Art. 8. Compensation of Witnesses.

Witnesses shall be paid 25 cents per hour for time in actual attendance.

Art. 9. Membership.

Anyone may become a member of this society by subscribing to the constitution and by-laws and paying into the treasury twenty-five cents.

Art. 10. Recall.

Any officer or judge may be recalled at a meeting held for that purpose by the vote of a majority of the members of the society, and such special meeting shall be called by the president on the request of 20 per cent of the membership, notice to be mailed by the secretary to each member.

Art. 11. Special Court.

Members of the society shall have the right to select, each one special judge or arbitrator and these two shall select another one and these three shall constitute a special court, and shall receive the same compensation as the regularly elected judges.

The special judges shall be members of the society.

Art. 12. Decisions Final---No Appeal.

The decisions of the Arbitration court are to be final. No appeal is to be taken in any case; and each member of the society, unqualifiedly agrees, not only to abide by the decisions of the court, but to act as special judge and attend as a witness when requested to do so.

Each member also agrees that while belonging to the Arbitration society he will not bring suit against another member in any other court.

Art. 13.

If little or no expense be incurred by the judges or witnesses it shall be the policy of the court to assess the costs in proportion.

Art. 14.

All expenses incurred by the Arbitration court shall be borne by the parties asking arbitration.

Farmers for Fair Assessments

The following address to the court of county, commissioners and county tax commissioner was unanimously adopted by the Baldwin county organization of the F. E. & C. U. at its session held at Euclid, on April sixth, and copies ordered sent to the Union Guide and circulated throughout the county for signatures.

Gentlemen: We your petitioners most respectfully represent that the county's assessment of properties for taxation is very unequal and therefore unfair and unjust.

We are reliably informed that some properties in the county are assessed as low as ten to twenty percent of their value, while others are assessed as high as their full value.

We understand that throughout the county unimproved lands are assessed at only ten to twenty per cent of the prices at which they are being held for sale while our homes are usually assessed at fully sixty percent of their selling value and in any many cases even higher.

We feel this unequal assessment is too unfair and unjust to be tolerated and insist that all be raised to the same basis.

We do not object to paying our fair share of taxes, but we object seriously to paying from two to ten times as much as others who share equally with us in the benefits.

A Visit from a Government Investigator.

Mr. Charles F. Allen, who has been the past week at the Fairhope Hotel, is connected with the Immigration Commission at Washington, D. C. Mr. Allen is a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, and is one of those foremost products of the agricultural colleges of the country selected for government service. If there are many like him, the Department may well be proud of its methods of selection. He began his service last September; and his territory at present, after some preliminary work in Connecticut and Massachusetts, includes the Central and Southern States.

His work is to thoroughly investigate and report upon the foreign agricultural colonies in that section.

Mr. Allen says he was astonished to find the fine wharf at Fairhope, and a hotel with all modern conveniences. The beauty of Fairhope and its surroundings received their meed of praise from him, and the Holland settlers on Fairhope Colony land will have an extended notice in his report. Let it not be forgotten that from henceforth Fairhope will have a friend at court in Mr. Allen.

The editor returned on last evening from a several days' trip in which he went as far as Welsh, La., about 200 miles west of New Orleans. At New Orleans and at New Iberia, he had the pleasure of meeting Single Taxers much interested in Fairhope. Some he had had the pleasure of meeting previously at Fairhope, others he met for the first time though their names had been familiar for years. In another issue some observations of possible interest to readers of the Courier will be given.

W. T. Joyce of Fairhope, has in the show-window of the Hammel Dry-goods Co in Mobile, a display of his fine handiwork, in horse shoes of many styles and patterns, handsomely finished and polished and each a genuine work or art. It is a fine ad. both for him and Fairhope.

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Personal and Local

The soda fountain at the Fairhope Pharmacy is running again.

Herman Stemerdink spent Sunday in Fairhope.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Prissey and Mrs. Magden left on Monday for their respective homes in the north after a very pleasant winter here, and regretted much that they had to leave but promised to come again and bring others with them.

The Henry George Athletic Club is planning to give their first grand ball the latter part of this month. The Club was organized about two months ago and has been increasing its membership ever since. This dance will pe given to help buy mats, horizontal bars, etc., which are much needed.

Some Mobile automobile owners are resisting the collection of an auto license of $7:50 on the ground that as the same are operated for their own private use and not as public conveyances, it is an unjust and illegal discrimination to require a license of them when owners of carriages and like vehicles are not required to pay license.

Messrs. Koopman and Van Bavel have put in about 8 acres of corn for Mr. Kile and prepared the ground for it in a way which is sure to show results. The ground was broken to a depth of about 8 inches and then with a subsoil plow the subsoil was broken up to a depth of about as much more. On land with as dense a subsoil as ours here, subsoiling is sure to show good results.

The dance at the pavilion last Thursday was the biggest and best public dance we have had in Fairhope for months. There was a large crowd in attendance and nearly all were masked. Prizes were given to the following: Mrs. Rathje, handsomest costumed married lady, 10 trip ticket on Steamer Fairhope; Miss Ola Powell, best character costumed young lady, $3 bathing suit; Miss Leah Gaston most comical costumed young lady, 5 pound box of chocolates; Arthur Dealy, best character costumed gentleman, box of 50 cigars; James Gaston, most comical costume, box of 25 cigars.

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The Ideal Meal.
The ideal meal consists of bread, butter, and cheese, according to Dr. J. E. Squire, who delivered a lecture to the British National Health society. "These foods," he said, "contain all the elements necessary for the proper working of the body, and thus form a omplete meal."

A Formula.
Right ideas, backed by persistence and promulgated at psychological moments, will gain a foothold and become a great force for good, no matter how determined may be the opposition.—Detroit News.

Superstitious as Ever.
Superstitions are as numerous and as absurd to-day as during the middle ages. But instead of burning our sorcerers, fortune-hunters, palmists and crystal-gazers, we pay them. Remarkable progress.—Vienna Zeitung.

Tough, Indeed!
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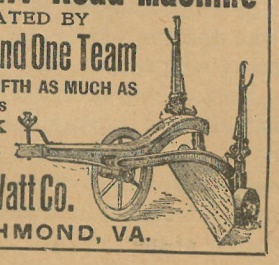
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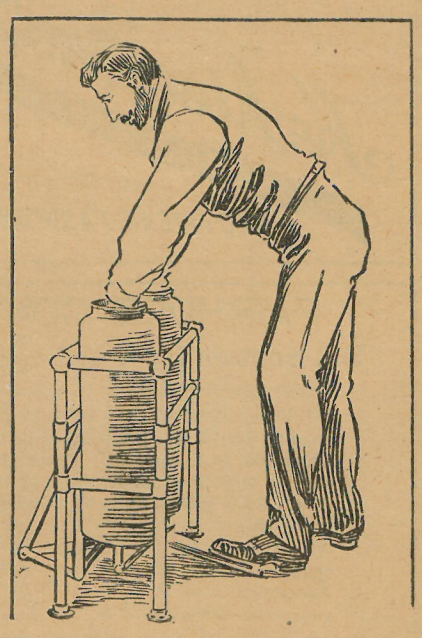
GLOVE SURGERY.

Clever Compressed-Air Method by Which the Gloves Are Put on.

Several weeks ago a most interesting article appeared in the magazine section of the New York Sunday World about the new "mask and glove" surgery which has been introduced in Paris hospitals. Photographs were shown of surgeons in the operating rooms wearing antiseptic masks which completely cover their heads, and skin-tight rubber gloves reaching above the elbows.

To put on such a pair of gloves is a difficult and tedious task for a man, even with the aid of an assistant, but a London surgeon has just invented an ingenious contrivance for putting on these tight surgical gloves by machinery. As the accompanying illustration from the London Lancet shows, the apparatus consists of two cylinders, which can be partially exhausted by a piston worked by a pedal. At the top of each cylinder is a flanged rim, over which the opening of the glove is stretched and fixed with the fingers hanging vertically into the cylinder. The glove when in this position completely closes the upper aperture, forming, as it were, a dependent diaphragm.

When the operator treads on the pedal the air-tight piston is pulled downward, producing a partial vacuum in the metal tube, and the difference in the atmospheric pressure thus produced stretches the gloves to the size of a boxing glove with wide fingers, and thus enables the hands to be inserted easily into them. At the same time an automatic catch under the pedal fixes the piston. When the hands are in the gloves, by treading on the pedal air is admitted into the metal tube, and the gloves contract



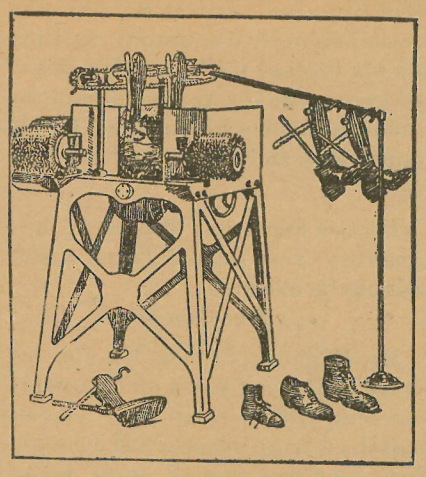
Putting on the Gloves.

upon the hands with a sudden snap. This action also releases the catch, and the spring attached to the pedal forces the piston upward and the air releases the gloves from the upper end of the apparatus. The hands with the gloves applied can then be withdrawn. The gloves are stretched evenly over the whole surface by the minus air pressure, and in consequence there is no danger of the gloves being torn. A pair of gloves can be put on in a few seconds by anyone accustomed to the machine, and the gloves can be either wet or dry.

MECHANICAL SHOE POLISHER.

Serious Competitor of the Hand-Polishing Parlors.

The German bootblack has a serious competitor in the recently invented automatic shoe polisher shown in this illustration. It is especially devised for use in hotels and other places where shoes are polished in large



Rapid Shoe Polisher.

quantities, and is claimed to do the work with great rapidity and excellence. The shoes are placed on the specially devised shoe horns shown in the illustration and run through the brushes. One of these does the cleaning and the other the polishing. When the job is completed the shoe horns are deposited on a rod by a chain conveyer.

Flaw in Glass.

News comes from Pasadena that the great 100-inch glass for the Mount Wilson Solar observatory is defective. After the first grinding began, a large flaw was found, so that a new casting will have to be made. This will delay for many months the construction of the great eight-foot reflecting mirror on the peak. The casting of the great glass disk was done in Goblain, France, and the cost was $50,000.

Will Build Their Own Locomotives.

The imperial railway authorities of Japan believe that much money can be saved by having their locomotives built in Japan. The works at Hyogo have just turned out one engine as an experiment and more have been ordered.

Correcting an Error.

It was a minister's small son, whose habit was to ask God to bless each member of the family after his prayer. Having been put to bed one night in a hurry, he forgot one of them. Kneeling again with hands clasped and eyes closed, he addressed the Lord, thus: "Oh, Lord, wouldn't that kill you? I forgot grandma! God bless grandma. Amen."—Delineator.

No Book Hunters Now.

A well-known provincial member of that very honorable trade of second-hand bookselling said recently: "The hunt after rare books is as keen as ever, but I chiefly miss the young men who would mark down a book in my street-stall and would save up to buy it. There is plenty of book-buying, but there is no longer any book-hunting."—Hearth and Home.

Make the Best of Things.

A jolly temper is not the sign of an empty head. Become a philosopher and skip over troubles and never cross bridges before you reach them.

Dependent Only on Itself.

True dignity is never gained by place and never lost when honors are withdrawn.—Massinger.

The One Thing Needful.

If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself.—Moody.

Daily Thought.

Give what you have. To some it may be better than you dare think.—Longfellow.

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Personal and Local

Mr. and Mrs. Roake left on Tuesday morning after spending a very pleasant winter here at The Gables.

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The "Willie R." which was being run in the Fairhope's place, was laid off last Saturday.

Russel Big Boll Cotton Seed for sale, $1,00 per 100 lbs.—Gus Oberg.

Mrs. L. E. Page, of Mobile visited her daughter Mrs. F. L. Brown, several days this week.

M. V. Mathews sells 50 sacks of feed a week. Why?

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stapleton are the happy parents of a fine baby boy born to them Saturday night. Mother and child are doing well.

If you want fence posts call on Wm. Stimpson. he has a big stock of them.

Dr. G. E. Williams left the fore part of this week for Butte, Montana where he has numerous friends and will remain throughout the summer.

For Sale Quick: fine horse and wagon and harness at Mathews.

A very pleasant dance was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. White on Saturday evening which was attended by several of the Fairhope young people.

C J. Littlegreen is prepared to supply ice cream in large or small quantities as ordered.

The V. I. C. social which was to have been held this evening was postponed for two weeks. It will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet.

R. O. H. Blended Coffee, at
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The new De Laval separator for the creamery has arrived and been in operation for several days. It does not look much if any larger than the old one, but has several times the capacity.

Fresh Vegetables picked from the garden while you wait, at
Mershon Merch. Co.

Misses Olive Worcester and Bertha Parker gave an Easter party at the Worcester home last evening. The games and decorations were all suited to the occasion and the young people who attended had a delightful time.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

The Henry George Club will hold its regular meeting with Mrs. Gaston on Saturday of next week. Mrs. W. E. Sweet will review chapters one and two of book ten of Progress and Poverty, to be followed by the usual discussion.

Mr. James Runyan, brother of deceased Daniel Runyan, arrived from Red Key, Ind., on last Sunday and remained until Wednesday settling up his brother's affairs. He desired to express his appreciation of the kindness shown his brother in his late illness and death and to himself.!

Pratt's Foods and Tonics in any quantity you want. These goods cannot be excelled.
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Mr. Edgar L. Francis left for his home in Pennsylvania on Thursday morning after a stay here of two months during which time he bought some land and planted it in pecan trees. Mr. Francis liked Fairhope very much and will return next winter if possible.

FOR SALE: Heavy young mare, suitable for farm or heavy draft work. Thoroughly broken and safe for lady or child to drive.
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William Julius Wuest, aged five, has been a guest of the Fairhope Hotel with his father and mother for two months. William was brought here for his health and is a fine example of what the outdoor life of Fairhope can do for a city boy. The other day he had been helping his father catch crabs, and came running into the dining room at dinner time holding up a little sheepshead fish which is striped with black and white "Look Mama," he cried excitedly, "Papa caught a fish in the net that's been to the workhouse."

"Let there be light." We have another shipment of the celebrated Rayo lamps. They are an inspiration to the housewife and a joy forever. Mershon Morch. Co.

A few barrels of new Irish potatoes were seen on the wharf at Mobile yesterday They were from Bon Secour, but were small and the skin being tender were so badly skinned up as to look very unattractive.

Hats! Hats!! HATS!!! We have a nice new stock of Spring and Summer Hats and Caps for young and old; Ladies' Sun Hats, Men's latest style felt hats, etc. Come while the stock is complete.
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The Steamer Fairhope has been lying in Mobile for more than a week waiting an opportunity to get out on the Gulf Dry-dock Co. ways, to complete her repairs. A large steamer which went on the ways for a day supposedly, has been held for eight days making unexpected repairs and a break in the Company's machinery, will occasion a couple of days further delay. It will probably be a week or ten days more before she will be back on her run.

The Railroad Situation.

Mayor Greeno, of Fairhope, P. A. Parker of Volanta, and E. Q. Norton of Daphne, were in Mobile on Thursday attending a meeting, held at Judge Anderson's office, of the committee for the promotion of better transportation facilities for the Eastern Shore.

Three trustees were appointed—W. D. Randall of Daphne, Harry Pillans of Mobile and Montrose and H. S. Greeno of Fairhope—for the purpose of securing rights of way and donations of land, money, labor, ties, etc., toward the building of a road, to be turned over to whatever individual or company will make the shore the best proposition.

As soon as the right of way forms and forms for subscriptions, etc., now being prepared by Mr. Pillans, are ready, the committee will go to work.

Daniel Runyan.

Daniel Runyan, whose death, occurring March 31 was mentioned in the last issue of the Courier, was one of those plain, but honest, kindly, well intentioned souls whose coming or going makes scarcely a ripple upon the social surface, but who deserve honor far more than many who receive it.

He had long been an earnest social reformer, having been one of the ill-fated Topolobampo colonists many years ago. For years he had been interested in Fairhope and a reader of the Courier. He came to Fairhope about a year and a half ago from Red Key, Ind., where he had a brother and a sister. He died aged sixty-six.

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Hotel Notes.

Those who have registered at the Fairhope Hotel since the last issue of the Courier are: Messrs. B. F. Luttrell, W. M. Broadway, Bay Minette; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Turner and children of Mobile; Mr. John F. Paar, Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. T. A. Raby, Mobile; Mr. R. H. Stapleton, wife and children, Loxley, Ala.; Mr. W. C. Maddox, Robertsdale, Ala.; Miss Stevenson, Loxley, Ala.; Mr. M. H. Maynard. wife and child, Chicago; Mr. Charles F. Allen Washington, D. C.

The hotel crowd having been so devoted to the former hotel baby, every one was delighted when Mr. and Mrs. Turner brought their two babies. Like some others who have come to Fairhope for a short stay they have been so pleased with their surroundings they have decided to remain at the hotel all summer.

Miss Louise McLean left for home on Friday. She wished to have the house in order for her parents home coming and also to take part in the luncheon to be given by her Alumnae Association in Cincinnati next week, which is given each year for the benefit of a scholarship fund.

S. R. McL.

Public School Notes

The following pupils were perfect in attendance last month: In Miss Clement's room. Forest Nichols, Ruth Toft, Niel Van Bendegom, Ralph Mershon, Harris Oswalt, Leah Gaston, Oget Olsen, Ferris Riel, Clayton Baldwin, Jack Mc Carthy, Annie Mae Oswalt and Eleanor Everett. In Mrs. Sweet's room, Ralph Brown, Genevieve Hueston, Noland Littlegreen, Camilla Roberts, John Van Bendegom, Eddie Van Bavel, Bessie Winberg.

The children in Mrs. Sweet's room are very busy coloring eggs for Easter.

Minnie Lawrence is again in school after several days of illness.

Annie Stapleton has returned after a few days absence.

We felt greatly honored this week in having a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prang of Boston, who gave us an interesting talk on a trip to Alaska, this being suggested by a geography lesson recited by the seventh grade. We all remember some beautiful pictures which we had at one time from Mr. Prang through Mrs. Howland.

LECTURE FOR ENDEAVORERS.

The meeting at the Church Monday night was a complete success, and those that missed it, missed something that you don't have the privilege of listening to very often in a town as small as Fairhope. Karl Lehman, Field Secretary for the Colorado C. E. Union is a young man of great ability and is fully consecrated to the Christian Endeavor movement. Over five million young people are now enrolled in this great army for Christ and his teachings. This is a young people's society and every young person in Fairhope should be a member.

After the address by Mr. Lehman the local society held a short business meeting and voted to send Mr. Cornie Gaston to represent them at the state convention to be held in Talladega, April 17th. to 19th.

A. H. M.

RECEPTION TO MR. AND MRS. PRANG.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coleman tendered a reception at their beautiful home, "Ingleside," to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prang, on Wednesday evening.

A large company was in attendance, including Mr. and Mrs. Norton, of Daphne, who were guests of Ingleside for the occasion.

Very interesting short talks were made by Mr. and Mrs. Prang, both giving personal reminiscences of their connection with the Single Tax movement and their acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. George. They also expressed their pleasant impressions of Fairhope and said they hoped to spend succeeding winters here.

Berkshire Pigs For Sale.

Do not buy elsewhere until you have seen my Berkshire pigs. Will be ready for delivery April 25th.

Carl Barnette
at the Bermuda Meadows
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Pleasure Bay Running.

The Bay Steamship Company's fine steamer Pleasure Bay made its first trip around the shore, for this year, on last Saturday and it looked like the "good old summer-time" to see her coming into the wharf here.

Easter Services.

Special Easter services will be held at the Church both morning and evening. Special attention will be given to music. Some of the visiting talent will be introduced. Come early and get a good seat.

Spring Temperature.

April 1 – 7, 1909.

Apr.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
1	54	63	55
2	50	68	63
3	59	70	62
4	62	72	66
5	70	81	75
6	70	78	73
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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.

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PROSPERITY IN BALDWIN

Never before in all history has so much attention been directed to the opening of lands for farms and gardens in Baldwin county as is reported this year. Every family is trying to raise all their vegetables at home! This is a good indication of prosperity. If the people of the county will only raise what they use at home it will at least be a saving of thousands of dollars which have been going away to other places where they are, probably, no better fixed for raising vegetables than we are here. It would be an eye-opener for our people to see a list of the goods they bought last year which might have been raised here easily. When we are convinced that nearly all kinds of truck will grow here, we are surprised to find that thousands of dollars are going away for cabbages, beans, peas, corn, pickles of all kinds, potatoes, turnips, etc. The list seems to grow longer with the years, too. But this year, there are good signs to show that the people are awakening, and are not going to send so much money away for that which will grow so well here. And this little statement about garden truck may be extended to cover all kinds of feed stuffs, which may be successfully raised right here in Baldwin county. Let our people think over these problems. And if you are not a farmer, gentle reader, you can at least begin and get some experience now, which will serve you well in the days that are coming when Baldwin county will be the banner farming county of the country.

—Baldwin Times.

Agriculturists and dairymen who are interested, can secure much valuable information from the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Bureau of Animal industry, a volume of several hundred pages. Application should be made to a member of Congress. The portion dealing with present dairy conditions in the south has been issued separately in pamphlet form as Farmers' Bulletin 349. "The Dairy Industry in the south," and can be obtained on application to members of Congress or to the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C.

On account of a lady arriving from Europe, lifting her skirt a little carelessly as she came down the gang plank of her steamer at New York the other day, an expensive evening gown was disclosed and the lady was held up and made to pay a duty of $50. Isn't that pretty small business for a great nation?

The highest truth he sees will the wise man fearlesrly utter, knowing that, let what may come of it, he is thus playing his right part in the world, knowing that if he can effect the change he aims at, well; if not, well also; though not so well. —Herbert Spencer.

A letter from Mr. A. B. Gaston, written two days after his return home in a snow-storm, indicates a pronounced case of Fairhope fever.

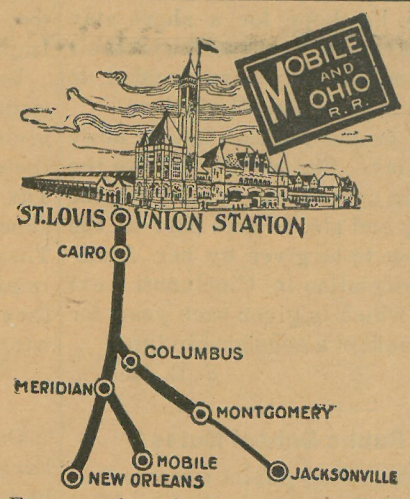
A friend mails us a card bearing the legend; "To escape criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing." That is the way to deserve it.

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WOMEN VOTE ON SCHOOL ELECTIONS IN TWO CITIES

(From "Progress" Warren Ohio.)

Women of Detroit cast 6,895 votes for school inspectors at the primaries held March 1. They nominated the men, or most of those they wanted. Politicians were woefully astonished, when they found women had cast one-third of the whole vote.

The Detroit papers say the interest in the election centered in the inspector's contest, and give credit to women for the work they did.

Women's organizations including ward clubs of mothers were formed, worked and voted.

When voters saw mothers carrying babies, with toddlers walking beside them, going into the booth, they realized the determination existing for a better administration of the schools.

These voting women carried such an influence as no non-voting woman could possibly have carried and men hitherto opposed to suffrage admitted that the presence of these new voters brought about the victory.

The Detroit Journal of March 2nd says editorially: "The Journal's pessimistic editorial yesterday anent the political potency of women suffrage was evidently premature. The ladies did it, in very large measure, and they did it with finality and finesse. In pretty nearly all of the 10 wards in which primaries for school inspectors were held there were annihilations and reprisals," while the Free Press remarks: "From the way the women cleaned up, it appears to have been a political wash day." We hope Detroit women know that they not only did their duty in working and voting at this election, but that they have become more self-respecting and more respected; that they have lifted all women of the United States a little higher; and that they have answered some editors who have been repeating the words of some subscribers: "But women do not want the ballot and do not vote when they have it." Detroit women will see that the men nominated are elected of course.

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Three thousand, three hundred and sixty-two women voted at the election in Cedar Rapids (Iowa) on the question of bonding the city for the purpose of building new school houses and repairing old ones.

The Cedar Rapids Republican says of this election:

"A feature of the day was the voting by the women on the building proposition. They entered into the spirit of the election with a zeal which was as admirable as it was commendable. No women felt humiliated by going to the polls and the contact with the politicians of which much is always written, did not seem to be either offensive or harmful to them. The men everywhere showed the women the most courteous treatment.

Government Ownership of Public Service Utilities.

The business men of the Pacific coast are just now considerably stirred over the probable effect of the completion of the Panama Canal, upon this part of the country. Shippers to and from the east, who now must submit to railroad freight rates, hope to receive the benefit of water competition when the canal is finished. Railroad magnates—awake to their own interests—are trying hard, it is said, to control steamboat landings and to secure railroad terminals at points more favorable to themselves. Los Angeles, in connection with its coast city, San Pedro, has had struggles in the past over this issue, and in the near future is likely to have more; while it is openly charged that this same issue, though on a larger scale, is responsible for most of the startling corruption recently revealed in San Francisco, grasping railroad interests being the chief corrupting agency.

Most of the corruptions and scandals of our large cities and in our legislative bodies, national and state, may be directly traced, especially when allied, as they often are, with liquor and gambling interests, to the public service corporations, such as railroad, street car, gas, telephone and other natural monopolies, either in their desire for further franchises from the public, or in giving discriminations to their patrons.

Jesus said "Render unto Caesar (at that time the state) the things that are Caesar's;" and some men are now seeing a violation of this divine command when individuals or private corporations encroach upon the prerogatives of the state in owning and operating these public service utilities.

Such men also feel that our nation seems likely, in the not distant future, to follow the example of Germany, which tried for many years, as we are now doing, to regulate her railroads, but failing to do that successfully, notwithstanding her small territory and her centralized government, decided to purchase and operate them; and this she has done to her entire satisfaction-

Los Angeles, Cal. J. P. CADMAN.

Letters From a Reformer's Town

(Number two)

To Andrew Walker,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Andrew:

In my last letter I believe I had properly located Fairhope geographically for you. We are perhaps a little bit isolated here, having no railroad, but this isolation adds to our charm. There are two ways to reach Fairhope; by railroad via Robertsdale, which necessitates a fifteen mile drive from the station or by boat from Mobile. As the railroad is described in no complimentary terms it is a case of being "between the devil and the deep sea," as the saying is. Most people prefer the deep sea and come across the bay from Mobile on board the Steamer Fairhope 2. I came over this way some years ago only it was on board the first Fairhope which burned at the pier-head three years ago. The day I came was a beautiful September afternoon and the bay was lovely. The first view of Fairhope and the eastern shore shows only a low-lying, woody coast-line. Presently details spring out, and you see the high bluffs rising from the water's edge brilliantly colored with our red clay. On the heights the pine trees begin and sweep away back, back, apparently never ending.

It is a beautiful, peaceful, monotonous, so oth ing landscape with never the sound of a brook, or the sight of a naked rock to break the gentle peacefulness. Presently the boat whistles for Fairhope and you draw near the long pier, creeping out on its caterpillar-like legs of long pilings for a quarter of a mile from shore. Probably on board the boat you will get acquainted with some Fairhoper who will give you a first personal impression. When I came over I met William Stimpson, one of the earliest settlers here and he was very decent to me. He took me up and introduced me to E. B. Gaston at the COURIER office. My first impressions were good and have not altered since. I have got to know Mr. Gaston pretty well since and like him better every year. Like most people coming to Fairhope, like yourself, for instance, I had been reading the COURIER with avidity, but I did not let my imagination run away with my common sense as I am afraid too often happens, and so did not have to look at shattered ideals. Fairhope is not a bed of roses where one can lie in the hammock and have figs drop in his mouth. For one like yourself, with some independent means, it is an ideal spot, but I would hesitate before advising the poor man, especially if he were a city dweller, to come here. To be sure, I was a poor man, but I had exceptional advantages; no family for instance.

But to return to the COURIER and E. B. Gaston. Mr. Gaston is a tall, young-looking middle-aged man with deep-set eyes and a long chin. I consider him the main-spring of the Colony. When we left Mr. Gaston's office Mr. Stimpson found me a boarding place which suited me very well. It was with a Socialist family which had come from Ruskin, Tenn. when the Socialist colony there broke up. The head of the family was a member of the G. A. R. and an ardent Socialist.

For a man with a pension Fairhope is an excellent place to come to live. An assured tho' small income goes far here. Our rents are so low that a man can easily get all the land he can use and on it he can raise enough vegetables to supply his table fairly well. With some fig trees and an acre of land, I believe I could keep my family in fresh vegetables the year round, and put up enough figs to last till next season. But one would need the pension. We have a lot of G. A. R. members here and re-unions are quite frequent. I must stop now. My wife sends regards.

Yours truly,
Frank.

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The Editor's Trip.

The recent trip of the editor extended to New Orleans and as far west as Welsh. La., about 200 miles west of New Orleans.

Private business was the immediate cause, but the opportunity was availed of at New Orleans and New Iberia to meet brethren of the Single Tax faith, some of whom were personally known from visits they had made to Fairhope, and others met for the first time. Such opportunities as the occasion afforded were also availed of for contrasting natural and industrial c onditions with those of Fairhope.

Leaving Mobile at 1:25 p. m. over the L. & N. our first stop was at Bay St. Louis, where the presence of a "Linotype Jr.," in the office of the "Sea Coast Echo" interested us. Taking a carriage from the depot we found the home of the "Echo" right on the shore of Bay St. Louis, looking out also on to Mississippi sound whose blue waters met the horizon to the southward. Bay St. Louis is really a very attractive place, with roomy hotels, many nice homes, shelled roads, and abundance of great moss-hung oaks. It is one of the most favored resorts of New Orleans people in summer, and it must be a gay and thriving place at that time. Our hurried inspection did not reveal any manufacturing or agricultural industry to signify,

Editor and proprietor Chas. G. Moreau of the Echo, greeted us with all the cordiality and willingness to be of service, with which one newspaper man usually meets another and, despite the fact that it was Saturday afternoon and a "busy time" (all times are busy times with newspaper men) "demonstrated" his machine to us and gave all desired information.

We would have been glad to see more of Bay St, Louis, but had planned to take the next train southward, which allowed us only about two hours in the pretty little city.

Reaching New Orleans we transferred at once to the Southern Pacific and proceeded on our way. It was too dark to see anything of the country but the transfer across the mighty Mississippi,--mighty always, but then at flood stage—was interesting. The entire train, engine and all, was run on the three tracks of an immense barge and towed across by a powerful tug. The headlight of the engine and the searchlight of the tug lit up the darkness and brought out in plain relief the farther landing as we approached it, and the precision with which the pilot and engineer of the tug, working by means of bell and whistle with the master high on the "bridge" spanning the barge, mastered problems of dead weight, wind and current and put the unwieldly craft right where they wanted it, elicited admiration.

Our next stop was at New Iberia, La., 125 miles west of New Orleans. It was 1:45 a. m. and yielding to a hotel crier, we were soon on the way to the "Hotel Alma." We did not remember the name but, arrived in front of the hostelry, we recognized it as one at which we had stopped about 18 years earlier when a couple of days were spent in investigating the country thereabouts. New Iberia is in the heart of the Acadian country made famous by Longfellow in Evangeline. Back of the hotel flows or we might better perhaps, say lies, the Bayou Teche, and not far away are the "towns of St Maur and Martin." We visited these ancient towns, (looking full as ancient as they were) on our former visit, but New Iberia had a new interest to us on this later occasion. It is the home of the editor's and Fairhope's good friend, R. S. McMahon, Single Taxer for many years, who has visited Fairhope twice and whose interest in and appreciation increases with his knowledge of it; and the home also of other Single Taxers, known by name and reputation, but not personally.

After a late breakfast the next morning, Sunday, we called up friend Mc Mahon over the 'phone, and announced our presence in his town, receiving reply that he would be "right down after us". In due time he came, showed us something of the town, his store, the leading furniture store, occupying the three floors of his own double-fronted building, making us acquainted with such of his friends as were met, and then started with us for his home in the suburbs. On the way we stopped at the home of E. T. Weeks, known to us as a Single Taxer, from our earliest acquaintance with the movement and for years as a reader of the COURIER. Mr. Weeks and his brother are perhaps the leading law firm of the city. He has just completed, one of the handsomest homes in the city, furnished with the best that his friend Mc Mahon could supply on special orders from his manufacturers. Natural attraction plus the possession of kindred and peculiar views, (peculiar only in the sense of acceptance by but few) have brought Mc Mahon and Weeks into a very Damon and Pythias friendship. We greatly enjoyed a short talk with them about matters uppermost in all our hearts. Mc Mahon is very anxious that Weeks should accompany him on his next visit to Fairhope. He half-promised to do so and we hope he will.

Mr. McMahon's home a little farther out, just outside the municipal limits, has attractions which would make it hard to leave it would seem, even to come to Fairhope, yet he has strong inclinations to come to Fairhope to live, and will probably wind up here sooner or later. His home is a one story, but stately old southern home, with broad verandahs, wide halls and high ceilings. Built in 1848, it is in a perfect state of preservation. It is right on the banks of the famous Teche; indeed, has its main front upon the historic stream and sets in the midst of well kept grounds of some acres with a fine sward of Bermuda and carpet grasses and white clover and shaded by stately moss-draped oaks. Here Mrs. McMahon extended her graceful greeting. Mr. Mc Mahon came from Canada to the south many years ago, but his wife is southern born, upon a plantation on the "La Fourche" not far away, and dispensed the hospitality of her home according to the best traditions of the south. She shares her husband's interest in Fairhope and is quite desirous of visiting it, which they may do this summer. Mr. Mc Mahon has been seriously ill with stomach trouble and most of the good things with which his table was bountifully spread were "taboo" to him—but not so to us. He is improving steadily but would like to sell out his business and retire to his home acres, of which there are 120, beside other holdings. He and Mr. Weeks are both quite extensive land-holders, and in fine shape to profit by any development which would increase the desirability of residence or profits of business in their town and will of course embrace any such opportunity that offers, while at the same time fighting with all their influence, "the system" which permits any to thus thrive without toil.

(Continued in next issue.)

RAILROAD COMMISSION FORBIDS REDUCTION IN RIVER FREIGHT RATES

The state railroad commission has denied to the Mobile Navigation Co. and Birmingham and Gulf Railway and Navigation Company, permission to make rates for freight on the Alabama and Tombigbee rivers lower than those fixed by the commission in April 1908.

In its report the commission contends that the testimony before it conclusively shows that the rates made by it were sufficiently low, taking into account the service that should be performed and that a lower rate could only result in detriment to the service. It avers that the lower rates were made for no other purpose than to cut the revenue of other boats that were receiving a larger share of business, and with a view to an eventual pool or combination and declared that it could not lend its approval to any such unlawful results.

The steamboat companies making the cut in rates deny the right of the commission to interfere with their business and declare that they will continue to carry freight at the rates made by them. They also intimate that the commission's ruling is in the interest of the railway companies.

The situation is a decidedly peculiar one. It is quite a reversal of the usual rule where the law is invoked by shippers to prevent excessive charges; for here the so-called "independent" lines are successfully appealing for protection against cuts in rates by their competitors.

It strikes us as another instance of evil results arising from legislators losing sight of fundamental principles of economics. The interference of the state is necessary for the protection of the people where private corporations are allowed to monopolize public highways, (which of course they ought never to be allowed to do) but where the highways are kept open to all, as on the rivers, the interference of the state is unnecessary and more likely to result in harm than good. Competition can much more safely be relied upon to give the people fair service at fair rates, in the long run than any commission, however well intentioned, and there is always danger that the commission may be unduly influenced in favor of one or the other party at interest. Let the steamboat men fight it out.

Mr. F. G. Dannenhower is showing commendable enterprise in his management of the Bay-side Cafe and should be encouraged, especially during the "dull season" by a general patronage of the townspeople. He carries a good stock of candies and soft drinks and aims to have on hand ice cream and bananas. He also furnishes clean and appetizing lunches and coffee to those desiring. Drop in at the Cafe and see what he is doing.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

An Unjust License Tax

(Mobile Item, April 13, 1909)

Seldom, if ever in the history of the city of Mobile has there been such an upheaval of indignation as has prevailed the past twenty-four hours since announcement was made in the Item that a license tax would be collected from owners of buggies and other wheeled vehicles used solely for pleasure purposes.

There was a general objection raised when the owners of automobiles were confronted by a licensed officer, who demanded of them a license for the privilege of operating their machines solely for themselves and their families. But the automobile owners were not to be allowed to suffer alone from this unjust taxation.

The ultimatum went forth yesterday that every buggy and carriage must be adorned with a large license tag, one which would be calculated to mar the beauty of even a wheel-barrow.

But it is not the unsightliness of the tag to which the Item has objection. And it speaks for many thousands of people in Mobile when it declares the licensing of any kind of vehicle which is intended to be used entirely for the comfort and pleasure of the owner is a most unjust and unfair one. The owners of horses and vehicles are compelled to pay a tax on such property and the tax is by no means a small item to the owner. To be further burdened is an outrage and should be condemned of all men.

The Item advises every owner of a buggy, carriage or automobile to "stand pat" and positively and emphatically refuse to pay the license to the city. It is a crying shame that a law-making body should thus attempt to foist upon the people who use such vehicles for pleasure and not for gain such an iniquitous tax as has been imposed by the general council of Mobile and is now being upheld by the board of aldermen, its successor.

The people of Mobile have been made to stand for much that is unjust in the recent past, but the taxation of private vehicles by the city for the privilege of enjoying a ride with one's family or friends is too much. It is, as has been said before, an outrage and outrivals the blue laws of olden days. The injustice of such a license is plainly to be seen by all right-thinking people, whether owners of vehicles or automobiles or not and the latter have joined their voices in protest against the enforcement of the ordinance if, in fact, the ordinance makes this license imperative.

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This is all good, first-class, but does it not apply equally as well as to all license taxes? Is there any more reason why a poor man who uses a horse and dray to make a living should be charged a license for the same than that the wealthy owner of an automobile or a carriage used for his pleasure, should be required to pay a license upon it? Is wealth more to be favored than poverty? Pleasure more than useful industry?

The fact is that all license taxes are wrong in principle and are only tolerated because of the strange disposition of the people to accept whatever is as necessary and to be endured.

Every new extension of the license system is greeted with a storm of protest and the arguments against it are unanswerable—because based upon the fundamental defects of the whole license system—but once established, the chances are that it will persist.

In this particular case, because the people of wealth and influence are arrayed against the license, it may be defeated, but no relief will be found for those least able to bear such burdens.

Mr. and Mrs. Mc Lean

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mc Lean left on Wednesday morning for their home at Glendale, Ohio, (suburb of Cincinnati.) They have been with us, guests of the Fairhope Hotel, since January 29, and had got to seem quite "home folks" so interested were they in everything pertaining to our town and its principles. The Courier was particularly indebted to Mrs. Mc Lean for interesting matter furnished for its columns during her stay. She is a lady of great brilliancy of mind. As before stated she knew Henry George Sr. before he ever wrote Progress and Poverty and enjoyed the warm friendship of himself and wife until their death. She is on like terms with Henry George Jr.. and had recently written him urging him to visit Fairhope while they were here, receiving a very cordial reply from him en route to San Francisco to sail on an extended foreign trip for Collier's Weekly. Mr. and Mrs. Mc Lean are among the staunchest supporters of Mr. Kiefer and Mr. Bigelow in their work in Cincinnati and throughout Ohio.

At the Fairhope Hotel they endeared themselves greatly to Mr. and Mrs. Troup and their fellow-guests and all parted from them with great regret.

A number of the townspeople gathered at the Hotel on Tuesday evening to bid them good bye and express the hope that they would be with us another winter and many of them were at the boat in the morning to bid them bon voyage.

The Courier shall hope for occasional letters from Mrs. Mc Lean during her absence.

As to a School Building.

An election has been called by the Town Council for May 18, (by ordinance published in this issue) for a vote upon the question of issuing bonds to the amount of $3,000, for buying or building a public school building and a meeting is also called for next Monday evening to consider the matter.

The suggestion was made by citizens at the Council meeting that an effort should be made to ascertain public sentiment upon the matter before incurring the expense of an election, but it was thought by the council that the time was so short, that it would be well to issue the call for the election as it would require 30 day's notice, and at the same time call a meeting for the discussion of the matter, and if it appeared that the proposition would not carry, the ordinance could be rescinded before the date set for the election and no cost incurred except that of publishing the ordinance.

The Courier understands that the council has under consideration plans for a building 48 x 48 feet, two stories in height, with three school rooms below and a large room above which could be used for a hall until needed for school purposes. Come out Monday evening and consider the matter.

Arden Written Up

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, of Sunday April 4, had a very interesting story about "Arden" the Single Tax Colony in Delaware. It is illustrated by a half page of views within the colony and presents its unique policies, natural charms and interesting personalities in very attractive style The colony is credited with having after its "eight years of struggling along barely paying taxes to state and county being awarded at least by a general appreciation of its merits."

"Within the last three years its population has grown to fifty permanent residents and about twice that number live there in the summer, and this spring the steady tide of home-hunters which has set toward Arden, bought in its available leases and made its sylvan stretches ring with the hammer-blows of up-going bungalows, has reached almost the proportions of a ,town boom!' "

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Public School.

All of us enjoyed exceedingly a visit from Mr. Hawks, Thursday morning. He spoke to us and gave us some very good advice. He promised to come again and requested us to be able to quote the following: "After all, there are only three things in the world that are really worth while,—to be good, to do good, and always to smile."

By mistake, Mrs. Hubbard's room was left out last week. The perfect in attendance are Jesse Stimpson, Fred Olsen and Theresa Oswalt.

A new pupil was enrolled this week, Grace Styron, fromBon Secour, Alabama.

Olive Wooster.

Oganic School

We have been cheered this week by several visits from "Sunshine Hawks."

His genuine love for the children gained a most hearty response from them. No effort was too strenuous for them to put forth for his loving appreciation.

Manual training work, "tricks" on the gymnasium bars, "stunts" in running and jumping, the best singing, reciting, story telling, paper work, etc., were all eagerly displayed by them, to his delighted gaze, because they felt the sincerity of his affection.

William E. Curtis Writes of Fairhope

In the Chicago Record-Herald for April 9th, Wm. E. Curtis, the famous newspaper correspondent, had a lengthy article on Fairhope. It contained some personal and other inaccuracies amusing to a resident, but considering that it was written without the benefit of a personal investigation upon the ground, is better than might be expected. The article has stimulated a flood of inquiries from parties interested and Mr. Curtis and the Record-Herald have our thanks for the publicity given us.

R. F. Powell spent a couple of days last week accompanying Mr. Allen, the government investigator, about the county, visiting Marlow, Foley, Elberta and the farmers in the vicinity of each. Both Foley and Elberta he reports as showing marked signs of growth and many nice improvements being made on farms in the vicinity.

Roosevelt continues his disputes over questions of veracity with newspaper correspondents and others, his latest being one with a correspondent of a French journal, who reported an interview with him, which Roosevelt denies giving or even seeing the party, while the correspondent on his part claims ability to prove the truth of all he said.

Mr. Hawks is a frequent caller at the Courier office where he is always appreciated. He is much interested in Fairhope. He is a great lover of flowers and says there are more flowers in Fairhope than any town of its size he knows of.

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Personal and Local

Mr. A. B. Hawks—well named "Sunshine" Hawks—a famous lecturer, arrived on last Friday evening. On the same evening he lectured to a large audience at the Church, his subject being "People I Have Met," and on Sunday evening he spoke in the same place to an audience which taxed the capacity of the building. Mr. Hawks is one of the most entertaining speakers on the lecture platform today. He visited Fairhope two years ago. He is an old friend of Mrs. Comings and a guest of The Gables.

Bill Gates, a notorious character of this section, was a "guest" of the Fairhope calaboose over night Tuesday, after being arrested by Deputy Sheriff George Cain and bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Dumont, for burglarizing the McPhilips place, at Point Clear. He was taken to Bay Minette on Wednesday morning by Deputy Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hunnel and Mrs. S. F. Hazlett, left on Monday morning for their home at Waynesburg, Pa., after a stay here of four months. They are exceedingly pleasant people who made many friends who will hope to see them back again next winter, and they left promising to come again.

"Sunshine" Hawks will lecture at Daphne on Saturday evening under the auspices of Daphne Normal School. We assure our Daphne friends that in Mr. Hawks they will hear one of the most interesting lecturers on the American platform, and they will miss a treat if they fail to hear him. His subject will be "People I Have Met."

Copies of the Wyoming State Journal and Republican received, bring us news of the death of Mr. Wilbur E. Coutant, husband of Mrs. Coutant who lived in Fairhope a year and still has cottages here.

His home was in Lander, Wyoming but his death occurred in a sanitarium near Lincoln, Neb., where he was under treatment. The tributes of his home papers to him indicate that he was a lovable character. Mr. Coutant had intended to come to Fairhope if well enough to travel. The proceeds of his insurance and the sale of property at Lander left his wife well provided for and we think it very likely she will return to Fairhope to live.

Departure of the Prangs.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prang left on last Tuesday morning after a stay of a few weeks, during which they utilized their time to the very best advantage to learn as much of Fairhope and its people as possible and derive the utmost benefit physically, intellectually and spiritually.

It was an inspiration to see Mr. Prang, at an age when so many men if preserving existence at all, are concerned chiefly with their infirmities, enjoying the leisure and opportunities which his genius and his close application over many years to his chosen work has brought him, to see him eager to learn of the good things which others are doing and above all so interested in that which tends toward the betterment of the condition of all mankind. And in Mrs. Prang he has one who shares his interests and sympathies to a rare degree.

Guests at "The Gables" Mr. and Mrs. Prang were enabled to meet many of Fairhope's cleverest people and we are assured they carried away with them most pleasant impressions of our town, such as will in all probability bring them again and for a longer stay. Indeed Mr. Prang said he would like to have a winter home here.

Colony Council Proceedings.

The Colony Council failed to meet on Monday evening, April 5, on account of secretary being out of town, but met on Monday evening, April 12, with all members present and President Brown in the chair.

On account of invitation of Mayor Greeno to meet with Town Council to consider the matter of a school building, the reading of the minutes and usual order was dispensed with

The application of Mrs. M. E Turpen for lot 1, block 6, div. 2, was granted subject to usual notice.

The application of M. V. Mathews for se.¼ of ne.¼ of sw.¼ and sw.¼ nw. ¼ of se. ¼ of Sec. 16, accompanied by bill of sale for improvements

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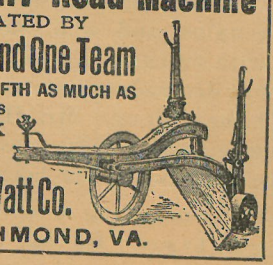
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upon same, made by G. R. Cain, deputy sheriff, on execution issued out of the court of Justice of the Peace, P. Y. Albright, in suit of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation vs, the Fraternal Homemakers Society, for rent, was granted.

Transfer from M. Dyson to Mrs. Grace W. Johnson of lots 3 and 4, block 31, div. 2, was granted.

Mr. P. F. Lacy was present and requested to be given a line for establishing a ditch on the east of his property to prevent drainage over his lot. Referred tosuperintendent of lands and highways for immediate action.

Mr. Lacy also requested action in regard to permission to residents to build bath-houses in front of White tract. Same was referred to committee previously appointed on wharf and bath-house in front of White tract, (Stimpson, Powell and Gaston) to take up both plans for bath-house and terms upon which same might be built, and report to council.

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Adjourned to meet Wednesday evening, April 14.

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Ingenious Ponies.

A rather curious habit has been developed by Mexican ponies in connection with the cactus thorns. When these creatures are thirsty, it is said that, before attempting to put their mouths to the prickly plant, they will first of all stand and kick at the cactus with their heels. By this means the thorns are broken and the leathery skin bruised, and so the ponies can drink their fill of the cool juice without injury.—Sunday Strand.

Manners of the Past.

Count Baldissare Castiglione wrote of manners in sixteenth century Italy: "Discourse of love is used by every gentleman . . . not only when impelled by passion, but also merely to do honor to the lady with whom he speaks. The pretense of loving her is at any rate a testimony to her worthiness to be loved. She, on her part, will for a time seem to fail to understand, and anon will take it all as a merry jest."

Increased Length of Life.

The statistics of life insurance people show that in the last 25 years the average length of a man's life has increased five per cent., or two whole years—from 41.9 to 43.9 years.

Work of Humorous Mason.

In Lichfield (Eng.) cathedral the central pillar of the chapter-house and the clustered shafts and vaulting ribs which spread from it are very fine specimens of early English work. One of the pillars contains the quaint design of a cat with a mouse in its mouth. It is supposed to have been executed in a humorous spirit by one of the masons, who, so far as the stone permitted, made it quite realistic.

Not for Hans.

Hans came in from his ranch to buy a horse. "I've got the very thing you want," said Ike Bergman; "it's a fine road horse, five years old, sound as a quail, $175 cash down, and he goes ten miles without stopping." Hans threw up his hands in protest. "Not for me," he said—"not for me. I wouldn't gif you five cents for him. I live eight miles out, und I'd half to walk back two miles."

Blame Apprenticeship System.

Lack of a proper apprenticeship system for training boys 14 to 20 years of age in the different trades is widely believed in England to be responsible in a large degree for the "casual labor," lack of employment and poverty of thousands of men now afflicting the united kingdom.

Other Folks' Joy.

We should be churlish creatures if we could have no joy in our fellow-mortals' joy, unless it were in agreement with our theory of righteous distribution and our highest ideal of human good; what sour corners our mouth would get—our eyes, what frozen glances! and all the while our possessions and desires would not exactly adjust themselves to our ideal.—George Eliot.

Feminine Lack of Logic.

Tell a wife that men are selfish, she will readily acquiesce. But tell that same woman that by spoiling her boys—whether in the nursery or at school, or university—she is sowing the seeds of egotism, she will give an emphatic denial.—Exchange.

Wood Favored for Violins.

"On my last trip through country towns," said a traveling man, "I met a drummer who had a queer side line. He was buying up old church organs and was shipping the wood back to a violin manufacturer in New York. He said that the maker of violins thought that wood that had done service in one of those little cabinet organs was the best he could find for the average fiddle and he paid that drummer a small commission on every wornout organ he could pick up."

Division of Labor.

A man's better-half lays down the rules in the house, but allows her husband to lay down the carpets.

Book-Loving Scots.

More books are printed in Edinburgh in proportion to population than in any other city in the world.

All's Well That Ends Well.

Happy are the miseries that end in joy.—German Proverb.

Urged, But Not Practiced.

Virtue has many preachers, but few martyrs.—Helvetius.

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Personal and Local

The Misses Knott were over Sunday enjoying their summer cottage.

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Mrs. McDermaid has joined Capt. McDermaid and Robert here.

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Laurie Tilson is getting around pretty well on crutches now and is seen on the streets daily.

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"Sunshine" Hawks will preach at the Church Sunday night The public is invited.

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Dr. Sheldon spent several days at Robertsdale in attendance upon a very sick patient, a child.

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Miss Herring was called to Colorado again on business and will perhaps be gone a month.

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A very pleasant dance was given at the Fairhope Hotel last Saturday evening, the music being furnished by a string band from Mobile.

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Warren Stearns, of Pensacola, formerly a Fairhope boy, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. G. E. Perkins.

Just received: Shipment of Heinz Sweet Pickles, Chow Chow, Olives, etc. at Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown were guests of Mrs. Comings, at The Gables, on Sunday evening, for tea with Mr. and Mrs. Prang.

Mr. Bellangee's fine cabbage are about all marketed, but sweet corn is already coming on rapidly between the rows.

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Mr. and Mrs P. F. Lacy have been over this week looking after improvements they are making on their summer home.

Mrs. Barbee left for her home in Illinois on Wednesday morning after being a guest of The Gables with her children for about two months.

Miss Ola Powell spent two or three days in Mobile this week, a guest of the Dacoviches, and attended the Knights of Revelry ball.

The V. I. C. will hold a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet Friday evening of next week. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Beckner gave a three course Easter dinner to a few of her friends and also gave one of her comical readings which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. R. E. Green, a very competent barber from Mobile, has rented the west room of the Ruge building and will open up a barber shop there tomorrow.

The Arbitration Society will meet at the school house Sunday April 18, to perfect organization, adopt by-laws and elect Judges. Everybody invited.

"Let there be light." We have another shipment of the celebrated Rayo lamps. They are an inspiration to the housewife and a joy forever. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. Fred S. McLean was over from New Orleans visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McLean, over Sunday before their departure for the north

A. H. Mershon, superintendent of our Sunday School, entertained the Sunday School teachers at his home on Thursday eve. Sunshine Hawks was also there and afforded entertainment for them.

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Cornie Gaston left on Thursday morning for Talladega, to attend the state convention of the Christian Endeavor Society wnich will be held there from Friday to Sunday, inclusive. He was elected as a delegate to the convention from the local society last week.

Mrs. Kingman and her son Frank left a week ago last Monday, during the editor's absence, and their going escaped notice in last issue. Mr. Kingman was the very efficient assistant clerk on the Fairhope for several months and made many friends.

We are selling pears canned by the Clifton Canning Co. for 15 cents per can. These are good goods but we have a quantity of them and offer them at this price.
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Forbes Bebolt is home again for a few days. He has been for some time on the tug, "Mary Wittich" towing oil barges between New Orleans and Galveston, but is now preparing an application for a position in the government marine service. Forbes is looking well and prosperous, but likes to get back occasionally to the Eastern Shore, which he still considers "home."

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and Clifford Ernest, and Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield and Miss Bessie Littlefield, Mrs. Howland and Mrs. Connoly were callers at The Gables on Monday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Prang and enjoyed the pleasure of a short talk from Mr. Prang upon his achievements in the line of color printing with an exhibit of some of the masterpieces of his art. On Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. Gaston and others enjoyed the same privilege.

Special Sale:—eggs for hatching, For next 30 days we will make a special low rate on our White Wyandottes of 50 cents per setting, in lots of two or more settings. This is your last chance to get a cheap start with this extra fine strain of Wyandottes, so place your order at once. Also pure bred chicks, White Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds, broiler size, at $5 per dozen.
Busy Bee Poultry Farm.

Mr. J. B. Barber has closed a sale of his improvements on Fels Avenue, to Mr. Hatch, formerly of Illinois, the gentleman who sang "Illinois" at the late blue and gray reunion and who was so pleased with Fairhope at that time that he has decided to come and make his home with us. Mr. Hatch and his wife have already taken possession of a portion of the house. Mr. Barber is not going to leave us, we are glad to say. He has already purchased the Stradling place. He expects to spend the summer in th north but will return next fall.

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Art and Crafts.

There will be a meeting of the Arts and Crafts Society at The Gables on Tuesday evening, April 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Delegates to the Fifth Thursday Club are to be appointed and any other business that may come before the Society will be transacted- All members who have not paid their dues should do so at or before this meeting.

Mrs. S. H. Comings, Pres.

Notice of Public Meeting to Consider Proposed Bond Issue.

A public meeting is hereby called to meet in the Council room, over Mershon's store, April 19, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of discussing the question of a bond issue of $3000 for the purpose of erecting a suitable public school building for the town of Fairhope. All citizens are invited to attend.

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14	46	56	58

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clifton left us this morning for Fort Meyers, Fla., where Mr. Clifton accepted a fine offer to take charge of a canning factory there for the season. It was a matter of great regret to our community, and to him and his wife as well, that circumstances were not favorable for him to remain here and conduct a cannery. He did not have sufficient capital to handle the business alone and was unable to secure it. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton retain their property interests here and their interest in the community and its policies and hope that by the opening of another season they will be able to carry out their plans for a good cannery here in Fairhope.

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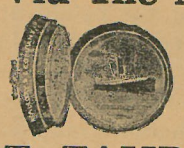
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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

The founder, as is well known, asserted the proposition that all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth, and that to secure that right to all by requiring those who desired the exclusive use of any portion of it, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which common estimation attached to such portion of it, 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

The early part of April has been a period o cold waves and severe storms throughout many portions of the country. Here we have had unusual cold for the season also. On Friday night of last week the thermometer registered down to degrees, and there was light frost a short distance east of the bay shore. After only a couple of days of warmer weather another "norther" swooped down on us, and on Tuesday night the mercury fell to forty-two degrees, though no frost was reported from this immediate vicinity. It has warmed up again now and we are in hopes that we will have our usual warm growing weather at this season. We have had several good rains, enough probably to make the potato crop, even if we should have no more before digging time.

La Follette's Weekly referred to Bryan amid other characterizations, as the "Sage of Fairhope." We were puzzled over this, but concluded that our friend Herbert Quick, associate editor, must have written the item and inadvertantly wrote "Fairhope" for "Fairview," Mr. Bryan's name for his home near Lincoln.

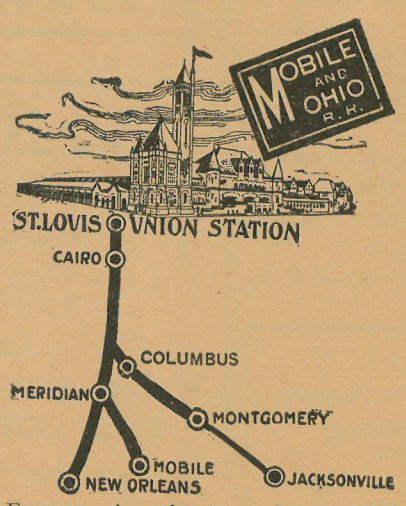
Mr. A. J. Kempton is a former northern man, now residing in Alabama, who expects to visit Fairhope with a view to locating within a short time. He says: "An old publisher, I have made a careful inspection of the COURIER samples and must say that I admire both its matter and make-up."

Mr. W. Riendeau, who returned recently to North Dakota expecting to return later and make his home here, wrote the COURIER April 2: "Arrived home in snow storm and it is very cold here, about one foot of snow. Dont believe there will be any seeding done before April 20."

The opening scenes of Herbert Quick's new story, "Virginia of the Air Lanes," now running as a serial in the Cosmopolitan, are laid in lower Baldwin, and Palmetto Beach, Magnolia Springs, Point Clear and Fairhope are mentioned.

The Fairhope post office is now an international money order office, and money orders will be issued to or paid from any part of the world.

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COPE ASKS QUESTION

Editor Courier:

Is Fairhope a commercial or an industrial center?

In the Courier of March 26th you cite the report of the department of taxes of the city of New York as showing that land values are 62½ per cent of real estate values, but admit that in the borough of Brooklyn, the great residence section of the city, the improvement values exceed the land values and I understand personal property is not considered.

Now suppose the borough of Brooklyn should adopt the "Fairhope plan" of raising money to pay taxes, while the state continues ty levy taxes in the "good old way" don't you think the people with least improvements would be justified in asserting that they were paying the taxes of those who had more improvements than they?

Would you say to the "kickers;" "improve your property and get the benefit of the plan"?

Manhattan and other boroughs would pay enough "land tax" to cover all state taxes, but how would this help the resident of Brooklyn unless he had interests in Manhattan also?

Please explain how this would work out, or tell your readers what the paying industrial or commercial interests of Fairhope are.

Respectfully Yours,

Flatwood, Ala. M. M. Cope.

Replying to our good friend who seems to think he has run Fairhope into a hole and plugged it, we would say that if handling Brooklyn on the Fairhope plan, and collecting in lieu of all other taxes, not only what is now being collected as a tax upon land values, but what is being appropriated by the land-owners of Brooklyn, we think there would be no difficulty of meeting municipal, state and county taxes, without unduly burdening anyone.

Nor would anyone be justified in saying that he was "paying his neighbor's taxes" if he only paid the rental value of the land he held into a fund from which the taxes of all were paid.

Certainly we would say to "kickers" holding valuable land of which they were making much less than the average good use, that the way for them to "get results" out of the Fairhope plan was to make good use of their opportunities. It is an essential feature of the plan of charging according to opportunities enjoyed, rather than the use made of the opportunities, that those who make best use of their opportunities benefit most. It is one of our greatest objections to the usual plan that it works just the other way.

And there is another phase of the matter which it seems to us so strange that intelligent people cannot see; and that is that the whole community really shares in the benefits of improvements made by individuals. It ought not to be hard for carpenters, for instance, to see that they benefit by any policy which encourages the building of houses. Everywhere we see enterprising communities organizing their commercial clubs to stimulate the building up of their towns, to attract manufacturers, etc., offering sites and bonuses often as inducements. They consider this "good business policy" where they let the owners of land for which the coming of new industries and accompanying increased population gives increased value, appropriate the increased values. How much more sensible is it for a community to encourage improvement when it reaps as a community, the increasing land value following the improvement?

We will readily admit that a local community applying the Single Tax policy alone, cannot reap the full benefits which would follow its general adoption, but so surely as it is a better policy than the prevailing one, (which we understand friend Cope to admit) so surely will its application on even a small scale bring better results than the contrary policy.

And these benefits instead of accruing to those able to make good improvements at the expense of those less able--as is sometimes inferred—accrue to both by the elimination o land speculation.

In other words, instead of the "poor man paying the rich man's taxes" in even the few cases where those taxes may possibly amount to more than the rent, the poor man himself pays less than he otherwise would.

We challenge our friend or any one else to cite one instance of a "poor man," putting the ground he holds, to anything like such use as it is reasonably suited for, who is not getting more for his money than he would were it not for the Colony policy—except as a possible beneficiary of land speculation.

FROM A VISITOR TO ARDEN

Editor Courier:

In the letter of Frank Stephens published in the Courier, he speaks of a certain kind of prosperity that the residents of Arden are now enjoying, and he says in effect, that whatever measure of it they do possess is not due to pulling down and trampling on one another.

In one of Abraham Lincoln's inaugurals, he says "The time will come in this country when the laborer will not go forth to unrequited toil." While I have never been very enthusiastic about the foundings of colonies to help on the spread of our ideas, (except we could have one in New York or Philadelphia) still I have to admit, that on the occasion of my yearly visits (George's birthday) to Arden, a sense of peace seemed to take possession of me, which is very restful to one who has been an eye witness to so much that takes places on the "firing line" of the world's great battle. This means a dweller in our large cities.

Planting your foot within the ground of Arden a feeling seems to come over you that were you a member of the community, willing and able to work, that right here was the opportunity without money and without price, to display your talents, and that the harder and more efficiently you did work, it would not only increase the amount of your own comforts and luxuries, but would be a matter of congratulation on the part of the other members of the community (I do not ask city dwellers to believe this statement) and to others outside of Fairhope and Arden, I would add that the members of the community really mean it; now please don't call me nature faker and elect me into the Ananias club'

Why should it not be a matter of congratulation? With the deadly miasma of speculation in land removed, with the gates of opportunity thrown open to the poor and weak, as well as the rich and powerful, why should we not feel in our neighbor's success, the same amount of joy and pride that we should feel in our own success?

Is there any other way that the vision of our great-hearted humanity-loving president can become a reality?

As long as any portion of economic rent is paid by one individual to another individual, just so long will "the laborer go forth to unrequited toil," and it is only after we have changed the conditions will men of the stature of Abraham Lincoln and Henry George take their true place in history. In our present civilization founded on the principle of "grabbing all and keeping what you can," the fight for its redemption often becomes wearisome, but their names will always point the way in the great struggle for human rights, and like them let no thought of reward or fear of loss, swerve us from the path of duty. This is the way the only way.

Philadelphia, Oliver McKnight.

Seeing the Secret.

According to the Victoria Times the Council of Oak Bay, B. C. has adopted the Single Tax idea by exempting all improvements from taxation. The council divided on the motion, 3 against 3, but the mayor gave the casting vote, explaining thus.

"We already tax improvements at only half their value, and if that is a wise policy then would it not be wiser not to tax them at all? We want to encourage the erection of buildings, then why should we tax people for erecting buildings on their land or for putting a nice fence around it? Vacant lands hold back the town but their owners grow rich while oohers are building, paying insurance and taking all risks. For this reason alone we should not fine people for improving their places, and that is what we have been doing under our present system of taxation."

—Plumas (Man.) Standard.

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Ernest B. Gaston - Editor and Publisher
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The Public School House Matter.

In this issue of the Courier the meetings of the Colony Corporation and of the citizens of the municipality to consider the public school matter are reported at some length.

There are one or two phases of the matter which the Courier would like particularly to call to the attention of members and lessees of the F. S. T .C. at home and its friends abroad.

The propositions agreed upon by the Colony and presented on Monday evening were recognized at the latter meeting as fair propositions. They must indeed, it seems to us, be recognized by any fair minded man as more than fair propositions, for not only did the Colony offer to do its part, either in taxation or by donation, either toward the purchase of the present building or building a new one, but it offered a valuable site. Judging by prices paid as we are informed for less desirable land down Section street, the ground offered at the present school house site is worth at least $500.

At the Monday evening meeting Mr. Oswalt, an "outsider" (in the sense only of living on his own land adjacent) and a gentleman for whom we have the greatest respect, and for whom the editor has every time voted for school trustee, said that he wanted to do his share toward a public school building. He did not want to be under obligations to the Colony and have it thrown up to him always that he was a recipient of its bounty. He very properly objected to the method of raising the share of himself and others outside the Colony, by a donation, because it afforded no means of making any unwilling to pay their share do so, and said that as taxation furnished theonly means by which that could be done, he was in favor of paying for the school building through taxation.

The rejection of the proposition of the Colony, while of course voted for by others, was made possible by votes of its members. A few of these perhaps voted against the proposition because they preferred to have other use made of the school property.

Some seemed to do so through a spirit of excessive generosity, which made them more anxious to be generous to those who have preferred to locate outside of the Colony and collect "unearned increment" than inside and share it with their fellow-citizens who created it, than to be just to the Colony.

We are convinced however that most of those among the members and lessees who voted against the propositions were mixed in their mathematics.

Such were represented by those who seemed to think that for the Colony to sell its interest in the building to the municipality was to "make the lessees pay over again for something they had already paid for;" having once paid for it in rents they were to pay for it over again in taxes and this was an outrage.

It is difficult to understand how this amazing view can be taken by any one, but it must be because, without giving the matter careful thought, they fail to see two things.

First, that the lessees get *all* of what is paid by the municipality, and second that as a portion of the municipal tax-payers they pay only *their part* of it.

If the lessees and the municipality were the same people and none other, they would simply pay to themselves as lessees what they paid out as tax-payers and would have neither gained nor lost.

They might continue to own the property as lessees, or donate it to themselves as a municipality and the result would be the same.

As a matter of fact however, the lessees being only a *part* of the municipality, and having to pay only *their part* of the tax fund from which the cost of the building would be paid by the municipality, while as lessees of the Colony receiving it *all*, would be ahead the portion of the tax paid by those off of Colony lands.

The proposition therefore, to donate the Colony's interest in the school building to the municipality, is a proposition *not* in the interest of the lessees, but to donate the property of the lessees for the benefit of those outside the Colony.

Assuming that the Colony pays four-fifths of the municipal taxes the proposition of the Single Tax Corporation works out in this way for the lessees.

Receive for the building	$1000
Pay Colony's share (four-fifths)	800
Gain	$200

Which represents the just and fair proportionate share of those outside the Colony.

But, some one says: "That would be all right provided we could get those outside the Colony to pay their share so that we would not have to issue bonds to raise the money, but if we issue bonds that means increased taxation which will require increased rent, and we might better give the building to start with."

Is this so? It is a simple mathematical problem again. Let us see about it.

The municipality being unable to pay cash suppose the colony (which we should favor) accepts 6 per cent municipal bonds for $1000 under its proposition and these bonds are to be retired $100 per year.

At the end of the first year the accounts stands thus:

Received by colony (lessees) interest	$60
" " " principal	100
Total	$160
Paid by lessees, four-fifths of municipal tax necessary to pay said $160	128
Net gain to lessees	$3 2

And the same comparative result will appear each year until the bonds are paid.

We challenge any one to show error in these figures.

Instead of the lessees being *out* on account of the colony's proposition, they are *in*. Instead of increased rentals being necessary to meet the increased taxation, the colony can pay its share out of what it receives and have a balance left over.

Every proposition therefore, that the colony should make more liberal terms than it has offered is a proposal not to give *to* the lessees but to *give away* the property of the lessees for the benefit of those outside the colony.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATTERS

Colony Members and Citizens of Municipality Consider Ways and Means for Securing a Public School Building.

Colony Offers to Donate Site of Up to Two Acres and Give Its Share Either by Donation or Taxation, but is Asked to Make Better Proposition.

Members' Meeting.

A meeting of the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation was held at the Gables on last Saturday evening, to consider the matter of the municipalization of the school, from the standpoint of the interest of the F. S T. C.

There was an agreement that the property in which the public school was to be conducted should be the property of the municipality, representing the whole people interested, but there was much difference of opinion as to whether or not the building hitherto used for the school, but built by and belonging to the F. S. T. Corporation should be the building, and what propositions should be made, if any, by the F. S. T. C. looking to the acquirement by the town of this building, or toward a new building, should it be decided to build one.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Powell and Mr. Gaston favored the acquisition by the town of the present building, with a portion of ground about it, believing that the public school and the organic school (the latter as was announced having secured the Mann tract adjoining,) could, with the greatest advantage, to both schools and the general educational interest of the community, be located in proximity. Others thought the methods of the two schools were so different that it was very important that they should be entirely separated, not only as to buildings but as to locations.

Mr. Albright argued that the F. S. T. C. had "been in the public school business" and having received for years the public school fund, had really enjoyed a "special privilege" and on account of this could well afford and should offer the building to the municipality, provided it would assume the obligation of the F. S. T. C. to the Library association (approximately $1,000.)

Mr. Wood and others denied the accuracy of Mr. Albright's statement, showing that the F. S. T. C. had never "been in the public school business," had never received one dollar of public school fund, had not even managed the public school, the trustee all the time being Mr. Oswalt, who resided off the corporation's land; and its only part having been as a contributor beyond its share, in the shape of the use of the building.

Mr. Trenholme and Mr. Bellangee both argued against any plan which would require an issuance of bonds by the municipality and favored the proposition that the F. S. T. C. should offer the building to the municipality on its assumption of the amount owing to the Library Association.

This was objected to as making the Colony as a part of the municipality, pay its share, (about four-fifths) of the Library association claim, but not making those residing off of colony land pay their share of the equity of the F. S. T. C.

In other words it was characterized as "asking the F. S. T. C. to not only give its share of the expense of a public school building but the share of those off colony land as well."

The following were finally agreed upon as propositions which the F. S. T. C. would offer to the people of the municipality:

1. To donate a site up to two acres in area.
2. To donate toward a public school build-

ing an amount equal in proportion to its relative number of children in the public school to any amount which would be given by residents of the municipality living off the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

3. To offer the present school building to the municipalfty for $2000, in which event the two acres offered shall be in connection with the building.

The secretary was instructed to present these propositions to the town meeting called by the Mayor for Monday evening.

Town Meeting.

There was a fair attendance in the Council hall on Monday evening at the meeting called by the Mayor.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting, saying that it had been supposed that the community had a public school building, but that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation owned the building and declined to allow its further use as heretofore and it seemed therefore, up to the town to provide a building, and that as the council saw no way by which this could be done except by the issuance of bonds, it had called an election for the purpose of voting upon a bond issue of $3,000. He saw no alternative except for such an issue.

Alderman Pilcher followed with a well-put statement of the legal status of the community, showing that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, which was the owner of the building now used, was legally a private corporation, representing a portion,—a large portion it was true, but only a portion of the people—while the municipality represented all the people, with power to make and enforce laws and with legally defined methods for doing business. Its only way of getting funds was by taxation or by the issuance of bonds upon which taxation could be based for their repayment. He, too, regretted to issue bonds, but did not see how the town could meet the situation confronting it without doing so.

Aldermen Coleman said the situation in which the town found itself was a somewhat difficult one; but the F. S. T. C. had agreed upon a proposition which an officer of the Corporation would present and which he thought presented a happy solution of the difficulties.

Mr. Gaston expressed approval of Alderman Pilcher's statement of the legal status of the town and of the various elements comprising it, showing that the legal relation of the Single Tax Colony to the municipality was simply that of Mr. Oswalt, Mr. Coleman or any other land owner; and that it should be expected to do its share, but not more, toward bearing the municipal burdens. He said that hitherto the Colony Corporation, being the only organized body in the place had taken the lead in public matters but it had always been unsatisfactory because it did not include all the people and had no way of requiring those outside its jurisdiction to do their part toward any joint interests. His own chief purpose in favoring incorporation of the town was to afford an organization in which colonists and non-colonists could meet upon a basis of equal rights and that equal rights implied not only equal enjoyment of benefits but equal sharing of responsibilities.

He then presented the propositions of the F. S. T. C, (as stated elsewhere.)

Mr. Albright stated his aversion to issuing bonds, especially to so large an amount as $3000, showing the increase in taxation which it would require, the larger portion of which would fall upon the Colony as the largest tax payer and argued that it was a very important consideration to the lessees whether or not this should be done as they would have the F. S. T. C. share of the increased tax to pay and would probably have to face an increase of rents to do so. He argued further that the lessees had already paid for the building above the part borrowed from the Library Association and if sold to the municipality would have the larger part to pay, which would be paying for it over again. He advocated the Colony giving its equity in the building as in the interest of the lessees. He repeated the statement made at the members meeting reported elsewhere, that the Colony "had been in the public school business" and a beneficiary of public funds to an extent which put it under obligations to the district.

Mr. Wood corrected Mr. Albright's statement as at the members meeting, showing that the Colony had not "been in the public school business" and had not been a beneficiary beyond any others residing in the school district from the school fund.

Mr. Oswalt advocated the building of a new building entirely and the issuance of bonds for the same as the only just way for distributing the burden of expense therefor. The present building was a good building but was not easy to add to for future growth. He favored a two-story building, perhaps 50 feet square, with 3 rooms below and an upper story, which might be left unfurnished at present and, as the school grew could have other rooms finished up in it. Mr. Oswalt, as one living off Colony land, said he wanted to do his share and did not want the Colony to do more than its share. He did not want the Colony to be in position to claim that others were receiving an advantage at its expense. He did not consider the plan of securing any part of the cost of the building by a donation, as a practicable or fair one, because some who received benefits would not pay, and others would thus be doing more than their share. Through taxation everybody could be made to do his share.

Mr. Trenholme and Mr. Bellangee argued in favor of keeping down the bond issue, and said that while they had in the F. S. T. C. meeting voted in favor of the propositions, which had been presented in order to reach an agreement, they personally favored the F. S. T. C. going even further than its propositions and offering to give its equity in the building, provided the municipality would assume the debt to the Library Association. Mr. Bellangee thought those living off the Colony land ought in fairness to accept the Colony's proposition to raise the $1000 without bonds and even offered himself to give $10 toward paying the share of the outsiders; but if they would not do this he would rather the Colony should give the whole $1000 than that a bonded debt of that amount should be created.

Mr. Mann thought the Colony proposition a good one which should be accepted. The building was a good one, the price reasonable and no such building as had been talked of could be built for $3000.

Other speeches were made by Mr. Powell, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Stimpson.

A motion to accept the offer of the F. S. T. C. and purchase the present building was lost by 17 to 15.

A motion to appoint a committee to see if more favorable terms could not be secured from the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation prevailed.

The chair appointed Messrs. Trenholme and Sweet as such committee.

The meeting was adjourned to meet in the same place next Tuesday evening.

Colony Referendum Called.

In response io a petition signed by P. Y. Albright, J. Bellangee, Mrs. A. B. Call, Mr.. and Mrs. S. S. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wolf, and A. K. Trenholme , a referendum to colony members has been called for Saturday evening to consider the following questions.

(1) Shall the offer of up to two (2) acres of ground for municipal school purposes be held open?

(2) Shall the school building be offered to the municipality for a public school conditional on the municipality assuming the indebtedness thereon?

(3) Shall the proceeds of the sale of the school building be offered to the municipality for public school purposes, after paying the indebtedness on the same?

Taking advantage of the call the following G. W. Wood, E. B. Gaston, Mrs. S. H. Comings, Marie Howland, Mrs. W. W. Kile, Clara M. Gaston, J. A. Patterson and R. F. Powell, asked for the submission at the same time, of these questions also:

(4) Shall the following offers agreed upon at the members meeting last Saturday evening stand?

A. To donate for a municipal public school building an amount equal to any which will be given by those living off of Colony land, proportionate to the relative number of children of each in the public school.

B. To offer the present school building to the municipality for $2,000, in which event the two acres previously offered, shall be in connection with the building.

(5) Shall the Executive Council be authorized to donate more than two acres of land for a municipal public school building if in its judgment advisable?

POWELL—HUMES

A wedding whose announcement came as a surprise to most Fairhope people, was that of Mr. Ira Powell and Miss Leona Humes, which occurred in Mobile on Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Carr, of the Government St., Presbyterian church, at his home, at high noon. Miss Ola Powell was the only member of either family present, the bride having come from her home at Cambridge Springs, Pa., to meet the groom at Mobile, and the groom's father Mr. R. F. Powell having missed the morning steamer.

The groom is a young man of fine business attainments, who has made a success of his business here, the Fairhope Livery. The bride is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. J Humes of Cambridge Springs, Pa. She is a lady of many charms of person and manner, an accomplished musician both vocally and instrumentally, and made many friends while visiting here winter before last.

Organic School Visits Montrose Pottery.

The children of the Organic school with their teachers and some of the mothers spent a most delightful day picnicking at the pottery on Tuesday.

The Pleasure Bay gave the children a special rate, and the people at the pottery were most patient and obliging, showing, explaining, answering questions and giving the children little objects in clay which delighted their souls.

The woods and creek afforded ample opportunity for play, a fine dinner under the trees and the return trip on the boat completed a day that will be remembered with pleasure for a long time to come.

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Personal and Local

Don't forget the V. I. C. social at the pleasant W. E. Sweet home this evening. Strawberries and ice cream will be served. We always have a good time at Sweet's. Everybody be there.

The Baldwin County Teachers Institute will be held at Fairhope on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3rd. to 5th. A committee will call upon the citizens of Fairhope, to arrange for the entertainment of the visiting teachers. We are sure they will meet the hearty cooperation of the people and that Fairhope will "do herself proud" as she has heretofore done on like occasions.

Mrs. Grace Johnson of Chicago, who was here in the winter and at that time made a bargain for the Dyson prôperty, returned on last Friday evening accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Laura Webster. to occupy the property. It is indeed a "coming home" to them, for their home was with us for many years and the Courier extends them a cordial welcome back.

The last number of the regular lecture course at the Daphne State Normal was that by Rev. Dr. P. J. Philippe, of Spring Hill College, Mobile, on "Wireless Telegraphy" on Wednesday evening of last week. The steamer Lucile made the shore from Battles up, for the convenience of those desiring to attend. Quite a party went up from Fairhope and enjoyed the lecture very much. It was both entertaining and instructive.

Mae E. Morrissey, who several years ago spent some time here with Mrs. Mead, (now Mrs. Mann) and later with Mrs. Creswell, saw the Curtis article in the Record-Herald and it reawakened her interest in Fairhope, of which she says: "I have always entertained the kindest of thoughts toward Fairhope and its people." She subscribes for the Courier and asks for the latest particulars.

"Sunshine" Hawks left on Tuesday morning to go to Daphne for a couple of days and assist in the preparation for the "Jarley Wax Works" to be presented there on Saturday evening and he will go from there to meet engagements at Blue Mountain, Miss. Mr. Hawks complimented Fairhope most highly in his address at the Church on Sunday evening (as reported by Mrs. Howland in her "letters") and at the close of the address almost everyone in the audience came forward, on invitation, to say good-bye to him.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Mrs. French, and the Messrs. Marshall left on Saturday morning, the three former direct for their home at Chicopee Falls, Massachusettes, the Messrs. Marshall for Elgin, Ills., where they were long employes of the big watch factory and where they intended to make a short visit before going on to Massachussetts. It was through Major Whittle that these excellent people were attracted to us, and it was a gratification to him as well as to us that they were so well pleased that we are quite sure to see them again. In fact there is good reason for hoping that the Messrs. Marshall will build here at an early date.

Ever Moving

Everything is moving,
Nothing's standing still,
Some things are improving,
Others getting Ill.

It's going or it's coming,
Nothing's at a rest,
It always keeps a humming,
How briefly, at it's best.

There's no such thing as stopping,
You couldn't if you would,
When people think of shopping
Wheeler's understood.

The Ladies Aid Society gave another of its very pleasant ten cent luncheons at the home of Dr. Atkinson on Wednesday evening of last week. Many were surprised to find how pleasant a home the Doctor has again "evolved" from the nucleus of the little DeWolf cottage, moved down to her lot from the woods in the north part of town. She has a "knack" of making her abiding place pleasant and homelike. Straw-Strawberries, wafers and cake were served to the large company present.

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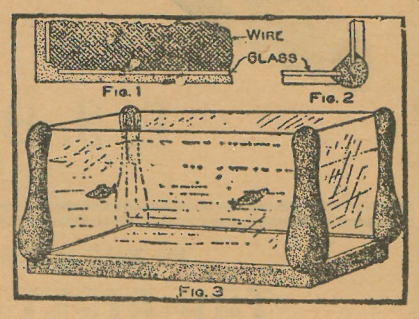
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Secure four pieces of glass, plate glass preferred, the desired size to make tank, say about nine inches wide, 12 inches long and 10 inches deep. Set the edges of the glass in a concrete base made about one inch thick. This can be done in a temporary wooden mold. Use good Portland cement in making and take equal parts cement and clean sharp sand mixed to the consistency of thin dough. Reinforce the base by putting in a wire screen, Fig.



Concrete and Glass.

1, turning up the edges so the glass will rest firmly against the screen. Allow about one-eighth inch open space between the perpendicular edges of the glass. After the cement has set about 48 hours, mold the corners in any design desired, reinforcing them with wire, screws or nails, as shown in Fig. 2, also filling up the inside corners about one-quarter inch thick. Allow this to set for a day, after which paint the concrete with pure cement and water mixed to the consistency of paint. Put a thick coat of this cement paint on the inside bottom. After two or three days the aquarium will hold water perfectly.

The cement can be painted, enameled or bronzed, as desired, also a brass or wooden cover fitted to the upper edges of the glass.—Contributed by S O. Safholm, Minneapolis. Minn.

SELF-CONTAINED MOTOR CAR.

How the Drawback to Such Car Has Been Overcome in Bavaria.

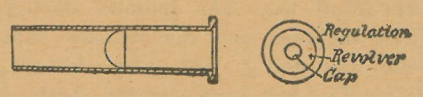
One of the drawbacks of the self contained motor car for railroad use is in the fact that the power is self-contained. This statement may at first sight appear a little dense, but every type of self-contained motor car has the same disadvantage, this disadvantage being in the fact that the motive power and the car body are practically inseparable and it is impossible to care for the former in the same place and manner as other locomotive power on the road is cared for. It is also necessary to put the whole car out of commission whenever the motive power needs attention.

This disadvantage has been overcome by the Bavarian state railways in a manner which would seem adaptable anywhere. The Bavarian government has been operating self-contained motor cars for a number of years and, finding the above stated condition to be a great disadvantage, has discontinued the building of the self-contained type of cars in favor of a small, but very powerful four-wheeled locomotive which can be coupled to a light combination passenger and baggage coach and perform the service with equal satisfaction. The arrangement simply amounts to separating the motive power from the passenger compartment of a motor car and permits the former of being taken care of in the regular engine house.

REDUCING RANGE OF A RIFLE.

How the Old Springfield Rifle Can Be Made Safe to Use.

The country has recently been flooded with old model Springfield rifles.



Reducing the Range of a Rifle.

While these are very fine guns, they have too long a range for use in a thickly populated region. As the writer could not use a rifle that carried over 200 yards, he reduced the range by the following method:

Taking an empty regulation shell, 0.45 caliber, the head was bored out so that a 0.44 caliber revolver cartridge would fit snug. Then the head of the regulation shell was turned out, so that the head of the revolver cartridge would be flush, as shown in accompanying sketch. The writer writing in Scientific American says he is using these cartridges up to a hundred yards with good results.

Ruined Fire Alarm System.

For many years the residents of Murray, Ky., were notified of fire within the confines of their town by the discharging of guns, and this rather novel system proved so satisfactory that it was still in vogue up to within a few months ago. Then, however, came the night rider disturbances, and the discharge of guns became so frequent and misleading that in a number of instances the alarms for fire were disregarded. The mayor found it necessary to issue a circular, changing the alarm system from gun firing to the ringing of bells and blowing of whistles.

Fine Peal of Bells.

One of the most remarkable peals of bells in the world, both because of its size and elevation, has just been installed in the tower of the Metropolitan Life building in New York, 46 floors above the street.

IN THE WINTER WOODS.

Nature Study Which Will Bring Memories of the Summer Time.

You will add greatly to your pleasure in summer if you do not pick so many of the wild flowers but watch them develop, notice what the fruit looks like after the flower is gone, and then watch to see how each one distributes its seed, for all of these seed receptacles have their own method of fulfilling this all-important mission. Some, like the evening primrose, have their pods open at the ends and so let the wind shake out their seed; others, like the witchhazel, shoot their seed quite a distance from the hard cases, which is done as you would shoot a slippery orange seed by pressing between your finger and thumb. And then there is the cranesbill which throws its seed from a little cup at the end of a spring which you may see even now coiled up with the little cup at its tip.

A walk in the winter woods spent in identifying your friends of the summer by their dried pods or their seed, says St. Nicholas, will prove a most enjoyable and profitable pastime.

Advice.

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Personal and Local

The native grasses are furnishing good pasture for stock now.

Dutch collars at Mrs. Call's.

Miss Ola Powell visited in Mobile thisweek.

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Strawberries and dewberries are abundant.

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Home grown new potatoes are now on the local market and are very good quality.

Spring has come in earnest. See Mrs. Call about your hat.

Herbert Gabel and wife have moved into the Clifton cottage.

Fresh Vegetables picked from the garden while you wait, at
Mershon Merch. Co.

The V. I. C. meets at the home of the president, Mrs. R.F.Powell, on Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Just received: Shipment of Heinz Sweet Pickles, Chow Chow, Olives, etc at Mershon Merch. Co.

Miss Gladys Lowell and her friend, Miss Ida May Weiss,of Mobile, were Fairhope visitors on Sunday, guests at dinner of Miss Leah Gaston.

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L. Barnhart.

Mr. P. K. Dealy shipped 3 barrels of potatoes on Tuesday morning; the first to go over Fairhope wharf this season. On the same day Mike Houston shipped several bushels of string beans, the first of this season.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Rev. J. W. Cochran will preach at the school-house on Sunday, April 25, at 11 a. m. Mr. Cochran isa minister of the Baptist faith, now residing at Daphne taking a course of study at the Daphne Normal. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

We are agents for the Stewart Mfg. Co., iron fences, iron posts, etc., come and look through our catalog and get prices. M. M. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Compton, of Glencoe, Illinois, arrived on Tuesday evening and are guests at The Gables. They are friends of our late visitors, the Chandlers, who recommended Fairhope to them. Mrs. Compton's father, Mr. Blaeser, was a pioneer Single Taxer in New York.

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Miss Estelle Kile left for Dayton, Ohio on Wednesday morning to spend the summer. She had so often set dates for going and changed her mind that her friends hardly took seriously her declaration that she was going, but she did go. Miss Kile has done a great deal of fine photographic work while here and will be much missed.

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Mr. E. G. Miller, of the Baldwin County Fair Association, was in town or Wednesday in the interest of his association. It was well pleased with the success attending its first fair last fall, and is now planning for next year's fair which it hopes to make much more of a success. It is hoping to add some good clean racing sport to its attractions next year.

H. S. Boutelle and Robert DeDermaid took a trip to the "Snapper banks" off Mobile Bar, on the steamer Gussie, and caught a number of these fine fish. There were about two hundred people made the trip and about twelve hundred snappers were caught. Captain John Foster, long master of the "Fairhope," was in command of the vessel and gave especial attention to his Fairhope friends.

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Dr. Geo. A. Sheldon has been engaged by Supt. J. S. Lambert to deliver a course of lectures on the Science of Physiology and the Best Method of Teaching It In The Public Schools. He will present these lectures to the Teachers Institute which meets in Fairhope on May 3, 4 and 5, and has been given one hour each day for the series. Residents of Fairhope are invited to hear him and all who come will doubtless enjoy a very entertaining and highly instructive treat.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith and daughter Miss Vera, left on Tuesday morning for their home at Rockford, Ill., after a stay here of several months. On Saturday evening, Mrs. Nichols, in one of whose cottages they spent the winter, opened her beautiful home and invited in a large number of the townspeople to join in a farewell to the Smiths and because of the rare musical talent of Miss Smith it took the form largely of a musical recital. Miss Smith gave several selections on both piano and violin, Mrs. Pilcher acting as accompanist on one violin solo and Mrs. Minnich for the other. Mrs. Minnich, Mrs. Maury and Miss Frances Gaston rendered beautiful vocal solos, Miss Martha Ahrens gave a piano solo, Mr. Albright, Mr. Pilcher and Miss Anna Mae Oswalt gave recitations. After most of the company had departed, some of the young folks "tripped the light fantastic toe" for a little while. Light refreshments were served and it was a very enjoyable affair.

On Wednesday next at 10 a. m. the Farmers Educational and cooperative Unions of Fairhope and Euclid will hold a rally at the christian church, Frirhope. President Morris of Alabama and other fine 3peakers will be present and speak. Open meeting in the morning to which everyone is invited. Come and bring your lunch baskets.

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Baldwin County Teachers' Institute will be held at Fairhope, May 3 5, 1909, beginning at 7:30 p. m., Monday, May 3rd.

PROGRAM.

Monday, 7:30 p. m. Address of Welcome by Mayor Greeno. Response by Prof. I. N. Kimbrough. Election of a Secretary. Address by Supt. J. S. Lambert.

Tuesday, 9 a. m. Pedagogy, by Pres. B. B. Baker. 10 a. m. Primary Work Exemplified, by Mrs. Ora A. Sweet and Miss Pearl Campbell. 10:30 a. m. How to teach Physiology & Hygiene Practically in the Public Schools, by Dr. G. A. Sheldon and Prof. G. M. Veazy. 11 a. m. How to Teach Agriculture in the Public Schools, by Prof. W. F. Monk, Mrs. M, L. Johnson and Prof. W. S. Owen. 12 M. Recess.

Tuesday, 2 p. m. Problems of the Young Teacher-solved by Misses Billie Lambert and Mary Feminear. 2:30 p. m. How to Teach the Constitution of U. S. and of Alabama in the Public Schools, by Mrs. Nellie M. Hubbard, Miss Zettie Barge and J. R. Till. 3 p. m. Am I Fit to Teach, by Misses Clara J. Hall and Serena Crosby. 3:30 p. m. Pedagogy, by Pres. B. B. Baker.

4:30 p. m. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 9 a. m. Good Teaching Conditions, by Prof. W. R. Hale, Miss Edith McCullough and John Stott. 10 a. m. Keeping Good Conditions for Successful Teaching, by Mesdames L. D. Durant, Lulu Rackley and Miss Celestial Veazy. 11 a. m. A Very Large Per Cent of Our Boys Leave School Before They Attain to our High School Grades; Is the Fault to be Found in the Teaching, or in the Educational System? General discussion of this subject to be led by Prof. I. N. Kimbrough. 12 M. Recess.

Wednesday, 2 p. m. What Makes a Good School? By Misses Buford Harwell and Anna Miller. General Discussion. 3 p. m. What Should be the Teacher's View of Life? By Mrs. Emily H. Peet and Miss Lola McCollough. 4 p. m. Round Table Discussions. Resolutions. Adjournment.

Free entertainment for all teachers during the institute by the good people of Fairhope. We understand that the town of Fairhope and the Single Tax Corporation have arranged for a moonlight excursion on Mobile Bay for the teachers. The Fairhopers know how to entertain, and those who fail to attend will miss a treat.

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Town Ordinance.

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That on the 18th day of May, 1909, an election shall be held in said town of Fairhope, Alabama, for the purpose of the qualified electors of such municipality voting upon and deciding the question as to whether or not the bonds of such municipality in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars with interest at the rate of not more than six per cent and to run for 10 years, shall be issued for the purpose of constructing or buying a public school house in said town of Fairhope and that notice of such election be given for the time and in the manner prescribed by law, and that said election be conducted in the manner prescribed by law.

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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.

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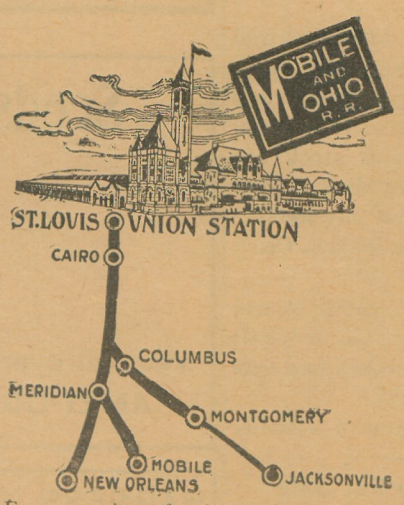
E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Mrs. Howland's Letters

April 19. "Sunshine Hawks" has been in town some ten days or more. He has been busy studying our "institutions" and our people, being especially interested in the schools and the children. When he preaches, as last night in the church, he addresses himself largely to the young folks and to the children. His style is easy, simple, conversational, familiar and at times dramatic, but never dull. All listen well and the children with rapt attention which is a compliment that I think he will like. Few speakers, comparatively, have the power to command the attention of children except by stories, but this speaker never fails to hold the attention of his hearers. He is emotional. Voice and lips often tremble. A wag like E. H. would say he had the power to "squeeze the tear-bag" at will. When about to pass the contribution plate, he said: "don't put in any of your money. I do not want a cent of your money. Put in only God's money." I did not like this, a distinction without a difference, I should say.

His text, or theme, was well chosen: the saying of Christ that he came that we should "have life and have it more abundantly." He often made us laugh Once, especially in discoursing on the home behavior of some men. And he asked, as if addressing some particular person: "How is it when you go to your home at night? Does the cat come and rub herself against your legs; the dog leap up to lick your face; the children climb into your arms, and the dear wife, does she put her arms around you and give you the welcome kiss? Or, does the cat climb a tree; the dog run under the house, the children get out of your sight, and the wife hurry to get you something to eat?" If Mr. Hawks had given but these two dramatic contrasting glimpses of every day life, he would have earned all the contribution whether it were God's or ours.

Great are the people! Don't fail to turn out and do your part both in attending meetings for the discussion of public questions and voting your convictions thereon.



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LET'S NEVER BE CROSS

Whatever may come, it isn't worth while
To scatter cross words instead of a smile;
And then, too, it's better whatever the loss
To smile all the braver, and never be cross;
For smiles are like sunshine, they brighten the day
And drive all the troubles and shadows away.

Cross words never sweeten, they only help jar
The soul that is wounded; they often help mar
The beautiful work that our hands might reveal
If we'd speak a kind word and try hard to feel
Still sweet and composed, no matter what loss
Has come to our life—and then never be cross.

Let's never be cross to our loved ones at home.
They love us so dearly, no matter what comes
They're loyal and true, and will help us along
With smiles that are brave and with hands that are strong.
So let's smile at our fate and laugh at our loss
And sing all the louder, but never be cross.

Our words are like diamonds, the brighter the hue
The more they are valued, more good they can do.
When troubles come 'long and we feel rather cross
Let's grin all the harder and make up the loss
By giving what's better than gold—
Kind words and bright smiles that will never grow old.

So never be cross--try to smile all the time—
Don't waste precious moments to sit down and whine.
The world's rather pricky without your sharp thorns,
So add some bright smiles in the place of dark scorns,
And try to be happy whatever the loss,
Then fate will smile with you—if you don't get cross.

(Mrs.) Cora Maxon Knox.

For the Courier.

Accompanying the foregoing beautiful lines the author sends this little "appreciation" of Fairhope and its people.—Ed.

"Fairhope is a place of roses, and with the roses people whose hearts are pure and kind. I have often said: 'Fairhope has the best people on earth.'

"I felt with Sunshine Hawks that this was a place for poetry. Not only is it a place to write, but to *live* poetry better than any other place I have been.

"The greatest poem in the world is a life of 'usefulness' and beauty lived among one's fellow men. It may not always jingle in rythmic harmony, but its 'life between the lines' may be pure and noble.

"I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for the kindness of friends and neighbors during my illness."

Leasing of Public Land Reserves.

(Editorial from the Pittsburg Press)

The British government proposes to lend to Irish farmers $195,000,000 to buy their lands from the landlords. Mr. Birrel, secretary of state for Ireland, introduced the bill for it on the last day of March. Suppose the bill goes through, and all this land purchasing is added to that of the past, what has been done? A glance at the peasant-proprietorship of France will show. The government will merely have set up a sub-aristocracy of little landlords. The small land owners of France and other European countries are the most merciless rack-renters, when they are landlords, in the world. Scattering land ownership out over a larger proportion of the people will not cure the evil of an impoverished peasantry. It does not give equal opportunity for the use of the lands. It makes petty landlords of a part of the peasants, while leaving the landless ones as badly off as before.

Great Britian may profit by the experience of the United States. We had a great domain of matchless lands. We sold them to speculators, and gave them to railways, to states, to education—but most lavishly of all to small landowners.

But the evils of tenant farming are upon us everywhere. The rich buy out the poor. Men move to the towns, rent their lands to tenants, and the farms are "skinned" of their fertility by the short-sighted policy of "rackrenting until the loss of soil fertility has become a national problem.

Think what would have been the conditions now if the government had never sold or given away any of its land, but had leased it to actual workers, on leases subject to periodical adjustment, at rates which would have just covered the economic rent of bare land, leaving to the farmer all his improvement, all the increased value of manuring, fertilization and good husbandry, with absolute security of possession for himself and his heirs.

Under such a condition there would never have been any profit in holding land for any other purpose except the actual working of it. The farmer would have found it more profitable to farm intensively a small farm than to skim over a large one. Farm population would have been denser; city population less dense. And it is also fair to presume that food supplies would have been cheapened and the cost of living reduced appreciably for all.

This is not an argument for the abolition of private ownership in land or any other visionary panacea of this sort. It is simply a suggestion of the advantage of leasing public lands over their gift or sale to speculators. And it is a suggestion which it is not yet too late for our own government to act upon.

Send two cents for a copy of the illustrated Fairhope booklet.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

There is likely to be a wrong impression made by our local papers in regard to the object of the fund raised by our late visitor from Pennsylvania, Mr. A. B. Gaston, and known as "The Howland Fund," or the "Pines Improvement Fund."

I think the mistake comes from the circular he prepared and sent to friends not having been presented to all friends of the library and its librarian in the Colony. This was by my advice, and I think it was wise and kind for most of those here receiving it, gave more, I feared, than they could well afford.

The following quotation from Brother Gaston's circular will make clear the object of the fund:—"I find a condition near the heart of the Colony to which I wish to call your attention. Mrs. Howland whom I have known by reputation for some length of time but never met until three weeks ago, is librarian, and much engrossed and interested in her work. She is, however getting up in years and cannot stand as much fatigue as she once could. She has a lovely location just at the rear of the library and is deeply interested in its improvement. She cannot attend to both of these duties properly, and has not the means to hire necessary help. If she could be encouraged by you and me, helping a little financially, she could give almost her whole time to the library work."

This is plain that the fund is to hire help so that I may give more of my time to the library. Let me say again that it was not by the advice—hardly by the consent, of the (then) Fairhope Association that I suggested and even insisted that we need not wait, as we had books enough for a beginning, but might at once open a little public library in some private house. The Colony would in three or four years, at furthest, we thought, be able to support a modest public library, and erect a building for that purpose. I wish to emphasize the fact that I am fully satisfied that the corporation has acted wisely in deferring the offering of a stated salary to the librarian thus far. The cost of my simple home has been very little, and the remission of my rent has enabled me to devote the amount to keeping the place in repair which otherwise I could not have done as well as I have. Dearer to my heart than all else is the prosperity of this Single Tax undertaking. I have no social ambition, and so long as I can have a well-tended garden with flowers and fruits to give my friends, and a few perchance to sell, and with enough pleasant work to occupy all my waking moments, I am content. The trouble has been up to the present time (when by the generous effort of one "sent by good spirits," the strain is relieved,) that I have been unable to do the necessary

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Fairhope Courier

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ERNEST B. GASTON - EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
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CITIZENS' SCHOOL MEETING

Gloom was cast over the citizens'school meeting held lastevening (postponed from Tuesday evening) by the announcement of the Mayor of a decision received from the Town's attorneys, to the effect that they found no authority for an increase of the tax levy by the town above the present five mills.

Bonds might be issued, but as no additional tax could be levied for their repayment and as the town has little enough revenue now for current needs, the problem is to make such provision for the payment of interest and retirement of the bonds as would make them salable securities.

Mr. Albright suggested as the one source of revenue open, to impose licenses on the business interests of the town, but the council and the citizens have quite emphatically expressed themselves as opposed to licenses if they can possibly be avoided.

The framers of the state constitution (which imposes the limitation referred to) came in for vigorous and deserved condemnation. It is easy to see that the dominating influence in the framing of the constitution with its extremely narrow limitation of the will of the people regarding taxation, was the large propertied class which has no regard for the rights of the people but is chiefly concerned for the protection of its property.

If the limitation were only a legislative enactment, no doubt scores of other municipalities, up against the same proposition, could be induced to join in an appeal to the legislature for the amendment of the law; but with not only the communities but the legislature bound hand and foot by the constitution and no power in the people to initiate amendments to it and require the same to be submitted to their vote, the situation is indeed a difficult one.

On account of small attendance at the meeting and this unexpected damper upon the proposition to issue bonds either to buy or build a school house, the meeting adjourned to meet again at the same place, Woodmen hall, on next Thursday evening.

Before the meeting was adjourned Mr. Trenholme reported for the committeee appointed to ask a better proposition from the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, the decisive vote by which the Corporation declined to do so—as per the referendum reported elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs, Adams of Kewaunee, Ill., arrived several days ago and are visiting their friends Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet. They are investigating with a view to locating in Fairhope.

A Plan For Securing a Town Hall.

At the Progressive League last Sunday afternoon Mr. Gaston presented a plan for securing a much-needed town hall which seemed to meet with quite general appreciation.

Briefly put the plan is to adopt the method used in securing the rebuilding of the wharf. To have the citizens of the town get together and select a set of trustees or a committee, authorizing them to secure a site, adopt a plan for a building and solicit subscriptions toward the cost of erection of same, and when sufficient funds are in sight, proceed with its erection.

The trustees to be authorized to pledge the building and its revenues for the repayment of the sums advanced for the building, with interest, except such as might be donated.

Mr. Gaston suggested that there might perhaps, be three different kinds of subscriptions solicited. The first, donations from citizens sufficiently interested to be willing togive outright. Second, subscriptions payable either in money, materials or labor, for which would be issued certificates bearing a low rate of interest, but payable only after the retirement of the third class of subscriptions, which latter would probably be the principal portion and would have to be a preferred obligation, constituting a first lien upon the building and its receipts, in order to get money from those who would look upon the matter purely or chiefly as an investment.

Mr. Gaston thought the Colony would be willing to donate a site and also thought a positive guarantee of sufficient income to provide for interest on the obligations incurred and probably a surplus could be secured by having the Town Council, Colony Council and Progeessive League contract to rent the building for their meetings. He said he thought the Progressive League could well afford to pay $100 a year rental and the town and Colony councils each $50 which would bring a guaranteed income of $200. Very likely also some religious body would like to avail itself of the building for Sunday morning service. In addition to such regular rentals the trustees or committee would charge for every entertainment or meeting held in the building and if these did not provide income sufficient in their opinion, could "engineer" entertainments or courses of lectures, perhaps, especially for the benefit of the building fund. The idea, of course, being that when the building had paid for itself out of its earnings, it should be the property of the municipality.

At the close of the discussion a motion that the League approve the general plan and was willing to pay a reasonable rental for its use of such a building was adopted unanimously.

Gulf Coast—and Fairhope—Opportunities.

"Gulf Coast Opportunities" is a new monthly magazine devoted to the "development of that part of the Gulf Region of which Mobile is the heart." It is published at Mobile and our friend E. E. Posey, former general passenger agent of the M. & O. R. R. is the editor.

The first issue devotes much space to a presentation of the opportunity afforded for establishing a great shipping port at Alabama Port or "South Mobile" across the bay and south from Fairhope.

It is interesting to us because what it is proposed to do at South Mobile might be done at Fairhope, lacking only a railroad which it would be up to us to get.

South Mobile is about four and a half miles from what is known as the "lower fleet" a natural deep basin, where for generations sailing and steam vessels anchored to receive cargoes lightered down to them from Mobile.

This basin is to be connected, according to the plans of the promoters of South Mobile, with the docks by a channel 14 feet deep and 75 feet wide at the bottom. At the present time there is a depth at the mile long pier of only 7 feet.

A study of any chart of the bay will show that Fairhope lies near the northern limit of what is known as the "Upper Fleet," a similar basin, with a slightly less depth, ranging from 12 to 18 feet. The limits of these basins are defined in the chart by a "12 foot line," which is shown coming nearer the shore immediately in front of Fairhope than at any other point on either side of the bay from one end to the other.

The present Fairhope pier head is on the edge of this basin, and it is only about five miles through water ranging from 12 to 18 feet in depth at mean low tide (instead of 7 to 10 as at South Mobile) and removed from any tendency to the formation of bars, to the dredged ship channel which affords passage for vessels of 23 feet draft to the Mobile docks.

According to Gulf Coast Opportunities, in 1907 over eighty per cent of the schooners entering the port of Mobile drew less than fourteen feet of water. To enable such vessels to dock at Fairhope on a fair tide would only require a short extension of the present wharf and instead of being confined to a 75 foot channel they would have several square miles of room to tack and anchor in. While the dredging required to give South Mobile fourteen feet would give Fairhope 18 to 20

Importance of Location on Navigable Water

The importance of a location reached by navigable waterways is shown by the statements of Montgomery merchants reported in the Advertiser of recent date.

One merchant said that in getting in grain, he had to ship the same from St. Louis to Mobile and from Mobile to Montgomery, after the train carrying it had passed through Montgomery with it, in order to get a rate that would allow him to sell it at a profit. He said that in doing this he saved nearly forty dollars on each car load.

Another said that to compete with other points selling stuff in the vicinity of Montgomery their sugar had to be sent from New Orleans to one of the gulf ports, thence inland to Dothan, by a lumber railroad, and so on to Montgomery.

No wonder Montgomery merchants are interesting themselves in the proposal to build a fine wharf and warehouses to be the property of the city and to buy and put in commission, if necessary, their own line of steamers.

Fairhope remember, is on navigable water; in touch at Mobile not only with vessels plying the waters of Alabama's great navigable river system (the second in the U. S. it is claimed) but with those running to American gulf ports, Mexico, Central and South America, the West Indies and even to England, Germany, Spain, Italy and other distant lands.

Word From Mrs. McLean.

The COURIER is in receipt of an interesting and characteristic letter from Mrs. Mc Lean, since the return of herself and husband to their home in Cincinnati. They have always appreciated the COURIER but she writes: "We shall now look upon it very much in the light of a letter from home, so please see that we receive it on time." Mrs. Mc Lean adds·

"Through the COURIER we would like to extend a word of greeting to ali the good friends

in Fairhope. We take the liveliest interest in your success as a Colony. If only those who oppose the management could realize how much damage they do to Fairhope when they talk with strangers who know nothing of the Single Tax and how sorry a figure they make to those who do, they would experience a change of heart and their complaints would turn to praise."

Mr. and Mrs. Mc Lean had an annoying experience simllar to that of Mr. Williams we believe it was, in having their tickets refused by the L. & N. agent at Mobile, because not validated by the agent of the same company at New Orleans. He insisted that they should travel over his line 140 miles to New Orleans and back again, before accepting their transportation for passage home. The result was that they paid their fare through to Cincinnati and put in a claim for a refund.

Mrs. McLean who distributed quantities of booklets when here sent two names to which she desired same sent.

Charles D. Ryan carries the following on the backs of his envelopes:

"When one offers a panacea, we feel as uninterested as Abraham Lincoln did when some crank offered him a recipe for making a universal solvent. Lincoln said he could not see what he could put a universal solvent in.

"There is no head that can contain a panacea. The Single Tax alone is not enough. Its adoption tomorrow would not usher in the millenium. It will not cure coughs, colds, bunions and inflamatory rheumatism.

But the Single tax will do all its founder claimed it would do. "It will raise wages, increase the earnings of capital, extirpate pauperism, abolish poverty, give remunerative employment to whoever wishes it, afford free scope to human powers, lessen crime, elevate morals, taste and intelligence, purify government and carry civilization to yet nobler heights."

A Hog Story.

Wallace Cavitt sold J. W. Kerr last week 51 hogs for which Mr. Kerr wrote him a check for the nice little sum of $1,425, which is an average of a little over $28 apiece. This bunch of porkers has been a bone of contention among hog buyers for a long time. A number of local and some foreign buyers have all had their eye on the bunch and have repeatedly tried to get Mr. Cavitt to let loose, but it was no use, the right man did not appear until Mr. Kerr stepped into the ring and landed the whole bunch at one swipe.—Mt. Sterling Iowa Journal.

Baldwin County farmers might just as well be having some such hog stories to tell. Hogs and dairying are the great sources of permanent success in Iowa farming and may be made the same here. They go admirably together.

Charles D. Ryan, of Philadelphia, prepared an article on Fairhope which first appeared in the New York Sun and has since appeared in a number of other metropolitan journals, among them the esteemed Mobile Register. As one result Mr. Ryan writes the editor that he has been requested by one of the largest publications in New York to furnish a more lengthy article, going more into detail regarding the working of the Colony plan. Mr. Ryan who is one of the brightest young men of the movement, (a brother of Wm. Ryan, who once visited Fairhope and is now with Purdy, Pleydell and Bolton Hall at New York) is doing some very effective press bureau work for the Single Tax.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Public School.

The first of May has two treats for the children of the school; on Monday a May Pole and a half holiday and on Tuesday and Wednesday we will have holidays on account of the Institute.

The children in Mrs. Sweet's room are putting a great deal of work on their gardens, that they may harvest their crops before the end of school, only about three weeks off.

The children of Miss Clement's room have eaten all the produce of their garden, but a few onions, which, when eaten by the girls who bring their dinners cast a sweet aroma upon the atmosphere of the school room.

The following pupils were present in Miss Clements' room: Ruth Toft, Neal VanBendegom, Martha Ahrens, Lloyd Lawrence, Harris Oswalt, Ford Patterson, Marjorie Pilcher, Oget Olsen, Ferris Riel and Clayton Baldwin.

In Mrs. Hubbard's room, Lillie Poortstra, Jesse Stimpson, Curtis Littlegreen, Arthur Gaston, Freddie Olsen and Eleanor Everett. Mrs. Hubbard has also lost a pupil, Grace Styron.

Cornie Gaston.

Library Contributions.

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From Nelson G. Douglas: "A Dweller on Two Planets," by Philos.

From Miss Mary Gooding, "Tommy and Grizel."

From a caller who failed to leave her name: "The Natural History of Man," by Alex Kinmont.

From M. M. Cope: "The Hand Writing on the Wall." Anon.

From E. B. Gaston. "Indian Outbreaks."

" R. L. Atkinson, two copies of Louis Post's "Outlines of Lectures," illustrated.

From the members of the Familistere (of Guise, France), "In Memoriam Marie A. Moret," widow of Godin the founder of the Familistere at Guise.

Farm Gold.

(From the Progressive Era.)

I believe in the free and unlimited coinage of gold—meadow gold, pasture gold, pure butter. There is a craze every time a new gold district is discovered. Men quit home, endure hardships, dig faithfully perhaps for years—always lured on by the thought that they will strike a vein soon.

True, fortunes have been made in the gold fields. It is also true that fortunes have been left behind in the pursuit of gold. The men who struck "pay dirt" are few compared with the host that have been disappointed.

If men would take the same interest, manifest the same enthusiasm, display the same dogged persistence in the pursuit of good dairying as in the search for metallic gold, they would wax rich without leaving home, without roughing it in the wilderness among the roughest class of men, without the uncertainty of success. —H. Allen.

Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Johnson's mother, left for her home at St. Paul Minn., on Saturday evening, after spending the winter here. She said she would speak a good word for Fairhope and its good people wherever opportunity offered.

Mr. Johnson has been suffering greatly for a week or more from Calculi.

As to Re-Districting the County

As there are no elections or primaries on tap, now would be a good time for the court o county commissioners to do that re-districting that they have been promising. For the convenience of the people the places for registration, voting and paying taxes should be located in the towns in the various districts and if that is not possible under the present districts then the county should be re-districted so as to make it possible. The people have to pay for keeping the county machinery in running order and the means of doing so should be made as convenient as possible.

—Onlooker.

Notice From the Librarian to all Friends Here and Elsewhere

I am revising and enlarging the old catalog of our library printed here in 1900, and which, with added contributions in manuscript, has done service ever since. A new catalog is badly needed, and we wish it to make as good a showing of books as possible.

—Marie Howland, Librarian.

A Time for Soul Searching.

When the people have made their town site valuable, and the town site owners sell lots and put the increased value in their pockets, a value which belongs to all the people, how are you going to get the money back out of their pockets unless in the way we advocate? Surely you, as a Christian citizen, do not think it "right" that the coming together of people should enable one man to pocket what belongs to all? Christ's life and death was a protest against this very wrong and will you uphold and vote ior what He condemned?

—Standard, Plumis, Man. Can.

The editor desires to express his high appreciation of the compliment given him by the members of the Arbitration society, in selecting him as one of the judges of the Arbitration court. The honor was especially pronounced by the circumstance that he received a majority of the votes cast on the nominating ballot, and being the only one so treated was declared elected as "chief justice" of the court. This evidence of the confidence of his fellow citizens in his disposition to be fair is indeed appreciated.

Caroline H. Knox of Chicago, renewing her subscription to the Courier adds for the renewal of a relative and two new names to be added to the list and says: "Your paper is growing in interest every week, and Fairhope of which I never had any doubts, seems to be prospering under its wise management." Referring to Mr. Curtis's article she says: "Mr. Curtis writes even more glowingly than real Single Taxers do, which speaks well for their conservatism."

Messrs. Morris and Ford of the Farmers Union, were accompanied on their trip to Fairhope by Mr. Morris' daughter, Mr. Ford's wife and Mrs. Schuster, stenographer at State quarters in Birmingham. The party were guests at the Gables. All were delighted with Fairhope. Mr. Morris so much so that he declared his intention of having his wife come domn and remain a month or more.

Mr. F. A. Brossman and his friend Mr. Hak left this morning for New York after a visit of a couple of weeks. Mr. Hak's wife has been here since last fall and Mrs. Brossman came down with her husband. Both men are planning for permanent homes here though they will hold on to their positions in New York for some time yet.

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Personal and Local

Prof. Green of the Daphne Normal School spent Tuesday night in Fairhope.

Left at residence of W. W. Kile a good umbrella. Loser may secure same by calling at the Courier office and paying for this notice.

Mr. R. E. Shadle of Green, Clay County, Kansas, arrived last week and is visiting his old Kansas friend, W. S. Baldwin,

Dr. Greeno was greatly pleased to find about forty of his pecan trees on his farm blooming and hopes to have a number of nuts this year and an increasing number yearly hereafter.

Mr. O. S. McPherson, of Bay Springs, Miss is in Fairhope in the interest of the Columbian Woodmen, a fraternal organization with headquarters in Atlanta. Mr. McPherson is much pleased with Fairhope.

Miss Clements is enjoying the presence of her brother, Mr. Luther M. Clements, of Sandoval, Ala,, who, coming on a visit, has about concluded to make his home here with his sister, which she very much desires.

Four boats made the trip around the shore Monday morning within a few minutes of each other; the Irma, Fairhope, Pleasure Bay and Lucile, The latter was, however, withdrawn on her arrival at Mobile, leaving only three to come back in the evening.

Rain last Saturday night prevented anyone from here attending the Jarley Wax Works at Daphne, but quite a nice party went up on Monday evening, the Irma making the trip up from Battles for the occasion. The entertainment was very amusing and there is some talk of having it repeated at Fairhope.

E. C. Wolcott "blew in" on us again last Friday, having taken advantage of a cheap excursion rate to run down and make another short visit and return home with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott both have very strong attachments to Fairhope and their coming to make their permanent home here will probably not be long delayed.

Major and Mrs. Whittle and their daughter, Mrs. Maury, and her little son, left on Monday morning for their home in Illinois. Major and Mrs. Whittle were with us winter before last and were among the first to arrive last fall, bringing with them reinforcements. They left expecting to come again next winter and the Major thought he would either buy or build next fall.

Referendum to the Corporation Members Sustains previous Action.

The referendum to Corporation members on School-house questions was postponed from last Saturday evening to Tuesday evening, on account of a rain storm. On the evening adjourned to the action of the members at the former meeting (held at The Gables) was sustained by a large majority.

Proposition No. 1: To hold open the offer of up to two acres as a site, carried by 40 to 1.

No. 2: To give the building to the municipality conditioned on its assuming the obligation to the Library Association, lost by 31 to 11.

No. 3: To give the proceeds from the sale of the building (after taking care of indebtedness) to the municipality, lost by 31 to 10.

The next two propositions: To adhere to the former action of the members, first, to donate a proportionate amount to any which would be donated by those outside the Colony, and second, to offer the building to the municipality for $2,000, with two acres of land adjacent, carried by 30 to 6.

Proposition No. 5: To authorize the Executive Council to convey more than two acres for a schoolhous if deemed by it to be advisable carried by 4 to 38.

R. F. Powell Gone North and East.

R. F. Powell left on Sunday afternoon for northern points expecting to be gone probably all summer. He went from here direct to Cincinnati and was to go thence to Buffalo, stopping at Cleveland on the way. At Buffalo Mr. Powell was to assist in the launching of the vacant lot gardening work there.

The success of a similar work under Mr. Powell's direction attracted attention not only throughout this country but in foreign lands and stimulated like efforts in many cities. It is a work for which Mr. Powell possesses exceptional qualifications. He will probably spend the season in Buffalo, filling occasional lecture engagements in other eastern cities. Of course, wherever he goes, Mr. Powell will say a good word for Fairhope.

Mrs. Powell and Miss Ola, we are glad to say, will remain at their Fairhope home.

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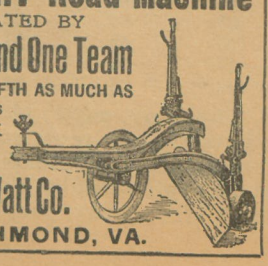
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The problem of controlling machinery by electric waves has been satisfactorily solved so far as the construction and operation of the necessary apparatus is concerned. The radius of action is small at present, and the attention of inventors must now be focused on this part of the question. The latest apparatus devised for this purpose is apparently that constructed by two engineers of Nuremburg, Germany, Messrs. Wirth and Beck. By means of this, through the medium of electric waves, levers may be thrown forward or backward, upward or downward, steering wheels or cocks may be turned to the right or left, and electrical apparatus may be thrown in or out of circuit—in fact, the most varied machines may be controlled from a distance without any material connection between them and the operator. Says the Electrical Review and Western Electrician:

"At demonstrations recently made of this apparatus before the Nuremberg Society of Natural History and other societies the experimental table contained a plant for receiving electric waves similar to those used for wireless telegraphy, connected to the radiotelegraphic controller and the accessory apparatus actuated by the latter.

"In another room was installed a radiotelegraphic sending apparatus susceptible of being tuned up to the receiver, and actuated by electromagnetic waves from the apparatus installed on the experimental table. No connecting wires were provided between the sending and receiving apparatus.

"Whenever a lever connected with the sending apparatus was adjusted to various positions the apparatus corresponding to these was actuated. A number of electric lamps were thus lighted in any order desired, or in groups, and a small steam engine was started, reversed or stopped, while electric bells and motors were actuated, powder mines exploded, and a revolver fired rapidly.

"While torpedoes can be employed so far only over small distances, it is claimed that it will now be feasible to provide them with a far greater driving power, thus directing them toward their goal with safety and from many miles distance.

"Land and sea mines have frequently been exploded by electricity transmitted by extensive cables between the operator and each of the mines. The same operation can now be effected through electric waves, that is, by wireless means, provision being made so that only the mine in question is exploded. This firing of mines through electric waves is likely to be adopted advantageously by several branches of industrial activity."

NOVELTY IN THE DISEASE LINE.

Doctors, ever jubilant at the discovery of a new disease, have now found something they term "auto-intoxication." This is not, as might be supposed, the oddity of becoming inebriate by fancied libations of an imaginary beverage, but a physicial seizure due to shocked nerves.

Whether the shock is to be ascribed to the unwholesome jolting of the delicate human machinery, to disappointment of the chauffeur at the occasional escape of a wary and agile pedestrian, or to brooding over the interest accruing upon the mortgage on the machine, seems not to have been determined. All that the public knows is that the victim gives visible evidence of being "possessed"—a manifestation startling only as a truth expressed in an unwonted fashion.

The term applied to the novel ailment is not fortunate. In the first place it suggests an incursion into the realm of psychology, which is misleading, and, in the second place, speed maniacs will soon be advancing it as a plea in mitigation of homicide. —Henry James in Puck.

NO CHANCE.



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The Gould family, of Mobile, have rented the Weaver place for a year and have moved into it.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

W. T. Joyce left for Jackson, Ala, on Tuesday, where he had arranged to open a blacksmith shop. His family will remain here for the present. Mr. Joyce is a fine blacksmith. We regret that he felt that the business here was not sufficient to justify him in remaining, and we wish him success wherever he may go.

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The organization of the Fairhope Arbitration Society was fully completed on Sunday before last by the adoption of by-laws, the election of Mr. J. R. Cross, as vice-president, and of the following as judges of the arbitration court: E. B. Gaston, W. S. Baldwin and C. L. Coleman.

We are agents for the Stewart Mfg. Co., iron fences, iron posts, etc., come and look through our catalog and get prices. M. M. Co.

The genial H. S. Boutelle left on last Saturday morning, taking with him the famous goose, which used to follow him around and hold interesting conversation with him. Mr. Boutelle is one of the most wholesouled fellows who ever visited Fairhope and his many friends always regret to see him leave.

Hot weather is here again, so don't forget that you can always get ice cold drinks at the
Fairhope Pharmacy.

The local organizations of the Farmers E. & C. Union in this vicinity held a rally in the church at Fairhope on Wednesday with a good attendance of farmers, considering the press of work on them just at this time. State President W. A. Morris and State Lectnrer, O. P. Ford, were present and made rousing addresses.

The Baldwin County Teachers' Institute meets at Fairhope next Monday evening and continues two days. The teachers are engaged in one of the greatest works which can enlist the attention of men and deserves the very best treatment which we can bestow upon them. We trust that the reputation of Fairhope for hospitality will be fully sustained.

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A. H. Mershon, the popular superintendent of the Fairhope Sunday School, and president of the Mershon Merchandising Company, is in Montgomery this week attending the State Sunday School Convention, as a delegate sent by his school. Mr. Mershon is an enthusiastic Sunday School worker and will, no doubt, greatly enjoy the convention.

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The extent to which the Page's Cozy Corner Cafe in Mobile is a favorite eating and meeting place for Fairhopers was shown on Monday when eight Fairhopers were counted at the tables at one time and two more came in a few moments later. "There is a reason," of course,—two of them—One is the good, substantial, well-cooked meals served for twenty-five cents, the other the cordial greeting always accorded Fairhopers or any bound hither, by the genial host and hostess.

After being laid off a couple of days, the Steamer Lucile resumed service again on Wednesday morning, making four boats in the trade; the Fairhope, the Lucile and Irma both owned by Mr. Welch, and the Pleasure Bay owned by the Bay Steamship Company. As it would be impossible for more than two boats, at the outside, to be operated profitably on the trade which the shore affords at this season, somebody is likely to get weary before long.

Mr. J. W. Dyer and son Julian, came in on Monday evening and will be joined by Mrs. Dyer within a few days. They are from Virginia. Mrs. Dyer is a sister of Mrs. Colonel Daniels, and it was upon the recommendation of Colonel and Mrs. Daniels that they came to make their home with us. They are at present occupying a part of Dr. Atkinson's cottage but will probably soon locate upon a place of their own.

The Steamer Fairhope completed her repairs and came over from Mobile on Sunday night ready to resume her service on Monday morning. She is looking very neat in her new coat of paint and is in fine condition throughout. For the present at least she will continue her schedule of several months past, leaving Mobile at 2:30 p. m, and Fairhope at 7 a. m., going and coming by way of Daphne. The Fairhope is the steamer which is recognized as having stood by the people, having kept both fares and freights down, even when she had a practical monopoly of the business. The people are showing their appreciation now of this treatment by giving her the larger part of their patronage, which is very much appreciated by the managers.

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24	62	63	60
25	64	78	74
26	68	71	69
27	70	80	69
28	68	82	72

Thursday, partly cloudy; Friday, showers; Saturday, rainy; Sunday, partly cloudy; Monday, showery, heavy rain at night; Tuesday, showery; Wednesday, partly cloudy.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Baldwin County Teachers' Institute will be held at Fairhope, May 3 5, 1909, beginning at 7:30 p. m., Monday, May 3rd.

PROGRAM.

Monday, 7:30 p. m. Address of Welcome by Mayor Greeno. Response by Prof. I. N. Kimbrough. Election of a Secretary. Address by Supt. J. S. Lambert.

Tuesday, 9 a. m. Pedagogy, by Pres. B. B. Baker. 10 a. m. Primary Work Exemplified, by Mrs. Ora A. Sweet and Miss Pearl Campbell. 10:30 a. m. How to teach Physiology & Hygiene Practically in the Public Schools, by Dr. G. A. Sheldon and Prof. G. M. Veazy. 11 a. m. How to Teach Agriculture in the Public Schools, by Prof. W. F. Monk, Mrs. M, L. Johnson and Prof. W. S. Owen. 12 M. Recess.

Tuesday, 2 p. m. Problemsof the Young Teacher–solved by Misses Lillie Lambert and Mary Feminear. 2:30 p. m. How to Teach the Constitution of U. S. and of Alabama in the Public Schools, by Mrs. Nellie M. Hubbard, Miss Zettie Barge and J. R. Till. 3 p. m. Am I Fit to Teach, by Misses Clara J. Hall and Serena Crosby. 3:30 p. m. Pedagogy, by Pres. B. B. Baker.

4:30 p. m. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 9 a. m. Good Teaching Conditions, by Prof. W. R. Hale, Miss Edith McCullough and John Stott. 10 a. m. Keeping Good Conditions for Successful Teaching, by Mesdames L. D. Durant, Lulu Rackley and Miss Celestial Veazy. 11 a. m. A Very Large Per Cent of Our Boys Leave School Before They Attain to our High School Grades; Is the Fault to be Found in the Teaching, or in the Educational System? General discussion of this subject to be led by Prof. I. N. Kimbrough. 12 M. Recess.

Wednesday, 2 p. m. What Makes a Good School? By Misses Buford Harwell and Anna Miller. General Discussion. 3 p. m. What Should be the Teacher's View of Life? By Mrs. Emily H. Peet and Miss Lola McCollough. 4 p. m. Round Table Discussions. Resolutions. Adjournment.

Free entertainment for all teachers during the institute by the good people of Fairhope. We understand that the town of Fairhope and the Single Tax Corporation have arranged for a moonlight excursion on Mobile Bay for the teachers. The Fairhopers know how to entertain, and those who fail to attend will miss a treat.

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The first dance of the Henry George Athletic Club on last evening was a great success and reflected much credit on the club. There was a large attendance including persons from Daphne, Point Clear, North River Park, Barnwell and other places. The very best of order was maintained and not a single unpleasant incident marred the occasion. The committee in charge was composed of Messrs. Tom Wilson, Maurice Greenbaum and James Gaston, Mr. Danenhower kindly gave the Club the use of the pavilion and a number of tickets were bought by parties who did not attend. The boys realized something over $10 above all expenses, to be applied toward the purchase of athletic equipment. A voting contest was also held to decide who was the most popular young lady in the hall. Miss Alice Patterson received a majority of the votes.

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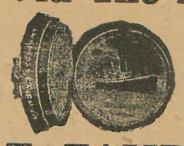
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a 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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Mrs. Howlands Letters.

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work in the library and on my place. I have suffered much from seeing both neglected. Now I have my brother-in-law to look after the garden, half of the time at least. and another friend is going to assist me in the library after May in return for the joint benefit of lessons in her French and other studies (interrupied by her temporary absence) and the little money that I expect to offer her.

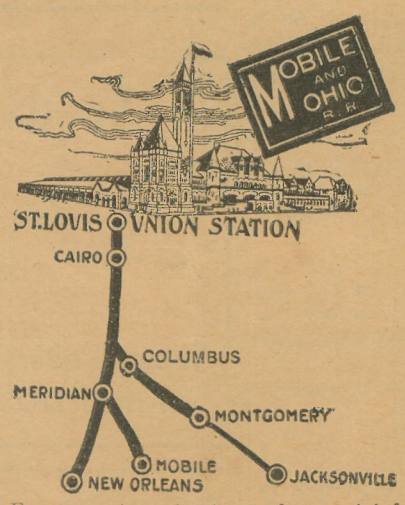
That I have been able to be a help in holding up the hands of the heroes of this colonization movement, is the glory of my life, and I am prouder of the opportunity to do this than of anything in my long experience.

Let me here thank all my friends who have responded to the appeals that have been made, not for a salary for the librarian as Mr. Albright has stated in his paper, but for a fund to help continue and improve the library and its environment. My small income is amply sufficient for my personal wants if only I may devote it to this purpose.

April 4.—Today at the League we had a most enjoyable session. Mr. Albright was chairman, by our new order that we have a different one every Sunday, chosen alphabetically, as we choose our leaders. Thus all will have practice as presiding officer, and opportunity to learn the parliamentary rules of debate.

Our visitor, Mr. Louis Prang was the leader to day, and gave us an able paper on the tariff. One of the most interesting discussions followed that we have ever had in the League. The opinions of the members were often diametrically opposite, but there prevailed throughout a uniform courtesy and good breeding, a polite consideration for the rights of each other that was restful and delightful and made me sigh for the presence of our Dr. Clara, who believes that we spend most of the time of the League sessions in tearing each others' eyes out, to speak figuratively.

The Standard, Plumas, Man., Canada, edited by W. D. Lamb, keeps "everlastingly at it." trying to make its readers see the truth and justice of taking land values as the source of public revenue, From its last issue we learned that "on front page of this week's Family Herald and Weekly Star, you will see a write-up of Fairhope, Ala." The Standard adds good words of its own for our town.



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PESSIMIST CHANGED TO OPTIMIST.

By the Advent of the Creamery into Fairhope. One Man's Experience.

One warm friend of dairying in this section is C. B. Sheldon of North River Park settlement, a patron of the Fairhope Creamery.

"It has saved me from starvation!" declared Sheldon in his emphatic way, talking with the COURIER man one morning recently.

We secured from him the following information for the benefit of those who are wrestling with the problem of a livelihood on Baldwin county soil, or who look forward to making homes here.

Sheldon milks at present seven cows, five of which he raised. He has a fine male and is improving his stock rapidly using the better class of native stock as a basis.

His cows are running now on the free range. They are averaging altogether about 95 pounds of milk daily, of which about 85 pounds comes to the creamery. It is testing an average of 5 per cent butter fat, and brings him in about $40 a month. He feeds now nothing but cotton seed meal of which he gives a quart morning and evening to each cow, at a cost of $12 a month, leaving a net cash return of $28 a month from his seven cows. This, of course, is beside the skim milk, which he feeds to calves and pigs, for which it has great value.

A heifer calf of any breeding will make a cow worth $40 in two years time and after being helped on three or four months with milk and a little other feed, will get its living nearly all the time on the native range. His hogs run on the range and aside from the milk require practically no feed until ready to fatten for killing.

Sheldon has 14 acres in cultivation and thanks to the fertilizer from his stock has nine acres of it in crop this season—in corn and cow peas—without commercial fertilizer.

The advent of the creamery has changed him from a pessimist, about ready to give up and shake the dust of his feet off against the country, into an optimist of the most pronounced type.

Some Comparisons.

The New York World gives the following comparison of what the money required to build a modern battleship might do applied in other ways.

First—It would put a Tuskeegee, with its full equipment of farm, church, library, dormitories, school buildings, farm implements and stock, in addition to a hospital and preparatory school, into Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiania, Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee, and thus provide twelve permanent great factories of good citizenship; and each of these would be destined to create several smaller ones and indefinitely to fight the enemies of ignorance, shiftlessness and crime, far more deadly than any supposititious enemies beyond the sea.

Second—It would supply two permanent trade schools or churches or Young Men's Christian Association buildings at $100,000 each to every state and territory, the District of Columbia, Alaska, the Phillipines and Porto Rico, these would create others and send forth citizens equipped to add enormously to the wealth and honor of the country.

Third—One short-lived battleship equals the cost of 512 locomotives at $20,000 apiece.

Fourth—It equals the cost of all the grounds and buildings of Harvard and Yale and Brown Universities, and of Amherst, Bowdoin, Williams and Dartmouth Colleges, the accumulations in some instances of 250 years of educational enterprise.

Fairhope and Reincarnation

EDITOR COURIER:

The constitution of Fairhope gives Fairhope a rock bottom foundation. This is the first and most essential thing. Then we need honest workmen on the ground; working men that are willing to work along Single Tax plans. Others can help but must work in the dark, as they cannot understand what kind of a building is wanted. These Single Tax workers must put all self-interest underfoot and only have in mind the beautiful building to be. Then it can never fail. Work may stand still at times but can never go back, only to mend some poor place that was put up too hastily. As for material it can be found. The honest, unselfish workers will go into the highways and byways and little by little, as people learn to love the almighty good more than the almighty dollar, Fairhope will be looked upon as having been the first real torchlight to show the world a reform in land-holding. This reform is as sure to come as water to run down hill. It is only a matter of time and that much sooner than most of us think. Already some of the educated and wealthy have a desire to live near nature's heart and find happiness in living a natural life. All that is needed is education. When the world grows out of its childhood, it will wonder how such a state of things as we now have could have existed among an enlightened people; just as we wonder how a man could love a woman and beat her insensible to win her for a wife.

We can only learn by experience and when we see how little some people get in a life time is it unnatural to believe that our ego, or soul, incarnates in a new body when it leaves the one we have? Did the voice of the silence whisper it in my ear or did I bring back the memories from a world where love reigned supreme. Where there were no police, no poorhouses, no prisons, no insane asylums; where armies and navies were things of the far off past; where people did nothing they did not want to do, where all had all they wanted if they were willing to work for it; where there were magnificent public buildings and lovely homes for all. Sometimes I get so homesick that I weep bitterly and how can I get homesick for something I have never known? Some say evolution will bring about such a world on this earth. Evolution and reincarnation are about the same thing, only the latter is by far the most just, for what could be a more just punishment for a man that lives knowingly and wilfully off of the labor of others, that is willing to do everything but get off their backs, than to be born over again, so that he in turn might be a slave. He would then learn by experience. If the great spirit is a God of love and justice how could he bring beings into a world to live a life of want in the midst of plenty. We see a natural reason for this land monopoly for example, but why should this particular individual be born to suffer and perhaps take his life if not to pay past debts and gain future knowledge? And we, if we do not do everything in our power to help our fellowman; we will be found in the bread line in our next life and have our home in the most filthy slum and it will be our just punishment. Verily their works do follow them.

BERTHA MATHISON.

W. S. Baldwin has the best potatoes this year, he says, he has ever grown here, and without an ounce of commercial fertilizer. A sample exhibited at the COURIER office gives ocular evidence of the truth of the statement. Nothing but stable manure was used under these potatoes. Nor was any preceding legume crop grown on the land, except a year ago when a crop of string beans was grown on it. These however, were followed with amber cane, (sorghum) which was cut three times and which is credited with being hard on land, Mr. Baldwin who is an ex-Kansas farmer, thinks this land responds to a litttle fertilizer wonderfully and by the use of legumes and manure can be built up to a high state of fertility. He says if he were thirty years old instead of sixty, he would not have the slightest fear but what he could make a good living off Baldwin County soil.

Who is worth most to a community, a renter who creates a crop worth several thousand dollars or a foreign land speculator who creates nothing at all and hauls off one-third of the country's production to another state? You say the answer is too easy. Then why let the speculator off on about one-third valuation of his land for taxes and charge the renter taxes on practically full valuation of his personal property or else make him lie in self-defense? Is there any way that you can figure out a foreign speculator in a community's land to be anything but a drone living on the sweat of the brow of industry?

—Coleridge Blade.

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Waterways Development.

One of the features of the next decade or two will, we believe, be the development of the inland waterways of this country. Germany has within the past twenty years expended $150,000,000 on waterways, having now in improved rivers and canals, more than 8,278 miles of navigable waterways. The average cost of hauling a ton one mile on the Rhine is three-sixteenths of one cent. From Chicago to St. Louis at this rate would be 50 cents a ton. On the one item of coal according to the figures of the American consul to Germany, the cost of transportation by rail is from 50 to 115 per cent higher than by water.

Even with the railroads in the hands of the people and administered at cost, water transpoatation could be done enormously cheaper, but with the railroads in the hands of private corporations determined to make them pay dividends on oceans of watered stocks, the demand of the people for the improvement of the waterways is likely to be imperative.

The whole country will benefit from the development of the waterways, but naturally those locations immediately on navigable waters will benefit most.

This is one of the advantages of the location of Fairhope. Another advantage is that when some day in the future, governmental development of the water highways calls for local development of the water front, to provide adequate facilities for loading and unloading vessels, safe harbors, etc., free from private monopolization, her water front (so far as controlled by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation at least) will be available for such development without hindrance from forestallers.

Wuests' Warm Appreciation of Fairhope.

Mr. William L. Wuest. who with his wife and little boy spent the winter here, expresses thus enthusiastically the appreciation of himself and wife of Fairhope and its people.

Dear Friend:

We returned home yesterday and we are homesick for Fairhope. We came to Fairhope strangers and with our sick boy and upon our return to Cincinnati our first thoughts were of the many kind friends we left there and of the pleasant place. Our travels around the country have always been enjoyable but nowhere have we ever been where we have met such pleasant people or more beautiful surroundings and the town of Fairhope will always remain in our minds as the best place we have ever been. I wish you, your place, and everybody there much happiness and prosperity and there is no doubt in my mind but what it will be so, for a place that has such people in it, can not help being successful. Again I wish to thank you and the people and wish to remain Your friend,

WM. L. WUEST.

Cincinnati, O.

The Joseph Fels Fund of America.

Announcements have been received by many Fairhopers, from Daniel Kiefer, chairman of the commission in charge of the effort to raise a fund of at least $50,000 a year for five years, to be known as the "Joseph Fels Fund of America" in honor of the man whose own initiative has prompted the movement and who has offered to personally match every dollar which can be raised, up to or beyond $25,000 a year for five years, for a "comprehensive, vigorous and effective campaign against land monopoly in America."

In the selection of Mr. Kiefer as chairman of this commission, the one man in America was chosen who can get the money to match Mr. Fels' offer if it can be done.

The selection of Tom L. Johnson as treasurer, was equally happy.

With Mr. Kiefer on this commission are Jackson H. Ralston of Washington, Lincoln Steffens of Boston, Frederic C. Howe of Cleveland and Geo. A. Briggs of Elkhart, Ind.

The COURIER bespeaks for the commission in its splendid effort, the hearty cooperation of its readers to the extent of their ability.

School Meeting.

At the citizens' school meeting last evening, a motion to recommend to the voters the approval of the bond issue, at the election of May 18th, was carried by a strong majority and the proposition to purchase the present school building was again defeated by a vote of 9 to 11.

The attendance was not at all what it should have been in view of the importance of the matter, only one member of the town council, Mr. Coleman, being present.

The COURIER will discuss the matter further in next issue.

Jefferson's Strawberries.

Mr. E. W. Jefferson kindly furnished the COURIER the following report of his experience with strawberries this season on 27 x 185 ft., or one-ninth of an acre.

Picked Jan. 1 to May 1, 384 quarts
Sold berries to cash value of $62.00
Used 100 quarts at home.

At least 100 quarts of berries, in various stages were on the vines on Jan. 27th, when all were destroyed by a freeze. Had these been permitted to ripen the showing would have been very much better, as they were then in very sharp demand at a fine price.

At this writing Mr. Jefferson is still picking berries every day from the same vines and quantities of fruit are still setting on them.

This it will be seen is at the rate of $558 an acre with over one-fourth of the fruit used at home and not counted in his cash figures.

With these counted at the same rate as those sold, the return per acre would figure over $750.

"Man did not make the earth, and though he had a natural right to occupy it, he had no right to locate as his property in perpetuity any part of it; neither did the Creator of the earth open a landoffice from whence title deeds should issue."—Thomas Paine, 1795.

THE COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Teachers of Baldwin County Hold Pleasant and Profitable Two Days Institute at Fairhope.

The public school teachers of Baldwin County held a very interesting and profitable two days' institute at Fairhope this week, beginning Monday evening and closing on Wednesday afternoon.

Most of the teachers arrived by boat on Monday evening (some from near by points driving in overland) and were met by the local committee who assigned them places of entertainment at the homes of Fairhope citizens which were thrown open with proverbial Fairhope hospitality.

At 8 p. m. Monday in the church, the institute was formally opened.

In the absence of H. C. Oswalt, president of the town board of education (who however arrived later and presided) Dr. C. L. Mershon called the meeting to order. The audience joined in singing America, and a couple of beautiful selections were rendered by the church choir after which Mayor H. S. Greeno extended welcome on behalf of the town to the visitors. The response was made in behalf of the teachers by Professor I. N. Kimbrough, of Summerdale.

Superintendent J. S. Lambert then delivered a most excellent and helpful address on "The Teacher's Vacation," very appropriate to the close of the school year, at hand or fast approaching for all the teachers.

A song and the benediction by Reverend Breckenridge, closed the session.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the real work of the institute began, the program as previously published in the COURIER being carried out with slight variations made necessary by the absence of some who were assigned places on the program.

We regret that the limits of the COURIER will not permit a synopsis of all the excellent addresses and discussions of the conference.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the close of the Institute on Wednesday.

RESOLVED, first: That we, the teachers of Baldwin County, do most heartily extend our thanks to the people of Fairhope for the generous hospitality of their homes extended to us during the sessions of our institute.

RESOLVED, second: That for the delightful trip accorded us by the Fairhope boat, we express our cordial appreciation.

RESOLVED, third: That the institute extend thanks to Dr. George A. Sheldon for his most interesting lectures on physiology.

RESOLVED, fourth: That the institute offer its thanks to Superintendent J. S. Lambert and the committee, for their preparation of the splendid program for the institute.

Committee { GEO. M. VEAZY, MISS LILLIE LAMBERT, MISS JOHN STOTT

An important part was taken by our local people in the work of the institute, Mrs. Ora Sweet being on the program for an exemplification of primary work, Mrs. M. L. Johnson for an address on "How to teach Agriculture," and Mrs. Hubbard on "How to teach the Constitution of the U, S. and of Alabama," beside which they were active participants in most of the discussions. The addresses of Dr. G. A. Sheldon on "How to Teach Physiology and Hygiene Practically in the Public Schools," were greatly appreciated as evidenced by a vote of thanks tendered him by the institute.

C. L. Coleman also presented a thoughtful paper in the general discussion on the subject "Where is the fault to be found for the large percentage of boys who leave school before they complete the high school work?"

On Tuesday evening by the courtesy of Manager Watros and Captain Roberts, the teachers and their entertainers were given a delightful excursion on the steamer Fairhope.

The bay was quiet, the moon full, the air delightful and the good ship glided through the water so smoothly that without looking overboard one would hardly know that she was in motion. The run was out around the dredge boat, at work in the channel, about seven or eight miles distant and back. The dredge, brilliantly lighted by electricity and with her red and green signal lights, and all reflected from the shimmering waters presented a beautiful picture.

On Wednesday evening the families entertaining the teachers joined in extending them a fish-fry on the beach which proved one of the most enjoyable events of the occasion. That most necessary adjunct of a fish-fry—fish was in abundance and by the capable and experienced ladies of Fairhope (assisted ably by the gentlemen) was put before the guests in condition to tempt the appetite of an epicure and accompanied by salads, sandwiches, cake, etc., in abundance and variety and, of course, good southern coffee.

After full justice had been done to the good things to eat, all gathered within the circle of light made by blazing bon-fires, and enjoyed an impromptu program of story-telling, recitations, songs, etc.

Mrs. B. F. Bates of Daphne, was down Wednesday and secured the next institute to be held in the fall, for Daphne.

Superintendent J. S. Lambert makes an excellent institute director and is deservedly popular with the teachers.

Prof. I. N. Kimbrough was one of the strong and earnest men of the institute.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson provoked lively discussion with her radical ideas on education, but defended her position admirably and undoubtedly made a very favorable impression.

The visiting teachers were generous in their expressions of delight over the charms of Fairhope and the open-handed hospitality accorded them by our people, but the obligations conferred were by no means all on one side. We are sure our citizens enjoyed the presence in their homes of the earnest, high-minded people who composed the institute. They may consider our latch-string always out to them. They are welcome to come again and as often as they like.

FAIRHOPE'S HOSPITALITY

EDITOR COURIER:

What is more enjoyable than a boat ride on a moonlight night? Such enjoyment the good people of Fairhope gave the visiting teachers last Tuesday evening.

It was a perfect evening, one of those gifts of nature, serene and calm, with scarcely a ripple on the surface of the water, and not a cloud in the sky save now and then a faint reflection of lightning in the north that added to the already perfect picture. Over head the moon, our queen of the bay, rose in silent majesty over the peaceful waters, her golden sceptre gently swaying over the stars as they lighted night's shining chandelier, and her smiles were a benediction over the gliding boat of happy people as they floated so peacefully from the Fairhope wharf. Merry voices of both young and old rang out in happy merriment as the boat sped down the bay. Jokes and laughter sounded and resounded from one end of the boat to the other, while now and then the singing of "Old Kentucky Home" or "Juanita" joined the melody of the thug thug thug of the boat while we made our way onward.

Plans were made for a "fish-fry" to be the next evening. We ladies were very politely informed (with proper gesticulations) that we were to fry the fish while the men (dear fellows) were to eat them. We were quite willing providing they furnish the fish. "Oh that is an easy matter, we will just order them —they grow up in Fish River you know."

The time passed by all too quickly (as all good times do) and we were soon at home in dreamland where boats go sailing in the moon or resting on a star, and we hear the laughter and singing as gaily as in reality. The alarm clock sounds and we are ready for another day's enjoyment. At six o'clock in the evening over sixty people sat down to a sumptuous feast down on the beach; the odor of frying fish and steaming cofiee mingled with the scent of magnolias and honeysuckles while the laughter of happy voices played the accompaniment for the lullabies of the waters. Such a feast only the kind people of Fairhope can give.

Across the table one's neighbor smilingly revealed his name on the lapel of his coat or the bosom of her dress in order that all might become informally acquainted. After the refreshments a delightful program was rendered by Fairhope's talented people. Mrs. Johnson entertained in her artistic manner as well as did Messrs. Pilcher, Gaston and Albright. Songs were sung and the parting "God Be With You" and "Good Night Ladies" concluded the evening's enjoyment and we felt that Fairhope's hospitality is unequaled.

(MRS.) CORA MAXON KNOX.

Fifth Thursday Club.

The Fifth Thursday Club, had a very enjoyable afternoon at the Gables last Thursday. A large number of ladies, residents and visitors, were present.

The president, Mrs. Comings, presided and the following program was presented:

Vlolin solo, "Echoes," Miss Nellie Slosson.

Song, "Afterwards" Miss Bessie Littlefield.

Song "Dreams," Mrs. Minnich.

Report of State Teacher's Association, read by Miss Lois Slosson.

Violin solo, "Echoes," Miss Nellie Slosson.

Songs, "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," "Japanese Love Song," and "Life's Lullaby," Miss Frances Gaston.

Ice cream was served at the close of the program.

Powell to Summer in Buffalo.

R. F. Powell writes us from Buffalo, that he will spend the summer there in charge of the vacant lot garden work. This is under the direction of the city, Mr. Powell's appointment being from the city and great interest is being manifested by the city administration and the citizens. Mr. Powell however, had a "cold reception;" so far as weather was concerned, cold and snow effectually preventing any outdoor work for a time. Pretty hard on a man to go from the genial climate of Baldwin County to such weather as that.

Says E. A. Barnes, Richmond Hill, New York: "I cannot do without the COURIER and no Single Taxer should be without it."

Progress in New Zealand.

The Single Tax idea continues to make progress in New Zealand. From the latest number of the Auckland Liberator just at hand, we learn that recently the rate-payers of Hastings voted on a proposal to tax the unimproved value of land. The result of the poll was:

For the proposal	323
Against	246
Majority for	77

This is the third time that the rate-payers of Hastings have voted on this proposal, it having been rejected at the two previous polls. The result of the last poll is considered very gratifying by the friends of land value taxation and they feel that it should encourage the supporters of this reform to petition for polls in other districts where it has been previously rejected. The results of the three polls are here given

	For	Against
Poll 14th July, 1902	250	265 rejected.
Poll 30th August, 1905	314	374 rejected.
Poll 11th Feb. 1909	323	246 carried.

The population of Hastings is 4,594. The unimproved value of land, £455,294, and the improvements, £280,651 These figures show that there must be a large amount of unimproved land within the borough, and therefore the rating on unimproved values is needed to encourage the landowners to improve their properties.

This indeed, has been the invariable effect throughout New Zealand and it is a circumstance worthy of note that that Colony almost alone escaped the unexampled depression which has prevailed during the last two years throughout the civilized world. Reports from New Zealand have been uniformly encouraging. There has been a strong demand for labor; wages have tended to rise; great activity has marked manufacturing, agriculture and trade; population has rapidly increased and on the whole New Zealand has presented a curious and instructive contrast to the rest of the world.

The advocates of land value taxation, including the government of New Zealand, insist that this is a clear case of cause and effect. It is their contention that New Zealand has escaped hard times only because its fiscal policy stands in the way of monopolized opportunity. By taxing land values speculation in natural resources has been checked and labor has been left comparatively free while capital has met no legal discouragements.

—Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.,

John B. Pierce, a graduate of famous Hampton Institute in 1902, in an address at the recent celebration of the 41st anniversary of the school, made an address upon "Some Results of Farm Demonstration Work." He told of yields of corn being increased by scientific methods from 50 to 300 percent. A negro, Daniel Tucker, of Wellville, Va., increased his yield from 25 to 76 bushels worth $1 a bushel on the ordinary market. The value of the fodder amounted to another $10, making $86 an acre. In fact, however, Tucker had more orders for his crop as seed corn at $1.60 to $2 per bushel than he could supply.

The Baldwin Times will hereafter be issued as a semi-weekly, coming out on Tuesdays and Fridays, and will be four pages instead of eight. The price will be advanced to $1.50 a year. We trust that Brother Colley will find the change profitable but fear that he will find it to involve greater labor and expense than the possible increase of business will justify.

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Personal and Local

W. E. Standard is putting him up a small cottage on a lot secured from Mr. Stimpson on north School St.

A brown silk parasol was left at Dr. Atkinson's, at Aid Society Luncheon. Owner can call and get same.

Mrs. Mathison has received a copy of Mrs. Brokaw's book, "The Soul of the World," and is much pleased with it.

Mrs. Marie Howland will lead the discussion on Sunday at the Progressive League. Her subject will be, "The Sense of Responsibility in man."

Mr. Lipscomb, of Campbell Hill, Ill., was a Fairhope visitor last Saturday and was greatly pleased. He is looking for a location in the south and is very likely to come back and locate with us.

There were quite a number of Mobilians over last Sunday. Both of the hotels had a number of guests for dinner, some picnicked on the beach and others went to their own cottages for the day.

Mrs. Sacriste, of Illinois, who spent some time at The Gables two years ago, is here with her daughter and young son with the intention of remaining. They are at present in The Gables' west cottage.

James Gaston and Ed. Sheldon purchased a very handsome new cat boat at Point Clear and brought her home last Sunday. She is one of the prettiest little craft ever seen around here. When they get their new sail they expect to enjoy her very much.

Miss Hazel Pilcher closed her school near Summerdale last Saturday and is again at her home in Fairhope. She was under contract to teach six months but the district was so well pleased with her that they added another month to her term, gave a reception in her honor, and asked her to teach again next winter.

Mr. Arthur Mershon returned on last Friday evening from attendance as a delegate at the State Sunday-school convention at Montgomery. He enjoyed the convention and the vacation greatly. On next Sunday morning he will make a report on the convention before the local Sunday-school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, of Mobile, took dinner at the Fairhope Hotel and made some engagements of rooms for part of the summer. Mr. Smith—who is the manager of the Forbes Piano Company—is a good friend of Fairhope and expects to get a number of his friends over for longer or shorter stays this summer. He hopes also to have his brother-in-law, Hon. W. H. Samford, of Troy, Alabama, spend some time here with his family

C. E. Littlefield is much interested in the development of our clay resources here, which he considers byond doubt of great value. He thinks much of the clay here is especially adapted to architectural terra cotta work, art pottery and hearth, wall and floor tile. Mr. Littlefield, who unquestionably has artistic talent of a high order, would like very much to engage in a cooperative effort with other men of practical knowledge in clay work in experiments with these clays and the development of such industries as the character of the clay and the demands of trade indicate as the most promising. He would be glad to get in touch either in person or by correspondonce with others interested.

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HER SHARE IN THE OWNERSHIP.

Something Proud Young Father Seemed in Danger of Forgetting.

He picked up the baby, he hoped, just as if picking babies up were an every-day occurrence. In point of fact, he remembered that an elderly lady had told him in his youth that cats, when lifted, like to be supported with a hand held underneath, and he thought that this principle would work out with babies, and it did. And having awakened Louise, he handed her back, triumphant, to Constance, diffusing an air of competency, as though he could help rear any number of children at once. At any rate, she was comforted. Whether he knew much or little, he stood back of her.

It may be that John's success as a father led him to seem vainglorious when he was not. He certainly put on airs about the baby. It was not long after this that he lured two old friends ostensibly to dinner. His invitation did not include a visit to Louise, and, of course, it was merely an accident that she should have been awake at the time when they were there. As a matter of fact, she usually awoke at that hour, but the men didn't know this—or perhaps they wouldn't have come. Men have a becoming shyness about babies, and these were bachelors.

John had arrived at that state of arrogance when he actually went over to the crib, and asking no one's permission, picked Louise up and displayed her to the two men, who were as embarrassed as a dog in the presence of a June bug. He laid her down again with an expert hand, and ostentatiously changed the subject, to show that he was not among those fathers who pushed their children down other people's throats. But his manner said:

"This is my baby; and when you fellows can show me anything as interesting you will be of value to society."

It was after they had gone that Constance came up, and put her hands on John's shoulders, and said:

"After all, you know, it's my baby, too."—Woman's Home Companion.

REASON FOR THIS SLANG TERM.

Medical Men Say One Really Sees Blue When Fainting.

The use of the word "blue" to denote melancholy or terror, as in the phrases to "feel blue," "blue devils," a "blue funk," and so on, is not entirely figurative, if we are to credit a recent medical writer.

The class of phenomena that includes fainting, vertigo, neusea, etc., is controlled by certain brain centers that also bring about a sort of cramp of the external muscles of the eye. The resulting compression of the organ causes objects to look gray or bluish, and ultimately produces apparent darkness.

The use of the word, having a physiological basis, is common to many languages. The French say, for instance, "I see blue." A writer says that the French word eblouissement (giddiness) should be spelled ebleuissement, and has the same origin.

The Perforated Joke Sheet.

The jokesmith displayed a sheet of paper, perforated, like a sheet of postage stamps, into five-inch squares, and gummed, like stamps, on the back.

"This is my new perforated jokesmith's joke sheet," he said, "patent applied for. Each square has my name and address on it, and on each square I write a joke. Then I send the full sheet to my best-paying editor, and he tears out the jokes he wants and returns the sheet to me. when I send it out again. This is kept up till the last joke is sold.

"It's a good idea. The gum on the back? Oh, that allows the editor to affix each joke to a sheet of copy paper without troubling his own paste pot.

"The patent sheet will soon be on sale at a reasonable figure at all jokesmiths' supply stores."

Pat Broke the News.

Pat had been delegated by his fellow employes to tell Mrs. Casey the news of her husband's accidental death. On the way to the Casey home, Pat pondered on how to break the news to the widow. Finally he hit on what to him seemed a most humane way of preparing Mrs. Casey for the sad news.

Knowing the violent hatred which Mrs. Casey as well as all loyal Irishmen have for the A. P. A., he said on greeting the woman:

"Ah, Mrs. Casey, it is bad news I have to bring you. Your husband, Mike, has turned an A. P. A."

"Mike turned A. P. A.! The scoundrel, I hope he is dead."

"He is," answered Pat.—Milwaukee Free Press.

Germs.

"All our diseases are due to microscopic animals—germs," said a doctor. "Every man Jack of us is a living world, inhabited by millions of races of germs, some harmless, some deadly.

"Medicine used to be a crazy, guesswork trade. You gave a drug—it did this or it didn't do that—nobody knew why. But medicine is now as exact as gardening. As the gardener treats his plants, killing off this insect with a spray and that parasite with a powder, and generally keeping the garden healthy, so the doctor does with his patients, spraying them, so to say, and killing the harmful germ parasites that swarm in their blood."

College Foolishness Barred.

"John," said the farmer. "I've given you the best education the college had in the shop."

"Yes, sir."

"Never stood back for expense?"

"Never."

"You speak six languages?"

"Perfectly."

"So fur, so good. Now, listen: Don't swear at the mule in Greek; don't use no Latin terms to him, an' fling no French his way. Use the Georgy dialect that you an' the mule wuz raised to; it's my opinion that that mule won't stand no college foolishness!"

Phosphorus of the Sea.

The phosphorescent light that is often seen at sea, sometimes following the ship like a great streak of fire, is caused by a variety of small animals, chiefly crustacea. The globe-like lights often seen at sea in the nighttime are due to the Medusae, or jellyfish. But the most dazzling displays of phosphorescence come from the Pyrosoma, a jelly-like, cylindrical mass, measuring from two to ten inches. These bodies congregate in immense luminous shoals, floating near the surface and sometimes embracing the whole of the visible horizon.

Jane Was Sensitive.

Jane is an athletic girl, and her feet are not of the Cinderella type.

"I see that Sizer, the shoe man, is having a sale," said Jane's mother. "Perhaps you could find something there to suit you."

Jane frowned.

"I certainly shall not enter Sizer's store," she said with much firmness.

"And why not?"

"Because the sign over his door says 'Big Shoe Sale!'"

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Personal and Local

Mr. Austin, of Mobile, is visiting Mr. Hollister Baldwin here.

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Mershon Merch. Co's.

A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Lowell on Tuesday night.

Guinea eggs for 2 cents each at Wayside Farm. Ned Dougherty.

Will Call spent several days at home this week.

Fine new stock of candy just received at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mrs. Sacriste took the last Mallory steamer to Tampa, for a short visit.

Set her on Duck eggs--11 eggs for 20 cents at Wayside Farm.
Ned Dougherty.

Mrs. Dyer has joined her husband and son here, arriving on Tuesday evening.

Fresh Vegetables picked from the garden while you wait, at
Mershon Merch. Co.

Grace Williams came home on Saturday evening and returned to Mobile on Sunday.

Indian Runner Duck eggs, 10 cents each at Wayside Farm.
Ned Dougherty.

Miss Clements is enjoying a visit from her neice, Miss Lily Pratt, of Blocton, Ala.

Come in and try our ice cold Root Beer and Elberta Peach Juice.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Miss Frances Gaston spent Sunday night a guest of Miss Gladys Lowell, in Mobile.

Mrs. B. F. Bates, of Daphne, was a guest of Mrs. R. F. Powell from Tuesday evening to Thursday evening.

New dishes and toilet sets, just arrived, see them at
Mershon Merch. Co's.

Mr. John L. Ramsey, of Mobile, a Fairhope lessee, spent Wednesday night in town, the guest of Captain and Mrs. Mc Dermaid.

Don't forget that we handle Welch's Grape Juice in bottles and at the fountain.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

The Steamer Lucile has been laid off for repairs and inspection and the gasoline boat Irma is now carrying the mail.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

LOST: A pocket book, probably at the fish-fry on Wednesday evening. Return to Wilson House or Courier office and receive reward.

We are agents for the Stewart Mfg. Co., iron fences, iron posts, etc., come and look through our catalog and get prices. M. M. Co.

Miss Annie Pearson returned to her home in Mobile early in the week after spending a week or more at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Capt. Roberts.

Miss Hettinger, Miss Taggart's cousin, left for her home in the north on Saturday afternoon. She made many friends during her stay who will hope to see her back some day.

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L. Barnhart.

Mr. Geo. P. Landmann, of Foley, was in town on Wednesday. He has been a believer in the Single Tax for years but much to his present regret, had not heard of Fairhope before coming south and locating.

Miss Gladys Lowell of Mobile, spent from Friday evening to Sunday evening a guest of Miss Celina Roberts. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lowell, also spent Sunday here guests of the Roberts.

Pretty dishes like pretty school teachers are always nice to look at. These facts were demonstrated in Fairhope this week and the pretty dish demonstration is still on. See our big show window. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mrs. Edith Paula Smith returned on Tuesday evening after an absence of several weeks during which she visited St. Louis and other points. She will spend the summer at home and later in the season will, perhaps, go east.

Mrs. P. K. Dealy and son Arthur left yesterday morning for Chicago where Mrs. Dealy who has been totally blind for some time, will undergo an operation, which we sincerely hope will be successful in restoring her sight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parrish have returned to their Illinois home, but before leaving Mr. Parrish purchased the former Frank Creswell place on Section street, so they will have a place of their own to come to next fall. Mr. Parrish has great faith in the future of Fairhope.

Mr. Russel, of Grand Bay, Mobile Co., Ala., formerly from the east, has been over several times recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jefferson. He was seriously injured some time ago in a runaway accident and was nursed by Mrs. Jefferson.

On account of moving the car track over to the north (made necessary by the settling of the wharf on the south side) the Wharf Company will have a substantial railing put on the south side of the wharf at once. The small room on the north side of the pier-head will also be made into a ladies' waiting room.

The Fairhope Creamery is churning several hundred pounds of butter a week now and long since had to seek a market outside Fairhope for its product. This was easily found with the leading grocery houses of Mobile, R. O. Harris Grocery Co. and A. M. Bright, both catering to the very best class of trade, being eager customers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wolcott came over from Magnolia Springs on Saturday and were guests of the F. L. Brown's until Monday morning, when they left for their home in Ohio. Their hearts will, however, to a large extent, remain in Fairhope and we are sure to have them back again, and to stay, some day.

The next function of the V. I. C. will be at the residence of Captain and Mrs. Owen Roberts on next Friday evening and will be a "porch party." The Roberts' home with its immense porches is especially suited for a porch party; it will be the first public function to be held there and there should be a big crowd out. Refreshments will be served and everybody will be welcome.

Spring Temperature.

April 29 – May 5, 1909.

Apr.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
29	69	83	75
30	76	83	75
May			
1	55	61	60
2	52	65	63
3	58	64	62
4	70	75	64
5	69	81	65

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The Robacs arrived on Tuesday evening and went at once into the Improvement Company building hitherto used as a restaurant, but in which Mr. Robac will carry a stock of merchandise, giving particular attention to dry-goods, notions laces, etc. Eddie, the son, has grown wonderfully since they left here and is over six feet tall. They left exceedingly disagreeable weather in New Jersey.

A. K. Trenholme is putting up a very neat cottage on Fels Ave. for T. E. Clarke, of Mobile, who will move over with his family to occupy it as soon as it is completed. The Clarkes have spent several summers in Fairhope, becoming more in love with it all the time and will probably live here all the year after they get into their home. Clarke is a great "booster" for Fairhope.

Rev. Mrs. Oliver left on Thursday morning to spend the summer with her brother, Rev. Dr. J. A. Thrapp, at West Lafayette, Ohio. Mrs. Oliver's health has not been the past winter what it was before and she has been able to be out but little, though keenly interested in our people and their affairs. The Courier, which follows her, wishes her a pleasant summer.

A. J. Wolf has a nice garden on his Fels avenue place this spring and is taking much pleasure in it. He has some onions which are especially fine, many of them being inches in diameter and weighing ounces. He will be among the first to have ripe tomatoes judging from the advanced condition of the plants now. His ground is on the hill-side, fertility all has to be supplied, but this can be done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, arrived on Sunday with the intention of making their home in Fairhope, if personal investigation confirms the favorable impression first formed from the report of a friend who had visited Fairhope. This friend is Mr. W. C. Kempton, who made a short visit at Fairhope several years, ago en route from Boston to San Francisco and who has since kept in kept in touch with us through the Courier. Mr. and Mrs. Hill, while learning of Fairhope in San Francisco, came here directly from Aurora, Ill. So far they seem greatly pleased with Fairhope and we trust will decide to remain with us. If so, we are sure they will prove a valued addition to our community.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mershon Merchandising Co. will be held Tuesday evening, May 25th, at eight o'clock, in the office of the company.

J. H. Williams, Sec.

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Give full particulars; age, quality of nuts, yield per annum, as well as price. HELEN M. O'BRIEN,
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Chicago.

The Courier two weeks ago noted the Powell-Humes wedding, which occurred on Wednesday, April 21. The happy couple returned to Fairhope on Friday evening following and were tendered an elaborate dinner at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Sr., at which were present beside Mr and Mrs. Powell, Sr., and Jr., and Miss Ola Powell, Mrs. F. D. Troup and little daughters, Misses Frances Gaston and Daphne Brown, Messrs. Ralph Dill and James Gaston.

After dinner the bridal party attended the V. I. C. social at the Sweet home, where the bride and groom were the recipients of general congratulations and later were "serenaded"—alias charivaried—at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell are now at home in the Mrs. Coulter cottage on Bay View Ave.

Spring

Now the soft wind is a blowing,
Trees and grass and flowers growing,
Everything is right in line.
The mosquito is a singing
He knows how to do the stinging
He has got the thing down fine.
Now the little bee makes honey,
And you all feel most mighty funny
If he hits you with his lance.
If you want your temper sunny
If you want to save your money
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Concrete house, 22x24, out kitchen and wood-house, cement walk and cistern with pump. Furnished complete, ready for use. Corner Church St. and County road. Price $575. Gaston & Son

Miss Alice Herring has returned from her western trip.

Mrs. C. S. Jacobs is here on a visit to her father, Henry Creswell.

M. V. Mathews is giving some extraordinary bargains in his tinware counter. Articles running as high as 25 cents each for 10.

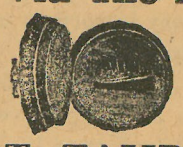
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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

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 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,

FAIRHOPE RUNNING DIRECT.

On Wednesday morning the Steamer Fairhope discontinued her trips by way of Daphne and resumed the direct service between Fairhope and Mobile as of yore.

The renewal of the direct service to Mobile was hailed with delight by the travelling public and will, no doubt, bring to the Fairhope as it should, all the trade from this point. A boat cannot be thus operated in the interest of the town without all of the town's business. Aside from the superior service afforded, the amount of money expended by the boat in the local community as wages and for wood, etc, is a very important consideration and should be appreciated.

Mae E. Morrisey writes that she expects to spend the future in Fairhope. She wants to locate on about "an acre of ground, not too far from the rest of the people, somewhere within sight of the bay, where I could have a chicken farm, few bee hives, etc." Writing from Chicago May 1, she says:

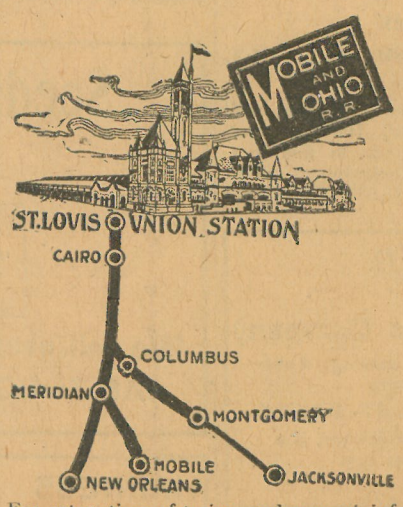
"We had a terrific wind-storm, with hail and heavy rain, Many houses were blown down and several people killed. Today we are enjoying a very good snow storm with the wind blowing a gale. This in itself is enough to make one wish they were in "the land of cotton."

In recently received letters from our former residents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Delamare, now in Manitoba, both admit that they are considering the matter of returning to Fairhope, and say if they do they intend joining the Colony and spending the rest of their days here. The boys are now doing for themselves (whether married or not we do not know) but their daughter Charlotte is with them as is also their little daughter Hazel, born since they left here. Mr. and Mrs. De La Mare, are good people whose friends were loath to see them leave here and would be glad to welcome them back.

The Saskachewan, Canada, government has purchased all the long distance lines and local exchanges and equipment of the Bell Telephone Co., and took over the same May first.

As an old publisher I have made a careful inspection of the COURIER samples and must say that I admire both its matter and makeup.

—A. J. Kempton.



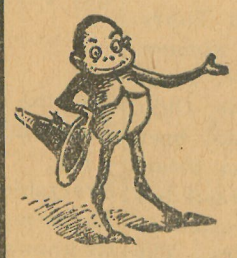
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Direct Taxation on Land Values Only Sensible and Just System

EDITOR COURIER:

Cautious business men consider it advisable to slow down during the tariff revision. How long will the people tolerate a revenue system that makes it necessary for business to slow down while the schedule is being revised? Is it not enough to be taxed without suffering an equal loss through enforced idleness while waiting for the outcome? Would we be willing to accept a revenue system for state, county, and city which would jeopardize business at every election or change of administration or every proposed change in the tax rate? With all of the talk about presidential elections, changes of administrations, and tariff tinkering disturbing business, is it not strange that nobody seems to think of the absurdity of maintaining a revenue system that makes it possible for elections to disturb business.

What the country needs is not tariff revision, but tariff abolition.

Direct taxation is the only sensible kind of taxation.

Taxation is no less burdensome because it is indirect. It is no less burdensome because we pay it when we don't know it. It is no less burdensome because it is included in the price of necessities.

Taxes so levied that the person paying taxes can reimburse himself by means of increased prices is not direct taxation. Taxation, in order to be direct must stay where it is put; and it does not stay where it is put when it increases prices, and all taxation on labor products does increase prices. Therefore, a method of taxation which will really compel the wealthy citizen to pay in proportion to his ability to pay must be levied on something which is not the product of human labor. The only taxable thing that meets this requirement is land, or rather, land value. Land is the only thing, the price of which decreases when the tax on it increases. It is therefore the only natural source of revenue for cities, states and nations.

Chicago, Ill. EDWARD GATES.

Daphne Normal Commencement.

The week beginning May 16th marks the beginning of the Second Annual Commencement of the Daphne State Normal College at Daphne, Ala. On that day (Sunday) at two p. m. will occur the Annual Commencement Sermon, delivered by Claude E. Hill, of Mobile.

On Monday night will occur the Class Day exercises which will consist of original essays and orations given by members of the graduating class. Tuesday night will occur the Recital to be given by Miss Shivers and her students. Miss Shivers is the talented musical instructor at the college and this recital will be another evidence of the superior work this department has done.

Wednesday night the Commencement exercises proper will be given. The principal address of the evening will be given by Hon. W. C. Fitts, of Mobile. Mr. Fitts is an eloquent speaker and will delight and inspire his audience. After the address the Diplomas will be presented to the seven graduates by President Baker. All of these exercises are free and the public is invited.

The past year has been a very satifactory one in every way and much has been accomplished in the way of increased facilities and much has been accomplished in the way of improvements in the plant. The grounds have been rendered more attractive by the planting of trees and shrubs and a library of a thousand volumes has been placed in the main building.

Baldwin County takes particular pride in the rapid growth of this school as it supplies secondary education to all who may care to take advantage of it. Not only does the school belong to Baldwin County but it is the only training school for teachers in the southern part of the state.

President Baker, who has been elected for another session reports an encouraging outlook for next year. All the old students will return and many others are making arrangements to enter. The summer term, which is established for those who can not attend during the winter, will have a very large attendance, A good faculty has been secured and the recreation which the bay offers will prove an attraction to those who live inland.

Alderman Pilcher Discusses School-house Matter.

At the request of the Board of Aldermen the mayor recently called a public meeting to ascertain, if possible, the sentiment of the people regarding the matter of a bond issue for the purpose of raising money to buy or build a school house.

The situation seems to be that the present school house, ought to be sufficient for public needs, but can not be had at a price satisfactory to all.

The members of the board of aldermen prefer not to express their sentiments believing that their position should be neutral, and that the threshing out of sectional, corporate, or individual matters would be best left to the several factions, in other words the reconciliation of all factions and to do that which will bring greatest benefit to the municipality as a whole, should be the aim and object of the mayor and the city fathers.

The F. S. T. Corporation or Colony, believes the ownership of the school house rests with it and that the Colony has a justifiable right to dispose of it.

It is contended by the Colony that it absolutely owns the school house and grounds having built the house and maintained it for the past ten years.

On the other hand it is contended by some Colony members, many lessees and practically all those outside of Colony lands, that there was an implied agreement at the time of dedication and construction that in consideration of the relinquishment of the right to place the school in the center of the school district and the yielding to the Colony plan of locating the grounds and building in the then center of the Colony grounds, that the Colony was to dedicate the ground and build the school house. This was done and no further consideration asked save that those furthest from the location, have been compelled to travel the longer distance, all these years, but have thereby saved their share of the contribution necessary to the construction of the building. All have alike participated in the benefits, all have contributed toward the contingent expenses and had there been no municipal incorporation the Colony would have continued to carry this unremunerative burden indefinitely.

From these arguments pro and con and from this condition of affairs the board of aldermen must judge, and must give an unprejudiced decision. They cannot rectify past errors or correct misunderstandings. They must see to it that hereafter all will receive equal benefits, and contribute just proportions. They cannot take away by condemnation proceedings the Colony property. They cannot compel the Colony to keep an implied agreement, if such exists, nor can they compel the so-called outsider to contribute toward the previously incurred expenditure. To break this apparent deadlock and pave the way for municipal tranquility, some one must suggest a way out. Here is one suggestion. Let us begin all over again.

The Colony has been offered by the Organic school $2,000 for the building. Why not accept? Then let the Colony reinvest this $2,000 in municipal bonds without interest. (Their present investment is not only without interest, but incurs a yearly loss.) This would leave only $1000 in bonds to be issued at interest and this could readily be taken by our home people, This would give us $3,000 cash to turn loose in the channels of trade for the construction of a new school building.

We would have but $60 interest per year to take care of. The growth of the municipality and the increase in property values would easily take care of interest and sinking fund without the necessity of a license tax. The building of a new school house two stories with an auditorium on second floor which could be used for public assemblies until the town could afford a hall would benefit the entire people. The advantage to our mechanics and laborers would be great. The Colony gets its price for the present building. It loses nothing by its investment in bonds, as they will not deteriate in value as would the building if they continue to hold it.

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RADICAL TALK OF ALABAMA BANKER

Asserts That "Burden of Taxation Should Rest Largely on Unimproved Natural Opportunities." Commends Example of Fairhope.

Mr. T. H. Rennie, banker and president of the American Manufacturers' Association, was one of the principal speakers at the annual convention of Alabama bankers at Mobile this week. Mr. Rennie's subject was "Alabama's Needs for Further Industrial Advancement." The address was printed in full in the Mobile dailies and was full of sound and very progressive suggestions to the speaker's fellow bankers. Among its progressive suggestions were those favoring the Torrens system of land transfers, encouragement of cooperation, through the ordinary form of stock companies and otherwise, conservation of national resources industrial and especially agricultural education, inculcation of scrupuluous honesty and prompt payment of debts, the development of manufacturing to convert into finished products the varied resources and raw products of the state.

On the subject of taxation he spoke as follows:

> Taxation is another important matter in its effects upon state development. It is not easy to get a system absolutely equitable (as the present national congress has found) but taxes can be so levied as to encourage commerce and industry, or they may check and discourage. The experiment at Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama, is an example of the influence of taxation in building a community and encouraging settlement. The burden of taxation should rest largely upon unimproved natural opportunities. In the progressive Australian colonies this principle of taxation has been adopted with much benefit. We might profit from her example in taxation, as we have from her reform ballot.

Mr. Rennie summed up the factors most necessary to our development as follows:

> Loanable funds at low rates of interest; clear titles to land; the creation of a friendly sentiment toward corporations in the rightful exercise of business functions; a better knowledge of economic and financial law; a strengthening of commercial honor and prompt payment of debts; an equitable and just system of taxation; the extension and improvement of our agriculture, attracting people to our state, and last, but not least, universal industrial education.

According the Mobile Item:

> Mr. Rennie's speech was received with profound attention by those present, and elicited much favorable comment. He was frequently interrupted by applause.

The surprise of our readers over such radical sentiments from a banker, will be lessened when it is known that Mr. Rennie is a brother of Mrs. Colonel Daniels and of Mrs. Dyer, now of Fairhope.

Editor's Comment on Alderman Pilcher's Suggestions

In regard to the interesting communication of Alderman Pilcher about the school house matter, the COURIER wishes first to enter an emphatic denial in behalf of those connected with the Colony administration at the time, that they ever contemplated or that anything done or said by them could rightly be construed to justify the claim of an agreement whereby the school building erected by the Colony and upon its land, was dedicated as a public school building. nor was there any such consideration on the part of those using the building without contributing toward its erection such as would justify a claim that it should be cousidered a public building.

It is possible that the Colony might have continued to bear an unjust share of the expense of a public school at Fairhope, but for incorporation, because, without incorporation, there was no way by which the burden could be fairly distributed, but one of the objects of incorporation was to provide a means for so distributing the burden of public enterprises in which colonists and non-colonists were alike interested. as well as giving effective voice in such affairs to all. The way to equity being opened by incorporation it should be followed.

The Colony has not asked any rectification of an injustice done it in the past, but, if it has suffered injustice, that certainly constitutes rather an added reason why justice should be insisted upon now, than that it should be allowed to continue in another form.

Mr. Pilcher's proposition that the Colony should accept non-interest-bearing bonds for the use toward a public school building of the $2,000 it might receive from the Organic school, while others received interest-bearing securities for their subscriptions, is continuing the unfairness in another form.

Especially is this so when accompanied as it is by a hint that a campaign would be continued to get the Colony to eventually give up even its non-interest-bearing securities.

It seems to us that Mr. Pilcher's proposed plan of settlement, like all other proposed plans, except that of the Colony, fails to "say turkey once" to the Colony.

The COURIER has stood from the beginning of the talk about incorporation, for an absolutely square deal for all elements of the community. Much as it opposes private land ownership with its attendant private appropriation of publicly created land values, it has declared for the scrupulous observance of the rights under the law of private land owners, as it asked the observance of the rights of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation (a private land owner in a legal if not an actual sense) to the fair protection of the law in its unique method of dealing with its lands.

Now is the time to get started fairly, under the laws which the state provides for all communities desiring to make use of them. Let us not because unfairness could not perhaps be avoided in the past, continue it now when the means for securing fair dealing are in our hands.

Since the foregoing was written, another referendum has been held, (reported elsewhere) which sustained the action of the Council Monday evening in deciding to sell the school building to the Organic school. This finally disposes of the present school building, and leaves the only proposition before the community to build a new school building. The proposition of the Colony Council to subscribe $1,000 in cash toward a new building, provided those outside of the Colony would raise $250, was also approved by last night's referendum. With $1,250 in cash thus provided and the Colony's offer of a site, we have a fine start toward a new building.

The next step is for the qualified electors to vote for the bond issue at the election on next Tuesday, so that the Council will have authority to issue such an amount of bonds as it feels it can safely issue and dispose of. If this is not sufficient we will have to come on with another subscription or find other means for getting the additional money necessary.

The services of the COURIER are at the command of the people in any fair effort to raise the necessary funds for a new building. It was of great service in securing the money for the re-building of the wharf, It raised several hundred dollars for the sufferers from the storm of 1906 and distributed it among them. It can and will be glad to help in securing money for a new school house, though it would not ask for donations for a school house from any except the people directly interested, by residence or ownership of property in Fairhope, in such a school house.

Another School-house Referendum

The action of the Colony Council on Monday evening regarding the disposition of the school-house matter was not allowed to stand unchallenged. A petition was filed asking for the submission to vote of the members on Thursday evening of the following proposition:

(1.) Shall the following proposition be made?

"The school house to be turned over to the Town of Fairhope, and the Town to assume the present indebtedness on it.

"Two acres of ground to be given to the Town with the building.

"The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to accept the Town bonds for the indebtedness with 5 per cent interest.

"The sum of $250 to be raised by subscription among those living off of Colony land and to be used in the purchase of school furniture, and repairs on the school building."

Taking advantage of the call, others filed a petition for the submission at the same time of the following questions:

(2.) "Shall the action of the Executive Council in offering the school building to the Organic School for $2,000 be approved?"

(3.) "Shall the action of the Council in offering to give $1000 toward a new school building on condition that those outside the Colony give $250 be approved?"

At the election thus called the vote upon the above propositions was as follows: On number one "yes" 20, "no" 25, lost. On number two. "yes" 29, "no" 17, carried. On number three. "yes" 33, "no" 12, carried.

Vote next Tuesday to authorize the issuance of bonds for a new school-house. The town council is a conservative body and can be depended upon in this case to keep the issue down to as low an amount as possible. The COURIER does not like bonds, but limited as we are by law, we cannot choose the method we would prefer,

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Unusually cool weather for May has retarded the growth of crops some, but otherwise the spring has been very favorable. Showers have been frequent and we missed the April drouth, which often cuts short the potato crop some.

Mr. R. F. Powell Writes Interesting Letter to Courier, From Buffalo

EDITOR COURIER:

Your readers will no doubt be glad to hear of some of the big things that are being done in the way of forwarding the Single Tax movement which our genial friend and co-worker, Louis F. Post told to a few of us in Buffalo today. Mr. Post was on his way from New York to Chicago, so we side-tracked him here long enough to partake of a luncheon with fifteen other Single Taxers and meanwhile to hear from him of the progress our cause is making the world over.

He seemed greatly elated over what seemed to him a very shrewd and deep laid political scheme which the present Premier of Great Britain had perpetrated on the Tory elements in England

In framing the recent Budget the Premier had a very difficult role to play, but in Mr. Post's opinion he played it well. He was confronted with a big deficit, same as we in America are and with a great clamor on the one hand for money to pay old age pensions and on the other for money with which to build Dreadnoughts and provide other useless war paraphernalia. The working classes wanted the pensions and the landlords wanted the great navy and army. So taxes must be raised, yet political parties who raise taxes usually get beat at the next election. So the Premier had no easy task before him. But as Mr. Post saw it this is how he solved it.

He provided for the Dreadnoughts and the pensions and increased taxes on accumulated wealth and on unearned incomes. But the interesting part was the way he had worked in a tax on land values with national valuation of lands.

He thought the national valuation a very important feature as it would likely be fairer and nearer the actual value than could otherwise be secured, but the real joke was the way in which the land value tax was laid. The first year it is only one penny in the pound, which is about one cent of tax on $4.80 valuation, but a tax of 20 percent is to be collected on all increased land values. That is, a piece of land worth $1,000 would this year yield but little more than $2 in taxes but if the land went up by next assessment to $1,200 there would be a tax of $2 on the $1,000 and a tax of $40 on the $200 increase. He thought it was this joke that had knocked the Tories crazy. He had provided for a big navy which they wanted but had arranged for them to pay the bill.

The House of Lords cannot pick out a part of a Budget and throw it out, as our House of Lords in this country can. They must pass it as it comes from the House of Commons or reject it as a whole, in which case parliament is dissolved and they go before the people on the issues thus raised. He said the whole thing reminded him very much of a story told by a Sunday school superintendent of the return of the prodigal son. The superintendent explained how happy everybody was over the prodigal's return. How they ran to him and hugged him and kissed him, etc., "but" added the Superintendent, "there was one there that was not happy over the prodigal's return, but was very unhappy" and said he, "is there any one in the class who can tell who that unhappy one was." For a time no one could guess, but finally a little bashful fellow, a Single Taxer by the way, answered, "it must be the fatted calf."

Mr. Post thought the Single Tax movement had been given a tremendous impetus by the great propaganda fund established by Mr. Fels and attributed the Premier's actions partly at least to this fact. He explained that Mr. Fels had offered the Single Taxers in England $25,000 a year for five years if they would raise a similar sum and how he offered the workers in Canada $5,000 a year for five years on similar terms and in Denmark and Germany and America similar offers are made and how the mere effort to raise the money had stimulated activity everywhere and especially in England, where the offer was first made public.

Buffalo has a jolly, good natured, hustling bunch of Single Taxers who make it a point to lunch together once or twice a week and report progress and entertain any strangers in their midst. Will tell you more of them in the future.

R. F. POWELL,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. J M. Pilcher who has been employed to assist in the securing of right of way for and subscriptions toward the proposed new eastern shore railroad, reports a meeting at Daphne, on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Daphne Commercial club. Seventy-five dollars was raised at the meeting toward the expense of surveys and solicitation and the members of the club gave assurance that at least $250 will be raised there. A meeting will be called at Fairhope at an early date.

Says Arthur Coates, Pennsylvania: "The impression I get, after reading parts of almost every issue for a year, is that the Alabama Single Tax experiment is being looked after in an able and painstaking way and I wish you the greatest success."

"I wish to say in renewing my subscription that I do it with great pleasure. I do not spend a dollar that I get more real pleasure from than that paid for your paper. Its weekly visits are always more than welcome."—H. B. Moxom.

A recent inquiry about Fairhope was from a Lieut. Commander, U. S. N., United States Training Station, Newport, Rhode Island. He said: "I am much interested in the subject of Single Tax."

Local and Personal

Dr. and Mrs. Borst of Silverhill, accompanied by Mrs, Borst's sister, Miss Anna Bertelsen, of Chicago, drove in to Fairhope yesterday and the ladies went to Mobile today, while the Doctor is spending the day here looking after his property.

Captain Joseph Lawrence and son Lloyd, have their boat "Loulie" out on the beach and are lengthening her, by adding four feet astern, which will improve both her looks and her sailing qualities.

Mrs. Minnick and her son and her sister, Miss Brown, left on Thursday morning for their home in Saint Louis, after spending about four months here in the Littlefield cottage. Mr. Minnich's health did not improve as hoped for.

Frank Davis and John Lawrence are raising the deck fore and aft of the "Green River", Maurice Greenbaum's and George Lawrence's fast little cat-boat.

On her late trip Miss Herring was up in the mountains of Colorado and also in some of the finest valley fruit sections, where thousands of acres of peach trees were in full bloom, only to be later visited by heavy frosts. She saw no place which looked to her better than Fairhope.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Phelps of Chicago, arrived on Wednesday evening and are at the Fairhope Hotel. Mrs. Phelps is a cousin of M. V. Watros and several years ago, as Mrs. Frank, visited him when he was proprietor of the Fairhope Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Stapleton have moved down to Tatumville to spend the summer with Mrs. Stapleton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson. They feel like they would like to have the advice of "Grandma" Wilson in giving their new and first baby a good start off.

Mrs. R. Brueck, of St. Louis, is spending the day in Fairhope. She was in the south and her husband happening to see Wm. E. Curtis's article on Fairhope suggested that she come this way and visit it. She is greatly pleased that she did so.

The many friends made by Dr. Reinsel and wife during the time spent here by them the last two winters, will be glad to know that the Doctor writes the COURIER, reporting great improvement in his health. He is able to be out every day and enjoy the "sunshine mixed with showers," with which Pennsylvania is at last favored.

Mrs. M. C. Dolive and her mother, Mrs. Lucy Stapleton, have moved from Loxley to Fairhope and have taken for the summer the C. K. Brown cottage vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stapleton, where they will conduct a boarding house, Mr. Dolive remained at Loxley to finish up some business there but will join them here soon.

Mrs. Comings addressed the Mothers' Circle of Mobile on Friday of last week on the subject of Organic Training. Much interest was shown and at the close the ladies expressed their appreciation by a rising vote of thanks fully endorsing the ideas set forth and pledging themselves to carry them out as far as possible. This was Mrs. Comings second address before the circle, the first time in March, when she was invited to repeat the address given then.

The local Christian Endeavor Society celebrated on last evening the 12th anniversary of its organization, by an open air picnic on the lawn at the church, followed by a very pleasant program in the building. A number of congratulatory letters from former members of the society now living at a distance, were read by the secretary, Mrs. Bertha Mershon. There were recitations by Misses Louise Barnhart and Irene Bell; vocal solos, by Misses Nellie Slosson, Bessie Littlefield, Martha Ahrens and Frances Gaston; all were accompanied by Miss Hazel Pilcher on the organ.

Mrs. L. J. Curtis is unable longer to resist the temptation to be doing business for herself and, has secured the lot on the corner of Summit St, and Fairhope avenue upon which Mr. Massey, Mr. Trenholme and her son Rolland are pushing the construction for her of a building in which she will open as soon as completed a pie and cake bakery and restaurant. Mrs. Curtis has especial talent for making a place attractive and preparing things to please the appetite and the COURIER will be glad to see her back in business.

Mrs. Willard of Wheaton Ill., who was with the Whittles this winter and went to Ocean Springs has returned and will remain until June. She is at Mrs. Toft's.

Mrs. Goddard left on Tuesday to join Mr. Goddard at St. Louis. They expect to return next winter.

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Colony Council Proceedings.

The Colony council met in the secretary's office on Monday evening, May 10, President Brown in the chair. All present.

The minutes were read and approved, of council meetings of Apr. 5th and 14th, members meeting on the 17th, and referendum election on the 28th, postponed from the 24th.

Mrs. L. J. Comings was present, and requested action in regard to opening Bancroft st. Voted that it be referred to Superintendent of Lands and Highways. She also presented a communication from the School Improvement Committee of the Village Improvement Club, in regard to sale of the school-house to the Organic School. A motion made and seconded that the Corporation offer the building to School Improvement Committee for $2,000, was laid on the table, it being understood that a communication might be received from the town council.

Henry Creswell was present and suggested that the width of Bellargee Ave., between Section and Bancroft streets be reduced to fifty by taking sixteen feet from the north side on account of valuable pecan and fig trees between fifty aed sixty-six feet from the south side. The suggestion was adopted.

The agreement with Wm. Stimpson, reported by the superintendent of lands and highways on April 14, was adopted.

Following bills allowed:

Work on water tower:		
E. W. Jefferson	$ 4.38	
G. R, Cain	2.50	
E. L. Williams	3.50	
E. B. Gaston, postage in Mar., and April		
Same, sign and stencil,	$1.25	
Printing	5.90	7.15
H. C Oswalt, inc. fee, 45 pupils in April,		15.75
G. W. Wood, treasurer, salary and postage for Jan., Feb. and March,		26.31
Home Telephone Co., 300 ft. rubber covered copper wire		7.50

A statement of account from the steamer Fairhope was presented, acknowledging inde or stumpage of $42.70. It was approved, except a payment of $2.50 for work which was not authorized and was for the convenience of the boat, not the Corporation. Cutting out this made the balance in our favor $45 20.

Voted that parties cutting wood from our land be notified that stumpage must be paid promptly every week, or they will not be allowed to continue cutting. It was also voted to request M. V. Watros, Manager, to keep out the stumpage when paying for wood delivered to the boat, and pay it to the Corporation.

A committee came from the town council to ask if the Colony would entertain a proposition as follows:

The Colony to transfer the schoolhouse to the municipality, with a deed to the whole school tract extending from Fairhope Ave to Morphy Ave., the municipality to assume the indebtedness on the building and to secure from those living off Colony land, by subscription, $250 to be used toward repairs and equipment.

The committee disclaimed authority to make such a proposition but thought that it could be agreed upon if acceptable to the Colony.

It was the sentiment of the Council that the Colony should not make any further propositions, and that it could not afford to take chances on losing the opportunity to sell the building for cash to the Organic School, an answer to which had been asked by the fifteenth.

The motion to sell the schoolhouse to the Organic School was then taken from the table and carried. It was also voted to donate $1000 of the procee ds toward a new building for the public school, provided the donation takes the place of bonds to that amount and the $250 additional is raised outside of the Colony.

Mrs. Lenora Curtis applied for lot 6, block 3, div. 1. The application was granted, with three days notice to be posted on the bulletin board and at the lot.

Percy H. Gill surrendered lot 4, block 2, div. 2. The surrender was accepted and the secretary instructed to endeavor to collect rent for the time he has held it Lot 3, blk. 8, div. 1, and lot 1 and west half of lot 2, blk. 5, div. 3, were declared forfeited. Being informed that besides the current half year, F. J. Beasley owes for 1908, and Percy Stokes and Charles Stersic for 1907 and '8, the secretary was instructed to notify them that unless they pay within thirty days, steps will be taken for legal collection.

A proposition was made to advertise at $25 a page in a booklet to be issued about the eastern shore, but it was not accepted.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

A brown silk parasol was left at Dr. Atkinson's, at Aid Society Luncheon. Owner can call and get same.

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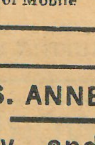
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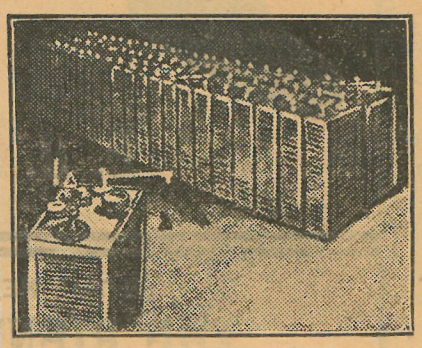


EDISON'S PROMISED BATTERY

Practically Indestructible Device Will Travel Long Distance Before Worn Out.

Announcement is made of another epoch-making discovery by the great wizard, Thomas Alva Edison. This time it takes the shape of a practically indestructible battery, which, it is claimed, will travel 100,000 miles before it is worn out, and which for the trifling sum of $200 will provide the purchaser with motive power that will need no renewal for 15 years.

"I never could believe," remarked the great inventor, "that Nature, so prolific of resources, could provide only lead as a material ingredient of the battery. I have always found her ready for any emergency, and based



New Storage Battery.

on this confidence, which she has never betrayed, I communed diligently with her." After experimenting with numerous other substances, Mr. Edison hit at length upon cobalt as a substitute for lead. But, cobalt being one of the rare metals, the problem was not yet solved. So he scoured the country to find this metal in sufficient quantities to warrant its use, and discovered an abundance of it in Canada, Wisconsin, Oregon and Kentucky.

ELECTRICITY ON OCEAN LINER

Over Two Hundred Miles of Wire and Cables Are Strung Throughout the Mauretania.

Although much has from time to time been written about the Mauretania comparatively few can grasp the significant part which electricity plays in the ship.

Apart from the 70,000 horse-power of the turbines which propel the ship through the water, the electrical power, which is supplied by four generators, represents an additional 2,144 horse-power.

Electricity is used not only for illuminating the ship at night, but for a multitude of other purposes, such as operating the lifts, of which there are two for passengers' use, eight for baggage and mails and two smaller ones in the pantries. Electrically driven cranes and winches are also provided, and 6,300 electric lamps give the enormous total of over 100,000 candle-power. For heating the first-class quarters 60 electric radiators have been fitted, to say nothing of some 43 heaters in the bathrooms.

In the kitchens one range alone has a frontage of about 60 feet, and includes a roaster with four vertical spits rotated by an electric motor, these spits being capable of dealing with a half a ton of meat at a time. There is also a smaller roaster with three spits, driven in the same manner. In the bakery electricity is employed to operate a large dough-making machine capable of making bread for at least 3,000 persons.

Some idea of the size of this vessel may be obtained when it is mentioned that over 200 miles of wire and cables are fitted throughout the ship.

The electric bell and telephone installation on the Mauretania surpasses anything hitherto attempted in connection with ship work. Bell pushes are placed over every bed, and altogether 1,208 bell pushes have been fitted in the various cabins, etc., while telephones, of which there are upward of 100, are to be found in numerous parts of the ship.

Apart from the Marconi wireless telegraph outfit, means have been provided for coupling the ship up to the city telephone exchanges when lying alongside the landing stages at Liverpool or New York.

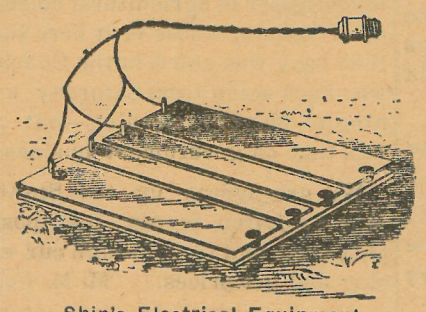
Four electric searchlights are carried and in addition to the usual complement of life buoys which every ship carries, two special buoys have been provided for use at night. These, upon being released by pressing a button, automatically light a flare upon striking the water.

The electric installation of this vessel represents about $325,000.

DEMAGNETIZING A WATCH.

How You Can Make the Instrument for Yourself.

A test can be made to know if your watch is magnetized by placing a



Ship's Electrical Equipment.

small compass on the side of the watch nearest the escapement wheel. If the compass pointer moves with the escapement wheel the watch is magnetized. A magnetized watch must be

It is estimated that the cost of the electrical equipment on the vessels of the United States Dreadnought type will be close to $600,000 each.

See Dictionary and Get Light.

The chap who patronizes cheap restaurants picks up numerous ineradicable wrong notions which he persists in repeating to such acquaintances as sit at his feet and swallow his ipse-dixits. "Now," he will spout, "everybody knows that 'rarebit' is vegetable, while 'rabbit' might be either flesh or fowl. So we have Long Island rabbit—a hare; and Long Island rarebit—of a fowl. A restaurant man is lucid if not right." But he doesn't tell where the toast, the ale, the cheese, the sauce and the baking powder come in! Nor does he tell why this delectable dish is called "Welsh." There are famous Welsh hares, the finest of hunting; but why should cheese and toast, etc., make a Welsh rabbit? Why not a Scotch rabbit? Why not a Texas rabbit? Why not a jack rabbit, the noblest animal of his race? More light, more light! This thing is hazy.

A "Perpetual" Lamp.

The "perpetual lamp" of Prof. Molish is a glass flask of gelatine supporting a colony of phosphorescent bacteria. The light is less than that of a candle, but is sufficient for photography, and germinating peas and lentils turn to it as a source of energy. Being without heat rays, it represents the much-sought cold light.

These Punsters!

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Personal and Local

The Charles Wilsons have moved into the Mrs. Coutant cottage on Morphy Ave.

Get your sun hats now at
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Miss Maude Midgette, of Mobile, visited the Danenhower's on Sunday.

FOR SALE QUICK, 1 good horse wagon and harness at Mathews

Cornie Gaston, the editor's second son, is laid up at home with an attack of fever.

We pay 20 cents for EGGS if they are FRESH, Mershon Merch. Co.

The Fairhope's business on the direct run to and from Mobile has been quite good so far.

Guinea eggs for 2 cents each at Wayside Farm. Ned Dougherty.

There were not many visitors to this shore last Sunday, a storm warning out at Mobile no doubt kept them away.

Children's garden sets, 25 cents each. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. Berglin was in Mobile on Tuesday and secured some new customers for his splendid creamery butter.

Set her on Duck eggs--11 eggs for 20 cents at Wayside Farm.
Ned Dougherty.

Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Turpen are both having the lots they are improving connected with the Colony water system.

Rayo nickle plated lamps, the best ever, only $2. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. F. B. Johnson, of the Cudahay Packing Co. of Kansas City and Mr. F. L. Groves, of Milwaukee, have been spending a few days at The Gables.

Robac is now open with a stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Laces, Embroideries and Ribbons. Also Pants shirts, shoes, jewelry, hardware, tools, granite ware, etc.

Indian Runner Duck eggs, 10 cents each at Wayside Farm.
Ned Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slosson and Mrs. Slosson's son, George Campbell, left for their summer home in Illinois on Thursday morning. Mrs. Bigelow also accompanied them.

Home grown, home packed, Sauer Kraut, 10 cents a can.
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Fred O. White writing from St. Louis to change the street address of his paper, says: "Moving into a better flat but, I wish we were moving down to Fairhope instead, for my heart is with you all."

The many friends made by the Smiths, of Rockford, Ill., in their winter's stay here will regret greatly to hear that the talented daughter Miss Vera has been very ill since their return home.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Dr. W. W. Hunt, of Selma, has advised that he and family expect to be here this week to occupy their cottage—purchased from McMurtry. They were here last summer in one of the Swift cottages.

Painting and Paper-hanging. Also dealer in wall paper. Superb line of samples to select from. Drop me a card and I will call on you.
L. Barnhart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McAtee were over from Mobile Sunday and expect to move over about the 26th of this month to occupy one of the Nichols' cottages for the summer. They are good friends of Fairhope.

Mr. Allen, the young government investigator of agricultural colonies of foreigners, whose visit here some time back was noted in the Courier, was back again from Saturday evening to Monday morning—but not this time on government business.

We are agents for the Stewart Mfg. Co., iron fences, iron posts, etc., come and look through our catalog and get prices. M. M. Co.

The Henry George Club meets regularly on next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. B. Gaston. Chapters 3 and 4 of book 10, of Progress and Poverty will be reviewed by Mrs. Kile, to be followed by the usual discussion.

Dr. Greeno has received word from Dr. Reynolds, who came to Fairhope last fall suffering from an extraordinarily severe case of jaundice, that he is as well as he has ever been in his life. The Doctor made a wonderful recovery here, to which our extraordinarily pure water, copiously used, he was sure largely contributed.

Pretty dishes like pretty school teachers are always nice to look at. These facts were demonstrated in Fairhope last week and the pretty dish demonstration is still on. See our big show window. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Eugene Wilson's friends will be glad to learn that he has secured a very nice position as engineer of the Government cutter "Alert". 'Gene gained his first experience on steamboats on the first Fairhope and it stands him in good stead now for the Alert has a pipe boiler similar to that in the Fairhope first.

Mr. J. P. Atherton, wife and five children, of Owensboro, Ky., are here for the summer. They arrived on Sunday evening and are in the Bellangee cottage on Bay View Avenue. Mr. Atherton travels for the International Harvester Co. and in his travels about this territory he found no place which he thought equal to Fairhope as a home for his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell and children have been visiting father Creswell and Miss Minnie. Master Henry likes Fairhope much better than the city. He was helping his father pick beans the other morning and his mother said if Henry didn't behave just right they had only to intimate that they might ship him back to Mobile, to bring him right to time.

Mr. Walsh, of Mobile, his daughter Mrs. Brown and her son Walter and two daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Radebaugh, another daughter of Mr. Walsh, her two little daughters and Miss Radebaugh, of Ohio, and Mrs. F. W. Crenshaw, daughter of Mrs. Alice G. Sacriste, who is now occupying "Cottage Content," were guests of Mrs. Sacriste on Sunday. The party took dinner with Mrs. Comings at The Gables.

Our late visitor, Mrs. G. W. Patterson, writes from Chicopee Falls, Mass., that the weather has been so cold since their return as to make them wish they had stayed a little longer in the "Sunny South." She and her husband sent a quantity of booklets to home friends while here, and she says: "I thought I had sent them, while there, to all who would be interested, but so many have inquired concerning the place since my return that I could easily make use of more." For which she enclosed stamps. She also expressed the hope of spending another winter in Fairhope.

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Town Ordinances.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows:

It shall not be lawful for any person to dig any hole, drain or ditch in or remove any sod or earth from any street, alley, park, school yard or public ground within or belonging to this town, unless by the consent and under the direction of the proper officer or officers having such premises in charge; and any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than two dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala. as follows:

It shall not be lawful for any hack, buggy or carriage to stand nearer than 20 ft to the wharf house at the foot of wharf hill, or obstruct the passage leading to the wharf, and any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not more than ten dollars for each offence.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor.
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk.
May 10, 1909.

BE IT ORDAINED by the town council of Fairhope, Ala. as follows:

That on the 18th day of May, 1909, an election shall be held in said town of Fairhope, Alabama, for the purpose of the qualified electors of such municipality voting upon and deciding the question as to whether or not the bonds of such municipality in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars with interest at the rate of not mere than six per cent and to run for 10 years, shall be issued for the purpose of constructing or buying a public school house in said town of Fairhope and that notice of such election be given for the time and in the manner prescribed by law. The following election officers shall be appointed to conduct the said election: C. E Nichols, E. B. Gaston and Daul. Shepherd, inspectors, J. M. Pilcher, returning officer.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor.
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk

The court and officers of the Arbitration Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson on Saturday evening and adopted rules of procedure for the court. The next meeting of the society will be held at the new residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kile on Magnolia Ave. A special program will be arranged for the next meeting. The three judges comprising the court, Chief Justice E. B. Gaston, Justice W. S. Baldwin and Justice C. L. Coleman, will each present a paper on jurisprudence, which will be interesting and instructive. It is hoped that every member of the society and all others interested will be present.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mershon Merchandising Co. will be held Tuesday evening, May 25th, at eight o'clock, in the office of the company.

J. H. Williams, Sec.

Spring Temperature.

May 6 – 12, 1909.

May	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
6	73	85	78
7	67	70	68
8	69	77	72
9	74	80	71
10	59	68	64
11	59	69	68
12	68	83	67

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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,

Alderman Pilcher Discusses Schoolhouse Matter.

(Continued from page 1.)

The burden of the school is thereafter equalized and harmony preserved, while our people are all benefitted by the $3,000 being turned into the channels of Fairhope trade. Should the Colony prosper, and its lands enhance in value by reason of splendid public school facilities, in the near future it might feel like making the municipality a present of half these bonds so that they need not be redeemed. That of course could remain an open question for discussion as Fairhopers love to argue, and it would be cruel to remove all cause for argument.

Yours suggestively,
J. M. PILCHER.

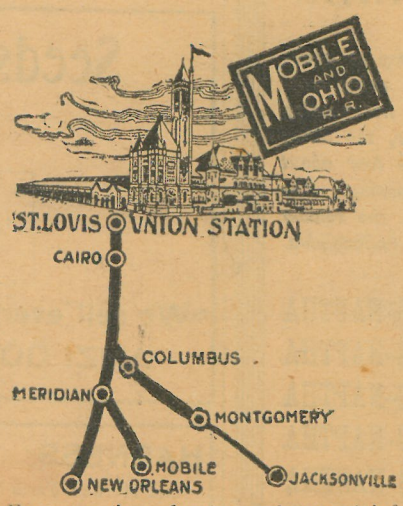
Accompanying renewal of his subscription Wm. R. Williams, of Toronto says:

"I should be sorry to lose your interesting and instructive journal from which I get many valuable hints and suggestions. I am pleased to see that you are still keenly interested in the rights of mankind and are keeping up the fight bravely and showing a specific object lesson of high-minded patriotism to the world, thereby fulfilling God's law of service to humanity which is the only true Christian spirit, and which immeasurably benefits the individuals, mentally, morally and spiritually, who fulfil this divine law of service."

E. E. Posey of "Gulf Coast Opportunities" and South Mobile, passed through Fairhope with his wife on Sunday en route from River Park to Mobile Mr. Posey advised the editor that dredging will begin at once on the proposed channel to the "Lower Fleet" from the South Mobile dock, and that important deals are pending looking to developments by big companies at South Mobile.

Dr. M. R. Leverson of Brooklyn, physician and personal friend of Henry George, renewing his subscription to the COURIER adds: "I take every opportunity to recommend your journal to any one who would, by any chance, be likely to be interested in Fairhope."

George Q. Thornton, of St Louis sent two new subsbriptions to the COURIER along with his renewal, a good example which we heartily commend to other friends of the paper.



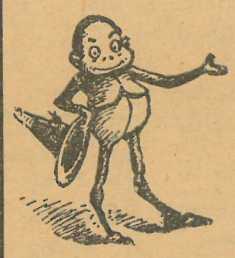
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THE SHAME BELONGS TO ALL.

Shame on the miser with unused riches,
Who robs the toiler to swell his hoard;
Who beats down the wages of diggers of ditches,
And steals the bread from the poor man's board.

Shame on the owner of mines, whose cruel
And selfish measures have brought him wealth,
While the ragged wretches who dig his fuel
Are robbed of comfort, and hope and health.

Shame on the ruler who rides in his carriage
Bought by the labor of half-paid men—
Men who are shut out of home and marriage
And are herded like sheep in a hovel pen.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A Visit to One of Fairhope's Homes

Mr. and Mrs. John Zurhorst have one of the most attractive and well kept places in Fairhope. The editor called there recently with a visitor and was shown over the place, with its luxuriant fig trees, fine garden, beautiful flowers, large flock of thoroughbred Leghorn chickens, etc., and the visitor remarked as we left: "There is a home!" And so it is. It is not merely a stopping place, preparatory to a moving on to some "greener field further on," but a real home of good people, who feel of Fairhope "here we rest." It has the visible comforts and the air of home. It is a good place to take a visitor whom you wish to get a good impression of Fairhope. There is no "knocking" heard there. Mr. and Mrs. Zurhorst like Fairhope, its climate, its policy, its people, even its "management." They believe in the Colony's principles and, though not members of the Colony Corporation, they hold up the hands of the loyal members whenever its principles and interests are at stake.

They probably do not have to rely entirely upon the income from their little place (they have only four lots, a little less than an acre) but from the looks of their garden, full of seasonable vegetables, their strawberries, dewberries, figs, peaches, plums and their fine flock of chickens, it is easy to see that the greater part of their actual living must come from their place and it is evident that they enjoy the getting of it as much as the having it.

Mr. Zurhorst's health broke down in Saint Louis, where he lived and did business for many years. The Doctor's said he had dread Brights' disease. After about four years' residence here he is in better health than he has been for a long time. Many is the business man in the north who has accumulated a little property and perhaps with it a well-nigh worn out body who would be infinitely better off to follow Mr. Zurhorst's example and come to Fairhope.

Believes in Farm-made Fertilizer.

Ned Dougherty of "Wayside Farm" frequently has items of interest about his crops, ducks or guineas, and we have tried to get him to contribute some articles from his experience for the Courier; but he, perhaps wisely, insists on waiting until he has really "made good," which he does not pretend to have done yet, though he is learning fast and is more confident than ever before.

A mighty good newspaper man was spoiled, to make—not a poor we trust, but good—farmer when Ned went to the country. He has great contempt for the so-called "farmers" who are relying almost altogether on purchased "commercial fertilizer." Ned doesn't keep much stock, a horse, and several goats, but he keeps a bunch of fowls, chickens, ducks and guineas, and makes the best of the manure he gets from them. One item he gave us the other day about his experience with English peas.

He planted three pecks on a little less than a quarter of an acre using nothing but home-made manure. The first planting, about Christmas, was killed by cold in February and he replanted. From this little patch he sold for cash $33 worth, some in Mobile and some locally. They were not early enough to get the highest prices. Four rows were not picked at all but left for seed—and reaped by the guineas. The peas are being followed without additional fertilizer, by another crop, sweet potatoes, we believe. The beauty about making crops with manure made on the place is that what you realize from them is net—doesn't have to go to pay fertilizer bills and the ground constantly improves rather than deteriorates. Ned says his corn is almost as good as any of his neighbors, following a velvet bean crop last year, without other fertilizer. He is a great believer in both ducks and guineas. Though the market is not so large for them as for chickens they command better prices when wanted, and are freer from diseases and pests. Guineas take the place of game largely All that he has had for sale were taken eagerly by the Battle House.

Cope Comes Again

Editor Courier:

In prefacing your reply to my question published in the Courier of April 23rd. you presume that I think I have "Fairhope in a hole" You are in error; I think the editor was "in a corner," and although he made a high jump he is either in the air or in the same corner yet

Raise the valuation of the land in Brooklyn, or increase the taxes, to meet the case? By what authority? arbitrarily? Thats the "Fairhope plan" all right; but would it work in the case of Brooklyn? Evidently not, for the report of the assessor is in and the lists are made up. There must be some other way to meet the conditions.

Remember, the gist of the controversy is, can the land of Fairhope—a village of homes—be over built upon, so that the municipal, county and state taxes exceed the rental value of the land? Case in point. In Brooklyn, a city of homes the improvement values exceed the land values. Why may not Fairhope be put in the same condition?

In discoursing upon the subject the editor says: "The community shares in the benefit of improvements made by individuals," So the individual shares in the benefits of a community.

"It ought not to be hard for a carpenter to see, the benefit of a policy which encourages the building of houses", so. But a policy that would require him to forever after, give up a part of his wages to pay the surplus tax on the house in which he has no further interest might not seem just right to our carpenter friend.

As to the Fairhope land policy being better than the prevailing policy, that is not so much to the point as are the questions: Is it as just as it is possible to make it? Does it conform as nearly as possible to the ideas set forth by Henry George regarding the justice, wisdom, and practicability of a Single Tax?

I contend that it does not "make good" in either case.

The failure to "make good" in both cases is due to the fact that the land is overvalued for the appraisal of rents. Actual Single Tax would require only cents where the "Fairhope plan" demands dollars.

I am not on the ground to see what is doing, but will offer a counter "challenge" to the editor et. al. to show where a "poor man, (?) who is putting the ground he holds to anything like such use as it is reasonably suited for" who is getting wages for his labor and interest on his capital, and has a margin of profit left for rent.

Flatwood, Ala. M. M. Cope.

Let's Have a Breakwater.

With the advent of the summer season and the increasing number of pleasure craft owned here the need for a breakwater for the protection of small boats is increasingly felt. Those who have boats or are interested in boating should organize a yacht club and take up the matter of a breakwater at once.

The Courier believes this is one of the public improvements which can and should be secured this season.

It has a plan it believes practical for getting it and would be glad to take it up with those interested and do all in its power to push it to a successful conclusion

A good breakwater to protect small boats in landing and behind which they could lie in safety in rough weather, would tremendously increase the popularity of Fairhope with launch and yacht owners.

The Board of Trade and Town Council of New Liskeard (Ont., Can.,) agreed upon an exemption of a local iron works from taxation, not however, to apply to school rates or to the assessment of the site. Of course the object was to encourage an enterprise believed to be in the interest of the city. But all useful industry is in the interest of the city. Why not follow the idea to its logical conclusion and exempt all industry and enterprise. Progressis making rapidly in that direction among our "Canadian cousins."

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Mr. Cope's Letter.

In friend Cope's second letter regarding the alleged injustice and insufficiency of the "Fairhope plan" it seems to us that his objections apply as much to the plan of getting public revenues from land values by legislative reform as by the Fairhope plan, for he seems to assume that it would not be equitable or efficient in Brooklyn, where land assessments are less than improvement assessments. But this does not necessarily follow. We think if he will add to what is now collected for the public from land values in Brooklyn, what is appropriated by private landlords, there will be no dearth of revenue.

We think it is within the observation of every one in any fairly thriving community that the taxes upon land values are but a bagatelle to the rents collected by private land owners.

Mr. Cope's opinion that "actual Single Tax would require only cents where the 'Fairhope plan' demands dollars," is somewhat interesting but not to be taken as authoritative. The Single Tax would set in motion contrary tendencies—one to decrease land values by removing speculative demand, the other to increase them by increased demand due to greater profit in land use, and just where the equilibrium would be reached between these, no man can, in our opinion, now foretell.

However this may be, the purpose of Fairhope is to apply the Single Tax principle as nearly as may be under existing conditions and it must take into account land values as they now exist. Upon such a basis its lands are not "overvalued for the appraisal of rents" but in many cases ridiculously undervalued.

Mr. Cope's failure to understand the situation is shown in his reference to the workingman "forever after" giving up a part of his wages yearly to pay excess taxes upon a good improvement on which he had found employment.

In the first place the workman *never* gives up any of his wages for such purpose, for he pays only according to advantages he enjoys in the possession of his own site. In the second place a possible present excess of the taxes on a given improvement over the rent upon the ground on which it stands, will not continue forever. The rental value will normally tend to increase and overcome the improvement value decreasing from the moment of its creation, unless further labor be expended upon it; in which case the man with labor to sell is again advantaged,

If the Fairhope land policy is better than the prevailing land policy—and it can easily be proven to be for the land user, not the mere land holder, it is certainly deserving of commendation and the burden is upon its critics to show where it could be improved. That can certainly not be done by leaving individuals leasing Fairhope land to pay individually unjust taxes levied upon their industry.

Mr. Cope's response to our challenge to cite a case of a poor man, putting the ground he holds to anything like such use as it is reasonably suited for, who is not better off under the Fairhope plan than he would otherwise be, is a counter challenge. This is dodging a question where the facts are public and easily obtainable, to substitute one which involves an inquiry into private affairs, complicated unpleasantly perhaps, with questions of individual industry and efficiency and we do not feel called upon to gratify him.

Enterprising Colored Farmer

Peter Williams is an enterprising colored farmer, living a little ways out of town, from whom the COURIER man got some facts worth reporting, when on the boat the other day. Peter thinks cotton is about the best "poor man's crop" for this country. It requires little fertilizer and besides the good cash return from the lint, furnishes in the seed a quantity of valuable feed or fertilizer—nearly as valuable for the latter, after being used for feed.

Last year he made a bale of lint on an acre and a half, with 300 pounds of fertilizer (a sack each of cotton seed meal and phosphate.) This gave him 1000 pounds of seed. He fed a portion of the seed and threw the remainder into his horse stall where it was mixed with the manure and thrown out to rot.

He put this in furrow and covered for 2 or 3 weeks and then planted English peas. Is following with sweet potatoes He used the same with a very little cotton seed meal for snap beans, which did exceedingly well. Corn planted on the same is doing finely. Peter does not give all his time to his land. He works out some, but is increasing his farming operations and looking forward to spending all his time working at home, being his own "boss" and never being "out of a job." His methods are not the best perhaps, and his results "not much to brag on," but for that reason perhaps furnish all the more encouragement to those who look to securing independence by tilling the soil.

A Guarantee Fund for Aiding Industries.

The Montgomery Commercial Club has, according to the "Advertiser" adopted a plan, said to have been applied with success elsewhere for securing additional industries for that city. The plan is to raise a guarantee subscription fund of $300,000 to $400,000 to be under the control of three trustees, (probably a banker, a lawyer and a leading business man.)

The trustees will examine into the plans of a manufacturer desiring to establish himself in the city but lacking capital, and if satisfied that his enterprise is worthy and substantial will give him their endorsement to an agreed amount taking a mortgage on the plant. Thus he gains a start. If he succeeds he pays off the obligations releasing the guarantors. If he fails against the judgment of the trustees, the loss will be paid by pro rata assessment on subscribers to the guarantee fund.

It is claimed that Williamsport, Pa., has not lost one cent by this plan (really an "underwriting" plan) which has been in operation since 1900, during which time $2,215,000 added capital in local industries has been acquired through the aid of such a guarantee fund now amounting to $461,000.

See what schemes enterprising and public-spirited citizens advance to secure business and manufacturing industries for their cities, when the chief part at least, of the benefit is absorbed by those who, more often than otherwise, neither enterprising nor public-spirited themselves, reap the lion's share of benefit, in the increasing value of the land of their cities.

Fairhope cannot, at present at least, offer any "guarantee fund" to make a basis of credit for manufacturers lacking capital, but it can and does offer sites free of purchase price and guarantees exemption from the burden of taxation upon factories and business establishments. When other conditions necessary to make manufacturing profitable are secured, it will be found we are sure, that the Fairhope plan will prove a great attraction to enterprising men.

Many Good Gardens at Fairhope.

There are more and better gardens at Fairhope this year than ever before, a most encouraging sign. Beside the "master gardener" Mr. Bellangee, the following are some of those whose gardens are worth nothing: Messrs. Jefferson, Barnhart, Gray, Wolf, J. F. and Nick Johnson, Shepherd, George Lawrence, Baldwin, Curtis, Stockbridge-Howland, Williams, Rathje, Slosson, Gaston, Beckner, Trenholme, also the Gables and the Fairhope Hotel. No doubt there are others deserving mention which we do not think of.

Mr. Trenholme is trying his hand at gardening for the first time this season, and is much pleased with results.

Mr. Horning's "Homecroft Gardens" look particularly well and no doubt Mr. Keller has a good garden, he always has.

We very much doubt if as many nice gardens can be found in any town in the country the size of Fairhope and it is a most encouraging feature. Happy are the men who have learned the delights of gardening, and fortunate are their families.

Baldwin county is nearing the most prosperous period its people have ever known. Within the county next fall there will be set out something like 200 acres of strawberries. Get out your little pencil and do some figuring. Two-hundred acres will load fifty cars under favorable conditions. A car of strawberries will bring $1,200 on track—that is what buyers have been paying for berries near us this year. This big lot of money will be brought into the country. That is so much better than sending it away. Now, if our people will succeed in raising their meats and corn and feedstuffs at home in addition to the profitable truck, then the dollars would jingle in homes where want and debt have been cruel nightmares before. And this kind of smiling plenty gives a man rest and an easy conscience and continued happiness. Watch for Baldwin county. It is destined to lead in the future years. Its great natural resources cannot long remain unused. The hungry world will find out her value.—Baldwin Times.

Organic School Celebrated Bird Day

The children of the Organic school celebrated Birds Day by spending the afternoon at the beach park, playing games, singing songs, reciting and telling bird stories. Thirty-two wild birds of Alabama were named by the children. After wading and playing in the sand, light refreshments were served. They returned to their regular bird study with greater interest and feel that Bird Day is a profitable addition to our days to celebrate.

Will T. Sheehan, associate editor, F. P. Glass, Jr., assistant city editor, Frank M. Sprangler, cartoonist, and Charles. I. Finnigan, circulation manager, all of the Montgomery Advertiser, are hoofing it from Montgomery to Mobile. The distance is nearly 200 miles. We are likely to see them on the Eastern shore.

Single Tax League Suggestions.

The American Single Tax League makes the following very practical and helpful suggestions for work for state committees.

1. To organize by selecting a chairman and secretary.

2. To ascertain whether any bills are before the state legislatures relating to taxation, which should be helped or opposed.

3. To learn if there is any active Single Tax work being done in the state, or if there is any direction in which work can be stimulated.

4. To arrange for lectures under the auspices of local bodies. The League will prepare a list of men who can be called upon in the various localities.

5. To aid in the collection of funds to be used in those states where active work is in progress.

6. To arrange or stimulate celebration of Henry George Day at as many points as possible.

7. To see that libraries carry copies of Henry George's books and other books on the topics of human freedom.

8. To watch the press and write or cause to be written, letters o editors and others advocating Single Tax principles. To encourage agtitation and discussion oefore churches schools and colleges.

9. To secure the introduction of at least one Single Tax measure in every legislature. To question all candidates as to their position on the question of exempting industry and taxing privilege.

10. To secure the names of all persons who favor our ideas and through them to secure the names of others.

11. To secure subscribers for "The Public" and the "Single Tax Review," and to circulate Single Tax literature, seeing that your copies, when read, are left in libraries, barber shops and other public places.

Number 8, is one of the most valuable suggestions on the list. To watch the press and write letters in reply to editorials, or where local conditions make it especially pertinent, showing how the question of access to the earth is at the root of all economic problems and how this can be secured to all and the everywhere vexing and persistent question of securing public revenue settled by taxing land values, is, in our opinion, the most effective work for the effort which can be found, It requires nomoney and can be put to use by land and tax reformers individually everywhere on their own initiative.

Number 11, should, of course, have mentioned the Fairhope Courier.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Edited by the Schools.

Organic School

The Life class spent a most delightful day Tuesday at the home of one of their number, Miss Maria Koopman. Mr. Koopman took them out in his big wood wagon and Maurice Greenbaum brought them back in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Koopman were more than hospitable, opening the house for the free circulation of the children and allowing them to lunch on the large cool galleries. A novel performance was a concert given in the umbrella trees for Mr. Koopman's special entertainment. The children climbed the trees until every available inch was occupied, then sang songs and recited poems, the young voices resounding through the foliage like so many birds,

A Letter From Turkey

Editor Courier:

By the kindness of some friend (I suspect my uncle, Mr. H. F. Ring of Houston) several copies of the Courier have come to me. As the address is not quite right I call your attention to the letter head of this epistle. I may add that mail comes a little more directly if the talisman "open mail via London" is inscribed in parenthesis on the wrapper.

As an eager Single Taxer in my student days, twenty years ago, it was a hard question to decide whether to remain in America and work for the Single Tax, or come to the foreign field. I finally decided that with all the enlightenment prevailing in the United States, and with all the able men devoted to the Single Tax and other good causes, my influence would tell for more in the world if exerted where workers are few and enlightenment scarce. So I have been in the Turkish Empire for sixteen years, most of the time in this city of Salonica, which is the Thessalonica of the New Testament.

Our work is primarily of a spiritual nature. But the annual report, which I am malling you, of the "Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute" will show you that we are not neglecting to work for the economic and social uplifting of the people.

Every year since I came to Turkey has been an exciting year. But the last months, and espccially the last days, have brought excitement of a new kind.

A year ago the cruel, relentless, iron despotism of Abdul Hamid seemed as unshakable and triumphant as ever. All Europe's schemes of reform had proven utter failures, and there was no hope from any source except the fact that God Aimighty reigned and was bigger than Sultan Hamid.

But yesterday a hundred and one brazen-throated cannon announced that Hamid (now simple Hamid Effendi) rules no more, and his office another has taken. I wonder what the blood-stained old man thought as, guarded by three soldiers, he listened to the cannon and the shoutings of the rejoicing populace, around his palace. We may not judge him by Christian standards, as he is an ignorant and fanatical devotee of a religious system which never has believed nor taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. But we may heartily rejoice that another great incubus on human development and progress has been removed by his degradation from power. The many difficulties in the way of constitutional government will not all disappear with his removal, but it sends a new throb of hope and courage through the hearts of all who love and labor for the good of their kind in this empire. Yours with best wishes,

Edward B. Haskell.
Missionary of the American Board.

P. S. When will our American Abdul Hamid, alias John D. Rockefeller be brought to book?

MOTHERS' ROUND TABLE

At the last meeting of the Mothers' Round Table, Dr. C. L. Mershon presented a paper which was particularly interesting and instructive. The subject was "Prenatal Influences." The Doctor insists that the real culfure of the child should begin generations before the child is born. This shows the necessity for an even development of the children of today so that future generations may be an improvement on the present.

He showed how the influences of an evil life in the parents are seen in the physical, mental and moral life of the child. He urged that the purest, soundest lives possible, is not too much to insist upon for the young people, as a preparation for the highest function and greatest responsibility—parenthood.

Every one appreciated the Doctor's paper greatly and wished that more might have heard it. It was decided to continue the meetings during the summer and the next meeting will occur at the Gables on Friday June fifth.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF SCHOOLS

Public School

The closing exercises at the public school on Thursday afternoon by the children in Mrs. Hubbard's and Mrs. Sweet's rooms were excellent and were well attended by parents and friends. Mr. Oswalt, superintendent of the school, presided.

The program was as follows:

Song, America by children of both rooms.

Recitation by Theresa Oswalt.

Song, "Dixie Now" by children of both rooms.

Recitation, "A Boyless Town" by four boys.

"Robin's Song" by pupils in Mrs. Sweet's room.

Recitation, "How Grandma Danced" by Minerva Riel.

Recitation, "Seven Little Mice," by seven of Mrs. Sweet's pupils.

Recitation by Clara Mathews.

Recitation by Helen Call.

Rainbow drill by six of the boys in Mrs. Sweet's room.

Song, "Lost Doll," by five of Mrs. Hubbard's pupils.

Recitation, "Building a Birch Bark Canoe," by six boys in Mrs. Hubbard's room.

Recitation, "Mae the Gardener," by six girls in Mrs. Sweet's room.

Recitation, "What They Would Be," by six boys in Mrs. Sweet's room.

"Coon Song" by six boys in Mrs. Hubbard's room.

Recitation, "Vacation" by eight girls in Mrs. Hubbard's room.

At the close of the exercises Mr. Oswalt addressed the school and said that they hoped to have a larger building next year with a hall in connection, and that the success of the school depended on the support of "all" the people, That so far Fairhope had the best public school in the county and he hoped it would always have. He also said that this had been the best term so far and commended the teachers very highly for their efficient work.

Organic School

The closing exercises at the Organic school occurred on Thursday at 1:30 p. m. The exercises were very simple and brief so that the patrons might be able to attend the closing exercises of the public school.

A number of pretty motion songs were sung by the Kindergarten and Life class interspersed by recitations of poems by members of the Life Class.

Two flower games were played and then the children astonished their visitors by showing a remarkable knowledge of mythical lore as evidenced in the playing of the Creek game.

Certificates of promotion were issued to seven pupils who are now ready for high school work. Those promoted are Augusta Crawford, Milton Ewald, Agnes Larson, Betty Tuveson, Paul Tuveson, Volney Mathison and Vera Littlefield.

Miss Lois Slosson received a certificate of graduation from the Teacher's course.

The exercises closed with a treat of ice cream and wafers which was much enjoyed by all present, especially the children.

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Personal and Local

C. E. Littlefield is making considerable improvements on his cottage.

Dr. W. W. Hunt, and family, arrived from Selma on Saturday evening and are at home in their cottage on Bay View Ave.

Threatening rain last Sunday kept back the usual Sunday crowd of visitors to this shore. The first good Sunday will bring a good crowd and each Sunday it will increase.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mann have gone north again, leaving on Wednesday of last week. They have disposed of all their improvements here, except the ten acre pecan orchard, but no doubt will continue to spend a portion, at least, of their winters with us.

The Courier neglected to note the moving of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kile into their handsome and comfortable new home on Magnolia Ave., and Summit St. It is one of the best (if not the best) residences in the city and occupies a beautiful site at the top of the hill, with a fine view of the lower town and bay.

Israel Sumption left last week for Illinois. He was located on 20 acres adjoining Colony land, which he sold last year and went back to Illinois, whence he came, but when the thermometer got down below zero last winter, he cried "enough" and harked back again. A winter or two here spoils most anyone for spending further winters in the north.

There was a big crowd out at the V. I. C. porch party at the Captain Roberts home on last Friday evening and all appeared to enjoy themselves greatly. A short program was rendered. Those who took part were: Mrs. Beckner, Miss Anna Mae Oswalt and Miss Louise Barnhart, who gave recitations and Mrs. Ira Powell and Miss Bessie Littlefield who rendered vocal solos. Ices and cake were served.

In the item last week about Mr. Wolf's big onions the figures regarding size, not being at hand when the item was set up, were inadvertently omitied. Two specimens left at the Courier office measured 5¾ inches in diameter and weighed 15 ounces each. Several others are as large and many approximately so. These onions are of the red Bermuda variety and were grown from seed sown by Mr. Wolf, in January, not in a hot-bed but in a cold frame. No commercial fertilizer was used on them.

Colony Council Proceedings.

The Colony council met on Tuesday evening, May 18. Those present were: Messrs. Johnson, Stimpson, Trenholme and Wood. The president and secretary being absent, G. W. Wood was elected chairman and secretary pro tempore.

Mrs. Mary E. Watkins was present and offered $45 cash for the Anson Smith house, bought by the Colony at sheriff's sale. The offer was accepted and payment made on the spot. The site of the house, two lots, was granted, and the rent for the remainder of the year was fixed at $1.57.

Transfer of lot 9, blk. 30, div. 2, from Chas. Stradling to J. B. Barber, was approved.

It was voted to remit the rent on the land transferred to the School Improvement Committee of the V. I. C. for the Organic School and not to charge any rent for the ensuing school year on the school-house premises.

A letter from J. P. Lowell relative to a proposed booklet on the eastern shore was read and laid on the table.

The report for April was read:

	Rects.	Disbs.
Rent 1908	$ 26.50	
" 1909	384.05	
" Penalty	2.76	
Stumpage	.85	
Tel. construction		1.80
" maintenance	3.00	29.20
W-w. construction	15.00	17.10
" maintenance	23.95	17.00
City Bank & Trust Co. (loan)	385.00	7.85
Taxes for F. S. T. C.		404.15
" " Tenants		208.07
Salaries		75.00
Postage		1.28
Highways		17.06
Fairhope Whf. Co. Whf. No. 2		9.75
Public School		20.35
Trustees		.80
	841.11	809.41
On hand Apr. 1	535.07	
" " " 30:		
Water certs.		411.50
Ass'ns. "		107.75
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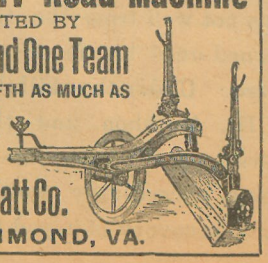
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They are full of water, but at maturity the water evaporates, and air takes its place. The egg-shaped seaweed is then a balloon, and like a balloon it lifts its oyster from the bottom and bears it out to sea.

Jim Crow.

The crow is the chough and daw of Shakespeare, the raven of Poe, and the jackdaw, magpie and rook of English story writers. His inky highness is a remarkably cunning bird, and an arrant rogue, but superstitious withal, for, great corn thief that he is, a common white string strung on poles around a field will keep him out better than would a tight fence a mile high. If you have a gun you can't get near him; otherwise you can. I have seen him steal a hen's egg out of a nest and fly off with it, and he did it by running his beak through the shell at one end, and holding the delicious morsel close to his breast by bending his neck, and so flying away."—New York Press.

The Lost Leisure.

Leisure is gone—gone where the spinning-wheels are gone, and the pack horses and the slow wagons, and the peddlers who brought bargains to the door on sunny afternoons. Ingenious philosophers tell you, perhaps, that the great work of the steam engine is to create leisure for mankind. Do not believe them; it only creates a vacuum for eager thought to rush in. Even idleness is eager now—eager for amusement; prone to excursion trains, art museums, periodical literature and exciting novels.—George Eliot.

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Miss Stella Lawrence is able to be up, after a very long and tedious illness.

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T. E. Clark and little son of Mobile spent Sunday here inspecting their new house on Fels Ave.

L. S. Massey went to Bay Minette on business on Monday returning on Tuesday evening.

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Rev. J. W. Cochran will preach at the school-house Sunday, May 23, at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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The many friends of T. P. Lyon will hear with pleasure that he expects certainly to be back again next fall. He is dividing his time now between Denver and Boulder, Colo.

F. L. Horning will lead the Progressive League on Sunday. His subject will be "What is God? What is Nature and the order of the universe." Mrs. M. L. Johnson will speak on the following Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Adams left on Monday for their home in Kewanee, Ills., after three weeks spent here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet. They were much impressed with the country and hope to return and locate next fall.

Miss Marshall returned to her home at Montrose last Saturday, much improved from a course of five weeks' treatment at Fairhope Sanitarium. She was much pleased with its accommodations and with the assiduous and skilful care of Doctor Mershon.

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A number of her young friends got up a surprise party last evening on Eleanor Everett, niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams. There were fourteen present who enjoyed themselveg greatly with various games and were served with refreshments by Mrs. Williams.

The first cucumbers of the season noted by us, were grown by Otto Went on the Ettel place. Otto is another of our enthusiastic gardeners and his garden and the fish and crabs he catches in the bay, constitute an important factor in his living.

Mrs. M. Dyson and children and Mrs. A. R. Howarth and her aunt, Miss Bromley left Saturday for New York where they sailed on Wednesday on the giant ship Lusitania for England, to visit their relatives there. Messrs. Dyson and Howarth expect to join them there, but all we believe and hope, will return to us.

Frank Troup had a severe loss on Wednesday, by having a fine mule, the best of his team, injured by a falling tree, so that it had to be killed. The team was in the employ of the Hieronymus Mill Co., and being driven by Mr. Creamer. Mr. Troup will probably be able to recover at least part of the loss sustained.

Mrs. Watkins, who has been thinking for some time of getting a "home of her own" at Fairhope, took the decisive step Tuesday evening, in purchasing, of the Colony, the Anson Smith unfinished house, diagonally across from the home of her sister, Mrs. Massey, and securing two lots with it. This will make her a nice home.

Cornie Gaston has an unquestioned case of typhoid fever. But we are sure he did not contract it here. when on his recent trip to the C. E. Convention at Talladega he was made sick by the water there and was not well from the time he returned until his fever was recognized. Under the skilful treatment of Dr. Mershon and the careful nursing of the family, he is, so far, doing exceedingly well and his early recovery is hoped for.

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They are full of water, but at maturity the water evaporates, and air takes its place. The egg-shaped seaweed is then a balloon, and like a balloon it lifts its oyster from the bottom and bears it out to sea.

Jim Crow.

The crow is the chough and daw of Shakespeare, the raven of Poe, and the jackdaw, magpie and rook of English story writers. His inky highness is a remarkably cunning bird, and an arrant rogue, but superstitious withal, for, great corn thief that he is, a common white string strung on poles around a field will keep him out better than would a tight fence a mile high. If you have a gun you can't get near him; otherwise you can. I have seen him steal a hen's egg out of a nest and fly off with it, and he did it by running his beak through the shell at one end, and holding the delicious morsel close to his breast by bending his neck, and so flying away."—New York Press.

The Lost Leisure.

Leisure is gone—gone where the spinning-wheels are gone, and the pack horses and the slow wagons, and the peddlers who brought bargains to the door on sunny afternoons. Ingenious philosophers tell you, perhaps, that the great work of the steam engine is to create leisure for mankind. Do not believe them; it only creates a vacuum for eager thought to rush in. Even idleness is eager now—eager for amusement; prone to excursion trains, art museums, periodical literature and exciting novels.—George Eliot.

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Town Council Meets

There was a called meeting of the Town Council on Thursday morning to consider the school house situation.

The following committees were appointed.

On site and conference with the Fairhope Single Tax Corporatton: A. H. Mersson, J. M. Pilcher. and L. S. Massey. On building plans, Dr. Greeno, Will Sweet and Capt. Nichols. On raising the $250 to secure the Colony's $1000, Dr. Greeno and Mr. Coleman.

Town Ordinances.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows:

It shall not be lawful for any person to dig any hole, drain or ditch in or remove any sod or earth from any street, alley, park, school yard or public ground within or belonging to this town, unless by the consent and under the direction of the proper officer or officers having such premises in charge; and any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than two dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala. as follows:

It shall not be lawful for any hack, buggy or carriage to stand nearer than 20 ft. to the wharf house at the foot of wharf hill, or obstruct the passage leading to the wharf, and any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not more than ten dollars for each offence.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor.
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk.
May 10 ,1909.

Endeavor Social.

The local Christian Endeavor Society will give an ice cream social on the lawn at the Church on Thursday evening, June 3. All are urged to attend.

Town Will Issue Bonds.

At the municipal election on Tuesday the 18th to decide whether the town should issue bonds or not, 23 votes were cast in favor of issuing bonds with only four against.

Rev. D. M. Breckenridge, who has supplied the pulpit of the local Christian Church for the last two months, will preach for the last time next Sunday morning and evening, and he and Mrs. Breckenridge will, during the week following, leave for their home at Prairie du Chien, Wis. They plan on being back with us again next winter and are thinking seriously of building a winter home of their own here. They have wintered at several places in the south but think Fairhope's combination of advantages superior to any, and it seems so much like "home."

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mershon Merchandising Co. will be held Tuesday evening, May 25th, at eight o'clock, in the office of the company.

J. H. Williams, Sec.

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May 13 – 19, 1909.

May	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
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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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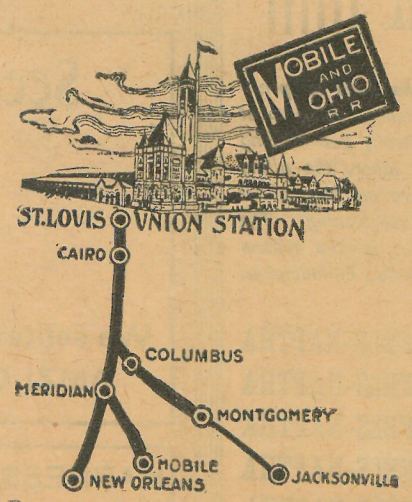
What Might Have Been.

"When our Revolutionary ancestors put the new wine of political democracy into the monarchial (leathern) bottles of special privilege, only Jefferson, who had seen landlordism and its results in France, and Franklin, who had seen the same things in England, raised a warning voice, but they were unheeded. When the first white man landed on the American continent all the potential wealth of the world's richest continent, our vast stretches of fertile soil, our splendid and varied climate, our lakes, rivers, and bays, our wealth of magnificent forests, mines, oil, gas, fisheries and game, were here awaiting the magic touch of labor to make the wilderness blossom as a rose. Had this noble patrimony been justly administered in the interests of all the people, instead of for the lucky or unscrupulous class, we could be today a highly-civilized 'generally intelligent' prosperous and contented people, with no strutting, debauched multi-millionaires and cringing serfs, no women and little children toiling in mill, mine, or shop, to earn money to be spent in riotous living in Europe, or to pay the gambing debts of dissolute titled rakes like De Castellane and his successor. The reforms advocated by the followers of Henry George will correct our great mistake, undo its lamentable consequences, and render their recurrence impossible. Nothing else will do so."—W. H.. T Wakefield in "The Single Tax Review."

In the last issue of the Progressive Era, of Camden, Ala., Abner J. Smith, who has published the paper for the past two years, says good bye to its readers, and introduces Mr. Sol D. Bloch, a well known citizen, as his successor. Mr. Smith does not say where he will seek a new field, but no doubt he will continue elsewhere in the newspaper business. He was recently investigating some of the thriving towns of the Mississippi gulf coast, with a view to locating. Here's luck to him wherever he goes.

Alderman McMann, of Providence, R. I. presented to the City Council a resolution instructing the city s olicitor "to apply to the State Legislature for the enactment of such legislation as will permit the city of Providence to exempt improvements from taxation to the end that they raise all revenue needed for public purposes by a tax on land alone."

The resolution was introduced at the request of the Providence Single Tax Club. Referred to the committee on ordinances.



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The Single Tax Movement in Revival

There is no propaganda in progressive economics which has commanded such devoted and unswerving loyalty of so intellectual a force of supporters as the Single Tax. Year by year, in season and out, the followers of Henry George have preached and worked and pressed their case. They have made it distinctly an intellectual cult. In contradistinction to the socialistic movement, it has aimed to start at the top and pull the masses of people up to its ideal, rather than to start at the bottom and raise them from underneath. It has captured first the intellectuals; and today it has them, in startling numbers, in every country. Japan is full of them. Australia and Mew Zealand are ruled by them. Great Britain's government has adopted the first step in their program by voting to impose a heavy tax on the unearned increment in real estate, and the German government is moving in the same direction, as a result of the success of the experiment in many cities of the empire.

The Single Tax, in short, has passed out of the realm of intellectual speculation and into the domain of politics and administration. It is getting its test. If Henry George had not been called from his work at the moment he was, he might have been elected mayor of New York; he certainly would have been made, even in defeat, a powerful force in that city's thought and life and politics. Had he lived, the Single Tax would not be so far behind in this country. But it is gaining ground once more.

It is announced that a millionaire Philadelphia manufacturer who has been devoted to the cause for many years, has offered $500,000 for the conduct of a great educational campaign in this country and Great Britain, on condition of the Single Taxers raising a like amount; the total fund to be divided equally between the two countries. This means a vigorous effort to popularize the movement: to carry it down to the people. It will command attention, if such a campaign shall be made, such as has never before been given it in this country. Conservatives who have a vague and entirely mistaken notion of what it's all about will do well to inform themselves, for they will have some very hard propositions to answer, and will need to start with a pretty intelligent notion of what they are going to talk about.—Times, Washington.

State Wins Over Railroad.

The Supreme Court of the United States refused the writs of certiorari asked for by the attorneys of railroads operating in Alabama against the decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals dissolving the injunction which had been secured against the state railroad commission restraining it from putting in force the passenger and freight rates promulgated by it.

The effect of the decision is to establish the right of the commission to make rates which re reasonable and not confiscatory and puts upon the roads the burden of establishing the contrary by an actual test of the rates.

The commission had reduced the rates on many commodities and had fixed passenger fares at 2½ cents a mile. It is up to the railroads now to make the test and if experience proves them to be reasonable they will stand. During nearly two years now the roads by agreement with the governor and the court, have been issuing tickets bearing coupons entitling the holder to recover the difference between the 2½ cent rate and the rate charged, if the former rate shall finally be sustained by the courts.

The fight now will be to see that the roads give the rates a fair test, and do not pad their expense accounts, so as to make it appear that they are losing money when by any fair figuring they are not.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican says: "With the payment of over $2,000,000 to the United States government on account of frauds on the customs revenue, the American Sugar Refining company now turns to face a suit by New York City to recover $500,000 alleged to be due for water stolen from the city's mains. It was found some years ago that several water pipes ran into one of the trust's refineries, which were not metered, one of them being a ten-inch pipe. The company has offered to settle for $74,000 but the city declines to consider any settlement under $250,000. As in the case of the customs frauds, the high officers of the company deny any knowledge, yet it does not appear in either case that the thievery benefitted any one except the company. There is obviously rascality in the management somewhere, and it is in order for the company to assist the government in locating it through criminal prosecutions. Otherwise the country will conclude that some of our trusts are no better than highway robbers among the people and sneak thieves around the public treasury."

Mrs. Howland's Letters

May 24. x x x Dear Col. D.: Have I treated you badly in so long neglecting to answer your good letter?—Well, I'll tell you.—It has taken all this time to decipher your hieroglyphics! and some few to this day remain undeciphered, because of the fact of their being written in the dark, I will suppose, and with bad ink and pen. Now, it is doubly mean to have an interesting and important letter, as yours are, so badly written. I therefore beg you to get a good pen, some white paper, and then, think the best things of me you can, and turn up the light!" The foregoing was dated at Topolobampo, Mexico, May 1893, sixteen years ago! How it came here in my desk I do not know, unless the Colonel returned it, being unable to destroy the dainty little folio (of sixteen pages stitched together with blue silk, after my style of letters to trusted friends in the days when I had leisure,) Anyway, it is a pretty good introduction to the last letter from this old friend which I am still trying to answer, and will soon.

Another old and valued friend, Michael Flusscheim of Coronado, California, author of "A Clue to the Economic Labyrinth" and other works, and whose letters were my despair until the day of writing machines, writes on the fourth as follows: "With pleasure I send you the book you ask for as a parting present, or rather as the last but one which is in the hands of the printer and the heirloom I want to leave to my fellow-men. It is by far the best I ever wrote, and contains the best part of the 'clue.' I am going to devote every penny I can spare from what I have to leave to wife and child, to this propaganda, and then take leave from this world, in which I have but a very short time to live. I had a brainstroke last August which may come again at any time. In a month or two I expect to return to Switzerland and there conclude my days."—The coveted book came safely, dear Flurscheim, and I thank you in advance for the next work which I sincerely hope may not be the last as you believe. The ocean voyage, and the inspiration of the mountains of your beloved Switzerland, may effect a miracle for you, as all your friends hope.

The coveted book I asked for is by Eugene Simon, author of "La Cite Chinoise" which I translated at the instance of Mr. Fels. The book has arrived safely, and is entered on our library catalog. His kindness will be appreciated when we realize that it is a work long out of print and not to be found in any bookstore of this country, hardly, even in France.

Among the library contributions reported in this number, is "The Soul of the World" by Estella Bachman (Brokaw,) once a member of this Colony, I understand, I am reading it and will have something to say of it by and by, if I survive the effort to comprehend the Theosophy of the heroine, Glen Harding. Being a Fellow of the Theosophical Society, I ought to have some faint glimmer of comprehension of Theosophic doctrine; but I must admit that the cosmogenesis of the heroine seems to me like the raving of insanity. However, I must defer sentence until I finish the book—doubly interesting, I am assured, because it teaches something new along the principles of the Single Tax. It was sent by Jennie L. Monroe, a staunch friend of Fairhope.

Bolton Hall sends several of his works which we have already in the library; and with them a new one, entitled, "The Game of Life," a collection of those delightful little allegories, republished, many of them from various magazines. I would like to see one of them reproduced in the COURIER "as long as they

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Germany and the Land Value Tax.

Almost at the moment that Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George was presenting his budget providing for the taxation of land values in Great Britain, the finance committee of the German reichstag was voting in favor of taxing the accrued value of real estate between one sale and another. This so-called taxing of the unearned increment has already been adopted in more than one hundred German towns and now apparently it is in the way of being adopted as a part of the imperial system.

It is enormously significant that these two great imperial countries should both be treading pretty much the same path toward the same end. For the end that is ahead, although it may not be in contemplation, is the overthrow of land monopoly, the destruction of the greatest privilege in the world, the privilege which a few enjoy of making their fellows pay tribute for occupying and using the earth. Perhaps neither the Liberals of England nor the Conservatives of Germany at this moment entertain any purpose of wiping out landlordism. They may be actuated solely by a desire to obtain more revenue without piling additional burdens upon labor and capital. But even so, the effect of the policy they are proposing to adopt will be exactly the same as if it were designed expressly to discourage land speculation and ultimately to wipe out landlordism.

Even a very small tax on the value of land will have a tendency in Great Britain to break up the huge estates which have been depopulated and rendered almost wholly unproductive. Many of the great landlords will suddenly discover that they are land poor and some of them to avoid bankruptcy will be compelled to sell off parts of their estates. Thus opportunity will become less restricted. Labor and capital will be in correspondingly better position. Rents will tend to decline and wages to rise. And so clear will be the good results of a tentative step in the right direction that an increasing pressure for further advances along the same line will surely follow. —Johnstown, Pa., Daily Democrat.

Proposed City in which People Shall Own Land Values

William Arthur, Omaha, sends us an interesting circular presenting his plans for a proposed city in Nebraska, to be called "Dunshalt." Mr. Arthur is very clear in his opposition to land speculation his propositions being that the people:

Shall own all land and lease lots according to their value, thus preventing real estate speculation.

Shall share equally, in the sense that the city only will own the site, the immense rise in land values which are always worth more than the buildings.

He promises that the city shall be eventually administered by all the people, but for the first two years reserves to himself the right to appoint all employes. He claims to have expended several thousand dollars personally in the venture and is to be reimbursed and other expense incident to the founding of the city met from a membership fee of $25 and monthly dues of $4 for the expenditure of which he asks to be personally trusted.

Nothing will be done toward the securing of a site or actually starting the "city" until 1000 families are enrolled ready to go forward when called upon.

This in all probability means that the "city" never will be established. We are reminded of the difference between his plan and that upon which the founders of Fairhope proceeded. They set a date when the start was to be made regardless of how many or few were ready, and all were full participants in determining every detail from the very outset.

Mr. Arthur's address is "Arthur Flats, 42nd and Davenport Streets, Omaha." Perhaps some readers of the COURIER would like to correspond with him.

To Tax British Land Values.

(Editorial in Chicago Daily News.)

The ideas of Henry George with reference to taxation of land values seems to be making more rapid headway in Europe than in this country. Some German cities have already put in practice the plan of taking for the public a part of the future increase in land values. Now, David Lloyd George, the daring British chancellor of the exchequer, proposes the adoption of a similar plan as a feature of the British taxing system.

The idea of the British chancellor is to have a valuation made of all lands by expert commissioners. The values as thus ascertained are to be left untouched by the proposed new tax, but of all increments above the valuation to be fixed immediately after the plan goes into effect the state will take 20 per cent. Upon the transfer of property at the owner's death or by sale another valuation would be made and the state's portion of the ascertained increase taken. Another proposition of the British chancellor's is that a tax be imposed upon the capital value of all land not used to the best advantage.

These certainly are more radical tax propositions than the average American community would be expected to accept.

Railroad Man Thinks Well of Fairhope and Compliments Courier

"Having devoted about forty years to the railroad business (passenger department) and having been a student of various climatic conditions, etc., in all parts of the country with a view to selecting some locality for permanent 'old age' residence, where I could find an agreeable winter and summer climate and at the same time a locality settled by plain companionable people, who have some object in life beyond the 'almighty dollar,' I am pleased to say that I have sized up your locality as being just my ideal for my purpose."

So writes an Omaha railroad man, who has been for some time a reader of the COURIER. He also adds: "Please permit me to compliment the COURIER as an ideal publication."

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Another Farmer Pleased with Results Afforded By the Creamery

Another farmer well pleased with results obtained through the Fairhope Creamery, is Mr. Curt Anacker, who submitted to be interviewed by the COURIER man the other day. From his experience with furnishing milk to the creamery from five cows, Mr. Anacker figures that each good average cow should net $50 a year, over and above the cost of all feed necessary to be purchased, such as bran, shorts or cotton seed meal—not forage, which should, of course, be grown upon the farm. This is for the butter fat sold alone, and does not include the value of the skim milk or of the manure. The latter might be eliminated because it would be needed for raising the forage, but the skim milk, fed to poultry or to pigs, would made a very substantial addition to the income.

Mr. Anacker's cows are now running on the free range and he is feeding nothing but a little cotton seed meal morning and evening. He fed for a time last winter nothing but cow-pea hay on which his cows did well, giving very rich milk.

Credit to Joseph Fels.

Concluding a very interesting letter to the Public, from London on the British Budget Frederic C. Howe says:

"This is a revolutionary budget.

"It is impossible to attribute its achievement to any one man. The seed sown by Henry George has been growing during the past quarter of a century and has gradually infiltered into the public consciousness. But from a three week's stay in England and rather close contact with the radical movement, I think it is fair to say that the movement has been invigorated and crystalized into form by the work of Joseph Fels, who has not only given unsparingly of his time, but has promoted by every conceivable means a general knowledge of the taxation of land values and made it a practical political program."

Mrs. Howland's Letters.

(Continued from page 1.)

last." Bolton Hall is a teacher who can keep his pupils alert while he instructs. There is not a dull line in "The Game of Life."

He says in a letter of the tenth instant: "I do not think the colony in danger, with the Alberta advance, the Kaiu Chau success and the English Budget, nothing can delay or pervert Single Tax progress now. I think however, that the bond plan is a device for trying to hustle the Almighty—to stretch, out one's hand to steady the Ark."

The progress that Single Tax is making in England almost takes one's breath away. The "Public" last week gives columns to the news from there but not one word of editorial concerning "The Joseph Fels Fund of America," the most important event in the history of our propaganda, in my opinion. Before this I had hoped to see grand advertisements in all of our influential Single Tax journals, as preliminary to the appearance of special teachers in the field. Here we have the first opportunity for a grand, international united effort in the noblest economic cause the world has known. We may be certain of this, that no obstacles that may be thrown in the way of the "J. F. F. of A.," no matter of what nature or by whom, can prevent one real disciple of the doctrines of Henry George from enlisting materially in a work so auspiciously inaugurated.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

High School and Grammar Departments Concluded Successful Year's Work With Interesting Program

BRILLIANT RECEPTION TENDERED THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES BY THE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

The closing exercises of the high school and grammar departments of the Fairhope public school occurred on last Friday and fittingly closed the most successful year of the school.

The church was tastefully decorated, with the motto of the high-school graduating class: "We launch to anchor where?" in flower constructed letters over the pulpit.

Occupying seats on the platform were, County Superintendent of Education, J.S. Lambert, President Baker of the Daphne Normal, Mayor Greeno of Fairhope, H. C. Oswalt, president of the Fairhope board of education and J. H. Williams, secretary of the board; Miss Clements principal of the school and the graduates; Misses Daphne Brown, Olive Worcester, Anna Mae Oswalt (Mr. C. A. Gaston being unable to attend because of illness) from the high school and Misses Martha Ahrens, Marjorie Pilcher. Messrs, Ralph Mershon, Lloyd Lawrence, Ford Patterson and Harris Oswalt, graduates from the gramm ar grade.

The exercises of the grammar class consisted of readings from "The Courtship of Miles Standish," in which they acquitted themselves well, except that the boys failed to speak out with the strong clear voices which were so notable of the young ladies of the high school graduating class.

The latter followed with original essays as follows: Miss Olive Worcester, on "Midsummer Nights Dream;" Miss Daphne Brown on "The Tempest" and Miss Anna Mae Oswalt, on "The Merchant of Venice." All were composed in excellent language, presenting in concise form the plot and narrative of these English classics and were all exceptionally well read, with strong clear voice, sharp enunciation and proper emphasis.

The certificates to the grammar class and the diplomas to the High School graduates were presented by County Superintendent J. S. Lambert, with due congratulations for work accomplished and inspiring exhortation that all of life be appreciated as a school (whether in the class room or out) in which to gain further knowledge and to use that knowledge in the service of one's fellow men.

An exceedingly happy address to the graduates was made by President B. B. Baker, of the Daphne Normal School, couched in scholarly yet simple language, and pointed with apt and interesting, sometimes amusing, anecdote and illustration, it was an inspiring appeal to lives of honor and usefulness.

After the conferring of the diplomas to the graduates, there was a touching incident when Rev. D. M. Breckenridge arose at the request of the class and faculty and feelingly referred to the one youth of the high school class, Cornelius A. Gaston, prevented from participating in the honors and pleasures of the occasion by severe illness, closing with a fervent prayer for his speedy and full restoration to health.

Mr. H. C. Oswalt, trustee of the school throughout its whole history and now president of the municipal school board, made a short talk congratulating the teachers and pupils upon the excellence of the work done, which he asserted was the best in the history of the school. Mr. Oswalt also referred to the prospect of a fine new school building with a large hall in connection before the opening of the next school year, and urged the hearty co-operation of all the people to the realization of this hope.

The benediction by Rev. Breckenridge closed the interesting exercises,

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At The Gables in the evening a delightful reception was tendered the High School graduates and Miss Lois Slosson, a graduate from the Teachers' Training Department of the Organic School by the Village Improvement Club.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers and the class colors, heliotrope and light green.

The young lady graduates, received in the east room the congratulations of the very large company present. Mrs. Ira Powell and Mr. Ralph Dill rendered several exquisite vocal selections, Mrs. Powell accompanying on the piano and Miss Nellie Slosson favored with two charming violin solos, Mrs. Comings accompanying. Ice cream and wafers were served.

The Grip of the Land Owner.

Less than 100,000 persons own all the land in Greater New York, according to Lawson Purdy, president of the Municipal Tax Board. With all the small land owners omitted the vast bulk of the land area is owned by a few hundred persons or estates. The Astors and Goelets have enormous holdings including much of the best estate in Manhattan; and their general policy is to lease and let others improve, the improvements finally going to the land owner. The Astor estate and other landed estates in New York can get all the benefit of unearned increment without building, simply by leasing their tracts for certain periods and waiting, while the growth and enterprise of the community pile new values on them. The unearned increment is paid in increased rents and the forfeiture of improvements to the land owner. It has been calculated that if a Single man should own all the land of a city like New York he would eventually, without spending a dollar, come into possession of all the buildings in the city.

Hens Pay

There seems to be a great variety of opinions about chickens paying here. Many opinions are based on guess work. Mr. Zurhorst and Mr. Fisher however, keep an absolutely accurate account of the cost of keeping their poultry and the returns from the same. These figures show that during the year 1907 their hens averaged a little over a net profit of $1.77 each. This was allowing for depreciation of the flock started with, but also included allowance for the new stock added from eggs hatched. All of the feed was purchased—except the green stuff from the garden and the scraps from the table, the latter amounting to very little for a family of two in the one case and a lone bachelor in the other—and amounted to just about half the gross income. Their hens were practically full blooded Leghorns.

J. P. Morey, of Kansas, continues two copies of the Courier to his address and adds a new subscription for a friend whom he hopes to interest. Such friends count.

Daphne Normal Notes

The Summer school at the Daphne Normal opened Tuesday, May 25, with a large enrollment. The attendance will be more than double that of last year. In addition to the regular drill work preparatory to securing State Certificates, the management have secured several lectures on different pedagogical subjects.

Since the Fourth of July falls on Sunday this year the third will be observed in Daphne with a basket picnic and Reunion of the Blue and Gray. Great preparations are being made for the occasion. Different committees are at work and the people are determined to make it a success. The proceeds of the celebration are to be applied to the payment of the debt of the Daphne State Normal, which at present is about $1000.00. The public are invited to be present.

Prof. W. Wm. Hopkins of Dubach, La., is engaged for the Summer school and will also be one of the teachers of the Normal next year. Prof. Hopkins is a graduate of Berea (Ky.) and is a very successful teacher.

According to Mr. Anacker a good cow should net from her butter fat alone $50 a year and from the careful account kept by Mr. Zurhorst, a Leghorn hen well taken care of should net about $1.75 a year. This would make a net income of $675 from 10 cows and 100 hens. But this is figuring on buying all the feed for the hens at a cost equal to the net return. With the use of the skim milk for the chickens supplemented by such feed as could and should be grown on the farm, the cash outlay for chicken feed could be cut down very materially if not eliminated and the cash income correspondingly increased.

Curt Anacker keeps a dozen sheep on his place and thinks that many are a good proposition on any farm. On the writer's late trip to Louisiana a friend he visited, living in the suburbs of Welch, had a small bunch of sheep on his place. He used these for "lawn mowers" and they seemed to do the work very well, keeping the grass nibbled off nicely and, unlike goats, not appearing to bother the roses or other shrubbery.

Eber W. Jefferson left with the Courier this week several heads of fine wheat grown in his garden from seed sent him by the Company manufacturing the Obelisk flour. They are filled out with full plump grains, and would indicate that wheat can be added to the long list of things which can be grown successfully here. It was sown about January first. He also left samples of Japanese buckwheat, of which he says 2 or 3 crops can be grown a year.

In Omaha there is $137 of land value to $100 of improvement value, according to the assessments.

One reason that makes it hard to satisfy with farm life those who have been wage-earners, is that they do not appreciate that when they have a home to live in, a dozen eggs, a gallon of milk, a bushel of potatoes, a fowl, a side of meat, a basket of fruit, etc., produced on the place, they are getting the equivalent of what they spent the larger part of their cash earnings for.

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Personal and Local

Mr. Cherry is farming the D. S. Brown tract.

George Lawrence has five acres of water melons on Mr. Oswalt's land.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lowell were over on Sunday and were guests of the Pilchers at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell are occupying rooms in Mrs. Hunnel's cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Midgette, of Mobile, spent Sunday here guests of Mr. and Mrs. Danenhower.

The steamer Fairhope now leaves for Mobile at 4:30 on Sunday afternoons instead of 4, thus giving Mobilians a half hour more time here.

We understand Frank Brown's had new corn for dinner last Sunday—the first of which we had heard.

Miss Mabel White returned home on Monday evening after seyeral days spent in Daphne visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKinstry (nee Elma Stapleton) spent Sunday in Fairhope visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dolive and Mrs. Stapleton.

Miss Nellie Council and Mr. Hess, of Mobile, and Miss Johnson, of Silverhill, visited the Slosson's some days last week and attended the reception to the graduating class.

Mrs. Chas. Yeates and Miss Marie Calais visited the Littlegreen family from Monday evening to Wednesday morning. While here they rented one of Mr. Kile's cottages for the summer.

Mrs. Turner and children, who were at the Fairhope Hotel for some months, are now in the Kile Cottage (lately occupied by the Kiles) on Magnolia avenue. Mr. Turner, who is a traveling man, usually gets home to stay over Sunday with them.

A very pleasant party was given at the Powell residence, on Saturday evening by Miss Ola Powell. A large number of young people were present and indulged in "Up-Jenkins" and music. Refreshments were served and all had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Major Whittle sent addresses of 3 of his friends to whom he wished booklets sent, and said: "The way things look now, assures me that a goodly number from this and other towns near by, will give Fairhope a trial next winter." He also added an expression of hope that those who have houses to rent would see the wisdom of furnishing a sufficient supply of cooking utensils, etc., which those coming from a distance find it very inconvenient to bring and do not wish to buy for temporary use.

The dewberry season is over and the writer is trying an experiment with his row which he believes will give good results; that is to mow the vines off close to the ground and burn them. The fruit is always borne on the new growth of the previous season and we figure that there will be plenty of growth yet for next year's fruit while we get rid in this way of the accumulated dead wood of previous seasons which is a nuisance in picking. In growing blackberries or raspberries in the north the old wood is cut out each year but with dewberries this is not practicable.

Make War on the Fly.

Following the compaign against mosquitoes as disease carriers, one is now being carried on in many cities against flies. A non-poisonous fly-killing compound, according to an exchange, is a 7 per cent solution of bichromate of potassium made up with water and sweetened with sugar. Placed in shallow dishes about the house it will kill flies and will not harm children should they get hold of it. It is cheap and can be had at any drug store. Spraying standing water with kerosene will destroy the larvae of the mosquito and sprayed on manure piles and in garbage boxes will kill the larvae of the fly.

Endeavor Social.

The local Christian Endeavor Society will give an ice cream social on the lawn at the Church on Thursday evening, June 3. All are urged to attend.

Sunday School Picnic.

The regular annual picnic of the Fairhope Sunday School will be held on Monday, May 31, at the Beach Park. All are cordially invited to attend and bring their lunch baskets. Dinner will be eaten at 12:30 sharp.

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THE ELECTRICAL WORLD

A STIR AMONG THE PLANETS

Shifting Sure to Occur, Says Frederic Campbell, Sc. D., Suggests General Plan Among Them.

During the month of April there occurred such a shifting of the planets as suggests some general plan among them. On the 3d at six o'clock in the morning the planet Saturn, that marvel of the sky, adorned with its gorgeous rings of light and attended with ten satellites, made the shift from the east to the west of the sun, whereby it changed from the evening to the morning star.

On the 9th, at 11 a. m., Venus, brightest of all the stars, and nearest neighbor to ourselves, met Saturn on the west of the sun, Venus hastening to pass the sun eastward. On the 13th at four p. m., little Mercury, the fleet-footed, came eastward, rushing after Venus, and passing Saturn on the way. On the 18th the moon came along still more swiftly and, at 11 p. m., passed Saturn and left him to the west.

On the 19th, at about 5:30 p. m., the moon overtook Mercury, and 15 minutes later overtook Venus. At ten the same evening Mercury overtook Venus and rushed on for the sun. But the moon already had gained the lead and, at 11:43 p. m., reached and passed the sun, and thus became new moon.

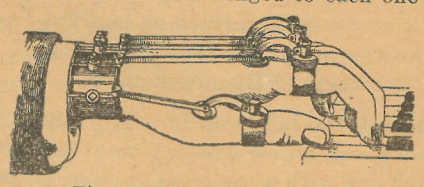
Not till the 21st, at six p. m., did Mercury accomplish the same feat and transfer its position from the morning to the evening sky. On the 28th at noon, along came Venus and did the same thing, and the entire movement was over. The result of all was Saturn had removed from the evening to the morning sky, and that the moon, Mercury and Venus exchanged the morning for the evening sky, where they were soon discovered in the order named.

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FINGER DEVELOPING DEVICE.

Contrivance Invented to Develop Muscles of All Digits in Playing the Piano.

A recent invention provides a device which may be applied to the hands of a piano player to develop the muscles of the fingers individually, so that the fingers may be able to strike the notes with a uniform blow. The device consists of a wrist band which supports a series of rods, provided at their opposite ends with pads adapted to rest on the knuckles. Hinged to each one



Finger-Developing Device.

of these rods is a short arm connected at its outer end to a stem projecting from a ring slipped over the finger. A series of weights in the form of washers are adapted to be slipped over the stem, thereby permitting the operator to adjust the weight on each particular finger. Thus if one of his fingers is weaker than the rest, it is fitted with a heavier weight so that in time the muscles will be developed to such an extent as to make it as strong as the rest of the fingers.—Scientific American.

Non-Polarizing Battery.

Bichromate batteries are very expensive to maintain and dry cells do not furnish enough amperage for some kinds of experimental work. A cell of battery that will run ten hours with an output of over one ampere can be made as follows: Secure a jar about four inches in diameter and eight inches high and place in the bottom of this jar the lower half of a tin baking powder can, to which a wire has been soldered for connections. Place in the can a mixture of two ounces black oxide of copper, one ounce black oxide of manganese and some iron filings

Purchase a small crowfoot zinc and hang it about one inch above the half can. Prepare a ten per cent. solution of caustic soda and fill the jar within one inch of the top. Place on top of the solution a thin layer of kerosene or paraffin. The cell will only cost about 50 cents to make and 25 cents for each renewal. When renewing, always remove the oil with a siphon.—Popular Mechanics.

New Use for the Wireless.

The Paris Academy of Sciences has appointed a committee to consider a suggestion by M. Bouquet de la Grye concerning the application of wireless telegraphy to the problem of determination of longitude at sea. The idea is to utilize the wireless telegraph station of the Effiel tower in order to send, for instance, every night at midnight a Hertzian signal giving the time of the meridian of Paris. M. Bouquet de la Grye thinks that if a station were established at the park of Teneriffe signals could be detected completely around the earth.

Use for Incandescent Light.

An incandescent lamp in its green shade will, when turned upward toward the ceiling, spread a soft and pleasantly diffused light plenty strong enough for a room where no reading is to be done. When the lamp is used in this way no shadows are cast.

Puzzle for Cupid.

A young man named Jamie had been calling quite often where there were two sisters of nearly the same age. It was a sort of joke to the girls as to which was the attraction, as he invariably asked for both and divided his attention impartially. One evening when he called only one of the girls was at home—by arangement—but, as usual, he asked her to sing, as they were all fond of music. In a spirit of mischief she sang. "Take Me, Jamie, Dear," which left him rather breathless, but smiling. A little later the other sister came in, bright and bewitching, and upon being requested to sing she sat down at the piano willingly and sang, "If Jamie Asks Me to Marry Him What Shall I Say?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

Civility of Cornish Folk.

Here let me record how pleasant it is to travel about in the country districts in Cornwall. Few of the people you meet cross your path without passing the time of day. If you ask the way you are invariably answered civilly. You are not told to go straight on and then ask again. No, you are directed with great minuteness of detail as to the proper course you should take. As likely as not, so I have found it, your casually picked up friend will say after an elaborate explanation of the right way that you will never find it alone and set off with you to the point you wish to gain.—London Antiquary.

The Secret of Success.

"Pluck," said the financier, "is the secret of success."

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Personal and Local

Eber Jefferson was on the market yesterday with early sweet corn.

Horse for sale at Mathews.

Mr. Ralph Dill left for his home in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Children's garden sets, 25 cents each. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mrs M. E. Turpen has been sick for several days.

Muly cow for sale at Mathews.

Misses Hazel Pilcher, Irene Lucier and Ola Powell are attending the Daphne Summer Normal.

Monkey jugs, Chicken founts, etc. Mershon Merch. Co.

Rolland Curtis built the chimney on his mother's new building and did a neat job of it.

Mathews has opened a paint store.

Mr. Bachelor has rented the cottage built by him last season, and will build another.

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Mrs Turner is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Trent of North Carolina.

Miss Gertrude Wood went to Mobile on Thursday and took a position with the Bell Telephone company.

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The recent heavy rains did considerable damage to the roads and the street department has been busy repairing them.

The Kelly's have moved over to their summer home on the White tract. They have a pleasant and roomy place.

Tar paper $1.00 per roll at Mathews.

Mrs. M. E. Page is enjoying a visit from her brother Mr. W. A. Lehr, of Fort Wayne, Ind. He is investigating with a view to locating.

Field's famous Ice Cream, in any quantity from store or delivered.
Littlegreen.

The Daphne Summer Normal is now in session. Both Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Johnson are attending and assisting in the classes.

The oat crop in this vicinity has all been harvested. The Mershon's had a nice field of it on their ground in the edge of town.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

From June 1, will collect laundry on Mondays and Tuesdays, delivering same Fridays and Saturdays. Watch for the wagon! Littlegreen.

The Home Telephone Co., building has been greatly improved by a coat of white paint—as has the fence—but is to have another.

Mr. Walsh, a Mobile grocery man, has rented the east Kimball cottage and his family will move into it about the first of the month.

We are agents for the Stewart Mfg. Co., iron fences, iron posts, etc., come and look through our catalog and get prices. M. M. Co.

The Fairhope Hotel had 16 extra guests for dinner on Sunday—several of them prospecting with a view to a longer or shorter stay, and all seeming much pleased.

Only 25 cents for the delightful Sunday evening round trip, Fairhope to Mobile, on Steamer Fairhope. Leave 4:30.

Will Stimpson has the contract for a 12 room bath-house at the end of the wharf in front of the White tract. Geo. Cain is helping him with it.

There will be a meeting in Woodmen Hall tonight, Friday, in the interest of the new railroad. This is an important matter and everybody is urged to attend.

Miss Clements went to New Orleans, with her neice, Miss Lily Pratt, on last Friday returning on Tuesday, her neice going on to her home at Blocton.

Don Littlefield has opened a Bicycle Repair Shop at his home and is ready for all the repair work you can furnish. He kindly solicits your patronage.

The Knott High School, in Mobile, closed this week and we suppose the Misses Knott will be over at once to occupy their bay front cottage.

Heavy rains making high water in the rivers entering Mobile Bay, has kept back the salt water and the bay does not yet present its usual attractive summer appearance.

The Fairhope cleaned all passenger and freight business from Fairhope wharf yesterday morning and the Lucile and Pleasure Bay passed without touching.

For a delightful Sunday evening excursion, take the round trip from Fairhope to Mobile, on the Steamer Fairhope, leaving 4:30. Fare Only 25 Cents.

The "Green River," Maurice Greenbaum's boat, is afloat again repaired and repainted and is one of the fastest little boats along the shore.

Mike Houston left at the Courier office, samples of potatoes grown with only whole cotton seed for fertilizer. The potatoes are very fine and smooth and were practically all large ones.

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The "Loulie," the Lawrence boat is in the water again after having 4 feet added to her stern and her rig changed from that of cat to sloop. She is much improved in appearance.

Mrs. Hubbard returned to her home in Mobile at the close of the school term. She has been a very efficient teacher and greatly beloved by her pupils and we hope she will be secured for next year.

Miss Lillie Turner, who lived at Fairhope with her mother for a year, but who has lived in Daphne for 3 or 4 years, was married on last Friday evening, at her home, to Mr. R. A. Foxworth of Birmingham.

Frank Davis's speedy sloop has been given a new dress of paint and fitted out with a top-mast, for carrying a topsail in light winds. She will have to be reckoned with in any local racing bouts.

Mr. J. B. Barber has improved the former Stradling place recently purchased by him, ceiling it throughout, putting on a front and rear porch, painting and furnishing it and making a very neat little four-room dwelling out of it.

Ben. Fischer has a freak egg laid by one of his hens. It is extra large and he took it for a double yolk egg and boiled it to eat, when he found that inside the outer shell was another complete egg with a fully formed shell on it.

Pretty dishes like pretty school teachers are always nice to look at. These facts were demonstrated in Fairhope recently and the pretty dish demonstration is still on. See our big show window. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Taggart left for her home at Freeport, Ills., on Monday morning, after a faithful year's service as a teacher in the Organic School. She plans to return next fall and hopes to bring with her, her mother and perhaps others of her family.

The steamer Fairhope will not return to Mobile on Saturday evening of this week, but on account of Fairhope G. A. R. Veterans desiring to spend Decoration day in Mobile, will leave Fairhope Sunday morning at 6.30. This will be an especially favorable opportunity for any desiring to do so, to spend Sunday in Mobile.

George Cain had very good success this season with western white potatoes, which it is currently believed will not do well here. A sample left at the Courier office we would judge to be of the snow-flake variety and were very smooth and nice. He claims the eating quality is very fine.

The Courier fears that it may appear guilty of a "misrepresentation" regarding Mr. Wolf's onions. It told of onions weighing 15 ounces each, and no doubt the impression was gained by many that these were the largest—if the figures were not indeed stretched a little. Comes now, however, Mr. Wolf and says that he had two onions weighing respectively 21 ounces and 20 ounces.

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Mershon Merch. Co.

Sunday is Decoration Day, and the old soldiers of Fairhope and vicinity are planning to go to Mobile and take part with the Mobile Union veterans in appropriate exercises. There will also be a party up from Fort Morgan. For this occasion the steamer Fairhope will not return to Mobile on arrival here on Saturday evening, but will go over Sunday morning, leaving here at 6:30. This will be a favorable opportunity also for those desiring to spend a Sunday in the city to do so.

FOR SALE or RENT:- Good 4 room cottage on Fels Ave. Newly ceiled throughout, cistern, cellar, front and back porches, furnished for light house-keeping, 2 lots, some fruit. Will sell on monthly payments or will rent.

J. B. BARBER, Owner.

The Mershon Merchandising Co. held its annual stockholder's meeting on Tuesday evening. The report of the sec.-treas. showed a very encouraging result from the past year's business. The following were elected directors: C. L. Coleman, A. H. Mershon, N. Mershon. J. H. Williams, E. B. Gaston, E. T. O'Connor and J. F. Johnson—all of whom were re-elections except Messrs. O'Connor and Johnson. The directors met immediately following and re-elected officers as follows: A H. Mershon, president; N. Mershon, vice-pres.; J. H. Williams, sec-treas.

To Prevent Tomato Blight.

The following is the spray recommended to prevent tomato blight, by Mr. O. C. Bishop, the gardening expert, when here last winter: Liver of sulphur (potassa sulphurated), one ounce to four gallons of water. It can be had at the Fairhope Pharmacy. The tomato blight is a great nuisance here and if this spray will prevent it, it will be a great help to our gardeners.

CELEBRATE FOURTH of JULY

At a Colony Council meeting on Wednesday evening a motion was passed to recommend to the citizens of Fairhope to celebrate Fourth of July, the proceeds from the same to be used for the new school-house and hall, and to tender the control of the Colony's parks for the day for the purpose.

FENCE FOR SALE.

The 52 rods, more or less, of fence (boards and wire, with posts) on the east 132 ft. of the Horning tract will be sold to the one making the highest offer for the same by Monday evening, June 7, 1909.

Fairhope Single Tax Corp.

Arbitration Society Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Arbitration Society will be held at the school-house on the evening of Tuesday. June 1st.

Addresses will be made by each one of the judges—Gaston, Baldwin and Coleman.

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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 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 laud 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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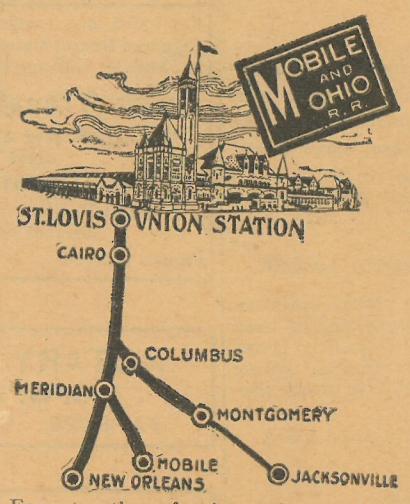
Washington.—Municipal ownership of the city gas plant has proven to be not only a profitable undertaking for Manchester, Eng., but economical for the consumer. The city's profits since the works were taken over 25 years ago have been $6,750,305, while the price of gas in the Manchester district at present is only 55 cents per thousand cubic feet, according to a report to the bureau of manufacturer from Consul Howe. A movement is on foot, the consul reports, to reduce the price of gas to 49 cents for sundry manufacturing purposes, and a graduated reduction for ordinary uses. To illustrate the growth of the business, it is said that the producing capacity of the works is 26,900,000 cubic feet per 24 hours, against 13,000,000 in 1883. An investment of $13,382,875 capital is represented. Manchester has a population of about 600,000 being about the size of Boston and St. Louis.

There is a difference between a knocker and an agitator. The knocker simply kicks and offers no solution for his grievances; the agitator may kick back some but he kicks ahead chiefly and points the way to better things, as he sees them. The world now and always will need the agitator. The knocker of high or low degree is a misfit and the great march of human progress will go on without him, leaving him a desolate bump on the wayside.—Coleridge Blade.

Two annoying but amusing errors occurred in last issue, perhaps chargeable to the fact that the editor was away from the office most of the time on account of illness in the family. One was in getting the paper dated a full week ahead. The other was in the item about "good gardens in Fairhope." An extra "h" slipped into the word "noting" made us refer to gardens as "worth nothing," instead of worth "noting."

The railroads should not be allowed to charge the cost of transporting their officers, with their families and friends in special palace cars, against the expense accounts by which they will seek to show that they cannot afford to haul passengers at the two and a half cent rate fixed by the legislature.

Governor Comer and his legal advisors, are deserving of the many compliments they have received, over their successes in the litigation forced upon them by the railroads. The governor is a fighter and a stayer and so far as he sees his duty evidently tries to live up to it.



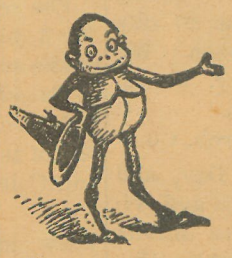
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PROFITABLE FARMING ON A 15 ACRE PENNSYLVANIA FARM

THE growth and development of a 15 acre farm only 13 acres of which were in cultivation, from 1881, when owing to its run-down condition it did not support the two cows and one horse kept upon it, and at which time it was burdened with a mortgage of $7,200, in a short period of six years to a farm that raised all the roughage for 30 head of stock, 17 of which were cows in milk, cannot fail to be of interest to farmers in all parts of the country and was made a subject of investigation by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

METHODS EMPLOYED

This advancement was due to the manner of feeding the cows, the systematic management of the crops, and the method of handling the manure. First of the cows and their feed:

The cows were fed balanced rations every day in the year. A portion of it was some succulent material—silage in winter; and rye, timothy and clover, corn, peas and oats or some other green crop in summer. A second portion consisted of dry hay or fodder, which was used to give the manure the proper consistency. A third consisted of milk products, bran, oil meal and gluten. The proportion of concentrates fed depended on the condition of the cow and was regulated by the flow of milk and the consistency of the manure.

The soiling crops used were as follows: green rye, beginning about May 1, and continuing about four weeks, or until the rye was ready to cut for hay, The timothy and clover were fed until peas and oats were ready. When the latter was cut for hay, the silo was opened (about July 8,) and silage was fed till late corn (planted May 8) was ready. Enough early corn was planted (about one-fourth acre) to last till late corn (planted about June 22) was ready. Late corn was then fed until it was time to put it into the silo. From this time forward silage was fed daily until green rye was available in the spring. No abrupt change was ever made in the system of feeding.

The cows were fed three times a day, and four ounces of salt divided between the three feeds. Table salt was invariably used in preference to coarse salt.

CROPS AND MANAGEMENT

The farm was divided into twelve parcels varying in size from one fourth to two and one-fourth acres. In April six of these (5 or 6 acres in all) were in grass. About half of this was sown the last week in August, three years previous, one-fourth two years previous, and one-fourth one year previous. That sown three years previous was cut for hay in the spring three years subsequent, and then plowed for late corn. The crops which preceded these plats of grass were in two cases rye, grown the preceding winter, when this was cut for soiling or for hay the ground was plowed and harrowed into fine tilth. One and one-half bushels per acre of German millet were then sown. This was cut for hay before it had made seed. The land was plowed again and harrowed into fine tilth. Grass seed was then sown broadcast, late in August. In this manner a full crop was obtained the next year. Two cuttings were made the second year. In the spring of the third season providing the crop promised to be abundant, a crop of hay was taken before breaking up the sod for late corn. If the grass was scanty, the sod, which was always heavily top dressed during winter, was broken earlier for any crop for which it was needed.

Three of the twelve sub-divisions of the farm were devoted regularly to rye in winter and late corn in summer. Grass was occasionally sown on land from which the soiling corn had been cut. One small field was devoted to oats and peas for several years and then put down in grass to be followed by corn.

Not only did this farm produce all the roughage for 30 head of stock, but an average surplus of 3,000 pounds of hay was sold yearly.

The remarkable yields on this farm were due to the intelligent use of stable manure. Most farmers waste more than half of the value of the manure produced on their farms.

HANDLING THE MANURE

The stock was kept in stalls. Behind each row of cows was a gutter eighteen inches wide and seven inches deep, the gutters having no outlets and being thoroughly cleaned daily. When cleaned the gutters were sprinkled with ashes or dry dirt to absorb any moisture. The gutters were inclined towards the door, where they terminated, so that the manure would have a tendency to accumulate at this point and thus facilitate transferring it to a cart.

In summer it was spread on the land from which the soiling crops were removed, and in winter on the rye and grass fields. "We always have a place to put manure," said the owner, and this is the secret of his big crops.

This farm was located at Flourtown, Pa., and was owned and conducted by Rev. J. D. Detrich. Mr. Detrich has assumed the management of a large farm in another locality and is developing it along the same lines.

Sheldon Knows What His Cows Are Doing.

C. B. Sheldon has furnished the editor with a very instructive table regarding his dairy operations.

In it each cow is given a number, following which is noted her age, number of calves, feed per day and cost of same; number of pounds of milk per day, test, income per day and profit. His cows only average 13 pounds and a fraction a day, the highest giving a little under 16 pounds (which would be two gallons) and the lowest 11½ pounds. These would be considered very small milkers by a northern dairy man but they test up well in butter fat, one testing 6 per cent, one 5.8, one 5.7, one 5.4, one 5.2, one 5, and one only 2.5: This is the "robber cow" which this individual test enables him to locate, and which will be eliminated from the herd. A calf from her and a good sire, tests 5.2

At the average price paid for butter fat since the creamery started these seven cows net him from the butter fat alone $1.167 a day.

CONSTITUTION OF FAIRHOPE ARBITRATION SOCIETY ADOPTED SUNDAY MAY 28th 1909

Art. 1. Name.

This society shall be called the Fairhope Arbitration society.

Art. 2. Object.

Its object shall be the settlement of differences among members by an Arbitration court as described in articles 6 and 11.

Art. 3. Officers.

Its officers shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer who shall be elected for one year and shall serve until their successors shall be elected and qualified

Art. 4. Duties of officers.

The duties of officers shall be the same as that of similar officers in other societies.

Art. 5. Salaries.

No salary shall be paid any officer of the society.

Art. 6. The Arbitration Court.

The Court shall consist of three judges, who shall be elected at the same time as the officers of the society and who shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Art, 7. Compensation of the Court.

Judges shall receive for services in adjusting cases two dollars per day but in no case shall the compensation be less than one dollar. Secretary shall attend all sessions of the court and shall make a court record in a book provided for that purpose, and shall receive the same pay as the judges.

Art. 8. Compensation of witnesses.

Witnesses shall be paid 25 cents per hour for time in actual attendance.

Art. 9. Membership.

Any one may become a member of this society by subscribing to the constitution and bye laws and paying into the treasury 25 cents.

Art. 10. Recall.

Any officer or judge may be recalled at a meeting held for that purpose by the vote of a majority of the members of the society and such special meeting shall be called by the president on a request of 20 per cent of the membership. Notice to be mailed by the secretary to each member.

Art. 11. Special court.

Members of the society shall have the right to elect each one special judge or arbitaator and these two shall elect another one and these three shall constitute a special court and shall receive the same compensation as the regularly elected judges. The special judges shall be members of the society.

Art. 12. Decisions Final. No Appeal.

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

The Boston Daily Globe of May 21, had an editorial mention of Fairhope under the caption: "A Single Tax Utopia."

The heavy rains are making lots of work for the few farmers who live along the country roads, but the non-resident land owners to maintain the roads in front of whose vacant tracts often requires the most of the labor, will get off scot free.

Portland Block, Chicago, has just been sold for $1,000,000. It is 93 feet by 120, or about one-fourth of an acre. This is equal to $4,000,000 an acre. Twenty years ago the property sold for $600,000. The value of the building was not considered in the sale.—The Public.

The editor acknowledges receipt from H. M. Ewald of a generous sample of the fine Irish potatoes grown by him in his garden. They are among the best we have seen and are of both the red triumph and a white variety, the latter doing even better than the triumph, he said, though the latter is considered "the" potato of this section.

The committee on school house site requests the COURIER to recommend to the citizens interested (and all must be) to personally look at the site that they have recommended at the head of Magnolia avenue, before the meeting on next Tuesday evening, so that they will be able to pass intelligently upon the same. In the report of the Council meeting elsewhere the site is described. Further information of the committees, plan for its utilization can be had from any member of the committee; A. H. Mershon, J. M. Pilcher or L. S. Massey.

Good Movement at Loxley.

The editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation to meet with the people of Loxley tomorrow, Saturday, at 10 a. m., when a meeting will be held to organize an "Independent Voters' League," the object being to "induce every man to become a voter, and exercise his franchise to the best of his intelligence in the effort to better conditions in the county."

This is a movement of which the editor fully approves and he congratulates the people of Loxley upon the public spirit which prompts the effort in this direction. He fears he will be unable to be present tomorrow but expresses his hearty appreciation of the compliment of an invitation to meet with the good people of Loxley upon the occasion.

Help on the Joseph Fels' Fund.

The COURIER hopes that a goodly number of Fairhope Single Taxers, and other readers of the COURIER, will enroll their names with Daniel Kiefer, chairman of the Joseph Fels' Fund of America, as annual contributors to the fund during the next five years, if only to the extent of a dollar a year. We are sure Mr, Kiefer and Mr. Fels would very much prefer to have the other $25,000 a year which it is hoped to raise to go along with Mr. Fels' yearly subscription of that amount, come in small amounts from a great number of Single Taxers, testifying thus to their interest and sympathy, than to have it contributed in large sums from a few.

The COURIER would like to help in this great work, at the head of which are two of its best friends, by encouraging a number of subscriptions of one dollar to five dollars a year and would be glad to have them reported to this office that they may be mentioned in the paper. The editor will start the list with a subscription of $10 payable $2 yearly.

Initiative and Referendum Opens Door To Single Taxers.

A dinner was tendered John Z. White, national lecturer of the Single Tax League, at Hamilton. O., on May 26, and Daniel Kiefer was one of the speakers.

Mr. Kiefer took a very hopeful view of the lookout for the Single Tax, calling attention to the great opportunities for effective work opened in various states, where, by the adoption of the initiative and referendum, it can be presented as an issue to the voters without regard to legislatures or political parties.

Said Mr. Kiefer: "[illegible] Oklahoma and Missouri have the initiative and referendum. Single Taxers in those states can make the Single Tax an issue at any time they see fit. It is not necessary in order to do so to elect any body to office. It can be done without asking Republicans to vote for a Democratic candidate, or Democrats for a Republican. Neither is it necessary to ask voters of either party to vote for a third man. The signatures of eight per cent of the voters will do the job. Then if the result of the polls should be unsatisfactory, the same voters can have the question re-submitted at the next election and at as many succeeding elections as my be necessary to secure the right result."

This is an inspiring thought. Partisan politics has been perhaps, even a greater hindrance to the progress of reforms than the ignorance or indifference of the people.

Concluding his interesting address presenting the aims and hopes of Mr. Fels and of the committee in charge of the fund instituted by him Mr. Kiefer said:

"Let the Single Taxers respond to the best of their ability to the appeals for the Fels' fund; so, too, every sympathetic heart that longs for a better order of things—no subscription is too small to be welcomed by the commission—and a 'long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether' will bring the Single Tax into operation in the United States within a very few years."

G. F. Thomas of La Pointe, Wis., who with his wife spent some time with us here not long since, writes that they are back home and "want to see the COURIER again." He says they expect to visit us again this fall and that if he is favorably impressed during the interval by something in the way of a business opportunity may permanently locate.

Town Council Considers School House Sites.

The Town Council held a special session last evening to consider the matter of a school house site. The committee on location reported recommending a site at the head of Magnolia Ave., on the Stimpson tract, where it was believed the Single Tax Corporation would be willing to give perhaps four acres. It would involve the purchase of the George Cain improvements, or compensation to him for the removal of the same, the idea being to put the building immediately at the head of the avenue., about where the Cain house stands, throwing the extension of Magnolia avenue east of School street, south of the Cain house instead of north, thus putting the school on a corner when the street should be opened; the school ground lying to the north in an unbroken track to the gulley. The committee reported a proposition from Mr. Stimpson to accept $75 and the fence on the School street side for his improvements and that Mr. Cain wanted $200 for his improvements or $120 to remove them.

The subject was extensively discussed by the councilmen and other citizens present, some favoring the site and others strongly favoring a site on the north end of the Creswell tract. While a majority of the council seemed to favor the site recommended by the committee, they hesitated to take the responsibility of deciding the matter without knowing more about the feeling of the citizens and it was finally decided to postpone action until next Tuesday evening when the citizens interested were to be invited in and an expression of opinion solicited from them.

The committee on building was not ready to report. The mayor reported that he was seeking advice with regard to the necessary form of and legal requirements with regard to the bonds and also as to possible purchasers for same.

The Council then adjourned to next Tuesday evening.

RAILROAD MEETING

A meeting was held in Woodmen Hall on last Friday evening in the interest of the proposed trolley line along the Eastern Shore and there was a fair attendance despite the threatening weather.

C. L. Coleman was made chairman of the meeting and J. M. Pilcher secretary.

Mayor Greeno was called upon to speak and told the audience that Mr. Ingalls of Chicago, had secured the services of Prescott A. Parker to make the preliminary survey and that he had also contributed $250 toward a permanent survey which is now being made, That such a line connecting with Mobile by fast boat and later undoubtedly by bridge and piling across the upper shallows of Mobile Bay, would place the Eastern Shore in close and frequent touch with Mobile and the rest of the world. This would bring us thousands of tourists who, now pass by the Eastern Shore on account of its isolation from civilization, by reason of the fact that but one opportunity per day now offers to reach Mobile and railroad connections, via the morning boats.

This trolley line will enable one to come and go hourly. It will build up the Eastern Shore rapidly and because of its renown as a health resort will cause thousands of northern people to come here for the winter, avoiding the rigorous winters of the north. It will also bring many from the interior towns to enjoy bathing in the warm weather as the shady

shore and sandy beach offers many attractions during the summer season.

He said that a subscription was being taken from the people interested along the shore, to cover the expense of the survey and profile and also the expense of solicitors who would make a thorough canvass of the shore and adjacent territory, for donations of money, land, materials or labor, to be used to promote the building of the road, and that he would call upon those he thought able and willing to assist by $5 subscriptions for the purpose.

Other speeches were made urging the co-operation of the people to help Mr. Ingalls build this road by A. J. Wolf, Mr. Hutchings from Battles, J. M. Pilcher and others. Mr. Wolf told how Los Angeles had been built up from a few adobe cottages to a splendid city of 300,000 people with only claims for a healthy location, which claims were not equal to the Eastern Shore, by reason of the railroads placing it in touch with the East and South. Mr. Pilcher showed how it was impossible with the present tonnage and passenger traffic from the Eastern Shore to build and operate profitably a road without liberal contributions of land, and labor and ties and help in earnest and enthusiastic co-operation.

E. B. Gaston expressed a word of warning against following the path pursued by many other localities which in their eagerness to get railroads had given privileges and obligations which had later proved burdensome and sometimes been the most serious obstacle to further developments which future growth made necessary. He urged that the matter be looked at from a business standpoint and the future interests of the shore carefully guarded.

ppst in Toronto

Louis F. Post was in Toronto, on May third, and, speaking in the interest of the Joseph Fels' Fund for the promotion of land and taxation reform spoke of his acquaintance with Mr. Fels, and how unlike other wealthy men he was. Mr. Fels did not indulge in automobiles, yachts, etc., but preferred to spend his income for the benefit of the people. But here again he differed from other philanthropists in that, instead of endowing hospitals or building libraries, he sought to educate the people to an understanding of social injustices and how they may be remedied, and so he had promised $25,000 a year to England, $25,000 a year to the United States Single Tax organizations, provided they would raise a like sum, and offered $5,000 each on similar conditions to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland and Denmark.

Mr. Post spoke most hopefully of the future and especially referred to the great work that was being done in Britain. In this connection he spoke of Keir Hardie, whom he said told him he was in full sympathy with the Single Taxers, as to the relationship of men to the earth, but he said Single Taxers overlooked the fact that men had an economic relationship to each other.

The speaker then stated that Mr. Hardie did not realize that we stood on the same ground, and in freeing the earth from ownership, we recognized not only man's ownership to the earth, but also the trading relationship of men to each other, and we emphasized it by proposing to abolish all taxes upon industry. In order to encourage every one to work, he said "no one knew" the extent of his own power or influence, and as Croasdale used to say "one bumble bee could break up a whole camp meeting if it was industrious enough."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The Misses Slosson have been visiting in Mobile this week.

Cornie Gaston's fever has left him and there is every prospect now of his early and full recovery.

The Daphne Normal has fifty enrolled and great interest manifested by all. Among those teaching are Mrs. Ora Sweet and Mrs. M. L. Johnson from here. Mrs. Sweet teaches Methods, and Mrs. Johnson, History of Education, Psychology and Child Study, Nature Study, Reading and Theory and Practice.

Mr. James Cawthon, proprietor of the People's Shoe Co., of Mobile, accompanied by his wife, spent Wednesday night at Fairhope, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lyon. His object was to make arrangements for a Sunday school excursion from Mobile, but the rain kept him storm-stayed. However, the school will no doubt come over in due time.

Library Contributions.

(From 1985 to 2008)

From C. G. Coutant, the author, Vol, 1, of "The History of Wyoming."

From C. B. Fillebrown, the auther, "The A. B. C. of Taxation," and 12 copies of "A 1909 Single Tax Catechism."

From Louis Prang (to M. H.) "Greek Myths and their Art."

From Michael Flurscheim, "La Cite Francaise" by the learned Fan-Ta-Gen, Member of the Acadamy of the Fan Lin. *

From M. H. the last issue of the "Alabama Bird Day Book."

Land and a Living" "The Game of Life." "America." and "Even as You and I."

From Jennie L. Munroe: "The Soul of the World" by Estella Bachman.

From I, Lancaster: "The Holy Bible." Origin of Life," by Le Dantic; "The New Knowledge" by R. K. Duncan; "The Missourian" by E. P. Lyle, Jr.; "Eleanor" by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and "Assimilative Memory" by Prof. A. Loisette.

From J. F. Schindler: "Faust," "The Legend and the Poem."

From Alice O. Kelly: "The Word Made Flesh," by Grace M. Brown; and six numbers of "The Essene."

From W. W. Kile: "The Rise of the Swiss Republic;" "Moonblight" by Dan Beard, and "Main Travelled Roads," by Hamlin Garland.

M. Howland, Librarian.

(*) The Chinese Scholar, Fan Lin, seems to have done for France what his friend Eugene Simon did for China in his work "La Cite Chinoise," which will be found in the Fairhope Library both in French and English; and for the practical art of "intensive culture" there is, I think, nothing equal to it in any language.

The Town Board of Education met on Monday evening and contracted with Miss Clements and Mrs. Sweet to continue for another year in the positions they have so acceptably occupied for several years. No engagement of a teacher for the intermediate grades has yet been made.

"The "Square Deal" is the very bright and interesting little paper devoted to the land reform movement in Canada. It is published monthly at fifty cents a year.

Constitution of Fairhope Arbitration Society Adopted Sunday May 28th 1909

(Continued from page 1.)

The decisions of the Arbitration Court are to be final. No appeal is to be taken in any case and each member of the society unqualifiedly agrees not only to abide by the decisions of the court but to act as special judge and attend as witness when requested to do so. Each member also agrees that while belonging to the Arbitration society he will not bring suit against another member in any other court.

Art. 13.

If little or no expense be incurred by the judges or witnesses it shall be the policy of the court to assess the cost in proportion.

Art. 14.

All expenses incurred by the Arbitration court shall be borne by the parties asking arbitration.

Art. 15. Amendments.

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of the majority of the membership, notice of same having been given at regular meeting one month previous.

BYE LAWS

Art. 1. Meetings.

The regular meetings of the society shall be on the evening of the first Tuesday of each month.

Art. 2. Special Meetings.

Special meetings may be called by the president or secretary or by ten percent of the membership.

Art. 3. Annual dues.

Annual dues shall be 25 cents.

Art. 5. Election of Officers and Judges.

All officers and judges shall be nominated and elected by ballot.

COURT RULES.

The Arbitration court shall be a Court of Equity and it shall be its aim to decide each case on its own merits, guided by the justice rather than the laws involved in the case.

Art. 2. Witnesses.

Any one shall be competent to give testimony before the Arbitration Court.

Art. 3.

Witnesses shall be allowed to give their testimony without interruption until completed and may then be examined by the judges and cross examined by the litigants.

Art. 4. Judgments shall be rendered by a majority vote of the judges and shall be final.

Art. 5. Notice of holding court.

Each litigant shall be notified by the court when his case will be heard and it shall be the duty of the litigants to see to it that their witnesses are on hand at the appointed time. Notice shall be given at least 24 hours before time set to hear the case.

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Personal and Local

Miss Hazel Doll, of Summerdale, is visiting Miss Hazel Pilcher.

George Swift has returned home from a trip to Oklahoma.

Mrs. Douglass, of Mobile, visited Mrs. Yuille at the Fairhope Sanitarium on Sunday.

Miss Alice Patterson visited Miss Vera Mershon in Mobile ovee Sunday.

The Misses Davis, of Birmingham, are visiting Miss Maud Wilson.

Frequent showers of late have been bringing the crops on at a great rate.

There is an unusual amount of sickness in and about Fairhope now.

Mr. Welsh has very kindly offered to carry the Fairhope attendants to the Daphne Normal, back and forth for 5 cents each way.

V. P. Bowers, of Georgia, will preach at the Church Sunday morning and evening, June 13. Everybody invited to come and hear him.

J. C. Porter has added a detached kitchen to his place on Fels Ave He has made a very neat and comfortable place of it. He left for Chicago on Monday and expects to return with Mrs. Porter in the fall.

[illegible] on the Daphne road near Mr. Worcester's, and will build upon it at once. We had hoped that Mr. Dyer would locate upon Colony land, but he decided otherwise.

Editor C. W. Thomas, of the Citronelle Call, spent Monday night at the Fairhope Hotel. He had been on the Federal grand jury in Mobile for several days and embraced the opportunity to run over to Fairhope for a cool and quiet place to get a good night's rest. So successful was be in this that he came back again Tuesday night.

The Christian Church Sunday school had a very enjoyable picnic in beautiful beach park on Tuesday (postponed from Monday on account of rain.) With ball-playing, bathing, sailing, launch riding and a big dinner for the big picnic crowd, all had a good time. The weather kept the people guessing a good part of the day if it would not rain, but the showers accommodatingly held off.

Te care for the heavy rainfall of this locality and prevent it from washing away our roads and eroding our bluffs is a great problem, the soil near the bay is so sandy and the fall so great. Bermuda grass is a wonderful help, but it constantly tends to overdo the work we set it to do. It sends out its deep roots and long runners and effectually stops the wash in the gutters, but then it catches the sand washed down from the road centers, grows up through it, catches more again and soon the ditch is higher than the road and the water rushes down the latter washing off the clay or shells we put on it and playing sad havoc. The only recourse seems to be to watch the ditches carefully and when they get too much filled with the sand and grass open them up throwing the dirt to the center.

Crosses Purchase Schumacher Improvements

Mr. and Mrs. Cross have purchased the L. Schumacher improvements on forty acres of Colony land in section fifteen upon which they will move the first part of next week. The Schumachers will go to Mobile for the present, but will probably go east later. We are sorry to lose the Schumachers, but glad to have the Crosses so favorably located. They secured some milk cows from Mr. Schumacher and will add others, beside which they will keep a number of chickens and a few hogs. But they expect eventually we believe, to work into fruit especially Satsuma oranges and "Magnolia" figs, the latter being a variety largely grown in the vicinity of Houston, Texas and which it is claimed will stand shipping a considerable distance.

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SCIENCE AND INVENTION

OWE THEIR LIVES TO SCIENCE

Inventions of the Century Responsible for Saving Lives of Those on the Republic.

The 500 or more people who were taken safely from the sinking steamship Republic some weeks ago have good reason to thank wireless telegraphy and the submarine bell signal for their rescue. The incident derives its thrilling character almost entirely from recent scientific inventions.

Probably Hertz, the Germany university professor, when he first detected, only a few years ago, the waves sent out by an electric discharge, scarcely suspected that in a comparatively short time a wrecked and sinking steamer would be using such waves to summon aid from hundreds of miles around.

Owing to the striking character of the discovery that has been so usefully applied by Marconi and others, most people know something about it, but with the simpler submarine bell fewer seem to be acquainted, although it is an American invention, and is now widely installed and used. It is simply an application of the principle, understood by all boys who bathe in rivers or ponds, that water is a better conductor of sound than air is. Two pebbles struck together under water by one boy may be heard by another whose ear is also under water, at a distance that would render the sound quite inaudible in air.

In the new signaling device the two [illegible] under water on a ship or near a light house, and the listening ear by an appropriate device, generally a metallic plate connected with a telephone inside the ship. Bell signals sent in this way may be detected at great distances, and were of no small assistance in locating the sinking Republic.

Trap for Mosquitoes.

The sluggish canal in the suburbs of Calcutta, India, so abounds with vicious mosquitoes that the people suffer continually the year round from bites, notwithstanding they have employed every known means for extermination.

A gentleman connected with the entomological department has therefore been crowned with gratitude because of his invention of a simple and inexpensive trap which is easily managed by the merest novice, and which destroys large numbers at the most trifling cost.

It consists of a cheap wooden box, 12 by 9 inches, fitted with a hinged lid having a small opening, over which moves a sliding cover. The box, lined with dark green baize and having a tin floor, is placed in a shady corner of the room, and the mosquitoes on entering the house in the morning seclude themselves in the box to escape the sunlight. When duly settled the lid is shut, a teaspoon of benzine is injected into the box and nature does the rest.

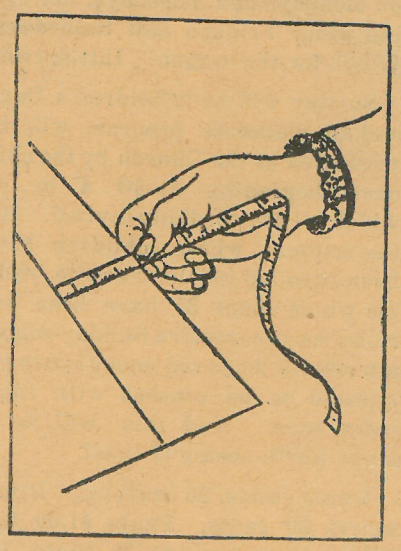
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End of Tape Measure Non-Bendable.

with the end of the limp tape measure. The end is thus made self-supporting. The value of thus having a small portion of the end of the tape measure stiff and unbendable will be apparent; where small measurements are to be made the necessity of holding the end of the tape measure is [illegible] ring call for] and with accuracy—something impossible in a limp tape measure where small measurements are made.

WILL LIE ABOUT THE WEATHER.

Something About Which Honesty Seems to Cut Little Figure.

The thing most lied about in the world is the weather. The weather can't sue for libel, so it is a safe thing to lie about, although it does strike back now and then.

Most people see no harm in stretching meteorological truth; in fact, they look with mistrust on the person who insists upon handing the weather a square deal. If your neighbor says his thermometer registered 20 below, and you tell him that yours only showed ten below, he despises you for a person without imagination. In the summer, likewise, when your mercury stands at 86 in the shade and he says his stands at 98, you are the one on whom popular doubt will rest.

Honesty is not the best policy when the weather is under discussion, unless you like to appear at a disadvantage.

There is a large and flourishing class of liars who everlastingly pretend to know what the weather is going to do, setting themselves up as intimate friends of the weather, when, as every one knows, their acquaintance is barely a speaking one. Once in awhile a born liar, meaning to lie, will tell the truth in spite of himself, and it is thus with the weather professors; they can't miss the right guess always, because there are so few things for the weather man to do.

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Grief Is an Illness.

Grief is an illness and must be treated as such. Sorrow, grief and the emotions caused by all great misfortunes should be regarded as akin to acute physical maladies. Recent medical observations show that the physical results of depressing emotions are similar to those caused by bodily accidents, fatigue, chills, partial starvation and loss of blood. Birds, moles and dogs, which apparently die in consequence of capture and from conditions that correspond in human beings to broken heart, were examined after death as to the conditions of their internal organs. It was found that the nutrition of the tissues had been interfered with, and the substance proper of various vital organs had undergone degeneration.—From the Osteopath.

Plant Savings Banks.

All bulb plants have savings banks—storehouses that in fat seasons they fill with substance which in the lean days may be drawn upon.

The leaf-buds on the bare winter branches of plants are savings banks full of the plant currency called starch. This currency, accumulated in the easy summer, makes life through the hard winter endurable.

Some plants—the beet, carrot and turnip—run particularly fine savings banks called tap roots. These plants have turned economy to parsimony. They are misers. Their banks, or taproots, are bigger and finer than themselves.

Hence their destruction. Man eats them. Or rather he eats their savings, their best part.

Personal and Local

Roscoe Keller is taking treatment from Dr. Brown in Mobile twice a week and is improving in health.

Barefoot Sandals, latest style, best quality. Mershon Merch. Co.

The Gass family have moved over from Mobile into their Mobile Ave., cottage, for the sammer.

Field's famous Ice Cream, in any quantity from store or delivered.
Littlegreen.

Orie Keller is visiting friends near Magnolia Springs and Jesse Keller is visiting at Waterhole and Turkey branch.

Mrs. Ira Powell was treated to a happy surprise by the arrivalof her favorite pony shipped her by her father from her former home at Cambridge Springs, Pa. It is a beautiful little animal and a fine saddler.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Prof. O. J. Brown arrived on Wednesday evening from Tennessee where he has been for several months past, but made a stop of only a day before proceeding on to Tampa, Fla., where he will spend the summer.

ity of Alabastine paint we know of.
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Mr. Atherton brought an automobile over on the Fairhope on Wednesday evening and on the next day took it out to Marlow and other interior points for demonstration. It was an International Harvester Company car and Mr. Atherton is agent for the Company in this section.

Only 25 cents for the delightful Sunday evening round trip, Fairhope to Mobile, on Steamer Fairhope. Leave 4:30.

Mrs. Bertha Mathison will address the Progressive League on Sunday, her subject being, "A School of Natural Science." Mr. Frank Brown will be the presiding officer for the day. On the Sunday following, Mr. E. Q. Norton, of Daphne, will be the speaker in due alphabetical order.

Prepared Granite Roofing the best thing on the market. Come and see it, it will bear inspection.
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Eighteen G. A. R. Veterans from Fairhope with others to a total number of about 25 went over to Mobile on the Fairhope Sunday morning, most of them proceeding to the National Cemetery and participating in the decorating of the graves of Federal soldiers buried there. Mayor Greeno made an address in the exercises carried out.

Father C. K. Brown, whose health has been very poor for some time, had a very bad spell about the close of last week—indeed was reported on the street as dead, but this happily proved to be a mistake. Since then he has rallied and is able to be out again. His many friends sincerely hope he will continue to improve and be spared for many years yet.

From June 1, will collect laundry on Mondays and Tuesdays, delivering same Fridays and Saturdays. Watch for the wagon! Littlegreen.

Sunday will be "Children's Day" and an elaborate program will be presented at the Church by the children, beginning at 10 a. m., to which all are cordially invited. All the mothers whose children have been enrollep in the "cradle roll" (on which about 35 have been enrolled as prospective Sunday-school attendants when old enough) are requested to be present with their little ones. And this will be a sight worth seeing of itself.

Men's shirts, 25 cents up. Dress shirts 50 cents, Pants $1.00 up. Whips 10 cents up to 75 cents for whalebone. Umbrellas 50 cents. Shoes very cheap, at Robac's Store

The town was given a surprise on Sunday by the news of the marriage of Mr. F. L. Horning, which occurred on Sunday in Mobile, his bride being Miss Emily Engelter, of Chi- [illegible] They were married in the by the pastor, and came to Fairhope on the evening steamer, repairing at once to the home of the grcom, which will now be agenuine "homecroft." A large crowd of the young people serenaded, alias charivaried, them on Monday evening and were handsomely treated by the groom and his bride.

An interesting meeting of the Fairhope Arbitration Society was held at the school-house on Tuesday evening. Short speeches were made on the deficiencies of ordinary legal practice and the need for the service the Arbitration Society would render, by Judges Coleman and Gaston. Some routine business was transacted. It was decided to have at the next monthly meeting a mock trial, which it was thought would awaken much interest and probably afford a great deal of amusement.

We only have a few suits of men's and boy's clothes left, we are offering them at Way Down Prices, they are good values for the prices we will make you. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mrs. Ila W. Coutant and children arrived from Wyoming on last evening to make their home with us again. They were with us a few years ago when Mrs. Coutant bought three cottages here, which she still owns. The big storm of 1906 shook her faith in the gulf coast country some, but the effect of this scare has pretty well worn off and beside, she has found, no doubt, that storms and other untoward circumstances of nature are experienced everywhere. Mrs. Coutant is fully in sympathy with the Fairhope principles and that, of course, was a great attraction to her. Since she was here before she has lost her husband, as noted in the Courier.

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Gaston and Son.

Miss Gertrude Wood decided to return north after a visit here of several months with her sister, Mrs. Coleman and her father G. W. Wood, and left Mobile on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Edgar Standard is very sick with the fever, but at this writing is somewhat improved.

Reimer Poortstra has out about an acre and a quarter of tomatoes and says they are doing finely. He shipped some last week.

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HARDSHIPS ENDURED BY TRUTH.

Why She Took Up Her Abode at the Bottom of a Well.

"I am naked," said Truth, and shivered. "Come here," said the Grafter, "and I will dress you as you should be dressed." And so Truth was rigged out in the garments he provided for her. She presented a sorry figure, and many people took her for an effigy. Looking at herself in the glass, she discovered that something was wrong. And so she flung aside the garments and started forth once more.

"I am still naked," she moaned.

"As if," cried the Scientist, "I hadn't been waiting all these years to show you just how you should be garbed." And so he caught her, and fitted her out with a complete wardrobe. It certainly looked alluring. Truth was fetching in the extreme. She looked so convincing that she was almost ready to believe she had now become, through the force of outward appearances, the real thing. But alas! Her colors did not wear. As fast as her clothes were made for her by this new tailor they faded. And so once more Truth stole away and denuded herself.

"Still naked," she murmured.

A theologian came along.

"And so," he said, "perhaps you will be ready now to believe that I can improve your appearance." And he promptly togged her out in surplice and stole and put a solemn mask on her face.

Truth stood it as long as she could.

"I am suffocating," she exclaimed at last, and tore off the mask and the other robes and started to run away.

"Come here," said Good Society, "and I will give you precedence over the mighty."

But Truth shook her head.

"Sorry," she replied, "but I have a permanent engagement at the bottom of a well. No one ever troubles me there, as there are too many germs."

And so Truth found herself at last.

PUT ON TO A NEW WRINKLE.

City Salesman Learned Something About Regulation of Watches.

"After carrying a watch for 30 years I have just learned something new in watch lore," said the city salesman. "I don't know whether it is true or not, but an old watchmaker told me. I bought a watch of him the other day. It was a cheap watch. He said:

"'What pocket are you going to carry your watch in—the right or left?'

"I told him the left.

"'Then,' said he, 'I will regulate it for the left.'

"I asked what difference it made, and he declared that a watch runs faster on the left side than on the right, so to keep it from gaining time he regulates it accordingly. In fine watches the difference is hardly worth considering, but in watches of cheap make like mine it is very noticeable. I asked for a scientific reason for this variation. He could give none; said he only knew it was true, and then, whether he was faking or not, he pretended to regulate my watch for the left pocket."

Scraping Along on $50,000.

We have heard it laid down by a thoughtful man, and a Scotchman to boot, that the most impossible of all positions is that of a man who has a wife and a large family and but a thousand pounds a year to keep up an appearance on. . . . Why not, for variation's sake, discuss the question as to what a man can manage to cut anything of a figure on? It was laid down by a former member for Sheffild that it was absolutely impossible to make any real show in public life with an income under ten thousand ($50,000) a year.—London Saturday Review.

BROUGHT FORTUNE TO FAMILY.

The Refrigerator Car the Invention of a Cape Cod Yankee.

Gustavus Franklin Swift, the first of this commercial dynasty, was a Cape Cod Yankee who bought a steer now and then and peddled the meat from the back of a certain go-cart which has since become famous.

He moved to Albany and went deeper into meats, discarding one after another partners who had not the foresight and daring which he possessed. He located in Chicago at the beginning of those days of great possibilities in bringing into touch the new west and the older east.

It was he who invented the first refrigerator cars. This was the one revolutionary act which put his sons and a few other sons in very fair control of half of the meat of America.

He saw the market for dressed beef extended only after the hardest of fights. All great revolutions are fought against. All the east, all England, all Europe, fought the idea of dressed beef and then accepted it. I doubt if we could do without it now.—Cosmopolitan.

Woman's Rights.

'Madam, do you believe in woman's rights?" asked the man standing in the car.

"I do," she replied shortly.

"Excuse me," he went on. "I am but an ignorant male seeking light. May I ask you if you construe these rights to include the privilege of spreading your really becoming skirts over three seats?"

Thereupon she condensed herself, he took a seat and conversation flagged.

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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 Single Tax principle. 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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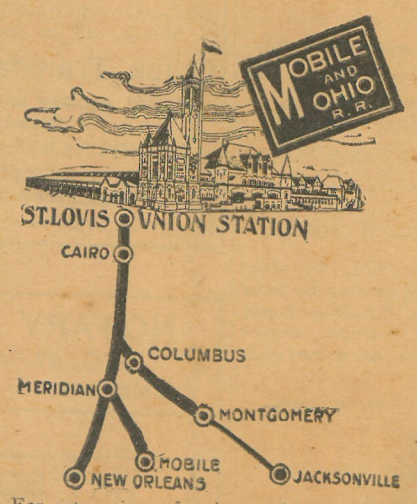
ITEMS FROM ARDEN.

"Arden Club Talk," Arden, Del., for May brings interesting news of matters at Arden. From it we learn that the Woman's National Single Tax League is to meet at Arden the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July. "Arden Club" was formed "for the purpose of furthering the social and educational life of Arden" and is in no way connected with Arden Town except as a lease holder. Mr. Fels is building some cottages at Arden. "The construction arranged by Will Price for these houses, hollow tile concreted has met much approval." A subscription is being secured, many agreeing to give an amount equal to 50 per cent of their total rents for the year for a permanent "path" system, meaning, we presume, foot walks, not ordinary right angling street-side walks, but paths, which will not only afford means of getting somewhere but be a delight to traverse for their charm and variety of scene natural and artificial.

There has been considerable speculation among those interested in boat matters as to how the Bay Steamship Company would operate its boats this summer. Usually the schedule changes from 3 p. m. to 3:30 at Mobile on June 1, and both boats are put into commission, for the last two years one running direct to Fairhope and then down the lower shore, while the other ran to Daphne and down as far as Battles. With Mr. Welch operating his two boats along the shore and the Fairhope running direct between Fairhope and Mobile, and business so far not up to former seasons, it hardly seems likely they will run another boat as formerly. At present the James A. [illegible] sippi coast towns and the Battleship Mississippi at Horn Island.

The matter of celebrating July fourth at Fairhope was brought up at the railway meeting on Friday evening, but several thought it best to not undertake a celebration but give way to Daphne, which is making elaborate preparations for a celebration, proceeds to be applied toward the indebtedness of about $1,000 on the Normal school. A feature of this celebration is to be the joint participation and reunion of the Blue and Gray.

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TWO VIEWS OF FAIRHOPE.

One From a Distance and the Other at Short Range.

Editorial in Mobile Daily Register

The following is quoted from the Boston Globe:

Although the gazetters and the cyclopaedias scarcely mention it, there is a flourishing town on the south eastern shore of Mobile bay in Alabama, founded on the idea of Henry George that "All men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and that those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of it must pay, for the benefit of all, a certain sum, to be fixed by common consent, as fair and just.

That town, not inappropriately named Fairhope, was established fifteen years ago and has since been run succesfully on Single Tax principles. Nothing but land is taxed. Rents are determined annually by the council of five members, who are elected by the resident members, and their decisions are subject to the referendum. Annual rents range from 45 cents per acre for farming land two miles out of town to $60 for a half acre lot in the center of the town.

There are free public schools, free bath houses and a public library. Water and light are furnished at cost. Local telephone service costs $3 a year. The town owns a steamboat, which makes trips twice a day between Fairhope and Mobile and transports passengers and freight at cost.

All the inhabitants appear to be prosperous and contented. There are no paupers and no criminals. The people of Fairhope are just ordinary mortals of average intelligence and industry.

This extract contains much to please the people of Fairhope. It is a complimentary view and appears to be uttered in a spirit of sincerity. It predicates of them the rare privilege of being "just ordinary mortals of average intelligence and industry." a condition worthy of all acceptation, though possibly appreciated by few outside that happy community. Whatever may be the final outcome of the Fairhope venture, it can hardly be expected ever to inaugurate a more unscientific system of taxation than the one which has so long obtained among the extraordinary mortals who frame our revenue laws and tax everything from an occupation to a sneeze. The Fairhopers are confidently carrying out their own views, content to let others do the same. Hence they have never figured in Mr. Roosevelt's association of prevaricators, and as they pay their share of Mr. Taft's salary, they appear to be willing to let the president earn it in his own way—postponing the day of reckoning, to the future. If they should ever deem it necessary. If the Register may be permitted to broaden somewhat the horizon of view condensed in the Globe's last sentence, it may be said of our neighbors across the bay, that the negro question seems to have no place in their philosophy, and that the "problem" will be left by them for solution to time and circumstances—to practical experience rather than benevolent dogmatism. There is room for more Fairhopes along our beautiful bay shore with the pluck and progressiveness that go along with their "average industry and intelligence."

The friendly spirit of the Register is much appreciated and is quite consistent with its uniform treatment of our effort.

As to Fairhope and the negro question it may be said that its citizens have varied individual opinions upon the question, but for the most part look upon it as only a phase of the great economic question to contribute to the solution of which is the purpose of Fairhope.

We would contribute to it by a demonstration of the proper method for keeping open to all men the land, from which only by the application of labor human wants can be supplied; and at the sametime secure needed public revenue, in a way which will not discourage industry.

When men by this means are made equally free economically, we believe many questions which now loom large, the negro question included, will become easy of solution; will in fact, solve themselves.

With this chief purpose in mind we have avoided complicating it or detracting from the effect of the lesson we would teach, by the introduction of other issues.

Perhaps the statement of the Globe with regard to the steamer should be corrected. The "town" does not own a steamer and the steamer owned by the Fairhope Improvement Co, (a private corporation) makes only one trip a day, except on Sunday. There are however, two other steamers and a gasoline boat serving Fairhope regularly.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

June 7.—Dear——See how finely my number 10 Light-running Yost prints! I was never so delighted over any small thing as I was over the result of my empirical experiments with this machine after it came back from the Mobile Type Writer Exchange with all the dozen or more types which made but a very faint impression, wholly unchanged. I wrote, protesting that the machine had not been repaired though they had charged $3.50 for what they had done. Had I gone over myself I could have refused to take the machine in that condition, but the friend who left it with them had to go on her journey and could not examine their "repairs." I received a very unsatisfactory reply; and as I did not want to see more money wasted I determined to see what I could do to make it print clearly. I took off the carriage, brought all the keys together in the center and tied them there. Then I pried out the pad-holding circle, and examined the ink pad which fits around the inside of the circle. Surely it held ink enough for it oozed up when it was pressed. But the surface of that used surface of the pad looked worn, while the other three surfaces were just as they should be. I merely turned the pad over, that is, the next surface to the keys, and with much trepidation, replaced the parts, put in a sheet of paper and sat down to try the effect of my work! Eureka! The printing was perfect. You see I missed my calling when I became a teacher!

x x x In my last "Letters" I promised some words of review of a very remarkable and original book entitled "The Soul of the World." It is by Estella Bachman (Brokaw) who once lived in this Colony. It may be that some of our people who are not satisfied with the Fairhope "management" will find this book like the voice of their own souls, but to me it is valuable only, or principally, because it is by a woman student of land reform. As such it could not fail to secure my earnest examination. Leaving out the mass of most extraordinary occultism which throws such a blinding light upon the subject that you are dazzled and do not see half as clearly as you did before, the book is a series of scenes, mostly if not all outings and picnics wherein a dozen or so very nice, intelligent people of Pasadena, one of whom is a cultured Japanese, discuss the great discovery of one Ernest Wynn. He and his followers fully believe that in what they term a "balanced land tenure," they have the solution of the land question far more practically than did Henry George: the discovery, in fact, of the "law controlling harmonious human association." The clearest statement of this new discovery is explained by one Mrs. Fujita, page 135, and is as follows: "No one has or can have any natural right to keep or put other people off the earth. But in order to use the earth for homes or business we must have exclusive possession of locations. This is impossible without common ways, and some persons must maintain those parts of the land in proper condition for common use at all times. This work adds advantages to the locations held in exclusive possession. Hence if each person holding an advantaged position pays the exact amount of that advantage to the support of the common ways, the accounts will balance, and equal freedom in the use of the earth be secured."

The Single Taxers in the book argue strenuously to show that this is what the principle of the Single Tax, unfettered by legal enactments, will effect, and why it will not is by no means clearly shown in "The Soul of the World" in my judgment. The moral tone of the book is exceptionally high, and beautiful children play an interesting part. It is published by the Equitist Publishing House, Pasadena, California, as are also three other works by this author, and one by Warren Edwin Brokaw: "The Science of Equity:"

x x x How warm and bright are the days now! After the heavy rains the whole

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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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Louisiana's Progressive Tax Commission.

Louisiana has a tax commission which numbers among its members some gentlemen holding very radical views on the question of taxation. At least two of them, Messrs. Solomon Wolff of New Orleans and M. H. Carver, of Nachitoches, are thorough believers in land values as the natural and proper source of public revenue. When in New Orleans recently it was the pleasure of the editor of the COURIER to meet Mr. Wolff, who is one of the most prominent lawyers of his city.

Both he and Mr. Carver being men of ability and having very clear cut and definite ideas upon the subject in hand, naturally exerted great influence in the committee and this is clearly shown in the report which the committee has prepared for submission to the legislature at its next session.

We are indebted to Mr. Wolff for copies of the report, which contains beside the report proper, a very able paper by Mr. Wolff on "Home Rule in Taxation" and one by Mr. Carver on the "Necessity of a Tax Amendment to the Constitution.

One of the first suggestions of these gentlemen to their fellow members of the committee was for a separation of sources of taxation, which was finally embodied in the recommendations of the committee by unanimous vote.

Among the other progressive recommendations of the committee are those for:

An entire recasting of the constitution relative to taxation.

Home Rule in taxation.

Exemption of mortgage loans and credits for merchandise sold from taxation—the commission clearly seeing that "a tax on this kind of property increases inrerest to the borrower and the tax does not fall on the party intended to be reached."

Taxation of mines at a percentage of the gross value of the output at the mine mouth.

Separate valuation of land and improvements.

Publication in pamphlet form of the assessment rolls of every town, city or parish.

Emphatic opposition to license taxes upon ordinary laudable pursuits.

In its argument in favor of separate assessments of land and improvement values the report says:

The plan would tend to prevent a kind of discrimination which is so common as to amount to a public policy and one, too, the reverse of sound. The owner of unimproved land held for speculation urges the specious plea that his property yields no revenue and ought therefore, to be lightly assessed. The plea is more often false than true. Land values in a growing community steadily rise, sometimes rapidly and enormously. A large increment goes to the owner which is not earned by him, but is produced by the growth of the community. Meanwhile though, his plea avails. His assessment is low while his enterprising neighbor is punished by a higher assessment for making improvements which benefit the community generally and the speculator especially. This would be bad policy if the difference in assessment corresponded to that in improvements. But often it is greater. Abstractly we denounce land monopoly. In practice our system rewards and therefore encourages it.

* * *

Sound policy might demand that improvements be encouraged by a lower tax than the one placed on land held idle for speculation. But we recognized that this reform is too radical to gain adoption, at present, and we do not recommend going so far. We insist, though, that the discriminations in favor of the speculator ought to be stopped and we believe that the separate assessment of land and improvements would tend to do this.

On the question of license taxation the report says in part:

The Commission desires to go on record as opposed to the principle of license or occupation taxes on ordinary pursuits as a permanent source of revenue. * * *

An occupation tax on a praiseworthy pursuit is vicious in principle. No man ought to be made to pay for the mere privilege of earning a living. A sound public policy would encourage this instead of penalizing it.

Such taxes, by increasing the cost of doing business, lessen the competition, which is unsound policy.

In addition to this there is no form of tax which provokes such a flood of perjury as accompanies the levy and collection of these taxes.

We congratulate our friends upon their wise and effective work upon this commission and Governor Blanchard upon his selection of so able and progressive a body of comissioners to consider this most important question. We sincerely hope the legislature before whom the commission's report will come for action if its labors are to bear fruit, will manifest a like patriotic and progressive spirit.

Independence Day to be Celebrated at Fairhope.

The Henry George Athletic Club has decided to celebrate Independence Day in proper style at Fairhope.

On account of July fourth falling this year on Sunday, the celebration will be held on Saturday the third.

It had appeared practically agreed to omit a celebration at Fairhope this year, and give way to Daphne, but the young men of the Athletic Club who have had the matter under consideration for some time have decided to celebrate at home and all may be assured that they will furnish an interesting program and fully sustain the high reputation of Fairhope for affording the best celebration of the Nation's natal day in this section.

Every natural condition conduces to this end, for we have here the finest park, stretching along the shore for over half a mile, the sandy beach, ample bath-room facilities, the long wharf from which to view the aquatic sports (and this year the new wharf) the Bayside Cafe and Pavilion at the water's edge, furnishing with the big ware houses, ample shelter in case of rain, etc., etc.

Those from the surrounding country and from Mobile, who have come to consider it the regular thing to celebrate at Fairhope will receive the announcement of the Athletic club with much pleasure.

Fuller announcements of program and transportation facilities will be made later.

Tie Vote on School house Site

Twenty-nine votes were cast on school-house location at the meeting on Tuesday evening, of which fourteen were for the Stimpson tract site, fourteen for the Section street site, and one for the tract reserved for ball ground purposes just south of Mr. Howarth's residence.

Only one ballot was taken the meeting then adjourning, so the matter is still undecided.

Sentiment seemed to be divided between the two tracts according to whether the parties were most interested in hall or school house, for both of which purposes it is expected to use the building for a time at least. Those who were most interested in a permanent school site with ample grounds, favored the Stimpson site and those who were most concerned about a convenient hall site favored the location on Section street, where our former hall was.

Two other locations have been proposed since the failure to agree upon a site, Tuesday evening.

One is on Church street, beyond Mr. Beckner's where the Colony has one 66 ft. lot unleased, and Mr. Coleman a lot, with about 160 ft. of frontage and adjoining it on the south a Colony lot about 95 ft. wide held by Mrs. Coutant, but from which she plans to remove the building and would then probably surrender.

These together would make a frontage on Church street of about 320 ft. and with a depth of about 260 ft. to the center of the block where it joins other privately owned land, would make nearly two acres to which the Colony might be willing to add some ground it has in the center of the block, now used only for farming purposes.

This would make an ideal central location for the hall, a little farther away from the business center, but nearer the bay front, and would suit much better those who object to having the school on the Section street site because it is so close to the business center.

This would involve however securing title to Mr. Coleman's privately owned tract of nearly an acre, to purchase which would be out of the question and to effect a trade for which between Mr. Coleman and the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation might be a difficult matter on both sides. If Mr. Coleman could be induced to shift his lot south the width of the Coutant lot, this would give the Colony 160 ft. front on Church street which would be enough for the building site and with the land of the Colony's in the rear before referred to, and extending through north to the narrow street running through from Church to Section street, would make just about two acres.

Another site suggested is on Section street, just north of the Mathew's store, where Mrs. Troup, owns a small dwelling which she would be very glad to have moved to the hotel ground.

The idea of those favoring this site is to secure the Troup lot and two or three others to the north, and then secure land to the east including the piece formerly held by Mr. Mann, (but surrendered by him) and perhaps the south end of the school tract, where the boys play ball, making perhaps three acres in all.

"The whole trend of the age is to abolish personal property taxes and taxes on improvements and concentrate the taxes on community made values."—C. B. Kegley Master of the Washington state grange in his annual address.

Exchange's Fly Killer No Good.

EDITOR COURIER:

Please accept my thanks for your evident good intention of helping in the destruction of house flies, as evidenced by your reprinting a fly-killing formula and described as non-poisonous too.

Like a loyal devotee of the COURIER who takes every thing for granted that is printed in the COURIER till proven otherwise, I tried the plan of making a seven per cent solution of bichromate of potassium and sweetened with syrup from Smith's.

This was prepared and set out in shallow dishes on window sills where flies were thick on a certain sunshiny day at 9.50 a. m.

Thus far everything was done as the best judgment would dictate and the time noted so as to be able to record how many thousandfell dead in the next few hours or minutes as the case might be.

Lo and behold as the minutes lengthened into hours and the hours into days, not a single fly could be detected that had partaken of the poison and died "by request."

They simply would not taste it. Later some sugar was added to each dish. Still no result. Finally after three or four days when the solution placed in the sunlight had begun to thicken and turn brown and syrupy. I deliberately caught some flies and threw them in the dish expecting to see speedy destruction. Again in vain. One fly that had been crushed in catching remained motionless in the liquid, the other four made a frantic effort to scramble out and some did escape and get away. Others were unmercifully pushed back in the "dope" repeatedly, turned over and doused beneath the surface. In that manner I finally suceeeded in killing a few.

As to the substance being non-poisonous I consulted the United States Pharmacopeia, probably a better authority than your "exchange" and learned that bichromate of potassium is "an irritant caustic poison" and cases are described of how poisonous effects are produced in the hands of workers in that chemical.

Now therefore you can publish on my authority (for I have tried it) that the above solution does not attract flies, that it does not instantly kill them even if submerged, and that it is poisonous and too dangerous to have about the house where children may get at it.

After all this negative testimony if you want to recommend to your readers a real, sure-enough non-poisonous fly catching solution, just use a wash bowl half full of soapy water.

Flies die in that in a short time. They seem unable to get out. Whether the soap on the surface makes the edge of the bowl so slippery that they cannot get out, I cannot say, but I advance that as a reasonable inference.

Respectfully,

Silverhill, Ala. HENRY BORST M. D.

The editor tried the alleged fly catcher with the same result as reported by Dr. Borst. We regret to have circulated the misinformation on the authority of our exchange.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

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earth is like a big hot-house, and how things do grow--especially the weeds! I want all my neighbors, especially those who believe that you cannot grow sugar corn in Fairhope to come and see the marvelous productiveness of the little patch in Mr. Stockbridge's garden. It is the Black Mexican given me by the late Mr. Runyon. It is a dwarf variety and most delicious. So far the corn worm troubles it but little, compared to last year. We sprayed with chloro-naptholeum, and cannot say how much good it did, but will continue the experiment next year, if possible.

For the information of Dr. Leigh Jones who sent me the rare hybrid plants (fruits) from the Lewis Childs nurseries, let me say that not one of the six or seven has died. So far all are thrifty. The great strain upon their acclimatization will come when the season is hottest and driest, but they will have good care. She also sent the Wonderberry. Dr. Clara succeeded better with the seeds than I did, but I have some fairly good plants. And the pistachio nuts came up and are doing well. This is used abroad in confectionery, and is delicious. The meat has a beautiful pea green color. The Persian grape seed that she sent has not yet germinated. I hope she will send me more seed and I will plant it at the proper time, in the fall.

Colony Council Proceedings

Regular meeting Executive Council Monday June 7. All members present. In absence of president, E. B. Gaston elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of May 10, 18 and 26.

Motion prevailed to accept proposition of Mr. Coleman to widen county road on west side of his property making same 66 ft; Mrs. Watkins to be allowed 13 ft. on the west in lieu of the 13 ft. taken on the east.

Secretary instructed to notify town Council of action and ask if it will not arrange for widening of this road elsewhere.

Committee on Conference with V. I. C. and Organic school regarding transfer of school house and site was instructed to complete its work.

Treasurer's report for May presented as follows:

Treasurer's Report for May.

Receipts		Disb.	
Telephone maint.	5.25	Postg.& pr'nt'g	36.59
W. W. connection	5.00	Sign & stencil	1.25
Anson Smith house	45.00	Telephone, copper wire	7.50
Rent, 1907	5.75	" maintenance	14.20
" 1908	18.00	Lumber	5 70
" 1909	172.75	Library	.25
" penalty	3.49	Water works maint.	89.93
Stumpage	32.16	Taxes	105.69
On hand May 1	566.77	Salaries	25.
		Public school	35.
	854.17		346.11
		On hand May 31:	
		water certfs.	411.50
		Ass'n "	96.55
		Cash	.01
			854.17

Following bills allowed:

E. B Gaston postage in May	$2.70
" printing, ballots for special election	1.00
" adv. Horning fence	.72
G. W. Lawrence, making and setting shut-off boxes, water works	1.00
L. S. Massey, self and A. Richardson labor in rep. furnace at w. w.	2.25

Following transfers of land approved:

L. Schumacher to J. R. Cross, n. ½ of s. e. ¼ and n. ½ of s. w. ¼ of s. e. ¼ of section 15.

A. G. Vredenburg to Miss N. Clements, half interest in lot 1, of replat of lots 1, 2 and 3, blk, 3, div. 1.

Superintendent of lands and highways was instructed to take up with the town the matter of drainage of low place east of Section St.

Moved and carried that privilege of free burial in cemetary applies to lessees and members of their families only.

Following offers to town regarding school and hall site agreed upon.

(1.) To deed lots 7 and 8, block 6, or lots 1 and 2. block 7, div. 4; for a school or hall site, with the free use of balance of tract beginning at north side of old hall tract, and extending south 330 ft. with a depth of 264 ft. so long as building erected on above lots is used as a public school building, or

(2.) To deed a portion of Stimpson tract extending east from School street, 264 ft. and north from center of George Cain lots to gulley, being something in excess of four acres. On above propositions vote as follows: yeas, Bancroft, Johnson, Stimpson, Trenholme, nay Wood.

Motion also prevailed to express the opinion of the Council that there would be no difficulty in securing a central site for a town hall when needed..

Moved and carried that as no bids have been received for the Horning fence, the secretary was instructed to post a notice on the premises and extend the time for bids to Monday, June 14.

All action by unanimous vote except where otherwise noted.

ATHTETIC CLUB WILL CELEBRATE.

In response to many urgent requests by residents of Fairhope and other communities in the southern part of Baldwin, plans are now being matured for a good old-fashioned observance of "the day we celebrate"—July third this year, the 4th being Sunday. The Henry George Athletic Club has taken the matter up and the well-known energy and ability of these young men is sufficient assurance that the eagle will scream sure enough if they say so. Watch out for detailed announcement next week. Committees are now at work arranging for steamer transportation from Mobile, to get our lovely Beach Park in the pink of condition, securing speakers, getting up amusement features, etc., etc.

The editor of the COURIER, by invitation of President Baker, will give a short talk upon the Single Tax and its application at Daphne before the Daphne Normal summer school, tomorrow morning.

Creameries have been established at both Foley and Bay Minette.

Chas. Nelson of Brooklyn, aays: "I generally leave my COURIER in the barber shop when through with it." A good practice.

C. K. Brown is very low and hardly expected to live from day to day. His daughters, Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Hail, are both at home with him and with their mother.

The editor,s son Cornelius, is recovering rapidly now from his attack of fever.



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Personal and Local

W. B. McAtee and family, of Mobile are in one of the Nichol's cottages for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Sextus Smith and Miss Smith, of Mobile, are in one of Captain Nichol's cottages for the summer.

Mrs. Radebaugh and family, of Mobile, moved over last Saturday into the east Kimball cottage on Fels Ave.

Miss Lizzie Littlegreen spent Sunday at home here, accompanied by her friend, Miss Sadie Dickens of Mobile.

The Schumachers moved over to Mobile on Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Cross moved out to their newly acquired place the same day.

'Gene Wilson, engineer of the "Alert," was home from Saturday evening to Sunday evening. In order that his family may be with him they will move to town this week.

Sunday brought over the largest crowd from Mobile we have had so far. The Fairhope Hotel had about 40 at dinner, The Gables a number, and picnickedon the beach.

The Mimosa trees in Nathaniel Mershon's front yard have been in bloom and presenting a beautiful sight for weeks. They are the only trees of the kind in town.

Mrs. S. Howard Leach arrived on Sunday morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Brown. Mrs. Leach was a Fairhope resident a year or two during its early days. Her home is now at Ora Grande, New Mexico.

Nathaniel Mershon left yesterday morning for Des Moines and other points in Iowa to visit his numerous relatives in that state and host of friends at his home for many years. If the northern climate agrees with him he will probably remain until early fall.

E. Q. Norton, of Daphne, will address the Progressive League on next Sunday, his subject being, "What Fools these Mortals Be." By vote of the League on last Sunday its meetings will be discontinued after next Sunday until September.

Mr. J. B. Barber is quite a success as a real estate dealer. Selling his place on Fels Ave., a little while back to Mr. Hatch, he bought the Stradling place a few doors up the same street, further improved it and on Sunday sold it to Mr. Gretzinger, of Mobile, making a neat margin above his outlay on the deal.

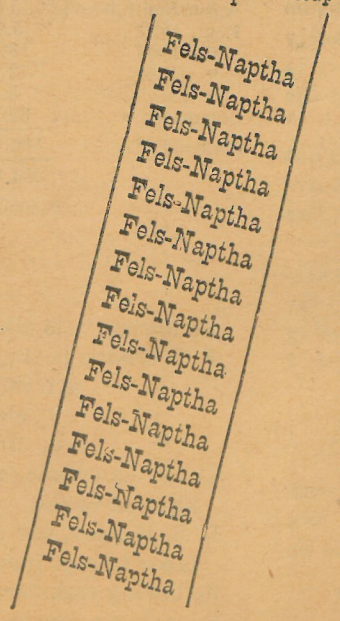
Misses Edith, Clara and Mabel White, Daphne Brown and Charlotte Sheldon made a merry party of young ladies who had all kinds of fun lately, camping at "water hole" Fish river, on the McCoy place. James Gaston, Ed. Sheldon and Paul Molyneux sailed down in the Gaston-Sheldon boat on Sunday morning taking dinner with the young ladies.

Three different sailing parties made the trip from Fairhope to Week's Bay on Sunday; James Gaston, Ed. Sheldon and Paul Molyneux in one boat; Loyd, Stewart and John Lawrence, Albert Bernhardt and Joe Houston in another and Maurice Greenbaum and George Lawrence in another. The breeze, which favored in the morning and early afternoon, died out on the return trip and it was nearly midnight before all got back to Fairhope.

Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink having a monument to set in the Fairhope cemetery (for the lamented S. H. Comings) came over with it on Saturday evening and remained until Monday morning, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stimpson as was also Mr. Bailey who accompanied them. Of course these accomplished musicians brought their instruments with them and spent a considerable part of the time discoursing sweet music, much to the pleasure of all within hearing.

Rev. Mercer G. Johnston is visiting the family of his brother-in-law, John E. Mitchell, at Seacliff. Mr. Johnston was a pleasant caller at the Courier office on Monday and an inquirer about Fairhope policies. He was a schoolmate at Sewanee University, of Fairhope's good friend Rev. Gardner L. Tucker, rector of the Episcopal church at Houma La., and was himself rector for five years, until quite recently, of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John, Manila, P. I.

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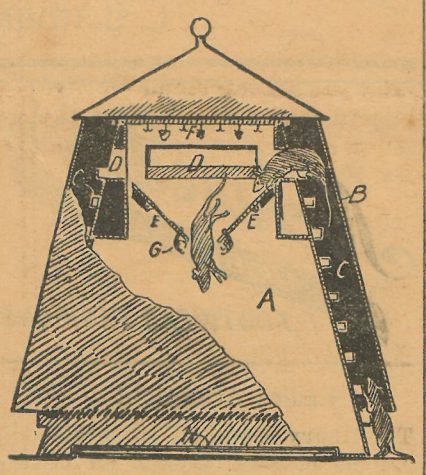
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RAT TRAP THAT WILL CATCH.

Rodents Lured Into Dark Passageway and Dropped Into Water or Acid.

A rat trap has recently been invented which is provided with dark runways leading to a bait room in which are trap-doors adapted to open under the weight of the rat and precipitate it in a receptacle containing water or an acid that will quickly kill, says the Scientific American. The inventor finds that rats do not care to frequent places which are exposed to light, and for this reason he has provided darkened runways of a special form which are attractive places for rats to collect in even when there is no bait in the bait room. Furthermore, the arrangement is such that when the rat falls into the receptacle the trap doors swing back to their original position and prevent any noise being heard by other rats that might be attracted to the trap. As illustrated in the accompanying engraving the trap comprises a receptacle, A, with converging sides, over which is placed a hood B, the latter being spaced from the receptacle to form the runways. The side walls of the receptacle, A, are provided with steps, C, which will permit the rats to climb to the top of the trap and enter the bait room by way of the openings at D. The trap doors in this room are indicated at E. Above them is a series of hooks, F, on



Improved Rat Trap.

which the bait is hung. Each door, E, at its inner end is further provided with a bait receptacle, G. The interior of the receptacle, A, is filled with the water or acid which is to destroy the rats that are caught. At the bottom of the receptacle is a slideway, H, which may be opened to permit of emptying the receptacle of the liquid and of the rats that have been caught. The operation of the trap is self-evident.

THE DISTANCE OF THE STARS

Frederic Campbell, Sc.D., Says There Are Only Three Worlds Nearer Than the Sun.

There are only three worlds that come nearer to us than the sun; those are the moon and the planets Venus and Mercury. Light, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, requires 8½ minutes to reach us from the sun; the light of Neptune, the most distant planet of our solar system, comes in four hours. But the light of Alpha Centauri, the nearest of the fixed stars, requires four years and four months. Our own sun is a star, only so near as to look large and bright. The distance of Alpha Centauri is 3,369,600 times that of the sun. If we stand at City Hall square, New York city, and let one foot represent the distance of the sun, then 638 miles, or about the distance to Detroit, will represent that of Alpha Centauri.

That is the nearest fixed star, whose light comes in four years and four months. But brilliant in the summer sky we see great Arcturus, whose light, reaching us to-night, left that orb in 1749—27 years before the Declaration of Independence. Yet, if Arcturus were not one of the nearest stars, its distance could not be determined. Most of the celestial bodies are so remote that their distance cannot be guessed, much less measured.

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Fires Due to Electricity.

About a dozen years ago, M. Richter showed that the mysterious fires in benzine-cleaning establishments are due to electricity, which produces sparks as pieces of wool are drawn from the combustible fluid on cool or dry days, and he found that the sparks could be prevented by adding magnesium oleate—even as little as 0.02 per cent. —to the benzine. The reason of this remarkable effect of the oleate has not been understood. It has now been investigated by G. Just at Karlsruhe, and he finds that the conductivity of the benzine is very slightly increased, this change being sufficient to prevent the accumulation of dangerous electric charges. In pure benzine an electrode kept its charge for minutes while in the diluted oleate solution it refused to take any charge.

Making Ribbons of Metals.

Not least interesting of accidental discoveries is the new method of rapidly converting metals into ribbon form, which was hit upon by Mr. Gilbert, a British chemist, while seeking some way of making white lead without handling. The molten metal is dropped upon a rapidly revolving drum filled with cold water, and from the surface of the drum it shoots out at the rate of 20 miles an hour as delicate silver ribbon, .500 .1000 of an inch thick, so cooled that it can be caught in the hand. In this way metal ribbon can be produced at an expense of $5 or $10 a ton, or perhaps a twentieth of the cost of making zinc turnings by the old method. Numerous applications are expected, as ribbons of lead will take the place of lead shavings or turning for packing joints and bearings and other purposes, zinc ribbon will probably be useful in the cyanide treatment of gold ores, and in chemical industries various metals will be brought into solution more quickly when first made into ribbon form.

Preservative Treatment for Timber.

It is estimated that a fence post, which under ordinary circumstances will last for perhaps two years, will, if given preservative treatment costing about ten cents, last 18 years. The service of other timbers, such as railroad ties, telephone poles and mine props, can be doubled and often trebled by inexpensive preservative treatment. To-day, when the cost of wood is a big item to every farmer every stockman, every railroad manager—to every one, in fact, who must use timber where it is likely to decay —this is a fact which should be carefully considered.—Scientific American.

Expert Is Studying Volcanoes.

The volcanoes of Hawaii have been a subject of study since 1883 by Prof. C. H. Hitchcock, formerly of Dartmouth college, N. H., but now with his family making a home in Honolulu. A better acquaintance with Mauna Loa and Kilauea, the world's most wonderful craters, is to be expected from the book soon to be issued giving the results of this investigation.

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Detector of Ultra-Violet Rays.

C. Schall describes in the Photographische Wochenblatt, a photochemical method of detecting the presence of ultra-violet rays, based on the fact that these rays and no others produce a blue coloration on paper saturated with a solution of p-phenylene diamine. The paper can be prepared in, and freely exposed to, diffused daylight which merely gives it a pale gray tint. An instant's exposure to the rays of a Heraeus quartz lamp suffices to produce the blue coloration. The effect is prevented by the interposition of a thick plate of ordinary glass, which stops the ultra-violet rays. The paper is prepared by floating it on a solution of one part by weight of p-phenylene diamine in 14 parts of water and four parts of a 40 per cent. solution of nitric acid. The paper should be dried quickly by the application of heat and used immediately. —Exchange.

Personal and Local

Miss Vera Mershon visited at home on Sunday.

Nearly new furniture for sale at a bargain by Mrs. Hak at Rucker's.

Miss Grace Williams spent Sunday at home.

Fine fresh stock of chocolates at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

The Fairhope had a big freight and passenger business last evening.

For Sale Quick: Fine Jersey heifer with young heifer calf. Price $25.00. M. V. Mathews.

Nick Johnson is doing some blacksmithing in the Keller shop during Mr. Joseph Keller's absence.

A divorce was granted Fred Matheson from Bertha Matheson on June 1.

Blue Flame Oil Stoves, none better, none safer.
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Mr. W. S. Hedden, of Mobile, formerly of Illinois, was one of the excursionists yesterday and was a caller at the Courier office.

If you want any electrical work done call on Ralph Coutant, Fairhope, Ala.

Miss Bessie Littlefield visited her brother Henry Clare Littlefield and his wife in Mobile a couple of days this week.

New stock of the best 5 and 10 cent cigars on the market, just in.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Misses Anna Nordman and Maud Midgette are visiting Mrs. Danenhower. The Midgettes will move over in a fewdays.

Men's wash pants $1.00
Mershon Merch. Co.

Dr. Merrill and wife of Paducah, Ky., were at the Fairhope Hotel a couple of days this week and may possibly locate in this vicinity.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

The Boys' Gymnasium Club, of Mobile, and lady friends to the number of about 160 in all, came over on the Pleasure Bay, on Tuesday night on a moonlight excursion and had a dance in the Bayside Pavilion.

Walline in five pound packages for 50 cents. This is the best quality of Alabastine paint we know of.
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The Creamery is handling about a ton of milk a day now but cannot keep up with its orders for either cream or butter. It could easily take care of at least 5,000 pounds of milk a day.

Why suffer with the hot sun, when you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of $1.25.
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H. S. Walker and family moved over to their summer home on Thursday. Mr. Walker and his son came over on their launch in the morning and attended the Sunday-school picnic. Mrs. Walker and Miss Myrtle came over on the Fairhope in the evening.

Only 25 cents for the delightful Sunday evening round trip, Fairhope to Mobile, on Steamer Fairhope. Leave 4:30.

Messrs. Landmann, Sr. and Jr., were here this week looking over Fairhope. They are now living near Foley, where they purchased land, but are believers in the Fairhope land policy and will probably locate here in the near future.

Prepared Granite Roofing the best thing on the market. Come and see it, it will bear inspection.
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J. B. Barber left for his former home at Jonesboro, Ill., on Thursday, to be gone during the summer but expecting to return in the fall. The Courier follows to keep him posted on happenings during his absence.

FOR SALE—Cheap. Poultry netting, large and small mesh, chickenhouses, fixtures, brooders, water fountains, coops, etc.
Stuart Yarnelle.

The Christian Church Sunday-school, of Mobile, held their annual picnic here yesterday. They picnicked here last year and when the question of place for holding the usual annual excursion and picnic came up this year, the children, by a large majority, favored coming to Fairhope again.

We only have a few suits of men's and boy's clothes left, we are offering them at Way Down Prices, they are good values for the prices we will make you. Mershon Merch. Co.

A nine of Fairhope boys played the Daphne Normal nine on Wednesday and won by a score of 11 to 10. The following was the line-up of the Fairhope team: Walter Brown, p., Jake van Bendegom, c., Hunt, 1b., Joe Houston, 2b., Stuart Lawrence 3b., Milton Green rf., Paul Sacriste cf., Geo. Wilson lf., Sam Littlegreen ss.

If you want good Pekin drakes you can get bargains at the Wayside Farm if you hurry. Always mate Pekin ducks to unrelated drakes. Ned Dougherty.

The tide of Mobilians seeking this shore for the summer has set in strongly. Among the families moving over within the last few days are the Jno. L. Ramseys, going in to the McDermaid cottage; the Rev. Hills, Dr. Browns, Baumhauers and Laceys into their own cottages; the Kimbroughs into one of the Kimball cottages; the Yeatses and Calais into the east Kile cottage at the top of the hill, and Mrs. J. Crumb.

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Ladies Attention!

The Henry George Club meets at the home of Mrs. Gaston on next Thursday at 2:30 p. m. This will be a double meeting, the May meeting not having been held. Mrs. Kile will review chapters 3 and 4 of Progress and Poverty and Mrs. Comings will review chapter five and conclusion; after which there will be the usual general discussion.

It will also be the date for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

A full attendance of the members is especially desired and all, ladies especially, will be welcome.

Invitation to Old Union Soldiers

Editor Courier:

By request of Mr. W. D. Randall, chairman of the 4th of July celebration at Daphne on the 3rd of July, (Saturday) an invitation is extended to all old Union soldiers to attend and meet the old Confederates in a re-union of the blue and the gray. A grand good time is expected.

Respectfully,
H. S. Greeno.

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Von Kelterborn—Vander Wall.

Miss Trina Vander Wall was married in Mobile on Saturday, June 5, to Mr. Albert von Kelterborn. The happy couple came over on the Fairhope Saturday afternoon and repaired to the Vander Wall home, where they were treated to a rousing "serenade" in the evening by about 30 Fairhope young men. Mr. Vander Wall says that they were well pleased with Fairhope's "musical corps" and could certainly recommend them to anyone wishing a wedding serenade, also that some one left a musical instrument behind, who can get same by calling on him. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vander Wall and accomplished in every housewifely art. The groom is an interior decorator and painter who has a good position in Mobile. We understand the young couple will make their home here for the present.

New Schedule of Str. Lucile.

The steamer Lucile is now running on a schedule which calls for two round trips a day and if maintained throughout the summer, in connection with the other boats now in service, will give the Eastern Shore the best service it has ever had. The Lucile leaves Battles at 6:15 a. m. for Mobile via all shore points to Daphne, and leaves Mobile returning over same route at 9:30 a. m She leaves Battles again at 1 p. m. and Mobile at 5:30, making all shore points as demanded by business.

The trip leaving Mobile at 9:30 a.m. and Battles, returning to Mobile, at 1 p m. affords an opportunity long desired for a morning run to the shore and a chance to get to Mobile in the afternoon. The Courier sincerely hopes in the interest of the shore that Mr. Welch will find this a paying trip so that he will continue it throughout the summer.

"SOCIETY" IN THE TENEMENTS.

Rules and Regulations for Conduct That Are Binding.

Keeping company, as interpreted by the best sages, simulates an engagement without involving an engagement. In society, one takes short views of life; while Nellie gave Hefty her lips to kiss and her waist to clasp, she has kept her heart whole. They were chums, those two. Chums no more, each may seek a new comrade; only the smash should have been come at more decorously. "He ain't no gentleman!" cries Nellie, as she rends to bits Mr. McCafferty's literary remains —those clumsy, brief notes written on ruled paper with an embossed design in the upper left-hand corner, and beginning, as is proper, "Friend Nellie," She reiterates the verdict as she pitches his gifts down the air-shaft—"soov-neers" from the benches, medals reminiscent of holidays, and sundry buttons and badges inscribed, "Ski-doo," or "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark," or "23 for you." This frenzy of vandalism redoubles her fury and affords us our opportunity to awaken within her a resolve to have done with the whole race of Hefty McCaffertys, and to choose her next steady in a more distinguished social milieu. The thing is perfectly possible. It happens. Like many another girl, she will rise in the world.—Rollin Lynde Hartt, in Atlantic.

Radium in Surgery.

Sir Frederick Treves considers that we have practically reached the therapeutic limitations of the X-rays, the high frequency current and the Finsen light, but that in radium we still have unexplored fields of usefulness, says the British Medical Journal.

This writer believes, without desiring to raise false hopes, that radium will cure every form of naevus, whether it is a port wine stain, a pigmented mole or a hairy mole, and rodent ulcer which has not yielded to the Finsen light or the X-rays, and that too in two sittings of one hour each. Wonders are also accomplished in the early stages of epithelioma of the lip and tongue.



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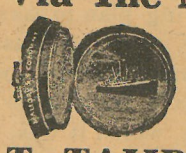
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering those 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.

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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.

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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A Single Taxer on the Tariff.

W. I. Boreman, of Parkersburg, W. Va., had in the Sentinel of his city, of June 3. an article on the tariff, concluding with this strong language:

"Protection which robs your neighbor to give you a job is nothing but legalized robbery, but it is the little robber that stands in front of and blinds you to the big robber. which is land monopoly. Tax monopoly and you destroy it.

"What is called protection is in reality a thieving plan to take from the people to enrich a few. It never was anything else from the beginning, but hid behind the name protection, we have been made to believe it was a good thing, which it was, but only for those who got a chance to charge bigger prices to the consumer. Complete freedom of trade and a tax on land monopoly is the true remedy. As for the principle of protection, there never was a time in the history of the country when it was right, for it is wrong in principle to take from one citizen to aid another's business. It is stealing, though legalized stealing, and no matter how old in custom it may be, age never yet made a wrong right, and I cannot conceive that this rule will change even at the bidding of the spell binder. When taxes are shifted from food, clothing, houses and money to the privilege of owning the opportunities to work, then will we see good times."

For a Beautiful Birmingham

Birmingham, which has the well-deserved reputation of being one of the most enterprising cities of the south, commercially, is also wide awake on the question of civic improvement.

The mayor has issued a neat booklet full of suggestions to citizens for the beautification of the town by the care of their own premises and offering four prizes in each of the eleven wards of the town as follows:

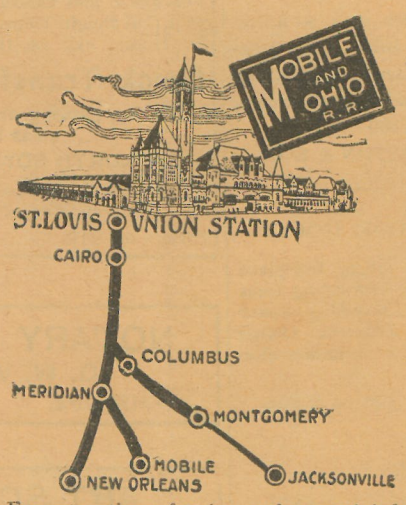
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Various clubs, the teachers of the city schools and others are cooperating in the effort to make Birmingham a "city beautiful."



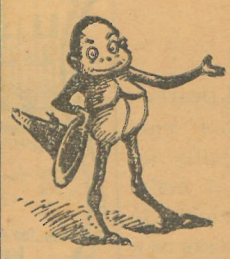
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TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Bond Election Invalidated by Error in Publication. New Election Ordered. Church St. Site Approved. Citizen Wolf on War Path.

The Town Council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present.

The mayor reported the failure of the bond election because of error of the Courier in failing to give the notice of election the three consecutive insertions required by law, and the necessary action was taken by the Council, calling another election for Monday the 19th of July 1909.

A. J. Wolf made a strenuous appeal as reported, for the council to discuss further effort at a bond issue for the erecting of a new building and to enjoin the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation from selling the school building to the Organic school, claiming to have legal advice to the effect that the school district could establish its right to the building and even the ground. Mr. Wolf not only advised but urged action along this line. His warlike suggestions appeared however to fall flat with the Council; Councilmen Coleman, Sweet and Pilcher, all expressing their disapproval of any such course and saying they thought the F. S. T. C. had manifested a liberal spirit in the matter.

The matter of location for the school house was brought up and there seemed a general agreement in favor of the proposed location on Church street provided a sufficient amount of land could be secured. Mr. Coleman expressed his willingness to exchange his lot there for a lot of equivalent value, if he and the Colony could agree upon such an one. He was appointed a committee of one upon the securing of a site on Church street.

The mayor reported his inability to dispose of bonds in Mobile and he, Messrs. Albright and Pilcher, were appointed a committee to solicit local subscriptions for bonds.

It was brought out that while the council was charged with the duty of providing funds for the building, the plans and construction of the building were under the authority of the Board of Education.

Several bills were allowed.

The Land and the Book.

(Joseph Fels in Jewish World, London, Eng.)

Sir,—We read in the 27th Psalm: "But those that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the land;" and further: "But the meek shall inherit the land," Now are these words but the pious opinions of the Psalmist David, out of date in the twentieth century, and without meaning or significance for this generation? Incongruous indeed it seems to speak of the "meek" inheriting the land when we look at the condition of things prevailing all round us. There is no need to labour the facts, which have long been known to those whose eyes are open.

Take Scotland for instance. Here about 80 per cent. of the population are crowded on to one per cent of the land, and even these cannot be called "inheritors," for almost the whole of the country is "owned,' by a mere handful of men. Does any one pretend that "meekness" is the attribute of these landowners, or that, they have acquired this inheritance by "waiting upon the Lord?"

The question I would ask is, how long are Jewish men and women, to whom these words of David are familiar, going to sit with folded hands and let this "great iniquity" continue?

Never in the history of the world has there been such a powerful factor in keeping people in poverty and economic slavery as this confining the land—the essential means of subsistence for all—within the hands of a few, to the exclusion of the rest. And yet, though many of our rabbis and prominent leaders know this perfectly well, they do not come out boldly to champion the eternal laws of righteousness, Is God's justice to be established without the help of God's "chosen people?"

If only there were less attention to the theological dogmas and more of the spirit of Moses, the great lawgiver, the Jews would be taking a greater part in the growing demand for one plain act of justice—that the owners of the land shall render their allegiance to the whole community by the payment of due taxation on land values. The meek shall truly inherit the earth when the present "owners" of land return to the nation the wealth in land values which the natfon has created.

When this is done, and hardly before, shall we see a new generation arise, freed from the curse of poverty, and enjoying to the full the bounty provided by God Himself for the children of men—a bounty at present denied to most for the selfishness of a few.

Yours obediently,

Joseph Fels.

Extracts From "Case Plainly Stated."

(By H. F. Ring Esq. Houston, Texas.)

Wherever we find a portion of the vacant surface of the earth which could be utilized by capital and labour, and which affords an opportunity for human toil and enterprise, there we find a human vampire with a paper title in his hand warning off labour, and that vampire must always be placated by the payment of blackmail before the wheels of industry can begin to turn. Need we wonder that these wheels turn slowly, and that they are always getting out of gear; that we are always talking about dull times; that men are always out of employment and always hunting for work, regarding it as a favour even to be allowed to work; that we are all the time growing too much cotton, when millions of human beings have only one shirt to their names: that we are producing too much food, when half the population of the world is insufficiently fed; that carpenters are out of work, when half the people are not comfortably housed; shoemakers wanting work and millions needing shoes? How could it be otherwise, when labour is compelled to beg for work in the midst of limitless unused opportunities for work, on which opportunities, however, sit these human vampires, these dogs in the manger, waving labour back with their paper title deeds?

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Is not man a land animal? Can he live without land? Can he any more rightfully be deprived of access to land than he can rightfully be deprived of life itself? Can he any more rightfully be compelled to yield up to a forestaller, a mere owner of land, a portion of the fruit of his industry for the privilege of getting hold of the raw material elements than he can rightfully be compelled as a slave to yield up to a master a portion of the fruits of his industry? To compel him to do so is as much a robbery of labour in one case as in the other. Why then is not the humblest babe that God sends into this world naturally and by inalienable right entitled to access to land on equal terms with all his fellow human beings.

Mind, when we say access to land we do not include access to improvements on land, or access to anything produced by human industry, a title to which can be shown originating in human toil; we simply mean access upon equal terms to the free bounties of nature as they lie upon the kind bosom of mother earth, untouched and undisturbed by the hand of man. What I produce by my industry is mine. What I obtain by exchanging the products of my industry for the products of another's industry is mine. What my father or my grandfather produced by his industry was his, and if he has given it to me it is mine. In all these cases human industry is the origin of property right and property rights originating in human industry must be held sacred, else there would be no incentlve to human effort. Do not the values produced by the individual belong to the individual producing them? Do not the values produced by the community belong to the community producing them? Is there anything wrong, immoral or communistic in this idea? And yet this is the sum and substance of the Henry George philosophy.

Mr. George W. Patterson writes from Chicopee Falls, Mass., that they have had but few days of warm weather there since their return from the south. They enjoyed their stay with us and like to keep in touch with us, which they do through the Courier.

George Lewis writes from his summer home at Scranton Iowa that Iowa is having more rain than it knews what to do with. He says: "We can't get along without the Courier" and renews his subscription.

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Town Council to be Commended

This community is to be congratulated on having a Town Council with the good judgment and interest of the whole community sufficiently at heart to refuse to be drawn into any such feud-provoking, lawyer-feeing contest as urged by Mr. Wolf on Monday evening. The legal opinions proclaimed by the gentleman, being no doubt, off-hand expressions, based upon his biased and inaccurate statements, amount to nothing and such a suit as proposed would, we are sure, give the Colony not a moment's uneasiness—except at having to spend its lessees' money in fighting to protect their interest.

We can imagine no better plan to get no public school house this year, for a final decision on the question could not possibly be reached before the fall school term should begin. Of course, with such a suit pending all propositions on the part of the Colony would be withdrawn, and when later it had won, as it certainly would, it would practically be obliged to reduce its proffer by the expense of the litigation, which would be heavy even to the winner.

And what could it be hoped to gain by such a course? There is no pretense even of an equitable claim on the part of the district to what was expended on the building from the loan of the Library Association, and the balance of the price at which the building was two or three times refused (with the gentleman who urged the suit and his associates each time voting against its acceptance) has already been proffered by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to the town, together with a deed of "up to two acres" of land, (not necessarily in the business center of the town) and which, in an excellent location, upon choice of which the people were tied, it voluntarily increased to four acres.

As well observed by the councilmen who spoke on the subject on Monday evening, the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation has made a fair, even liberal, proposition. To which we add: the thing now to do is for those off the F. S. T. Corporation's land, to put up the $250 necessary to get its $1,000 and "get busy." Knowing the disposition of those in charge of the F. S. T. Corporation's affairs and of a majority of its members we are sure they would favor straining the Corporation's resources to match in the same fair proportion, any further sum those off its lands would raise, or that as individuals they would subscribe as liberally as their means would permit toward a school and hall building which would be a credit to the town. Let's get at it.

Fairhope's Fourth of July Celebration.

The COURIER hopes that our neighbors and friends at Daphne, will not feel that the celebration of the Fourth, which Fairhope is to have (on the third) is in any respect an evidence of a desire on the part of Fairhopers to detract from the success of the celebration which Daphne is to have on the same day or of indifference to the worthy institution to which the proceeds of the Daphne celebration are to be devoted. Such we know is not the case. Fairhope wishes Daphne well in all her public undertakings especially the Normal school, and two years ago refrained from having a celebration and went practically en masse to Daphne to assist in making a great success of its celebration, then, as now, in the interest of the Normal School.

But Fairhope has "got into the habit" of celebrating the Fourth. It was the first town in this section to do so. Many of its people do not want to go away from home for a celebration and many people in the nearby country and in Mobile look forward regularly to being entertained on the Fourth at Fairhope. Feeling all these things and having worthy purposes of their own to serve, the enterprising young men of the Athletic club, have decided on a celebration and without wanting to take from Daphne a person who has planned to go there, the COURIER would render the local boys all the assistance and encouragement it can.

Of one thing we are very sure and that is that though starting in late, the young men will provide a celebration which will not detract from Fairhope's high reputation for giving those who celebrate with her the "worth of their money" in entertainment, amusement and refreshment.

DEATH OF C. K. BROWN

C. K. Brown found relief from his suffering on yesterday, (Thursday) morning at a few moments after 11 o'clock. The end had been expected almost hourly for days, but time and again the latent strength of the once sturdy frame asserted itself and brought temporary rallies. He suffered greatly, so much so that the thought that he had found relief from his suffering could not but temper the grief of his family and friends over his loss.

C. K. Brown was one of our oldest and most respected citizens, having come to Fairhope in 1897, and was among the largest investors of capital within the Colony limits. He was a member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and for several years was one of its officers. He was a political and economic reformer of long standing, the writer's acquaintance with him (by correspondence) dating back to several years before the establishment of Fairhope, as a co-worker and financial supporter of radical movements in Iowa.

As well stated by his friend and neighbor, Mayor Greeno, in a brief address at his grave, he was indeed an honest and upright man, who sought to do his duty in every walk of life.

C. K. Brown was born in Ipswich, N. H., May 9, 1833. The family moved to Denmark, Iowa in 1836 where he grew up and married Harriet Newell Briggs, Nov. 1, 1860. Three children were born to them, Frank L. Brown, Mrs. Nella Leech and Mrs. Anna B, Hail, all of whom were with him to comfort and care for him during his last illness, as also his companion of nearly 50 years.

The funeral was held at 6 o'clock last evening and, by his own wish and that of the family, was extremely simple. The only service was a brief one at the cemetery where, beside the open grave, Mayor Greeno as friend and neighbor, paid brief but eloquent and fitting tribute to the worth of the deceased as husband, father, friend and citizen; another friend, G. W. Wood read an appropriate passage of scripture and offered up a prayer.

As the sun sank beyond the western shore of the bay, his mortal remains were laid to rest beneath the shadow of the pines.

Ice Plant Assured.

The editor had just completed an item upon the fine opening existing here for an ice plant when Mr. A. O. Berglin of the Fairhope Creamery called in and advised us that he and Mr. Wesley Overton. of Mobile, had practically concluded arrangements for incorporating a company for the purpose of putting in a plant, and inquiring as to terms upon which water could be secured from the Colony water system for the plant. This is the best news which it has been the pleasure of the COURIER to make public in many a day. We hope to give more definite particulars next week.

Later: We find that we are indebted largely to Mr. J. M. Pilcher for this important enterprise, and that a new company to be known as the "Fairhope Ice and Creamery Co." will take over the creamery and operate it and the ice plant together. Of this company Mr. A. O. Berglin will be present and general manager, Wesley Overton vice president and J. M. Pilcher, secretary and treasurer. The plant is secured and will be on the ground in a few days. It is expected to be actually turning out ice early in July.

New Bond Election Necessary

As reported elsewhere the late bond election was discovered to be invalidated by failure of the COURIER to give the notice of election the three "successive" publications required by law and on Monday evening a new election was called for July 19th.

The publisher of the COURIER was much chagrined when informed that the unfortunate error in his office would probably invalidate the election and readily proposed that if the fault were wholly with him he would feel bound to pay the expense of the new election made necessary.

While these delays are annoying they do not, however, seem to us necessarily to delay proceeding with the building. With the Colony's $1,000 and the $250 from those residing off of Colony land available there is nothing to hinder proceeding with the building just as soon as the site and plans can be agreed upon.

With the $1,250 and the bond matter being proceeded with according to law the COURIER'S idea is that a general subscription should be pushed among those on and off Colony land, and this should realize several hundred dollars. The $250 from those off of Colony land against $1,000 from the Colony, represented, as we understand it, the Colony's idea of a fair basis for participation of those residing on and off Colony land.

With this established we are sure the Colony people generally would be glad to subscribe as residents of the district toward the new building.

We do not like the subscription plan, but as there is no way by which land values outside the Colony can be drawn upon for the purpose, and the sale of bonds seems in the opinion of the mayor to be doubtful, it may have to be resorted to. It has the advantage of being a plan to which the people are accustomed.

Remember the Fourth of July Celebration at Fairhope, on July 3rd.

Mr. H. Armstrong, traveling representative of the Mobile Register came in on the Lucile on Wednesday evening and spent a short time in our city in the interest of his excellent paper. With commendable enterprise the Register Company is taking advantage of a morning boat to the shore to put its paper into the hands of its Eastern Shore readers in the morning, instead of their having to wait for it until evening and receive it at the same time as the afternoon papers. This should greatly increase the number of Register readers in this territory. Mr. Armstrong was a caller at the COURIER office for a few moments.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Rev. V. P. Bowers, of Pembroke, Ga., spoke last Sunday at the Christian church in the morning and evening and will speak again on next Sunday. He is a very pleasant gentleman and an eloquent speaker and may receive a call to the pastorate of the church.

Hon. S.C. Jenkins of Bay Minette, will be one of the speakers at the Daphne celebration on the third and will also be the chief speaker at the celebration at Foley on the 5th.

Oscar Hall, tax collector, accompanied by his charming little daughter Debbie, was in town yesterday and today looking after delinquent tax-payers.

Mrs. Batchelor left for Chicago on Thursday morning, via Jackson, Miss., where she will visit a relative. She expects to be back in October.

E, Q. Norton of Daphne spoke before the Progressive League on last Sunday. Mrs. Norton accompanied him.

Mrs. G. E. Perkins is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Albert Stearns and 2 children of Pensacola.

Miss Gladys Lowell of Mobile, was the guest of Miss Leah Gaston from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

Fred Prinzing left for his home in Chicago last week.

Editor Suggests Railroad Plan.

For Securing Railroad Facilities for the Eastern Shore and Safe-guarding the Interest of the People.

At a meeting held recently in the interest of the proposed railroad along the Eastern Shore, the editor took occasion to urge care to protect the interests of the public and cited some instances where the people in their eagerness to secure a railroad had given away valuable privileges and burdened themselves to assist only to find they had created a Frankenstein, from whose grasp they struggled vainly to free themselves.

Since then he has given the matter considerable thought and presents the following suggestions of a plan for securing the road and protecting the interests of the people.

That transportation is one of the most important factors in the service and development of any section no one today disputes.

The Eastern Shore has an inestimable advantage in the unmonopolizable waters of Mobile Bay, which have been hitherto and are now being utilized for transportation to and from Mobile only, but with the present enthusiasm throughout the country over the development and utilization of waterways, may in the near future be made of infinitely greater service.

Thanks to the unmonopolizable character of this highway—and to that only—this shore is enjoying rates for both passengers and freight not enjoyed by any town of similar size a like distance from Mobile or any other southern city not on navigable water. For this advantage we are not responsible—unless it be in choosing to live where such an advantage exists—and, fortunately, it is beyond our power to deprive ourselves of it.

But our water transportation is not sufficient. It is too much subject to weather conditions. It is not rapid enough. The initial and operative expense of its units is too great to make possible the frequency of service that we need. It entails the expense and delay of transferring our freights coming from or destined to points beyond Mobile. It is especially unsatisfactory as a means of communicaiion between shore points.

We need to add railway facilities to our water transportation facilities; to be utilized in connection with the latter but reducing its acknowledged drawbacks to the minimum, or independently, or both.

The subject is now uppermost in the minds of residents of the Eastern Shore and Mobilians interested here and plans are under consideration for securing the additional facilities.

The writer's purpose is to urge that to our unmonopolizable water highway we add an unmonopolizable people's land highway.

Fourteen years of experience with his colleagues at Fairhope in the promotion of public services for public benefit instead of private profit, with results which speak for themselves may warrant him in earnest solicitation that a way may be found for securing this greatest of all public services, a railed highway, which, whlle giving adequate return for investments actually made, will adequately protect also, the interests of the people served.

Railroads have elsewhere and hitherto been built solely as a means of profit for the promoters; but only because the people, realizing the importance of railroads to them, have failed to realize the equally as obvious fact of their importance to the railroads.

No dollar is ever put into railroads without the expectation and usually the result of getting it back with several other dollars with it. Times without number railroads have been promoted with little cash more than necessary to make a campaign for a franchise, rights of way, bonuses or bond issues by localities, donations of land, etc.; these being made the basis of bond issues which provided the actual capital for construction, erroneously supposed by the people to be advanced by the promoters who have then issued the utmost amount of stock which they could market, and found ways of dividing the proceeds among themselves, usually retaining the control of the road at the same time.

Too often too, the people have been robbed of a large share of the benefit anticipated from the operation of roads by exhorbitant rates applied to the payment of dividends on watered stocks and princely salaries of officers; by discriminations to favored shippers or localities, and in the other various ways which the ingenuity of modern "financiers" has devised. Sometimes too, such roads have been the greatest obstacles to the securing of other roads which the growing needs of the people made necessary.

The writer's proposition is that as the people of the Eastern Shore, if a road is to be built, are to furnish the security for the investment of the necessary capital, to pay interest upon it and the operating expenses and profits, if any, of the road afterwards, they own the road and protect themselves against the very real dangers referred to.

Personally the writer believes that railed highways, as well as water or "dirt" highways, should be owned and controlled—not necessarily operated—by government, national state or local. Neither public sentiment nor the laws make this feasible at the present time, but existing laws can easily be made use of to accomplish the desired end.

Trusted representative citizens of the shore can organize a railway corporation under existing laws and make every necessary provision in its charter for the protection of the interests of the people whom it is to serve.

The following provisions are suggested:

No stock to be issued except for cash or property or services of actual equivalent value.

Rates to be based upon operating expenses, interest on indebtedness, a specified percentage for sinking fund to retire indebtedness, a like agreed percentage for betterments and a limited return to the stockholders, say not to exceed eight per cent per annum.

That other roads should have the right to cross the road or make use of portions of its track on reasonable terms.

That no discriminations should be made for or against localities or individuals.

Others may be found desirable.

Illustrations of the way in which laws usually made the means of exploiting the people may be made to serve them, are afforded by the Home Telephone Co., of Mobile, which, organized at a time when the yearly rental for telephones was $64, provided in its charter that it should not charge more than $40. By the success of Fairhope in securing telephone service for its people at less than half of what the same service costs elsewhere: by its plan for building and administering its wharf, whereby upon the same charges which are paid at other towns, or less, the indebtedness incurred in building the wharf is heing rapidly paid off and it will soon be producing a handsome net income--not for a few investors who had already received their investment back with interest—but for the people, to be applied toward further public improvements, or, perhaps, to supplement the all too meager public school fund, or to reduce rates of wharfage.

Why should not the same method be applied to this important public service so vital to the interest of the whole shore?

The steps so far taken in the matter are just such as would be necessary under this plan; in selecting trustees to represent the interests of the people, secure subscriptions toward a road, to be used with whomever they can be used to the best advantage of the people; in having surveys made and a profile of what appears to be the most practicable route.

Probably no better choice of trustees could be made than those acting.

My suggestion would be to continue under the present arrangement but, instead of asking donations from the people of money, land, building material, or labor, to be turned over as a gift to some individual or corporation for the building of a road over which the people would thereafter have no control, to offer for such subscriptions stock in such a corporation as I have indicated, to be incorporated when a sufficient amount was subscribed.

The appeal to public sentiment which is proposed can be reinforced by a share in the control and profits, of the road and, what will be even more important to most of the resident subscribers, a guarantee embodied in the very charter of the road, that it will really be operated in the interest of the whole people of the shore.

An enthusiasm ought thus to be aroused which could not be created in any other way and any possible subscriptions under the present plan could be trebled or quadrupled.

Moreover, I confidently believe, a successful appeal could be made to people throughout the United States who believe in public control of public utilities and subscriptions to a considerable aggregate amount secured from them

Upon much such a plan Fairhope had no difficulty in securing $5,000 for the rebuilding of its wharf on a 6 per cent basis, one subscription of $450 dollars coming all the way from Alaska.

The writer has no purpose in presenting this plan other than to promote and protect the interest of the whole people to be affected by the building and operation of the proposed railroad. He desires no office or position of any kind in connection with its building or operation, but is solicitious that in a matter of such great importance not only for the present but for the future, a right plan be pursued and the interest of the whole people safeguarded.

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Personal and Local

The popularity of Fairhope as a summer pleasure resort was attested last week by two Sunday-school excursions and an evening excursion.

Messrs. Haworth and Dyson completed the cottage for Mrs. Turpin on Mobile St. and Fels Ave. and went to Mobile on Wednesday where they are to build another cottage for Mrs. Turpin.

Miss Josephine Cady came over on Tuesday evening with Mrs. W. B. McAtee, who has been quite ill and was not able to come over with her family a week or more ago. Miss Cady returned to Mobile on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson and their son Archie, of Thomasville, are in the Miss Clement's "annex" cottage on Bay View Ave. Mr. Johnson is a lawyer by profession and taking his first vacation in 25 years. Others of their family will be here during the summer. They are friends of Dr. Hunt.

Among the Sunday visitors were Mr. J. J. Tvedt, agent for the Rambler automobiles, and Mr. Arthur Thompson, who is associated with him in the automobile repair business. Mr. Thompson formerly lived near Marlow, but has recently returned to the state after spending 2 or 3 years in Kenosha, Wis.

L. S. Massey was expressing the pleasure he and his family have in their garden this season. They have potatoes, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn, cabbage, etc., and they find it a great saving in their provision bills. Massey picked a cucumber the other day which was 11 inches long and weighed a pound and three quarters—and was not done growing.

Last Sunday was one of those warm days when Mobilians like to flee to the Eastern Shore and Fairhope captured a good share of them. Mr. Patterson tallied 133 taking the boats in the afternoon. The Bayside Cafe did a rushing business especially in bathing suits, for which it could not supply the demand. The Fairhope Hotel had nearly 50 guests for dinner.

There is now quite a little fleet of pleasure boats at Fairhope; the Slosson, Lyon and Walker gasoline launches; the sloops: "Viking," owned by Mr. Olsen; "Anchor", owned by Frank Davis, and "Loulie" owned by Capt. Jos. Lawrence and son Loyd; the catboats "Green River" owned by Maurice Greenbaum, "Sister" by James Gaston and Ed Sheldon, and "Santoy" by Munroe Martin.

Up to Saturday evening of last week, Reimer Poortstra had shipped to Mobile, from a quarter of an acre, 85 crates of 4 baskets each (4 lbs. to the basket) of tomatoes. They brought him 75 cents to 85 cents a crate up to Friday, but a big shipment in from Florida glutted the market and the price dropped to 35 cents. The house which has been handling his product thinks, however, the market will improve again.

The Government St. Methodist Sunday-school, of Mobile, picnicked at Fairhope on last Friday about 350 strong. It was the first time this Sunday-school has been to Fairhope but will probably not be the last as all were pleased with our picnic grounds and accomomodations. They came over on the Carney and as she had to return to Mobile and make the Pleasure Bay's usual evening trip, on account of an accident to that boat's machinery, before she could take them back, they had an unusually long day here.

A. J. Kempton, of Camden, Ala., spent a day with us last week looking over the situation with a view to possibly locating. Mr. Kempton came to Camden from Michigan and has found the southern Alabama climate quite beneficial to his health. He had heard of Fairhope before coming south and heard much more of it from our friend Abner J. Smith editor of the Progressive Era, at Camden. He also added to his information by reading the Courier for several months. Mr. Kempton was very favorably impresssed by general conditions at Fairhope, but was uncertain as to the possibilities for business in his line, that of a jeweler and watch-repairer.

On the fly-killing question let us make the suggestion that a first-class "non-poisonous" killer is a small piece of ordinary wire screen fixed on a light handle. This operates something like the two blocks sold for killing potato bugs, the bug to be placed on one block and firmly pressed with the other, only that you don't have to first catch your fly. You simply slap him wherever he is, with your instrument. A piece of screen about 4 to 5 inches wide and 6 to 8 inches long is about the proper size. At one end fold in each corner to the center, and insert in a split in a light handle about a foot long. The number of flies which can be killed in a few minutes with this device is surprising It is particularly effective for the few flies which will sometimes get inside the screens and make life a burden for a sick person or when one wants to get a morning or afternoon nap. Every one of such can be put out of business in a very few minutes. Occasionally a few get after the editor and greatly interfere with the flow of ideas which he would transcribe on paper for the benefit of Courier readers, but a few passes with this "non-poisonous" killer will abate the nuisance. It is a good device to go along with Dr. Borst's basin of soapy water, inexpensive, easy to get, non-poisonous, effective.

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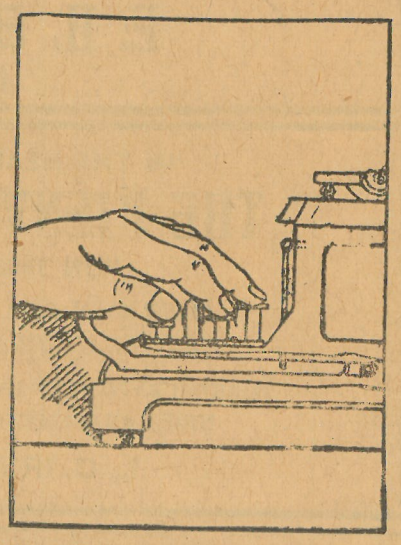
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The first typewriter had a shifting mechanism, which was operated by the foot. At the end of each line when it was necessary to bring the carriage back to the starting point a slight pressure on a treadle carried the carriage and paper back to the proper place. This device never seemed to fill the bill, and the hand-shift was adopted, and, although it is generally considered lacking in a great many respects, it has been in use for many years and nothing better has been adopted. It is practically the only part of the machine which has been materially improved from time to time. To the fast operator the shifting of the carriage by the hand, as done at present, means the loss of a great deal of time, and the



Wrist Movement for Typewriter Shift.

speed record could be greatly increased if some means of throwing the carriage over to the beginning of the line could be devised, without the necessity of taking the hands from the keyboard. Such a scheme is shown herewith, the invention of a Havana man, who has recently secured a patent on it in this country. A large key raised slightly above the level of the keyboard occupies a position directly under the wrist. When the end of the line has been reached it is only necessary to rest the wrist for an instant on this key, when the carriage is carried back to the start, ready to begin the new line.

RETURN OF HALLEY'S COMET

Monster, Gone for Seventy-Five Years, Due to Return, Says Frederic Campbell, Sc. D.

One of the most conspicuous spectacles of history is at hand—the return of Halley's comet. Gone for about 75 years, its path has been so accurately mapped out that it is known now to be nearing our neighborhood. About every 75 years the comet returns from a long excursion into the depths of space. When it appeared in 1456 it threw all Europe into panic, it being thought that the end of the world was at hand. While its appearance varies on different occasions, it has been seen with a tail 45 degrees in length, equal to a line of 90 full moons.

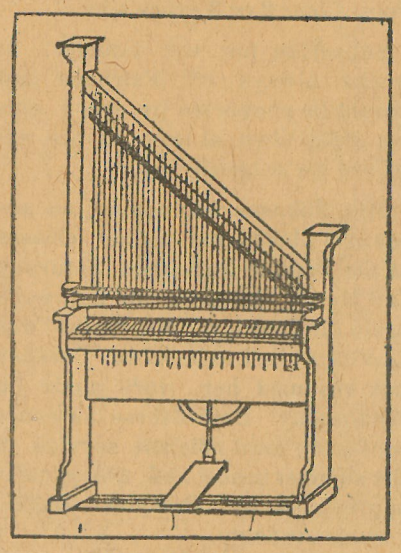
This monster will be in our sky for weeks, and can be seen from all parts of the earth's surface. It will cross the earth's path twice, first about March 31, 1910, and again on June 19, following. Should the earth happen to be at either of the crossing points at the time a fearful catastrophe would probably ensue; but such will not be the case. Moreover, when we say it crosses the earth's path, we must remember that it is like an elevated railroad crossing a surface line, on a different level, and with no possibility of collision. To have lived to see this stupendous spectacle is a very great privilege. The comet is expected to be sighted during the coming fall. Faint at first, it will gradually grow brighter, till it spreads its huge tail across half the heavens.

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AN AUSTRIAN PIANO-VIOLIN.

New Musical Instrument Sounds Like Violin, Played Like Piano, and Looks Like a Harp.

From Austria-Hungary, whence come so many things musical, comes a new musical instrument which is known as the piano-violin. It looks like a harp, sounds like a violin and is played like a piano. As shown in the cut the upper portion of the instrument consists of a series of strings each of which is operated by one of the keys on the piano keyboard.



Strings Meet the Bow.

Across these strings runs a traveling band which performs the functions of a bow, except that in the case of this instrument the strings come out to meet the bow instead of the bow moving back and forth from the strings. Each string is attached to a pivoted arm and as the key is struck the arm moves outward and the string comes in contact with the traveling band, producing the sound of a bow scraping a fiddle string. A spring pulls the arm back into place when the pressure on the key is relieved and a pedal at the bottom of the instrument regulates the sound.

RESTFUL TO EYES AND NERVES.

Green Is One of Nature's Cures for Worry and Fatigue.

"If the whole of London were painted green it would have a wonderful effect upon the health and spirits f us Londoners," said one of the leading specialists to a Mirror writer. "Eyesight and health are most closely connected, and among town dwellers eyesight is steadily deteriorating. Green is one of nature's cures for worry and fatigue. Watch a man who is worrying or tired out and see how often he will wander to a window from which he can gaze on a tree in leaf. Instinctively his eyes seek the restful green of the foliage. A great deal of the good obtained from a visit to the country is from the incessant environment of the green fields and green leaves.

"A green room, too, is a splendid thing. I know of a case of a popular actress who could never understand why it was that in a certain room in her house she could always rest so much better than in any other one. She mentioned the fact to me one day, and I pointed out to her that the paper, and furniture were entirely green."

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Personal and Local

Mr. Hess of Mobile, was a guest of the Slosson's over Sunday.

Men's wash pants $1.00
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The big Point Clear Hotel opened for the summer on the fifteenth.

Mrs. Sacriste has moved into the cottage just completed for Mrs. Turpin on Fels Ave.

If you want any electrical work done call on Ralph Coutant, Fairhope, Ala.

There was a good crowd at the dance at Bayside Pavilion last evening.

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The first peaches noted on the local market were brought in by neighbor Riel.

Mrs. B. F. Midgette and family moved over to one of Mr. Wolf's cottages on Sunday.

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The luscious water-melon is on the local market and Baldwin County produces melons unexcelled on earth.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Cornie Gaston got down stairs for the first time since his illness, on Wednesday. He is convalescing rapidly now.

Walline in five pound packages for 50 cents. This is the best quality of Alabastine paint we know of.
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The Christian Endeavor Social on the Church lawn last evening was well attended and a very pleasant affair.

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There is much more corn reported planted in this vicinity than ever before and the season has been very favorable for it.

Only 25 cents for the delightful Sunday evening round trip, Fairhope to Mobile, on Steamer Fairhope. Leave 4:30.

Messrs. Haworth and Dyson both heard from their people of their safe arrival on the other side, but the ladies both suffered some from seasickness on the trip.

FOR SALE—Cheap. Poultry netting, large and small mesh, chickenhouses, fixtures, brooders, water fountains, coops, etc.
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Mrs. Standard was removed from her home to the Fairhope Sanitaritarium on Monday, where she is having every attention and gives promise of a quick recovery from her illness, which was not typhoid fever, as erroneously stated, but malarial fever with typhoid characteristics.

We only have a few suits of men's and boy's clothes left, we are offering them at Way Down Prices, they are good values for the prices we will make you. Mershon Merch. Co.

The "Santoy" has been added to the fleet of pleasure boats at Fairhope, having been purchased in Mobile by Monroe Martin who is summering here. The Santoy is an 18 foot cat-boat and one of the fastest boats of her class having won a cash prize of $50 in the regatta at Point Clear 2 or 3 years ago.

Subscribe for the Courier. It works always for Fairhope and should be supported by every citizen of the town, at least to the extent of his subscription.

Mrs. Johnson was unable, on account of illness, to meet her classes at the Daphne Normal on Saturday and Monday but took up her work again on Tuesday. Mrs Sweet was also compelled to be off on Tuesday but resumed her work again on Wednesday. Both of these ladies are rendering most efficient service in the summer school and are greatly appreciated by President Baker, and his students.

Frank and Will Davis under the name of the "Fairhope Fish Company" have established a business the need of which has long been felt and which we are sure will be generally appreciated and liberally patronized. They will endeavor to fully supply the local demand for fresh fish. They have secured room at the the Bayside Cafe where fish will be constantly kept on ice and will, in addition run a wagon for the convenience of the public. They know how, when and where to get the fish and have all the necessary equipment for doing so.

Invitation to Old Union Soldiers

EDITOR COURIER:

By request of Mr. W. D. Randall, chairman of the 4th of July celebration at Daphne on the 3rd of July, (Saturday) an invitation is extended to all old Union soldiers to attend and meet the old Confederates in a re-union of the blue and the gray A grand good time is expected.

Respectfully,
H. S. GREENO.

Teachers' Examination.

The July examination for teachers will be held at the Daphne State Normal School building on the first Monday in July, 1909, beginning promptly at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the hour required by law. Applicants will please take notice and be present at that hour.

All applicants must supply themselves with the necessary paper (legal-cap), pens, ink, etc., for the examination. Those holding second and third grade certificates and wishing to apply for higher grades must bring their certificates with them. Very respectfully,

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Third District Sunday-School Convention.

There will be a meeting of the Sunday-school workers of the Third Commissioners District of Baldwin county held at Daphne on the first Sunday in July next for the purpose of thoroughly organizing the third district association. Every Sunday-school of the district is respectfully urged to send a representative, or a number of representatives, to this convention. As the district has never been thoroughly organized, no formal program has been arranged, but we hope to have present a number of good speakers and Sunday school workers, and all who attend are earnestly solicited to take part in the discussions of the work.

The meeting will be called to order at ten o'clock a. m., and will adjourn at pleasure in the afternoon. Don't Miss It.

Yours for thorough organization,
J. S. Lambert,
Co. Superintendent.

Noitice of Election for School Bond Issue for Town of Fairhope, Alabama.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows:

Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 19th day of July, 1909, there will be held in the Town of Fairhope, Alabama, at Woodmen Hall an election, which election shall be held for the purpose of determining whether or not the Town of Fairhope, Ala., will issue bonds in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and to run for ten years from date of issue, and the purpose for which the bonds are proposed to be issued being to construct a public school house in said town of Fairhope, Alabama.

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Dr. C. L. Mershon, health commissioner, has handed the Courier some excellent suggestions regarding public health conditions, but the same will have to go over until next issue.

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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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Hunters' Hounds vs. Dogs in the Manger.

(Land Values, London.)

"With reference to a report," says the "Daily Mail" of May 22nd. "circulated yesterday that the Marquis of Exeter intended giving up his pack of hounds owing to the land taxation in the Budget, it was stated on authority last night that he had come to no definite decision yet. At present, it was pointed out, large landowners hardly knew what they could keep or what they would have to give up."

Whatever happens to the hounds, we hope the dogs in the manger will be moved.

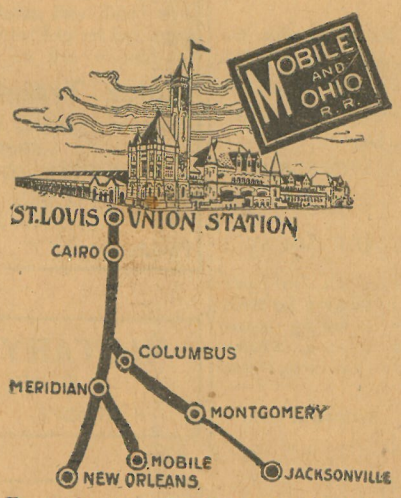
Land Values, London Eng., for June, is filled with interesting matter about the progress of the land reform movement in that country, carrying a "special budget supplement" of 24 pages, containing condensed reports of debates in the House of Commons on the budget proposals referring to the taxation of land values together with press comments on the same. Land reformers in this country who want to keep posted on the movement in England, should by all means, subscribe for Land Values. It is published monthly by the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values, 20 Tothill St., Westminster, London, Eng., at 1½ d. a year, postpaid, its equivalent in United States currency being about thirty-six cents.

H. F. Ring's famous Single Tax lecture "The Case plainly Stated," delivered before the Knights of Labor at Houston about twenty years ago has been re-issued in neat pamphlet form by publication department of Land Vavues, London and we are indebted to Mr. Joseph Fels for a copy of it and other publications of the department.

Miss Louise Manly visiting her sister at Rockwell City, Iowa, writes for a number of booklets to distribute there and says: "I am enjoying Iowa very much. Wish I could transfer 'a whole lot,' of this rich black soil to Fairhope; but there's no place like Fairhope just as it is and as it is growing to be, after all."

Charles Stromberg orders a lot of booklets for distribution among inquirers in Chicago.

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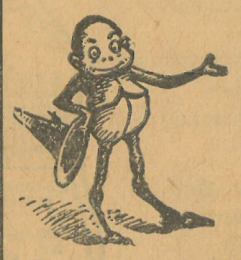
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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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Representative Jenkins for Local Self Government.

When Representative Jenkins was in our city last week he was an appreciated caller at the Courier office.

Mr. Jenkins is looking forward to an early special session of the legislature and is considering in what way he can best serve the interests of his constitutents when it comes.

We urged Mr. Jenkins to especially favor every measure looking toward enlarged authority to the people of localities in their local affairs. He has long been a believer in more local self government than our present statutes provide, and his own town, Bay Minette, is experiencing the evil of the limitation of the statute upon municipalities to a rate of taxation of one half of one per cent, which gives it no adequate resource for meeting principal and interest of the bonds its people voted to issue for school house purposes, and thus renders them unsalable.

We recommended also the introduction of a bill providing for a tax commission similar to those appointed in recent years in fourteen states. Some of the radical recommendations of the Louisana tax commission, it will be remembered, we reproduced in a recent issue.

The Single Tax.

Taxes on the products of labor tend to restrict production. Therefore no taxes should be imposed upon improvements or commodities.

A tax on land values does not restrict production or lessen the reward of the users of land, but, by making it unprofitable to hold land out of use it opens natural opportunities for labor and stimulates production. Therefore all taxes should be levied on land values.

Every man is entitled to the full results of his own labor or enterprise in producing goods, erecting buildings, improving lands, or other wise contributing to the satisfaction of the wants of himself or others, but that value which attaches to land by reason of the increased competition for its use and which is due to the growth of population and public improvements, justly belongs to the whole community. Therefor the public should take by taxation, the full rental value of land.

Whenever ground rent is thus taken for the support of government, industry and enterprise will be relieved from taxation, and no inducement will remain for holding land without using it. Land speculation will cease and natural opportunities will be open to labor. Workmen who cannot make fair bargains with employers, will be able to employ themselves; not that every body will take to farming, but that with agricultural, mining and building lands accessible to those willing to put them into use, there would be no lack of employment and wages in all industries would rise to their natural level—the full earnings of labor. The labor problem is; how shall all men willing to work always find opportunity to work and thus produce wealth? The single tax, by opening natural opportunities, and at the same time relieving industry from burdens, solves the labor problem!

The only practical method of arriving at the Single Tax is through the successive removal of all other taxes, and necessarily includes the abolition of import duties. Therefore the Single Tax involves absolute free trade.—The Square Deal, Toronto.

Long Lease Without Revaluation Abrogated

A jury in the Civil District Court, at New Orleans on the 18th rendered a verdict abrogating the lease of valuable property in the heart of the business section of New Orleans, leased by the administrators of Tulane University to a private company in 1897.

This property consists of almost a square in the heart of the business section of New Orleans and among the buildings now occupying the site ,are two of the leading theatres of the city.

The suit to annul the lease, which provides a rent of $10,000 a year for ninety-nine years, was brought by the Attorney General of Louisiana upon direction of Governor Sanders. It was contended that the transaction served certain private interests and was in reality a sacrifice of the property. An appeal was taken by the defence, which claims that the lease was made at a time when values were far below normal, that the transaction was in all respects legitimate and deemed a wise one by the board.

If the claim of the defense is good that the lease was made at a time "when values were far below normal", it is up to the administrators to show why they felt justified at such a time in making a lease for so long a term without revaluation.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

June 20. x x x What a rainy day this has been! The "windows of heaven" are surely open, and the roof blown off also, one would say. All day with little cessation the paths here have been full of streams. At the worst of one of the downpours, seeing the eaves' gutters running over in great sheets by the cistern leader, I donned shoes and a water proof and sallied forth to move my light ladder up by that leader, I then mounted it and pushed all the pine needles and trash generally over the edge and let the mass of water do the rest.

As the east porch of the library has never been built, all such rains as this wash down the door and into the library. Of course I cannot let it run and spread under the cases, and so I have spent the day sweeping up and sopping up the water, and between the showers I have done much reading—desultory reading, provoked just by handling books to verify titles, numbers, etc., in the catalog work. This still goes on too slowly though I think I shall live long enough to see the copy in the printer's hands. x x x My friends, regular correspondents, know that I have been patiently waiting for a young friend to come and stay with me until the work is done. For, doing it without assistance it must be a great and useless sacrifice of time, and danger of errors. It seems that this young friend is going to fail me; but I know that there is more than one who can soon learn to do the required work—some one who writes a clear legible hand, and who desires to learn type-writing, and stenography as part compensation. By and by, I trust, there will be steady work for one of our girls who would like to learn here the elements of library work. The only one who has attempted it, and hoped to become a librarian, was Celeste Shepherd. She would have been a success.

The sudden death of Louis Prang in Los Angeles, is a severe blow to Fairhope. Elsewhere in this issue you will find "the fitting words" from Mr. Gaston. I will say, only, that Mr. and Mrs. Prang were among the most earnest friends of the library. You know from the Courier of the great chests of books and splendid chromo lithographs (from the Fine Art Publishing Company of L. Prang and Co., Boston,) that came some three years ago. Among them was the magnificent folio Faust in costly binding. It was a mistake, Mrs. Prang wrote sometime later, in sending the German-text edition instead of the English, which would of course be more useful to us, and would like them exchanged for this reason. But somehow, I neglected to express the book and she found it in the library safely wrapped in cloth, and packed it among her things. She will send the English edition when she returns to Boston and has recovered from the terrible blow of her loss. Another splendid book was "Prang's Babies," a most unique volume of chromographic portraits of six lovely babies in nineteen colors, which means that the plate must go through the press nineteen times. This beautiful album is always to be seen in the library. A most interesting description of the process preceded the plates.

While here Mr. and Mrs. Prang endeared themselves to all of us by their clear understanding of what we are trying to do, and by their cordial sympathy with our troubles. The day before they left they made the last visit to the library and left a beautiful book: "Greek Myths and their Art," one of the latest issues of the Prang Educational Co., of Chicago. It is illustrated with a profusion of beautiful classic pictures from the most renowned paintings and statutes of the world. The fly leaf bears the autograph of both Louis and Mary Prang with an inscription to me personally. And with all its beauty and costly make-up, it is only a school text book.

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Advertising rates on application.

Three persons living at other points in Baldwin County are, to our knowledge, now contemplatiug moving to Fairhope. One of them is offering an exchange of his forty acres for a Fairhope property in this issue. If any resident of Fairhope contemplates removal to any other point in the south we kave not heard of it.

With the prospect of an ice factory at Fairhope we are reminded of how the ordinary town would hail such an enterprise as a source of public revenue and not only tax the capital actually invested but clap a license tax upon top of the property tax. Thus Camden, Ala., imposes a license of $200 a year upon ice-plants. Fortunately the people of Fairhope have better sense. Notice of a license of that kind would pretty certainly cause Mr. Berglin to give up his plans to put in a plant, and if imposed after the plant was in would probably cause an advance in rates. Certainly it would increase the cost of operating a plant, which would have to be met, or the business fail.

The Joseph Fels Fund of America

Remember the gallant effort to raise $50,000 a year for five years for the promotion of the Single Tax cause in the Uuited States, for the inception of which we are indebted to Joseph Fels, and who proposes personally to put down a dollar for every other dollar contributed.

The COURIER wants to help in this effort and urges its readers to cooperate with it in helping to swell this fund.

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Every one interested in our great cause should rejoice that one with the wealth of Mr. Fels, should be disposed to devote so large a share of it to the promotion of that reform without which, as we know, no solution can be found for the evils which vex and threaten all peoples and nations.

With an ample fund in the hands of a well-chosen committee, for promoting such movements as promise best results for the cause in any part of the country, its ultimate triumph can be vastly hastened.

No Single Taxer, worthy the name, doubts its ultimate triumph but many are weary and hopeless of seeing tangible results in their time. Let such, with all others, lend their aid, however small, to this great undertaking and our reform will "make a noise" which will be heard throughout the land and sound like victory.

Unwise Policy of New Iberia

The people of Louisiana have not yet grown out of the vicious practice of voting taxes upon themselves in aid of private corporations.

The town of New Iberia, La., has just voted in favor of a 3½ mill tax in aid of the New Iberia St. Martin and Northern R. R., the tax being designed to raise a total of $88,000 within ten years.

New Iberia is on the main line of the Southern Pacific—and probably helped to build it—but it considers its treatment by that line very unsatisfactory, as shown by the fact that one condition of the payment of the tax is that:

"The said railroad shall be built and completed as a line independent of the Southern Pacific railroad or any railroad owned or operated by the Southern Pacific."

It will be noted that the road is only required to be "completed" not operated, independent of the Southern Pacific; and while independence of the "Southern Pacific Railroad" is enjoined during the building, independence of the individuals behind and controlling that railroad is not stipulated, nor could it be enforced if stipulated.

Nowhere is there any condition that the road shall be managed in the interest of the people, by any limitation of rates, or watering of stocks, or any other provision. Yet the tax voted, ought to be ample to wholly build and equip the line through the town limits including a fair allowance for terminal buildings, for the country is as flat as a floor. And, no doubt, the same scheme is being worked through other towns and parishes through which the road is to run.

In all probability the road will very shortly after completion pass under the control, perhaps not openly but none the less real, of the interests behind the Southern Pacific, and be operated as a branch of that system or at any rate upon the "community of interest" plan.

Had the people of New Iberia joined with those of other localities through which the road is to pass; issued and sold the bonds they have noted, and to the cash thus realized added that realized by the sale of bonds issued upon the railroad property (interest upon all of which they will anyhow have to pay, either in taxes or transportation charges, together with a lot of rich pickings to promoters beside) they might have controlled the road themselves in their own interest and through it, not only gained the additional facilities, but been able to hold the Southern Pacific in check.

The plan is practical, but the special interest is lacking to tempt any men of ability to promote it, and the spirit of public service is sadly lacking.

The Editor's Railroad Plan.

Tne editor has received several favorable comments upon his plan for securing a peoples' railway for the Eastern Shore. Mr. Bryant of the Home Telephone Company says of it: "I think it a very good plan and one which should appeal to every reader as the best possible way of constructing a road."

The plan is all right—in the main at any rate—but the difficulty is that no plan, however good, will work itself.

Behind it must be at least one person with enthusiasm and capacity, willing to labor for the public good; and unfortunately there is "nothing in it" for such an one.

The very essence of the plan is that no one connected with the road should receive anything except he renders an equivalent for it, and while reasonable assurance of this together with public appreciation of efforts in behalf of the public, might attract good men, there is little prospect of the latter being forthcoming.

The editor felt called upon while the matter was up to present what he believed to be a proper plan, a plan whose practicability has been demonstrated at Fairhope on a scale proportionate to the expense of the undertaking and the number of people interested, but without hope of its being adopted.

DEATH OF LOUIS PRANG

In her "Letters" Mrs. Howland has written of the death of our good friend Louis F. Prang, and left little for the COURIER to say. Mr. Prang's death occurred on June 14, at Los Angeles California, from pneumonia.

Mr. Prang's chief fame rests upon his unexampled career as a color printer in which he had no superior in America or Europe. With him that definition of genius as a "capacity for hard work," was exemplified, for he gave to his favorite employment a concentration of mind and persistence of effort which admitted no possibility of failure, and which achieved successes nothing short of marvelous.

He was a Single Taxer for many years and had long been interested in Fairhope and planned several times to visit it but it was not until last winter that, accompanied by his gifted wife, he succeeded in doing so.

Their visit was a source of much pleasure to the friends of former years they met again here and the larger number whom they made while here. They looked forward to coming again next winter and possibly building a cottage here.

AN ADVANTAGE OF THE FAIRHOPE PLAN.

A great advantage of the Fairhope plan of land administration is now very apparent. This is that by taking the rental value of the land from year to year, no selling value attaches to the land and when a site is wanted for a public purpose, no purchase price need be paid for the land, the lessee (if it be under lease) having only to be compensated for any improvements he may have upon it. Were it not for this policy the cost of a site would be the first and no doubt a heavy charge, against the proposed new public school and hall. We will have a hard time enough to get our building as it is, but, thanks to the "Fairhope plan" and to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, we have our choice of several fine sites.

This is an advantage too, which the Colony is sharing with its neighbors who prefer to hold their land upon a different basis and it should be appreciated.

Freedom From Land Monopolies

In these hard times it is a comfort to know that by no form of monopoly is any one able to take from the people of Fairhope without rendering an equivalent. We refer, of course, to local monopolies. Obviously we are not able to declare independence of monopolies, founded on conditions beyond our borders and control.

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Come to the Fourth of July celebration at Fairhope on the third.

Remember the Fourth of July Celebration at Fairhope, on July 3rd.

The Johnstown Democrat Approves Speech by Alabama Banker.

The Johnstown Pa., Democrat, editorially noted the radical speech of Mr. T. H. Rennie, at the late Bankers' Convention in Mobile, in which the example of Fairhope was referred to with approval. "Little by little" said the Democrat, "but very surely, the meaning of the Fairhope experiment is becoming understood. Little by little but very surely even the business world is awakening to the possibilities of the system which makes the Fairhope experiment unique.

Continues the Democrat:

"It is a hopeful sign when bankers and business men of the standing of Mr. Rennie are ready to inquire into and honestly to consider the merits of a system which so many are quick to reject as quixotic and impossible. Mr. Rennie sees that if all Alabama were on an equal footing with Fairhope she might soon take a high place among the industrial communities of the union. He realizes that the tax levied on industry tends to hamper and discourage it, just as a tax on dogs tends to discourage the keeping of dogs. At Fairhope there is no such tax. There is no fine placed upon thrift. Capital is encouraged. Its presence is desired. It is solicited. Wide open doors are inviting to enter. And Fairhope puts no burden on its workers. If offers free opportunity. The man who wishes to establish a factory there meets with no auch experience as that which was encountered by the Saltsburg capitalists who wished to build a bottle factory in Johnstown. High site values drove the latter away. But had they gone to Fairhope a site could have been secured without money and without price on the payment to the community of the annual rental value, irrespective of improvements.

"It will be a great thing when this idea gets abroad in this country as it is now abroad in Great Britain, in Germany and in Australia. It has made less progress here than it should and perhaps less than in the countries named. But this has been largely due to the peculiar conditions prevailing in the United States. For ten years we have been wrestling with the problems of imperialism. Before that it had been torn into factions over the currency issue. And now it is quarreling in regard to tariff schedules. Before long we feel sure public attention will be attracted to this deeper question of free opportunity and when that day comes Fairhope will realize her hope of serving as a working model of the Single Tax."

Omaha's Growth

Estimates by the Real Estate Exchange show that land values in Omaha have increased 100 per cent during the past three years. That is the estimate of the average. There are many instances in which these values have risen to eight times the figure at which they were appraised three years ago. No city could make a finer showing of substantial growth than that. Nor can there be a more perfect index to the growth of a community than the elevation of land values, for the value of land will perfectly register the actual prosperity of any community. It is a perfect register because it results from the operation of a natural law. Land in any community, being limited, with the demand for business and residence sites constantly increasing, must register a rise in value, due to the operation of the natural law of supply and demand.

Yet, there is another way of examining this increase in land values, which does not present so attractive a picture. These values are the result of commercial enterprise and activity, and not due to anything that the owners of these lands have done. This increase in land values would have occurred just the same if every land owner had removed to China. Still their values increase an average of thirty-five per cent a year in addition to the rents received. Now, the question must arise: What commercial enterprise, either here or elsewhere, has averaged thirty-five percent on the investment; even after the expenditure of brains and hard and long days and nights of ceaseless toil and attention to business? Figure it how you may, conservatively speaking, these figures mean that the thrift and industry, the toil and enterprise of this community during the past three years, have been taxed to the tune of $5,000,000 which has gone solely to enrich about twenty per cent of our population, not to mention the enrichment of non-residents who never saw Omaha, or seldom visit here. They are able to reap the fruits of Omaha enterprise, not as the result of their toil, but because they possess title deeds to Omaha lands, Think this over. Does it not present a problem?

—Chancellor, Omaha.

Folmar's Chicken Experience.

J. A. Folmar of Bromley, this county, furnishes the Courier an interesting item regarding the results secured by himself and wife from a small flock of chickens.

Editor Courier: Here is a correct account of our experience with chickens the past year. Just one year ago our chickens were all destroyed but two hens and one rooster. Since then we have realized $31 worth of eggs; sold one dozen fryers at $3; have added fifteen hens worth $7.50; and have on the farm now five dozen young chickens half way ready for market. Our outlay for feed has not exceeded five dollars. We have had plenty of Spanish clover both green or cured. Is this worth while or not?

Bromley Ala., J. A. Folmar.

Daphne invites all Fairhopers and others to her borders on the 3rd. of July to join in a celebration of Independence Day. Hon. John H. Wallace will be the principal speaker, also Hon. Joel W. Goldsby, Sam'l B. Brown, Wm. S. Anderson, and Sam C. Jenkins will be present and make addresses. The Raphael Semmes Camp of Mobile will be over and one of the leading features of the day will be a Reunion of the Blue and Gray. Remember the profits go toward paying the debt of $1,000 on the Normal School. You are invited to come and have a good time.

An noted in the Colony Council proceedings elsewhere the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation has made a tender of another site for the public school and hall. With three desirable sites now offered, the people of the town ought to be able to get together and agree upon one and upon whichever one the choice of a majority falls all should unite in a (not long, for the time is short) but strong and enthusiastic pull for a fine building, which will serve our present need both for school house and hall.

J. H. Brothers sends the editor a copy of a local paper with an excellent article on land monopoly written by his nephew and partner (the name has escaped us.) Both he and Mr. Brothers are always alive to an opportunity to push the Single Tax to the front. Real Estate men, have been peculiarly susceptible to the virus of Single Tax, probably because their opportunities for observing how some are enriched without labor by collecting land values, are so superior.

Some people doubt the ability of the government to operate the railroads of the country but the accuracy and dispatch of the governments, handling of the mails is in striking contrast with the railroad freight service. A half ton machine shipped from Detroit to the publisher more than a month ago has not yet shown up at Mobile and "tracers" sent out at each end of the line have so far failed to locate it at all. Such instances are common.

Mr. A. O. Berglin advises us that he will personally swing the ice plant proposition and not take others into it as first contemplated He has purchased the plant which was to have been put into the proposed company by Mr Overton and it is now being shipped to Fairhope. Mr. Berglin has made an application for a site on the beach north of the waterworks and will operate the creamery and the ice plant together there.

Our recent visitor, Mr. Kempton, writes that though he thinks it would be unwise for him to leave his present work and attempt to establish a jewelry store here just now he thinks he will eventually locate here. He has a nephew making dairying a specialty in North Dakota, to whom he has recommended Fairhope and who will probably locate here next fall.

There will be all kinds of amusements at the Daphne celebration. Baseball, races, fire works, and so forth. The Armenian Fortune Teller (a lady from Fairhope) will be one of the attractions worth going miles to see. She will also have many Turkish and Armenian trinkets for display.

The committee on Fourth of July celebration urges every body who can to join in the Calathumpian parade which will open the program. Get up any kind of a bizarre rig you can. Farmers should decorate their wagons with farm products and join in.

Mrs. L. J. N. Comings sent a short article on Organic Training to "The Federation Bulletin," the monthly organ of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and was surprised to find it on the first page of the June number.

Arrangements are progressing nicely for the celebration at Fairhope on the third. The Indian and cow boy battle is to be the spectacular feature of the day.

John Jacob Asotr bought Richmond Hill, an estate of 160 acres for $1,000 an acre and in twelve years sold lots for $1,500.

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Colony Council Proceedings.

Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, June 21, 1909. All members present but Mr. Trenholme.

Minutes of meeting of June 7 read, corrected to show Mr. Stimpson voting nay on proposition to widen county road on east side of n. w. ¼ of s. e. ¼ of Sec. 17, and approved.

Following bills allowed:

G. W. Wood, labor in re-survey of Roberts lots	$ .40
Will Stockbridge, 14½ hrs. on park ditch,	2.72
Henry Rathje 12 hrs on chute by livery stable, 7 hrs. on park ditch,	3.56
Wm. Call, 4 hrs. on chute 14½ hrs. on park ditch.	3.49
E. W. Jefferson, 12 hours on chute	3.37
G. M. Bancroft, services as Supt. Lands & Highways 20 hrs.	5.00
Wm. Stimpson, light & janitor service, 2 referendum meetings	1.00
Same, work on water-works	2.50
H. J. Rathje, 6½ hrs. on water connection	1.30
American Supply Co., water-works supplies.	16.39

Following action with regard to lands taken:

Transfer from A. W. Stockbridge to Marie Howland, of lots 11 and 12, block 3, div. 1, approved.

Surrender of Mary K. Roberts and Celina Dorgan of lots 7 and 8 of replat of Mar. 15, '09 of lots 5 to 10 inc. of blk. 2, div. 2, approved; both above subject to payment of rent for first half of 1909 on land referred to.

Application of School Improvement Committee for Organic School, for Mann tract, as described in lease of Mar. 1, 1902, and for all of school-house tract lying between Mann tract and School St., accompanied by transfers from S. S. Mann for Mann tract, and from Wm. Stimpson, for lot corner of Fairhope Ave., and School St., was granted.

Mr. Gaston appointed for committee to ascertain equities regarding school furniture, etc., and conference with School Improvement Committee regarding closing of deal for school house, reported that the Corporation had paid directly over $100 for desks, etc., and that the V. I. C. was essentially a Colony institution and had understood the Colony to be the legal custodian of whatever had been contributed by it toward school equipment, leaving an unascertained but comparatively small portion of the furnishings upon which the district had any equitable claim, but recommending that the district be allowed to take for the public school, the desks and all furnishings and equipment in the building, except the gasoline light, chairs, and fire extinguishers, the School Improvement Committee to get with the building only the bell, attached and in use and, in consideration of not receiving any of the equipment and in further consideration of surrendering 22 ft. from west side of Mann tract for the opening of Bancroft St., (subject to moving of fence and of any trees of value, by the Corporation) be allowed a deduction of $100 from the $2,000 price.

The report of the committee was approved, Bancroft, Johnson and Wood voting aye, (latter with explanation that he did so not fully approving, but to prevent a dead lock on the matter) and Stimpson voting nay.

Moved and carried that no rent be charged on Mann tract for balance of 1909, from date of conveyance of Mr. Mann, in consideration of Organic School being conducted as a free school for colony pupils.

A. O. Berglin and Mr. Pilcher appeared before the council in regard to a site for an ice plant stating that they thought the site formerly granted Mr. Heller, north of water works would be the best. Mr. Berglin not being ready to make formal application no action was taken, councilmen however, expressing themselves favorably to granting a site there subject to usual conditions of rent payment and notice.

C. L. Coleman appeared before the Council in regard to a possible exchange of his lot 145x270, on Church st. for a lot elsewhere provided the town should agree upon the location of the school and hall on Church street.. After consideration of the matter Mr. Coleman offered to accept an equivalent frontage on Section st. for his lot.

It was moved and carried to accept proposition of Mr. Coleman to exchange an equal frontage of ground on Section st. north of Troup lot, for his tract on Church st., on condition that the town desires to locate the school and hall building there and in that case to give to the town for such purpose, the Coleman lot, the 66 feet on the north of the same, and what the town can secure of Mrs. Coutant's lots, payment for any improvements to secure these lots to be made by the town. Secretary reported no bids filed for fence acquired of Horning and time for bids was extended to first Monday in July, Mr. Horning to be notified that fence will be sold and purchaser allowed to move same.

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Teachers' Examination.

The July examination for teachers will be held at the Daphne State Normal School building on the first Monday in July, 1909, beginning promptly at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the hour required by law. Applicants will please take notice and be present at that hour.

All applicants must supply themselves with the necessary paper (legal-cap), pens, ink, etc., for the examination. Those holding second and third grade certificates and wishing to apply for higher grades must bring their certificates with them. Very respectfully,

J. S. Lambert,
Co. Supt. of Ed'n.

Notice of Election for School Bond Issue for Town of Fairhope, Alabama.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows:

Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 19th day of July, 1909, there will be held in the Town of Fairhope, Alabama, at Woodmen Hall an election, which election shall be held for the purpose of determining whether or not the Town of Fairhope, Ala., will issue bonds in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and to run for ten years from date of issue, and the purpose for which the bonds are proposed to be issued being to construct a public school house in said town of Fairhope, Alabama.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk.
June 14, 1909.

Third District Sunday-School Convention.

There will be a meeting of the Sunday-school workers of the Third Commissioners District of Baldwin county held at Daphne on the first Sunday in July next for the purpose of thoroughly organizing the third district association. Every Sunday-school of the district is respectfully urged to send a representative, or a number of representatives, to this convention. As the district has never been thoroughly organized, no formal program has been arranged, but we hope to have present a number of good speakers and Sunday school workers, and all who attend are earnestly solicited to take part in the discussions of the work.

The meeting will be called to order at ten o'clock a. m., and will adjourn at pleasure in the afternoon. Don't Miss It.

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Thoughtful Wife Had Provided Husband with a Sample.

He stood irresolutely in front of the woman's stocking counter for a few minutes, then with a determined expression on his face he elbowed his way between two women shoppers and accosted the saleslady.

"Have you any light blue stockings?" he said; "you see I—"

"Gents' furnishings, third counter to the left," drawled the girl, as she reached for a box on the upper shelf.

"No, I don't want them for myself," said the man, getting red. "You see, my wife is in the country and she wants me to get two pair of light blue silk stockings for her."

"Oh, what size?" asked the girl, with a foolish smile.

"Well, that's what I have been trying to figure out," confessed the man, growing nervous. "Don't they all come about the same size? You see, she told me the size, but I can't recall it."

"Oh, no; they run in half sizes, from 6 to 14," giggled the girl.

"Huh," said the man; "well, I suppose I will have to do it," and he reached in his inside pocket and slowly drew out a dainty light blue stocking.

"She gave me this in case I forgot," he said, in confusion.

INSISTED ON SHAVING HIMSELF.

Patron of City Shop Who Wanted to Be His Own Barber.

Two barbers were disengaged when the customer came in. Both got their chairs ready, but the newcomer dodged them.

"I need a shave all right," he said to the proprietor, "but I want to shave myself. Can you accommodate me here?"

"Certainly," said the proprietor, "but I'll charge you the same as if one of my men shaved you."

"That's all right," said the man. "I'm not kicking about the price. All I want is a chance to do my own barbering."

A tonsorial outfit was speedily produced and the self-sufficient individual went to work, and apparently he knew his own business.

"Isn't that a new wrinkle?" asked another man, who had been an interested observer of the proceedings and who had been through the barber's hands.

"Not at all," returned the proprietor. "Every once in awhile we run up against a fellow who prefers to shave himself, but hasn't the apparatus handy. We keep a lot of razors in stock for the accommodation of just such independent customers."

A Legal Triumph.

A seasoned old lawyer was cross examining a recalcitrant witness. The question at issue was the identification of an individual charged with assault and battery. For some time the lawyer endeavored to break down the attempt on the part of the witness to describe the guilty party, and at last, becoming irritated, he put the following question:

"You say the assailant had black hair?"

"I did,' calmly replied the witness.

"What is the color of my hair?" continued the attorney.

"It is brown," was the answer.

Thereupon the lawyer rose to his feet, and snatching off his wig, which disclosed a pate as bald as an egg, bellowed out as he glanced in triumph toward the jury box, "What is the color of it now?"—Harper's Weekly.

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Personal and Local

The creamery is trying a new Sharples tubular separator.

Cows for sale at Mathews.

G. W. Bell is about again after a "spell of sickness."

Dollar waists at Call's.

Miss Maud Wilson is visiting friends in Birmingham.

Men's wash pants $1.00
Mershon Merch. Co.

Orrie Stapleton of Loxley formerly of Fairhope is in town today.

Visit the paint store, at Mathews,

Ralph Coutant has assisted some in the Courier office this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ettel arrived on Thursday evening and will spend the summer at "Paradise."

If you want any electrical work done call on Ralph Coutant, Fairhope, Ala.

The John P. Lowells will move over tomorrow to occupy the Miss Gooding cottage for the summer.

Smiths pure sweet and wholesome bread, for sale at Mathews.

A heavy downpour of rain last Sunday kept away the usual Sunday crowd.

Cornie Gaston was up town on Monday for the first time in about six weeks

Cover your home with the best roofing, found only at Mathews.

The painting of the home Telephone Company building has been completed and it looks very nice,

Prepared Granite Roofing the best thing on the market. Come and see it, it will bear inspection.
Mershon Merch. Co.

E. T. Molyneux has experienced some more ill fortune, in losing his mule. She accidently hung herself in the barn one night this week.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Bennie Graves, the afflicted son of Wilbur Graves of Geneva Ohio, with whom he spent last winter at Fairhope, died on Thursday morning of last week, at the family home in Geneva.

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The former Getty cottage now owned by Mrs. H. F. Ring has been neatly painted and considerable interior and exterior improvements made Mr. and Mrs. Ring are expected soon to occupy it.

Prices a little higher, but the quality and weight still higher. That's Mathews.

People that sell cheap have cheap goods and short weight.

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Mrs. M. E. Watkins left this morning for New York, but expecting to return this fall. In the meantime Mr. Massey is to fix up the place recently purchased of the Colony and have it ready on her return.

Why suffer with the hot sun, when you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of $1.25.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Miss Mary Gooding surprised her friends by her arrival on Saturday after an absence of several mouths. Her stay was only a short one, as she left again on Tuesday. She will return however in a conple of weeks to remain indefinitely.

When you trade on credit you pay your bill and half pay your neighbor's bill.

If you want real bargains hunt the man that sells for cash, that's Mathews.

Mrs. E. L. Williams left on Tuesday to join her husband, at Butte, Montana, where he is employed at his old occupation of miner in the copper mines. Mrs. Williams many friends regretted very much to see her go, and hope to see both her and her husband back some day.

We only have a few suits of men's and boy's clothes left, we are offering them at Way Down Prices, they are good values for the prices we will make you. Mershon Merch. Co.

The trees and vines put out by F. Lieker in his deeply broken land are growing wonderfully. He exhibited some leaves of a Niagara grape put out in the spring which are the largest we have seen. They were 12 inches in diameter.

If you want short weight and inferior goods hunt the credit man. If you want the best goods go to the man that sells for cash. That's Mathews.

Mr. Bellangee secured a small canning plant and has it in almost daily operation now. So far tomatoes, beets and string beans have been the chief things canned, but a quantity of sauerkraut was also put up. Will Call is finding some employment at home with the cannery and Mrs. McCarthy is also assisting. We expect to see some day a canning factory one of the chief industries of the place.

Commencing last Saturday the Bay Steamship Co., placed its two boats in regular service, one leaving Mobile at 3 p. m. for all landings down to Fairhope and the other leaving Mobile at 4 p. m. for Battles, Point Clear and Zundels. The boat making the shore landings to Fairhope charges 25 cents and the one to lower landings charges 35 cents.

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Invitation to Old Union Soldiers

EDITOR COURIER:

By request of Mr. W. D. Randall, chairman of the 4th of July celebration at Daphne on the 3rd of July, (Saturday) an invitation is extended to all old Union soldiers to attend and meet the old Confederates in a re-union of the blue and the gray A grand good time is expected.

Respectfully,
H. S. GREENO.

A modest sign on a cottage opposite the Church designates a new industry if it may so be called, the art studio of Mrs. Edith Paula Smith. This is not only a studio for the production of artistic creations in paint, pastel or clay, but a school of instruction as well. A few moments spent in looking over its artistic creations will convince that Mrs. Smith has talent of a high order which has been assidously cultivated. We are glad that with its other superior educational advantages Fairhope has this opportunity for artistic training at home and hope many of our youths and maidens will avail themselves of it.

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Yesterday was the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lowell, and they celebrated it appropriately with a reception which was attended by a large number of their friends.

A colored band from Mobile furnished the music and dancing was indulged in until after midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell were the recipients of many congratulations and good wishes and also of many more tangible evidences of the regard of their friends.

Mr. Lowell sustained a severe accident a few weeks ago breaking one of the bones of his ankle, by his horse falling with him when riding after cattle and was unable to participate in the dancing but was very much in evidence otherwise.

On Tuesday evening the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Lacey was a scene of joy, as Miss Lucille celebrated her twelth birthday by inviting her little friends to participate in games and other amusements. Beautiful prizes were awarded to the lucky winners, musical selections were rendered by Misses Maggie Kelly and Lucille Lacey; After which all repaired to the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served, games were again indulged in until time to depart when all left for their homes, wishing Miss Lucille many happy returns.

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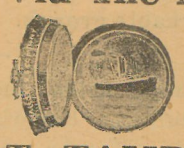
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a 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,

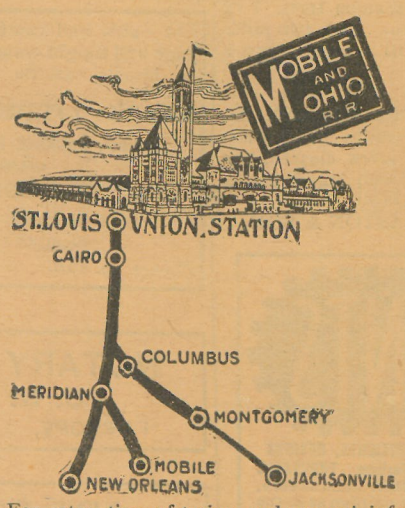
Electric Shock for Peach Tree Borers

According to the "Long Island Agronomist," F. J. Palmer, of Fanwood, N. J., has annihilated the peach and plum tree borers by electricity. He noted that lightning which had struck a tree killed all the borers in its path, and the tree immediately showed thrifty growth. He has a house-hold Faradic battery, and after a heavy rain he cut off a branch to give a clean section full of sap, placed one pole of the battery at the end of the cut off branch and the other at the base of the tree and turned on the current. Investigation showed that he had killed every borer. Later the tree showed remarkable growth.

Another method recommended by the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station is three pounds of Naptha soap emulsified by boiling in 3 gallons of water, and while hot add one gallon of "carbolineum avenarius" when thoroughly mixed, which can best be done by the use of a force pump, add four gallons of water, thoroughly mixing same, and apply with a spray pump being careful to protect hands and face while using.

Commenting on the little postcard statement Mr. Chase made about the wind blowing out in Colorado, Mrs. Harlow said that when they lived in the west, Oklahoma we believe it was, Roy made a kite one day and tied it to a fence post. The wind kept it tugging at the string night and day for two weeks, it never slacking enough in time to let it come to the earth. At the end of two weeks the string finally pulled in two. You may just put this down as a fact, brethren. Each section of this good old country of ours has its drawbacks. Some day we are going to know just how to tickle the earth hereabouts and make it yield us abundant riches and then no more favored section could be found.—Call, Citronelle.

F. M. Marquis, old time Single Taxer and recent visitor to Fairhope, writes the COURIER from National Military Home, Kansas, urging that the commiitee on Fourth of July celebration at Fairhope have read in the program chapter 5, book 10, of Progress and Poverty en titled "The Central Truth." Those burning words of the great teacher, presenting the foundation truth of his philosophy and upon which Fairhope itself is founded, would be particularly appropriate at its celebration, and the COURIER adds its endorsement to Mr. Marquis's suggestion.



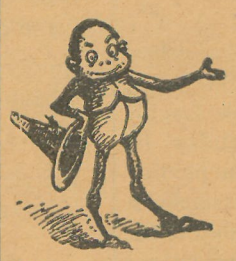
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THE FENCE OR THE AMBULANCE

'Twas a dargerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipt
A duke, and full many a peasant.
So the people said something would have to be done,
But their projects would not at all tally.
Some said: "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff,"
Some: "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
For it spread through the neighboring city.
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
But each heart became brimful of pity
For those who slipt over that dangerous cliff;
And the dwellers in highway and valley
Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley.

"For the cliff is all right, if you're careful," they said,
"And if folks even slip and are dropping,
It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're stopping."
So, day after day, as these mishaps occured,
Quick forth would these rescuers sally
To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff
With their ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked, "It's a marvel to me
That people give far more attention
To repairing results than to stopping the cause,
When they'd much better aim at prevention.
"Let us stop at its source all this mischief" cried he:
"Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally;
If the cliff we will fence we might almost dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley."

"O, he's a fanatic," the others rejoined;
"Dispense with the ambulance! Never!
He'd dispense with all charities, too, if he could;
But no! We'll support them forever!
Aren't we picking folk up just as fast as they fall?
And shall this man dictate to us? Shall he?
Why should people of sense stop to put up a fence
While their ambulance works in the valley?"

But a sensible few, who are practical too,
Will not bear with such nonsense much longer.
They believe that prevention is better than cure,
And their party will soon be the stronger.
Encourage them then, with your purse, voice and pen,
And, while other philanthropists dally,
They will scorn all pretense, and put a stout fence
On the cliff that hangs over the valley.

—From the Chancellor, Omaha, author unknown.

Editor's Railroad Plan Approved.

EDITOR COURIER:

I hope the people of the Eastern Shore will adopt your plan regarding railway. The railroad should be owned by the state or by a company of patriotic citizens on the plan you propose. No necessity of giving it up to a private corporation to exploit for private profit.

Get the road and let the transportation business be open to competition. With the development of the gasoline motor truck it is not necessary to have great steam engine and car to transport your goods and passengers. If you could raise money enough to put down first class rails, so that connecting railroads could run their engines and cars over your road it would help in handling through traffic, but it is not actually necessary at first. If the road prospers the heavy rails can be laid in lace of the lighter ones. Don't let this opportunity slip by to give a demonstration to the country of the principle of the publicly owned railroad. You can certainly place stock in such a road all over the country. Explain the case fully to the readers of Mr. Bryan's paper and ask for subscriptions and you will get them.

There is no practical objection to a number of transportation companies or individuals running cars or trains over the same track. It is done in numberless instances all over the world every day.

There is a stretch of track in this city about four miles long over which four or five companies run regular trains every day besides extras. The track belongs to one company and the other companies use it on some basis of compensation. Regular trains no matter to which company they may belong have their space on the time card and their rights to the track. The running of all trains is under the direction of the one train dispatcher.

In the case of your road the train despatcher, the station agents and the construction and maintenance help should be in the employ of the railroad company.

The transportation of passengers and freight can be left to others' care being taken in licensing users of the road to provide regular service. In case of a limited amount of traffic it might be best to give an exclusive short term franchise for passengers or freight, either or both, but that is a matter for the future.

But get the publicly owned road first.

Yours truly,

Buffalo, N. Y. F. P. JONES.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

And Adopts Church Street Site for School house and Hall

The town Council met in regular session on Monday evening with all members present, but Councilman Mershon.

The only business of importance transacted, was in relation to the school-house site. Mrs. Coutant was present and proposed to give 60 feet from the north side of her lots, if the town would move her north cottage over to her Morphy Avenue front. At the urgent request of the Council she increased the amount to 73 feet,

Mr. Coleman, who had been previously appointed a committee to see what could be done in regard to site there, was instructed to close up the deal for same as per offer of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation and Mrs. Coutant and to see about the moving of her cottage.

Powell Reports Buffalo Conference

EDITOR COURIER:

Your readers will no doubt be interested in some of the things that happened during the great National Conference of Charities and Corrections, that has just come to a close.

From reading the printed program no one could detect the least hint of remedial thought. There was a complete cover of palliatives. Every conceivable charity and mode of correction was put down for discussion, but not a line on unjust economic conditions which make so much charity and correction necessary.

When the discussions opened it was, however, easy to see that there were such thoughts in the minds of many of the delegates and they did not hesitate to express them. Two features were especially noticeable.

The principal address during the conference was made before an immense audience by Rabbi Wise, of New York, and dealt with unjust social conditions from beginning to end. He dealt monopoly and special privilege blow after blow, and scorned the idea that charity or correction could in any sense remedy the evils which they inflicted. And he aroused his audience to such enthusiasm that time and again it broke into applause notwithstanding the address was called a sermon and was prefaced by all the frills of a religious service.

He emphasised the fact time and again that the great need of social workers was an insight into the causes of po verty and how they might be removed. No Single Taxer could have pictured the evils that grow out of the monopoly of the earth more glowingly, or condemned the ordinary methods of charity more vehemently, and the best part of it was the enthusiasic sanction which the great audience gave to every utterance of this kind. One needs no better proof of the fact that the multitude are rapidly awaking to the evils of land monopoly.

The other notable feature was the great popularity of Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, and her almost unanimous election to the presidency of the organization. She is a well known radical and will no doubt use every influence and power at her command to remove the causes of poverty; to educate the masses as to what the causes are and how to get rid of them.

Immense good to our cause must result from this conference although none of us expected even a crumb to fall from the table.

Buffalo, N. Y. R. F. POWELL.

Germany With Henry George

(Chicago Tribune, June 16)

Berlin, June 15.—The reichstag reassembled today. Among the official communications laid before the house was one from the government concerning the proposal to tax the unearned increment in real estate values. The government has decided that it is inexpedient to do this for imperial purposes, inasmuch as there are seemingly insurmountable difficulties in the way of an equitable adjustment of the taxes on city and county values. But it approves as just the taxing of the unearned increment for local purposes, as is now being done in many municipalities.

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FAIRHOPE WELCOMES VISITORS

The COURIER extends welcome to those within the gates of Fairhope for its celebration of Independence Day.

The very first such day in the history of our town was appropriately celebrated. At that time such celebrations were rare in this section and Fairhope is glad to have been a pioneer in re-establishing the custom.

In a special sense Fairhopers are loyal to the idea of independence. They not only believe in National independence and revere the memory of those who in 1776 established it for us, but they believe in the independence of states comprising the union, over state affairs; and would extend the principle fully down to the smallest civil division.

And, more important than all, they believe in individual independence. Not absolute, for that is impossible and undesirable; but the utmost freedom (independence) of each individual compatible with the equal freedom of all other individuals.

Fairhope was founded upon this idea of equal freedom and seeks to apply it to every interest and relation of its citizens.

The declaration of 1776 that all men are endowed with inalienable rights among which are life liberty and the pursuit of happiness, is not to them simply a sentiment, a well-sounding phrase, it is an eternal principle to which governments must conform.

And, as life itself is impossible without land, they would apply the principle first to the administration of the land.

Upon the last page of the paper will be found a condensed statement of Fairhope methods to which the attention of visitors is invited.

Good for Sheriff Drago.

John. S. Drago, the newly appointed sheriff of Mobile has won much favorable comment from those who believe in law and order, by his manly utterances in regard to the enforcement of the prohibition law. He said as reported in the Mobile papers: that he did not make the prohibition laws and was not a prohibitionist but as sheriff he was duly bound to carry out the oath of office that he took. He further said:

"I have a great many friends who have been engaged in the saloon business and if they wish to continue my friends they must totally discontinue the sale of intoxicants as they would have had to do if the governor had appointed one of the other applicants he had in mind for the office of sheriff."

Mr. Drago is quite well known in Fairhope from having spent one or two summers here with his family. He has been a very ardent Bryan and Comer man and is a very radical sort of democrat.

Radical City Planning Congress

Herman B. Walker in a very interesting letter to the Star, of San Francisco tells of a recent meeting in Washington, of the City Planning Congress. While Speaker Cannon of the National Congress was one of the speakers, and, with others, seemed to think that the sole purpose of the organization was to promote the artistic beautification of cities, far more than this was in the minds of the promoters of the congress.

The city planners say the problem of the cities is wholly one of land and taxes. Slums, sweatshops and alley tenements, they say, exist because there is a profit for somebody in their existence, and they will exist so long as this profit is made the incentive for their existence. This incentive, it is declared, lies in the system which permits individual owners of property to take for themselves the unearned increment in the increase in city land values, and makes it profitable for land ords to compel people to live in congested districts.

The remedy, or remedies, suggested for this evil, is for the city to either take for itself a large part of the increased land values through increased taxation, or to buy land under Municipal ownership when the land is cheap, and let the city profit by the increase in value, this profit to be devoted to public improvements of the usual kind, to the rebuilding and beautification of the city, and where necessary to the construction of model dwellings and tenements for the working classes.

A motto of the planners which hung over "Uncle Joe's" head when he made his speech was as follows:

It is not a city's chief end to be "stung" by its citizens and to enjoy it forever, but it is a city's chief end to provide the best and most helpful conditions for all its citizens; and to do this it must have a town plan for the whole city, and an efficient administration.

An interesting comparison shown in the city planning exhibit was a series of maps and charts illustrating the difference in English and American methods of securing land for public improvements. In our cities we buy land as we need it, at the market price, for public building sites, parks, and other public purposes. Fabulous prices are thus paid for land in congested districts, under condemnation or by purchase. Thirty years ago, for instance, New York City bought several hundred acres of land, what is now Central Park, for about $5,000,000. Within the last five years the same city paid more than $5,000,000 for a few acres of land for the creation of ten little downtown parks. In England the cities buy cheap land in various sections, long before it is needed, as a municipal asset. As the land increases in value, the city sells it off in parts, and uses the profit made out of its increased value to put up buildings, create parks and make other improvements. In this counlry the cost of the land and the improvements all comes out of the taxpayers. In English cities the rule is to make the increase in land value pay the cost of both the land and improvements, so that the taxpapers do not pay any part of the cost.

Timely Suggestions Regarding Satsumas

An article in the La Porte Texas News handed us by Mr. Cross, and evidently written by some one who knows what he is talking about, gives some very practical suggestions regarding the care of Satsuma orange trees, which will interest many COURIER readers.

We quote from it as follows:

"More trees have been killed in Florida, and are liable to be in Texas, by misdirected energy on the part of the grower than the majority of growers dream of. Cultivate them well from the time danger of frost is over in the spring until midsummer, and unless the soil is rich, apply chemical fertilizer (never stable manure) during the same time. During September, October and November leave them uncultivated to harden up. In December plow under dead grass or anything like beggar weed or cow peas that may have been grown during the late summer as a cover crop. If it is not dead make it so by using a mowing machine. Never plow under heavy crops of green growth. Leave the ground as bare as a floor of either growing or dead grass during the winter. Above all, do not trim the trees up from the bottom, but leave them to protect their own trunks—the most vital point during a freeze—with the growth that nature when uninterfered with always sets about providing, and which man, unless interfered with, generally sets about removing After heading them back well at time of transplanting let them grow their own way. Any after interference with pruning shears or knife should be considered as bad practice. The denser the head, the more foliage and the nearer the branches and foliage come to the ground the better for the natural protection. If at the end of a few years you have a tree the trunk of which can not be found except by lying flat on your stomach and peering for it through the branches, a severe freeze might take off a few of the outside twigs and smaller branches, but the trunk and larger limbs would probably remain intact."

Prosperity and Graft.

The people of California must pay almost $200,000 for 136 acres of land in the hills back of the University campus at Berkeley, which are needed for a water shed for the University. That is $1,470 an acre for land standing mostly on its edge, that has never been used and to the present value of which the owners have not added two cents. In addition, the University will need about 400 acres of land now owned by the People's Water Company and the Realty Syndicate, made valuable by the industrial growth of Berkeley.

Thus we find prosperity mixed with graft. Depopulation of the State of California would leave that land without value. The people who have added to that land the value it has must pay that value to title holders who have done nothing to give value to it.

—The Star, San Francisco.

A plan for the eventual location of public parks and buildings in Washington was laid out by President Washington and L'Enfant. At the time this plan was made the government owned all the land needed to furnish park and building sites. This plan was ignored for many years. Now it is revived, and the city is being rebuilt, so far as the parks and public buildings are concerned, along the old lines. But now most of the property needed has passed into private ownership, and it is estimated that it will cost half a billion dollars to buy or condemn the land necessary to take before the plan is finally carried out to completion.

READY FOR THE CELEBRATION

The Henry George Athletic Club, met at the Pavilion on Wednesday night and the reports of committees showed that the work of preparation for the celebration of July 3rd was well in hand.

Given a good day it may be depended upon that "the boys" will see that everybody who attends the celebration has a good time or will, at least, do their part toward it.

Large and small posters liberally distributed, give the features of the celebration.

As we go to press we are unable to give the exact order of the program but it will begin with the "Callathumpian parade" at 9:30 a. m. This will form at the school grounds, and proceed down Fairhope Ave., to the beach there to meet the passengers on the steamer Fairhope, due to arrive at 10:30, then proceed back up the hill to "Knoll park" where it will disband and the Indian and cow boy sham battle will occur immediately following, on the east side of the park between Fairhope and Magnolia avenues.

The balance of the day's program will be carried out in beach park under the bluff.

If time permits and it suits the convenience of the speakers, the speaking will be held before dinner; if not, immediately afterward.

Max Hamburger, Jr., state senator from Mobile county, will be the principal speaker of the day and his well established reputation for wit and eloquence, assures that his address will be a treat.

Frank S. Stone Esq., of Bay Minette, has also promised a short address and is one of the most entertaining speakers in the south.

Music will be furnished in the parade and at the speaking by the Mobile band which will later play for the dancers—and it is also hoped to have some selections from Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink, our favorite musicians.

Immediately after the speaking a ball game, (with indoor ball because of the smallness of the ground) will be played between picked nines, and the swimming and boat races and other aquatic stunts will follow for watching which both wharves will afford good vantage crowd

Henry George's Birthday Observance

Henry George's birthday, Sept. 2, will be more generally observed this year than ever before. Arrangements are now being made for celebrations of one sort or another in fifty or sixty American cities and the event will be marked by many gatherings in other parts of the world, notably in Australia, New Zealand, Germany, England, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Canada and Mexico, in all of which Henry George's influence is becoming more and more manifest

The day may well become a landmark in the history of democracy. No greater democrat than Henry George ever lived, He was in fact the consummation of all the democrats who had gone before; he was their interpreter; his philosophy was the fulfilment of their dreams; for their ideas and ideals he supplied a practical working model which meets every test.

Few as yet realize the mighty works wrought by this obscure printer whom the duke of Argyll immortalized as the Prophet of San Francisco. There is no civilized land under the sun where his name is unknown or where his ideas are not making way. His writings have attained a wider circulation than any other writings of the kind have ever had and they are wielding a wider and more powerful influence on common thought. No other American has ever commanded so great an audience; no other has ever had so wide a following; no other has ever so sharply influenced the currents of economic thought.

Henry George has been dead scarcely a dozen years. It is just thirty years since his first great work was given to the world. But today Henry George is making himself felt in the parliaments of all nations. His influence is shaping legislation in every civilized land on the globe. Economic discussion everywhere turns more and more upon the fundamental principles which he discovered and co-ordinated. In great Britain and Germany his ideas are being written into governmental budgets; and in the United States we find that the only effective opponents of protection are those who have mastered the doctrines proclaimed and enforced in Henry George's "Protection or Free Trade?"

It is a sign of all this that the celebration of his birthday should be coming so much into vogue. Ten years ago it was observed probably in not more that two or three places. Last year there were celebrations in perhaps eight or nine countries and by half a hundred gatherings. This year the day will be honored even more widely; and we may expect from the celebrations now being planned in the United States a notable stimulus to the democratic movement and a clearer understanding of the truths which Henry George so eloquently voiced.--Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat.

Farmers Attention

When Mr. Bishop the gardening expert, lectured here early in the year, he exhibited samples of a very fine potato grown at Fruitdale, and which by careful selection has been especially adapted to the conditions in this section.

The writer has kept the matter in mind and recently wrote the grower, Mr. Lockling at Fruitdale, to see if he could furnish seed for fall planting. We find that he can furnish perhaps 10 or 12 bushels, of very choice seed at $2.00 a measured bushel F. O. B. Fruitdale.

He writes that this is an improved strain of the famous "Lookout Mountain" potato, which he has kept unmixed from all other varieties and carefully selected from year to year, with a view to improvement.

It is especially a fall potato, superior in table and yielding qualities and will keep over in this climate from one year to another.

The writer wants to send for some and would like others to join with him. This is not an ad but is simply an effort of the Courier to help introduce a superior potato into this vicinity

Will wait until Tuesday, July 6th, to hear from any interested.

E B. GASTON.

Request From the Librarian

Any one who will send me the addresses of the following persons will render a service to the library and to me personally:

Mrs. J. H. Anderson; Willie Hunt (lately here with his family) and Mrs. S. A. Crissey.

Marie Howland, Librarian.

Wm. N. Mc Nair, Democratic candidate for district attorney of Allegheny county, Pa., is pledged to the right of recall of their officers by the people in advance of legislation, having pledged himself, if elected, to stand for re-election at any time twenty-five per cent of the voters shall petition him to do so.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

June 29, '09. x x x To one who remembers the "scrub" cattle of Fairhope of a decade ago, there is nothing more significant of the progress we have made than the increasing number of cows and heifers one sees every day in the streets going to and from their pastures. This morning I stopped to admire two pretty yearlings that must have been twins, so precisely alike were they and they showed all the high-bred confidence—you might almost say politeness, of thoroughbreds; real pets of nice people. These two little pets stopped and let me stroke them as if they knew I was their friend. They were so pretty that you felt you would like to see their little hoofs polished and gilded, and their necks adorned with wreaths of roses! x x x It seems that we have already outgrown our creamery, which is to be enlarged and re-established in connection with an ice plant. The news is almost to good too be believed, especially the prediction that the ice-wagons will be running here in July.

As I write, our fine workman Arthur Trenholme, is as busy as a bee here in the hot sun, putting up that east porch. What a satisfaction the very thought of it is! If I had only known that it was to be done so soon, I would have kept to myself the picture I gave last week of the librarian sopping up the rivulets that came through under the door! This prompt service "heaps coals of fire" on my head. x x x Another thing that tells of the progress in the refinement if not in the ordinary prosperity, of our Colony, is the awakening of the citizens more and more to the importance of eliminating the conditions that breed pests, flies and mosquitoes especially This was inevitable as soon as we learned beyond doubt from the experiments of scientists, of the part these creatures play in the spread of disease; the mosquito that of malaria and yellow fever, while the feet and the proboscis of the fly may bear the germs of the most deadly poisons. The increase in the manufacture and the sale of netting and wire screening has increased almost incredibly in the last few years. We may be certain that the child who has been reared in a dwelling provided with screens will see that his own home is never without these—no longer a luxury but a necessity.

Personal and Local

Mr. J. K. Simmers of Mobile, has taken the Mrs. Bemis (former Steenstra) cottage for the summer and has his family installed in it.

Mrs. Cross' sister, Miss Mabel Cardner, arrived on Saturday from Doniphan, Mo., for an extended visit.

Mr. Creswell and Mr. Beckner continue to set a fine example in keeping the street in front of their premises free from weeds. The smooth green sward looks very nice.

The COURIER makes converts. Try it on some of your friends.

Come to the Fourth of July celebration at Fairhope on the third.

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Personal and Local

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who were at the Fairhope Hotel for several weeks, have rooms now in the Powell home.

Mrs. Bell Graves, of St. Louis, is visiting her friends Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lowell.

Word has been received recently from a number of parties who write that they are expecting to locate at Fairhope this fall.

George Cain had a rib cracked by a block of ice falling on him when working on the Carney and has been laid up for awhile.

James Gaston and Ed Sheldon have given their catboat a coat of white paint with red trimming and she looks very pretty.

Over 160 persons of whom the Steamer Fairhope brought 125, came over last Sunday morning and enjoyed the day at Fairhope.

Rain last Friday evening caused the K. P's. to postpone their fish-fry to Saturday evening, with bad effect upon the attendance; which was not at all up to the hopes of the lodge.

Mr. Lyndon Wheeler, brother of our popular merchant, Mr. Dewey Wheeler, and who was here for about a year in the clock and watch repairing business, writes that he is looking Fairhopeward again. Mr, Wheeler made many friends while here who would be glad to see him back and we need some one in his line of business.

An Ordinance.

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Alabama, as follows:

FIRST: From and after this date, any person digging up any of the streets or sidewalks of the Town of Fairhope or erecting any structure or obstruction thereon without first obtaining the permission of the Council, shall be fined not less than Five or not more than Fifty Dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding ten days, provided, however, that no legitmate and proper work in constructing or repairing streets and roads shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.

SECOND: All work wherein the streets or sidewalks of Fairhope shall be dug up or any obstruction placed therein after permission shall have been granted therefor by the Council, shall be conducted under such reasonable regulations as to lighting at night, length of time in which said excavation or obstruction shall remain and other provisions intended for the benefit of the city and the safety of the population as the Council shall provide.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council at a regular meeting of the Council held June 28 1909.

H. S. GREENO, MAYOR
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, CLERK.

Notice of Election for School Bond Issue for Town of Fairhope, Alabama.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows:

Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 19th day of July, 1909, there will be held in the Town of Fairhope, Alabama, at Woodmen Hall an election, which election shall be held for the purpose of determining whether or not the Town of Fairhope, Ala., will issue bonds in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and to run for ten years from date of issue, and the purpose for which the bonds are proposed to be issued being to construct a public school house in said town of Fairhope, Alabama.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk.
June 14, 1909.

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HINT TO THE YOUNG

FOR COMFORT IN AGE ONE MUST SAVE IN YOUTH.

Systematic Putting Away of Part of Money Earned Is the Only Way to Do It — Figures Worth Studying.

A young man who would have a competency at the end of ten years must make sacrifices for the first two or three years. Say that you, for instance, are earning $30 a week. At the present time you may be spending nearly all of this, as thousands of others are doing, says a writer in The Bookkeeper. Now, during the first year, you must save $1,000. "Why," you exclaim. "If I should save $1,000 a year that would make $10,000 at the end of ten years, without counting the interest! You're off in your figuring!"

But wait. We are supposing now that you are having your share of prosperity, and that at different times within the next few years you will have doctor's bills to pay and may even be without employment at times. These things must be taken into consideration if you would save $10,000 in ten years.

So the first year you save $1,000. This leaves you a little less than $11 a week upon which to live during that time. Perhaps you will have to move out of your present home and rent one that is cheaper. For a time it will also be necesary for you to contract fewer tailoring bills, and in all probability you will get your wife to aid you in economizing; but you must save $1,000 during that year and you will find that you can do it.

In the second year your load will become lighter, and then you will see why it was necessary for you to save $1,000 during the first year. The $1,000 you can easily place out at five per cent. interest and at the end of the second year it will have earned you $50. So during this second year you have to save only $950. In other words, you have one dollar a week more to spend on the comforts of life during the second year than the first. In this way your load continues to get lighter and lighter. You begin your third year with $2,000 out at interest, and during this year need save only $900, which leaves you two dollars a week more to spend than during the first year; and so it goes until at the end of your fifth year you are saving only $750 a year, or less then one-half of your $1,560 salary. Each year you have more to spend. At the end of your eighth year you are saving just $12.50 a week, while you have $17.50 to spend.

At the end of your tenth year you have $10,000, which is earning you $500 a year, and which may even bring you $600 or $700 a year, if you invest it well. If you were only 30 years of age when you began saving you are still too young to retire on $50 a month, but now you can spend all that you earn, and at the end of another ten years, if you do not gather the "honey" which your $10,000 is making for you, you will be worth a little over $17,000, which, at six per cent., will bring you an income of $85 a month for the rest of your life.

A modification of the above scheme can be made to work to the profit of any wage earner, no matter what his weekly earnings may be, granting, of course, that they are sufficient to live upon comfortably. For instance, if the man who earns $15 a week could save seven dollars a week for 14 years he would have acquired a little fortune of $5,000. This task of saving seven dollars a week out of $15 a week for 728 weeks seems stupendous at first, but when you figure it out carefully you will see that it is not so difficult after all. In the first place, you would have to save seven dollars a week only for the first year, just as the man who was working for $10,000 had to save $1,000 for the first year only. At the end of the first year you would have $728 working for you, second year this would have earned you $18.20 at five per cent., so that this year you would need to save only $345.80 instead of $364, or $6.65 a week. During the third year you would have $728 working for pou, which at five per cent., would earn $36.40, leaving you $6.30 to save each week that year. Figuring in this way in the beginning of your sixth year you would have to lay aside only $5.80 weekly; at the beginning of your ninth, $4.20, and at the beginning of your twelfth, only $3.15. Yet at the end of your fourteenth year you would have saved over $5,000, which, properly employed, would mean a great deal to you in the years to come.

POOR HENRY IN NO DANGER.

Bashful Man Unduly Alarmed Over Simple Request, But Then It Was in Leap Year.

This is a belated leap-year story that happened to get overlooked in the holiday rush of 1908. But better late than never, as the Long Island conductor said when his train came in four hours behind time.

Her name was Gladys Genevieve Jones, and the name of the other party to the episode was William Henry Harrison Hankins. Gladys had attained the mature age of 29 summers, while William Henry, etc., had also reached the age of discretion, with a few years over for good measure.

William Henry and Gladys had long been friends, but to-day, for the first time, she had taken advantage of her leap-year privileges and invited him out for a moonlight drive. Blushingly he had accepted—for Mr. Hankins was one of these bashful swains who never get over the habit of blushing when in the presence of the opposite sex.

Gladys Genevieve believed in doing things right. She had driven the coy and diffident Hankins to the nearest village, four miles away, with all the et ceteras and trimmings, and now, at last, they were on their homeward journey. For a time they rode along wrapped mostly in silence, and then Gladys suddenly gave a little shiver, moved closer to her companion's side, looked up inquiringly into his face, and began:

"Mr. Hankins, don't you think it would be a good plan if we were to double up—"

She was interrupted by a wild cry of alarm from Mr. Hankins. The next instant he had sprung from the sleigh and fled swiftly into the starlit night.

"Now, I wonder what on earth startled the poor fellow that way?" ruminated Gladys Genevieve, as she drove slowly homeward, alone. "I was only going to ask him if he didn't think it would be a good plan if we were to double up the lap robe on account of the air being so chilly, when he sprang out and dashed away like a madman. Must have somehow got the idea in his head that I was about to propose. Dear me! what poor, half-witted, scary creatures the men are, anyway!"—Judge.

To Err Is Human.

"I am going to tell you the truth about yourself," he said.

"Go on," said the young and ambitious actress.

"I have in my time had rare opportunities to observe beautiful, graceful and talented women, and I violate no confidence in saying that you are the queen of them all. You unite in your lovely person that peculiar magnetism which lays audiences at your feet. Your genius, shining through all the deficiencies of stagecraft, enables you to triumph over every obstacle. So supreme are you that you have the right to rise above all conventionalities, to marry, to love, to discard whom you please, and no one will dare to criticise. Your work will live. You are the very personification of the highest art. United with this, your perfection of beauty gives you the just title to a lasting fame."

"Is all that true?" she asked, softly.

"Absolutely. Would you have me say more? What more could I say?"

She sighed.

"You might," she answered, "have mentioned my clothes and my figure!"—Puck.

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Father's Approval.

"What do you think of my graduation essay?" asked Miss Clarissa Corntossel.

"Well," answered her father, "I must say you're ahead of your brother Josh. It's easier to understand than a college yell."

Robbie's Thought.

"You know we are taught to love our enemies, Robbie."

"Well, I just wish we could teach the flies and mosquitoes to love 'em, mamma."—Yonkers Statesman.

Wealth's Vagaries.

"I understand that old Bullion has just ordered another parlor car."

"Yes, he happened to think of a good name for it and had it built."

Personal and Local

Henry Clare Littlefield and wife visited the home folks on Sunday.

Table board $3:50 per week at Sunny Point Lunch Rooms.

Mrs. L. E. Page is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Brown.

Men's wash pants $1.00
Mershon Merch. Co.

J. H. Wienand and family have moved over into one of the Kile cottages on Magnolia Ave.

Good plain meals at the Sunny Point Lunch Room. Quick lunches at all hours.

The Johnson and A. A. Mershon residences are being connected with the Colony water system.

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Mrs. W. W. Reed and family have moved over from Mobile for the summer, into the Littlefield cottage.

For something good to eat drop in at "Sunny Point" Lunch Room and Fancy Bakery.

Mrs. Somerville is visiting the Lowell's this week. Mr. Somerville has his plans made for a cottage on Fels Ave.

If you want any electrical work done call on Ralph Coutant, Fairhope, Ala.

Miss Minerva Riel entertained a lot of her young friends on Sunday afternoon at her country home, keeping them to supper in the evening.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Mrs. Curtis, whose paintings have attracted so much favorable attention and who has had much experience in teaching art, will give lessons in painting two days in the week.

Walline in five pound packages for 50 cents. This is the best quality of Alabastine paint we know of.
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Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink came over on last Friday to assist with music at the K. P. fish fry and entertainment which was unfortunately postponed on account of rain until Saturday evening.

Prepared Granite Roofing the best thing on the market. Come and see it, it will bear inspection.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Wm. Stimpson spent a couple of days last week driving about the county with Mr. Bates of the Glen St. Mary Nursery Co., but in his travels saw no place which looked as good to him as Fairhope.

The tug "Overton" arrived this morning with the ice plant, which is being unloaded on Wharf No. 2. Mr. Berglin has a force getting the ground ready for his building on the beach.

Why suffer with the hot sun, when you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of $1.25.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Mrs. Lydia J. Nelson who has been at the Slosson home for nearly six months left on Tuesday for her home at Morris, Ill. Before leaving she subscribed for the Courier to be kept posted on the doings of her friends here.

For Exchange--A 40-acre farm near Fish River house, barn, etc, fine running water, good place for dairying. Want small place in or near Fairhope.
P. O. Box 122, Marlow, Ala.

W. S. Baldwin exhibited on the street Wednesday, some of the finest Niagara grapes we have ever seen. The bunches were simply magnificent. To keep them from the birds he sacked about 500 bunches.

We only have a few suits of men's and boy's clothes left, we are offering them at Way Down Prices, they are good values for the prices we will make you. Mershon Merch. Co.

The editor and family are indebted to Mr. H. F. Riel, for a liberal sample of "beans by the yard" a variety of which he got the seed from California and several specimens of which were over a yard long. They are string beans, the pods looking like exaggerated cow pea pods, and quite a curiosity.

"Sweet, pure and wholesome bread" becomes impure and unwholesome if it passes through the hands of people subject to disease. To be sure to get sweet pure and wholesome bread buy the bread of the Fairhope Bakery retailed through the Mershon Merchandising Co. and Mrs. Lenora Curtis.

Dr. W.W. Hunt, late of Selma has opened a dental office at his home on Bay View Ave., and offers his services to the citizens of Fairhope and vicinity in this issue of the Courier. He has had over 20 years experience and hopes to secure business enough to enable him to reside here the year round.

By dint of hard hustling of herself and builders, Mrs. Curtis got ready for the opening of her Sunny Point restaurant on last Sunday and had a good party in for dinner. She has a very pleasant dining room and everything is neat and attractive about her place. A place where a good plain meal could be had for 25 cent has been much needed, and we are glad Mrs. Curtis is to supply it.

Permit to Discharge Blank Cartridges July 4th.

Messrs. E. B. Gaston, S. D. Yarnelle, William Call, and others: Municipal council has granted your petition to discharge fire arms on Saturday July 3rd. Blank cartridges.
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Mayor

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Arbitration Society meeting.

The second monthly meeting of the Fairhope Arbitration Society will be held at the school house on Tuesday evening July 6th. It will be the aim of the officers of the society to have a special program for each of the monthly meetings. At the last meeting there were addressses by Judges Gaston and Coleman. Both addresses were entertaining and instructive. The feature of the coming meeting is to be a mock trial, intended to show the arbitration court in action. This should be and almost surely will be an interesting meeting.

The membership now is upwards of fifty, come out, join the society and help run the membership up to a hundred.

The nearer the society comes to including all the men and women of Fairhope the more good it will accomplish.

Change in Fairhope's Schedule.

Beginning July first the Fairhope changed her schedule as follows: to leave Fairhope 7 a. m. instead of 7.20 and Mobile at 3.30 p. m., instead of 3. Please govern yourselves accordingly and dont get left.

FOR SALE—Cheap. Poultry netting, large and small mesh, chicken houses, fixtures, brooders, water fountains, coops, etc.

Stuart Yarnelle.

$525 CASH FOR 7 ROOM HOUSE

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Bonner's Famous Advertisement.

When the New York Ledger was wavering on the brink of failure, Robert Bonner, the proprietor, sent to the New York Herald a brief advertisement, to be set up in a single line. So Greeleyesque was Mr. Bonner's handwriting that the advertising manager interpreted the directions as ordering that the copy be run in full page which instructions he obeyed, though marveling greatly. The Herald came out the next morning with one whole page devoted to the crisp adjuration to read the Ledger's new story. The effect upon Mr. Bonner was almost fatal, first from chagrin at the thought of the possible bill, then from amazement as subscriptions began to pour in, and finally from satisfaction, as they continued to flood the office, until the fortune of the publication was made. The novel, though accidental, device had struck the public's fancy. Mr. Bonner was hailed as the pioneer of a new and daring theory of exploitation, and the advertisement gained tenfold currency by being commented upon as a feature of the news.—Collier's.

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AT

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SATURDAY, JULY 3

WITH THE

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Dancing Day and Evening in Bayside Pavilion

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All under good wire fence, small house, good barn, wagon shed, packing house, chicken houses and runs, fine bored well, some orange, fig and persimmon trees. 7 or 8 acres cleared and broken. Just two miles from center of town. Will rent for $50 a year or sell at a bargain.

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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 those 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 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,

Fairhope His "Rainbow"

Dear Brother Gaston:

Your kind of practical religion, appeals to me so much that I venture to call you "Brother." Just now I was sitting in my front room before the window reading the COURIER, and I heard across the way some one singing "Will you be my Rainbow?" that popular little song. I mused to myself that Single Tax, Fairhope, the kind people down there were fast becoming my "rainbow," and I cherish the promise that it illustrates that some day I will come back to you all. I am willing to trust the Single Tax Corporation of Fairhope with the ownership of the land and an equitable adjustment of the rental value. All I want is a chance to live upon it and utilize its productions. I can't get rid of the notion that the scheme of the Henry George patriots is going to succeed and redeem the earth from selfishness and greed, and establish the brotherhood of mankind. The rainbow appears in the sky already, and by and by poverty and destitution will be abolished and we will look into each others' faces with kindness and consideration and forget the slime of avarice and covetousness. Character and real worth will predominate over Bradstreet's reports of "property ownership and possessions of stocks and bonds." "A man will be a man for that" and "Hope will be the cordial of the human heart."

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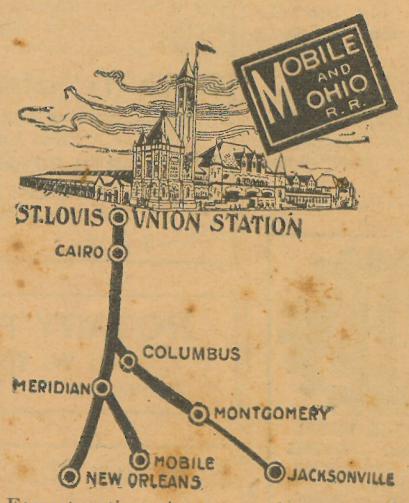
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A New Industry

So quietly that few people even in Fairhope knew of it, Frank L. Brown has inaugurated a new industry which may grow to considerable proportions. He has put up a kiln of latest pattern 10 x 16 feet, for burning all kinds of clay products, and a first burning is about ready to fire, if he has not already fired it.

There is abundance of fine clay in this vicinity and Mr. Brown has a great many ideas for its utilization, some of which are new to this section through demonstrated successes elsewhere. Here's hoping that his new venture will prove to be profitable to him and an important addition to the industries of our town.

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Value of Crimson Clover

In the Southern Farm Gazette, for June 19, a correspondent gives great credit to crimson clover as a soil enricher and as a pasture for pigs. He sows it in October mixed with rye, rust proof oats and a little rape. The writer says:

"I believe crimson clover and cow peas will bring every foot of what was a worn-out farm when we got it, to where it will grow alfalfa. We are growing it now successfully, but most of the land is yet too badly worn to make it a success.

"The sum of our experience with crimson clover is: Sow it in any crop or by itself, rich land or poor land, 15 pounds per acre, any time after the new seed crop comes in up to November; sow the same land next year and keep sowing it year after year; raise your hogs on it, cut it for your cattle (it is said to be dangerous feed for horses,) and turn it under for the land's sake."

One great advantage of crimson clover is that it grows during the winter here. With cow-peas and velvet beans in the summer and crimson clover and vetch in the winter for forage crops and soil enrichers, we have a combination for stock raising and increasing soil fertility which no other section can equal.

Mr. Horning of Fairhope, succeeded very well with crimson clover the past winter and will have soil which he could supply for inoculating the land of others with the bacteria, without the presence of which this clover will not thrive.

The People vs. the Railroads

The Montgomery Advertiser presents a most disheartening view of the long drawn-out character of the litigation in which the state and the railroads are engaged. "Nothing else" it says "was expected, by people who understand the nature of the suits, but the program outlined in Wednesday's order and the present status of the case should impress even the thoughtless with the true idea of a suit which may take years to end. x x x The railroad litigation is already two years old and yet it has only advanced beyond the preliminary stage x x x No one can venture to predict the end."

While the Advertiser does not in so many words say so in this article, taken in connection with others, it is easy to see that it is intended as a rebuke to the officers of the state who have precipitated such a fight. That the railroads should be left alone to run "their business" as they see fit. The peoples' officers who strive to protect their rights are demagogues, disturbers of business, would-be confiscators of property. This is the "big business" attitude and the Advertiser is thoroughly steeped in it, as is practically every metropolitan paper in the state. Especial credit is due Governor Comer and his legal advisers, for their sturdy stand for the rights of the people in this litigation. We hope they will be permitted to stay with it long enough to win a substantial victory, or to learn that the only hope of a solution of the railroad problem is government ownership of the railed highways.

Space on the Earth's Surface.

Twenty per cent of the increase in the value of land is hereafter to be taken for public purposes by the British government. This form of taxation is of course based on the theory that population makes the increase, and that all the increased land value does not belong to the owner, but, in part, to all the people.

The step in England is emphasized by a similar movement in Germany. There the conservative party proposed the plan, the Department of Finance approved it and a measure carrying it into effect is almost certain to pass the Reichstag.

That Christendom will presently take a more favorable view of this form of taxation is entirely probable. The value of an unimproved city block that brings a million is not created by the owner, but by the enterprise and toil of an increased population.—Oregon Journal.

A reminder of the early days of the Fairhope undertaking, was furnished recently by a communication from the secretary of state of Iowa asking from the "Fairhope Industrial Association" the statement and annual fee now required by the state of Iowa of all corporations incorporated under its laws. The information was furnished the secretary that the Fairhope Industrial Association passed out of existence on Oct. 26, 1904, when it conveyed all its property to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, chartered under the law of Alabama.

The Los Angeles Herald, contained a very interesting short sketch of the life of Louis Prang, who lately died in that city.

Fourth of July at Fairhope.

It rained practically every day and sometimes two or three times a day for a week before the Fourth—third, and there was a heavy shower between 4 and 5 in the morning, sadly interfering with the preparations for Fairhope's celebration and keeping everybody guessing up to the last minute almost whether it would be possible to have a celebration at all or not.

But the shower of the early morning proved to be a "clearing shower" and the day was free from further downpours or even serious threat of any.

No doubt, however, the fear of rain kept many away who would otherwise have attended, and the fact that Monday was the legal holiday observed in Mobile, thus making Saturday more than usually a busy day prevented many from Mobile attending. In spite of these hindrances there was a very nice crowd present and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

The celebration opened with the "Callathumpian parade" in which the mounted cow-boys and the Indians and the party of prospectors to take part in the ambush and sham battle were the principal features. The parade moved down to the end of the wharf there meeting the crowd coming in from the steamer Fairhope arriving from Mobile and led the way back up the hill. The stage was then set for the ambush and shambattle. The "Indians' ambushed over the bank of the gulley just south of knoll park and when the party of "prospectors" came toiling along the road with Rolland Curtis's donkey bearing a huge "pack" they rushed out and captured them. They led their captives around on the east side of the park and were preparing to camp, when Miss Frances Gaston, who was accompanying the prospectors mounted, and was captured with them, fired upon her "Injun" captor and breaking away, made a dash up Fairhope Avenue for help and a few moments later came thundering back down the avenue with a bunch of realistic hard-riding "cow-boys," who opened fire on the Indian captors. The dash of the horses and the fusilade of shots made a stirring scene. Miss Gaston won many compliments for the dashing way in which she carried out her part.

The remainder of the program was carried out in beach park below the bluff

Max Hamburger Jr. the orator of the day did not come on the Feirhope, but took the Carney in order to be with friends going to the Daphne celebration, and when he arrived it was too late to have his speech before noon so it was given immediately after the dinner hour.

A band of colored musicians rendered several selections which served to draw the crowd together. Mr. Gaston, acting as chairman called upon a quartet of local singers who, assisted by Mr. Simmers, led in singing America after which he introduced the speaker of the day Mr. Hamburger, expressing the appreciation of the committee of the favor of his presence and assuring him that in view of the extreme heat and the smallness of the audience, the committee did not feel justified in asking a long speech. Mr. Hamburger endorsed the view that the occasion did not call for a long speech and made an eloquent and interesting address of about fifteen minutes which was much enjoyed and heartily applauded.

By request Mr. Simmers sang "My Old Kentucky home," the choir joining in the chorus.

There were calls for the readiug of the Declaration of Independence. but the chairman said that it would hardly be expected that Fairhope would follow wholly the usual order. Fairhope yielded to no community in loyalty to the principles ennunciated in that great document or appreciation for the brave men who promulgated it, out in lieu of reading it on this occasion he craved their permission to read from the works of one whose life was devoted to showing how to make practical application of the principles of the Declaration of

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Ernest B. Gaston - Editor and Publisher
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The School of Organic Training.

In its school of Organic Training Fairhope has an institution which deserves every encouragement from its citizens, not only for the progressive system of education to which it is devoted, but for its possibilities as a means of bringing people to Fairhope temporarily or permanently. These are boundless from a business standpoint. It may easily become one of the most important institutions of the place, if not the most important.

In Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Comings, who are so devoted to it and working together so enthusiasticaliy and unitedly for it, we have two of the most capable and devoted women who ever joined hands in an undertaking and their zeal and character are such as certainly to enlist the cooperation of others. Linked with them is Mr. Fels, with his ample means and generous heart and that others will be found to join him in financial assistance there is no reason to doubt.

With the devotion of all of these three "principals" to the Fairhope Colony effort the advantages of the school are, for the present and always if possible, to be placed freely at the service of pupils residing upon Colony lands—not, of course, because the school makes any distinction in the need for proper training and its desire to supply it, between pupils residing on or off Colony land, but because its founders realize that off of Colony land, its advantages while temporarily benefitting the children now here to enjoy it, would be collected from later comers in increased land values, appropriated for private benefit.

In this sense it is particularly a Fairhope Colony institution, but its devoted founders have more in mind than making of it an institution only for the benefit of Colony children.

They hope to attract to it scores—hundreds—some day maybe thousands—of pupils, even from different states; some of whom will be accompanied by their parents, who will take cottages to remain with them and others of whom will be boarding pupils, under the constant care of the school (thereby only perhaps to receive the full benefit of its system.)

They deserve the encouragement of all the people of Fairhope. To encourage and support the Organic School is not to oppose the public school, as some seem to think, Both have their advantages and both are to be supported as a loyal citizen should support every laudable institution of his town.

The school has taken possession of its beautiful and ample tract, including both the tract hitherto used by the public school and the Mann tract--about ten acres in all. Needed repairs will be made to the excellent buildin purchased from the Colony and before the fall term opens, a new building especially designed for it will be erected for the Manual Training department. Mr. Munschan a most capable gardener, has been employed to devote his whole time to the care of the grounds and buildings and assist in the school garden work. Under his care the grounds may soon be expected to present a very different appearance to what they have and soon to be one of the most attractive sights in the town.

The faculty for the next school year will include in addition to Mrs. M. L. Johnson, J. F. Johnson, manual training, Miss Ludmilla Muth, kindergarten and German, Miss Helen Taggart and Miss Lois Slosson, the latter a very capable graduate of the teachers' course last year.

Arbitration Society Meeting.

The Arbitration Society held its second monthly meeting at the school house on Thursday evening, July 6 with a good audience in attendance.

After the disposal of the necessa ry routine business, aud notice being given that an amendment to the constitutton would be presented to be adopted or rejected at the next monthly meeting, a mock trial was gone through with, between Mr. A. K. Trenholme plaintiff and Mr, P. Y. Albright defendant.

All the three regular judges were unavoidably absent, which made it necessary to elect special judges for the occasion. J. R. Cross, John Zurhorst and W. W. Kile were elected to serve for the occasion. When the court was ready to hear the case, Mr. Trenholme testified that on the night of the 15th of May 1909 he was passing over a path, across Mr. Albright's ground which path had for some time previously, with Mr. Albright's permission been used as a common thoroughfare; that on account of a ditch having been dug in close proximity to the aforesaid path, since he had previously passed that way; the night being very dark, and there being no danger signal displayed he fell into the ditch, in attempting to cross, and received severe injuries. That on account of these injuries he was unable to work at his trade for two weeks and at that it cost him for medical attendance on the same account, five dollars, causing him a loss altogether of thirty-five dollars. Mr. Trenholme asked the court to award him damages in the above amount.

Mr. Albright in stating his case to the court denied being at all responsible for Mr. Trenholme's injuries and loss, insisting that he should have been provided with a lantern on such a night to insure his own safety.

Several witnesses for both plaintiff and defenant testified in regard to conversations between the two litigants held in efforts to come to a settlement of the case.

Messrs. Cross and Zurhorst have concluded that in this case there is a divided responsibility and also that the path and ditch being on Mr. Albright's land and therefore private property has a bearing in the case, and have decided that Mr. Albright shall pay Mr. Trenholme twelve dollars.

Not being able to agree with the decision on the Trenholme and Albright case I wish to state this one principle by which I am governed in the matter.

Whenever any one allows ground in his care to be used as a thoroughfare, he should not make nor allow to be made in connection therewith any dangerous excavation or obstruction without displaying an efficient danger signal, and when violating that principle should be held entirely responsible for damage that may result.

W. W. Kile.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson's Work at Daphne

Mrs. M. L. Johnson returned home on Tuesday evening from Daphne, where she rendered most valuable assistance in the summer school of the Daphne Normal.

On a recent visit of the editor of the Courier to the school, president Baker expressed the very highest appreciation of Mrs. Johnson's service. He well might appreciate it, for not only was it a service which very few high-salaried instructors are capable of rendering, but it was a service freely tendered the school by Mrs. Johnson, who received only her expenses during the time given to it.

This generosity of Mrs. Johnson was largely prompted by her desire to further in new fields, the cause of Organic training so dear to her. In this she was successful to an encouraging degree. While not fully committed to the full program, President Baker is very friendly toward the new system. He insisted that Mrs Johnson should assist in next year's summer school and even said he would like to see a chair of organic training established in the school and to have Mrs. Johnson fill it.

As a result of Mrs. Johnson's work at the summer school the Fairhope School of Organic Training is practically assured of a number of pupils from other points in the county to take the teachers' course.

It may well be understood too, that Fairhope had an able and devoted defender of its policies while Mrs. Johnson was at Daphne. Occasions were not infrequent when opportunity was afforded to correct misapprehensions and all were promptly embraced.

In this issue appears the ad of J. W. Grove and Son of the "Regal Shoe Store" Mobile. This is a firm which the Courier takes especial pleasure in introducing to its readers for it is "our" J. W. Grove and son, of Fish river, this county. Mr. Grove was one of the pioneer northern settlers in Baldwin county, known and esteemed far and wide and his son Dana, who is in active charge of the store, practically "grew up" in Baldwin and Baldwin may be proud of having produced a business man of his type. Under his progressive management, and agreeable personality and making a specialty of one of the most widely advertised and deservedly popular brands of shoes "The Regal" the house has in a short time become one the leading houses in its line in Mobile. An especial welcome always awaits Baldwin County people at The Regal Shoe Store.

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Independence and whose work had furnished the inspiration for the founding of Fairhope. He then read the chapter from Progress and Poverty entitled "The Central Truth." The applause which greeted the reading showed that the innovation was not disapproved.

This closed the program at the stand and the people were left free to spend the remainder of the day as suited their fancy.

The boat and swimming races attracted the attention of many and dancing in the pavilion proved an attraction not only to throngs of dancers but spectators as well.

In the launch race there were only two entries, the "Margaret" the handsome large

launch owned by Capt. Erickson of Mobile, of the Munson line, and the "Adelina," owned by Mr. Ivulich of Battles. The Margaret was an easy winner receiving the first prize, a handsome boat-hook, donated by Daly Brothers of Mobile.

It had been planned to have a sailing race each for sloops and cat boats, but as only one sloop was entered, the "Loulie" owned by Captain Joseph Lawrence and son Lloyd, and only two cat boats, the "Sister" owned by James Gaston and Ed. Sheldon, and the "Green River, by Maurice Greenbaum, it was made a "free-for-all." The course was triangular from the pier-head of the main wharf to a buoy about a mile out toward Mobile; thence to an other buoy just off of Volanta, and back to the starting point. This race was run in a light wind and was won by the 18 ft. cat boat "Sister." It was a close race between the "Sister" and the "Loulie" to the second buoy, but in beating back against the wind the "Sister" showed great superiority and won by about fifteen minutes, over the "Loulie" with the "Green River" far behind the latter. The first prize a fine brass riding light, donated by R. O. Harris Grocery Co., went to the "Sister." A handsome pennant donated by Walker Furniture Co., went to the "Loulie" and the "Green River" got a pair of brass cleats given by Dewey Wheeler of Fairhope.

The swimming race was won by Frank Midgette who got a $3 cash prize offered by Dr. Q. J. Brown of Fairhope and Mobile; Sam Littlegreen got second prize, a box of cigars given by the Mobile Drug Co.

In swimming a course with a flag in one hand and not getting it wet, Orrie Keller, won the prize, a concert Harmonica, given by E. Bender.

And it didn't rain!

There would, no doubt, have been a considerably larger crowd had the celebration been on Monday the legal holiday.

The Fairhope made two trips and the Lucile, Irma and Carney "also ran'" so the boat facilities were exceptional.

The bay was thronged with bathers all day.

The Henry George Athletic Club, which managed the celebration and the stands, etc., just about "broke even" financially.

The Daphne Celebration.

The same circumstances which caused a comparatively small attendance at the Fairhope celebration affected that at Daphne as well and was a disappointment to those who had the celebration in charge and hoped to raise a large sum for the Normal school. There was quite an array of speakers, including Hon. Sam C. Jenkins, who presided and Hon. J. H. Wallace, state game warden; Dr. H. S. Greeno of Fairhope, represented the "blue" and a confederate veteran from Mobile the "gray"; in the blue and gray" reunion feature.

Mr. James A. Carney also spoke during the afternoon on the subject of properly representing Baldwin county resources in a county fair and at state fairs.

The Declaration of Independence was well read by P. Y. Albright of Fairhope.

A ball game was played and various other amusements afforded the crowd, Mrs. M. L. Johnson making a hit as the "Armenian fortune-teller."

The COURIER makes converts. Try it on some of your friends.

Progressive League Resolutions.

At a regular meeting of the Progressive League, held Sunday, June 13., at Fairhope, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas: The Federal Constitution having guaranteed the "Right of Asylum" to all persons who seek the shores of this country, as a refuge from the oppression of foreign governments, whose only claim upon them is that they are political offenders, and that the United States having heretofore upheld this doctrine, it becomes them now to secure to the political refugees of Mexico the same rights as have been accorded to others, therefore be it

Resolved: That we protest against the treatment accorded the Mexican refugees lately arrested, tried and convicted in the Federal Courts, at the instigation of the Mexican authorities, and that the findings in these cases be reviewed by the highest courts of this country and justice be done them.

Resolved, That the attention of the President of the United States be called to these assaults upon the right of asylum, and he be respectfully requested to present the matter to the Congress at the earliest day possible.

Resolved that his attention be also called to the many instances wherein of late, the Post Office Officials have denied to citizens of this country, the right to the use of the mails, and have denied to citizens of this country, the right to the use of the mails, and have denied them such rights' without first charging them with some indictable crime, and giving them a trial before a jury of their peers. That under such unlimited power as the post office has of late been using, the freedom of the press is menaced and that the attention of the Consress be called to this also

Respectfully submitted by

E. Q. Norton, Speaker.
C. L. Coleman, Presiding.
J. Christopher, Secretary.

Decision of the Arbitration Court in the Trenholme and Albright Case July 7th 1909.

After hearing the testimony of the litigant and the different witnesses we find that from a legal point of view Plaintif is not entitled to any damages, but as judges of an arbitration court, which mainly should be a court of common sense and justice, we find, that Defendant has been very negligent as regards the welfare of his neighbors and fellow citizens in not giving warning of danger, which he knew, passengers of that particular foot path, which was quite frequently used, would meet on a dark night.

We therefore hold, that Defendant should pay to Plaintiff about one-third of actual damages sustained, which we consider $12.00

J. R. CROSS.
JOHN ZURHORST.

The most popular Mobile hardware house, with Baldwin County people—especially Fairhope people—has long been the Stikes Hardware Company. The Company had the sincere sympathy of its many patrons when it was temporarily forced out of business for a short time; but they will be glad to know that it is again prepared to serve them at "the old stand" (much improved by the way) and with a new stock of goods. No more accommodating people than Messrs. Stikes and Spies ever did business. They were in fact, too accommodating for their own good Their store in its convenient location on Water street, will no doubt continue to be as it has been in the past, a kind of headquarters for Eastern Shore people in the city.

M. V. Watros Takes Cafe

Mr. Watros closed a deal with Mr. Danenhower on Wednesnay for his fixtures, stock and lease of the Cafe and has installed Laurie Tilson in it, being, of course there himself in the evenings. Mr. Watros knows how such a place should be conducted and he and Laurie are both very popular.

The Danenhowers, we are glad to say will not leave Fairhope. Mr. Danenhower has practically closed a deal for the Howarth place into which his family will move at once. He has secured several month's employment at his old business, that of superintendent of concrete work, which will take him away, from Fairhope but this will be "home."

Scott—Hagood

Miss Maud Muller Scott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Scott of Battles, and well known and popular at Fairhope was married at the family home on Wednesday of last week to Rev. James J. Hagood of Andalusia, Ala. Among those attending from Fairhope were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Oswalt and Miss Anna Mae Oswalt. The groom is the pastor of the First Baptist church at Andalusia, where he and his bride will make their home.

The Henry George Athletic Club wishes to express its thankful appreciation to the numerous friends who assisted, financially and otherwise, in preparing the Independence Day celebration. Besides those Mobile firms already mentioned credit is due to Rolf Seeberg and the Drago Grain Co.

Personal and Loca.

A. H. Mershon is confined to his home with illness which his many friends will trust is but temporary.

Mr. G. Riel has gone to Chicago on a business trip.

The COURIER force is very much indebted to Mr. Cross for a fine large watermelon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mc Kinstry and baby of Mobile, are at the Dolive home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames now have the convenience of a telephone.

Mrs. L. E. Page of Mobile, was a guest at tea on the evening of the third, of Mrs. J. M. Beckner at "Bellview."

Mrs. J. J. McAtee and baby Margaret, of Mobile, are at the Dolive House for a number of weeks.

Mrs. George Hoyle of Battles is at the Fairhope Sanitarium taking a course of electrical treatment from Dr. Mershon.

Mrs. Abbie Keller, whose health has been poor for some time, is taking a course of treatment at the Fairhope Sanitarium.

Mr. L. E. Page was over from Mobile a day or two joining Mrs. Page at the F. L. Brown home.

Mr. and Mr. J. O. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of Mobile, are at the Fairhope Hotel for a stay of several weeks.

Miss Ferris Riel is delightfully entertaining the following young ladies at a house party at "Riel Villa:" Misses Daphne Brown, Marjorie Pilcher and Leah Gaston.

Mr. Herman Tiedjens, an old friend and fellow worker in the Single Tax Cause, of Messrs. Bellangee and Gaston at Des Moines, is making Fairhope a short visit.

Work is being pushed with great vigor on the ice plant, one crew of workmen being busy on the building and another in putting the machinery in place so that by the time the building is enclosed the machinery will be about ready for operation. Mr. Foster of Marlow is in charge of the work.

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Colony Council Proceedings.

The Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, July 5, with all members present but J. F. Johnson. Minutes of meeting of June 21, read and approved.

Mr. A. O. Berglin was present in the interest of his application for a site for an ice plant on the beach. Secretary stated that Mr. Berglin had made application for a site formerly granted Mr. Heller 30 x 90 ft. north of pump house and that notice had been posted for more than a week. Mr. Berglin amended his application to call for 44 ft. in width instead of 30, saying that he found 30 ft. insufficient. The application of Mr. Berglin as amended was accepted.

Rent of the said tract was fixed for the balance of the year at $36 per annum.

Treasurer's report for June presented as follows:

Rent 1908	$ 12.98	
" 1909	162.95	
" Penalty	1.62	
Stumpage	257.58	
W.w. maint.	22.50	
" constr.	3.20	
Cemetery	5.00	
Telephone maint.	30.25	
Bath-houses (use)	2.00	
School-house (sale)	1900.00	
	2398 08	
On hand June 1,	508.06	
		Disb.
Taxes		$ 112.58
Telephone cons.		6.84
Telephone maint.		16.00
Water-wks. "		29.56
Postage & Print'g.		4.42
Library		1.34
Salaries		25.00
Trustee's service		1.80
Highways		6.59
Wharf no. 2		227.94
Public school		15.75
V. I. C. loan		158.34
		606 16
On hand June 30:		
Water cert.	411.50	
Ass'n. "	112.15	
Cash	1776.33	
	2906.14	2906.14

G. W. Wood, Treas.

The secretary was instructed to draw orders for the payment of the amounts due the City Bank and Trust Company, $385, Mrs. M. E. Bemis $53 and T. P. Lyon $164 66 and int. from Aug. 22 '08.

Bill of American Supply Co., referred to Clerk of water-works.

Bill of L. S. Massey, agt. Mrs. Watkins, for digging post holes and taking up and resetting posts, on account of widening County road, $3.30, was referred to Superintendent of Lands and Highways.

Bill of Wharf Co. for 40 cents charges on books for library, referred to Library Ass'n.

Following bills allowed:

E. B. Gaston, postage in June		$ 1.65
Home Telephone Co., 12 telephone brackets and insulators		.60
H. J. Rathje, cleaning tank		.25
Fairhope Wharf Co. charges on w-w. material	1.30	
charges on telephone material	.05	1.35
G. W. Wood, salary April May and June	25.00	
Postage in same	.43	25.43

John P. Lowell requested permission to surrender lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 7, div. 2, subject to his right within six months, to make mutually agreeable arrangements if he could with any new lessee for payment for his improvements or failing that to remove any movable portion at once, was granted.

Relinquishment by Wm. Stimpson of all of Steenstra tract, between Fairhope and Magnolia Avenues, except south 132 ft. was approved, subject to same conditions regarding improvements as made with John P. Lowell.

Following transfers of land were granted subject to payment of rent due for last half of year:

John P. Lowell to Frank Midgette, of lots "A" and "B" block 4, div. 1.

John P. Lowell to R. S. Somerville, lot 10, block 4, div. 2.

A communication was read from P. Y. Albright requesting the Council to sell a site 300 feet square for a Catholic Church. The Secretary was on motion instructed to notify Mr. Albright that the Council would like to accommodate the Catholic friends, but that our plan does not contemplate the sale of land and that while there is so much land well situated for the purpose, whose owners have no such objections to selling, that we would prefer that purchase be made of them.

The sealed bid of Wm. Stimpson for fence on east side of tract surrendered by F. L. Horning, was opened and found to be for $5 and to be the only bid. It was accepted.

Superintendent lands and highways reported a conference with a representative of the town regarding the drainage of ground east of Section st., the suggestion being made that a 6 inch tile be placed in the bottom of the present ditch, the town representative saying he felt sure the town would be willing to pay for the tile across the road and lay the tile. Mr. Bancroft said it would require about 400 feet of tile, the cost of which would be 3 cents a foot, or $12, the Corporation's part of which under the arrangement would be less than $9. The superintendent of lands and highways was authorized to proceed with this plan.

All action by unanimous vote.

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DAY OF "FREE LAND" GONE.

Uncle Sam Still Has Many Unoccupied Acres, But Settlers There Must Have Money.

The original 13 states bulk rather small on the map of the United States. As respects population, notwithstanding the enormous growth of the country since the revolution, the adding of state after state to the original united colonies and star after star to the American flag, the old 13 still number about one-third of the entire 80,000,000 people of the union.

Another third, according to the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, live in the states created from the territory ceded to the common union by the original states. This is the region known for half a century as the west, which has always been a relative term according to the period in which it was used. The other third of the population live in what was originally known as the Louisiana purchase, the Gadsden purchase and other areas added by purchase or annexation. The center of population, following the star of empire westward, has passed over Ohio and now halts in southern Indiana.

It is interesting to learn from the statistics furnished by the bureau that in 1908 there were still 754,895,000 acres of unappropriated and unreserved land. Of this nearly one-half is in Alaska, and its value is yet to be determined. In Nevada there are 61,177,000 acres of this unappropriated land, in Montana 46,532,000 acres, in New Mexico 44,778,000 acres, and 42,769,000 acres are in Arizona.

But these figures are more imposing on paper than the land will justify as the possible home of a large population. By irrigation many thousands of these acres, now practically a desert, will yet be made fertile; by drying up or drainage the immense swamp areas in some of the older states another large area will be eventually made available. The day of "free land," however, in the golden west, a cry once so attractive to the immigrant or to the settler from the older states, has practically passed. Much of the land yet unappropriated may be free enough, but it will require wealth to make it productive.

The United States, as far as regards the opportunities it offers the landless, is at the close of its first great era. The areas to come may be better in some respects, but they will be different. There are no more boundless areas of fertile, well-watered soil awaiting the settler. The day of free land is over.

Go from Home to Meet People.

A postcard received from Paris a few days ago, says the New York Tribune, bears a picture of the Hotel de Ville and the Pont d'Arcole and this message: "I have been here an hour at a time for three days, but never saw a soul I knew—no met-by-chance adventure." In the summer of 1905 the man who sent the card was also in Paris, and one day, when near the entrance to the Hotel de Ville, he saw a child stumble and fall. He hastened to pick the little boy up, but before he could do so another man rushed from an opposite direction and performed the service. The child had sustained a slight bruise. The man who had picked him up tried to soothe him and said: "You are all right; don't cry." The other man asked: "Is he hurt?" This was all in English. After mutual introductions it was discovered that both men lived in the same block in New York and had never met before. The next day the story was told at the office of John K. Gowdy, who was then the American consul general, and it became a stock yarn, the moral of which was: "If you want to meet people walk on the Pont d' Arcole."

Most Unkind.

The Boston Transcript tells the story of "a very sinful wag" who was lunching with Dr. Abbott and referred repeatedly to his connection with Outing.

At last Dr. Abbott could stand it no longer and protested: "But, my dear sir, I am not the editor of Outing. I have never had anything to do with Outing. I am the editor of the Outlook."

"Why, bless me, so you are!" cried his vis-a-vis. "Funny I should have made that mistake. Really, couldn't have confused two periodicals more strikingly different. Whereas, Outing makes a religion of sport, the Outlook—"

Domestic Science Teaching.

Chicago has about decided that a girl's education is not complete unless she has some knowledge of the science of cookery and kindred accomplishments and will pay the supervisor of the department $3,000 a year. Miss Mary Snow of Pratt institute has been elected to fill the position, she being one of the 75 applicants for the place.

Malaria.

Malaria ever has been, and is yet, the great barrier against the invasion of the tropics by the white races, nor has its injurious influences been confined to the deaths that it causes.

It has been held by careful students of tropical diseases and conditions, that no small part of that singular apathy and indifference which steal over the mind and body of the white colonist in the tropics, numbing even his moral sense and alternating with furious outbursts of what the French have termed "tropical wrath," characterized by unnatural cruelty and abnormal disregard for the rights of others, is the readly work of malaria.—Outing.

Reducing the Range of Wit.

Mark Twain once said there were but seven original jokes. Now there are but six. The management of a long chain of vaudeville houses has decreed that no actor in playing in its circuit shall spring the mother-in-law joke upon the helpless audience; and while this action does not quite eliminate the joke from common usage it so cripples it that it may be regarded as a hopeless invalid doomed to early oblivion or dissolution.

Matching His Feelings.

"Ragsby is very chesty since he started to buy a new house."

"Yes, so much so that he insisted on getting one with a swell front."—Yonkers Statesman.

Color Blind.

Servant—A pound of tea for the missus.

Grocer—Green or black?

Servant—Shure, ayther will do. She's as blind as a bat!—Judge.

When Women Vote.

He—Aren't you ready to go down to the polls yet, dear?

She—Not yet.

What are you doing—trying to make up your mind or your face?—Yonkers Statesman.

It Didn't Work.

"I haven't anything fit to wear," she said.

"Neither have I," he replied: "let's stay at home."

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Personal and Local

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Several small parties picnicked at Fairhope on Monday.

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Mrs. Ahrens and daughter, Miss Martha, left on Thursday for Chicago for a visit.

If you want any electrical work done call on Ralph Coutant, Fairhope, Ala.

Misses Vera Mershon and Grace Williams Sundayed with the home folks.

Good plain meals at the Sunny Point Lunch Room. Quick lunches at all hours.

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The launch "Quo Vadis" was in Fairhope waters on Sunday with a party of Mobilians.

For something good to eat drop in at "Sunny Point" Lunch Room and Fancy Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smith, of Demopolis, with their two boys are guests at the Gables.

Rev. J. B. Spiers was at The Gables over Sunday and in the evening held a porch service.

Miss Ida May Weiss, of Mobile, was a guest of the Misses Gaston from Friday evening to Monday morning.

For prompt transfer of passengers and baggage to and from the steamer landing call on the Fairhope Livery. Both phones.

Mrs. Wolf left on Thursday to visit her daughter and friends at Toronto. She will be gone several weeks.

Walline in five pound packages for 50 cents. This is the best quality of Alabastine paint we know of.
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Be sure to attend the fish fry to be given in Knoll Park by the Ladies Aid Society on the 16th. of this month.

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Mershon Merch. Co.

James Gaston, Arthur Atherton, Frank Midgette and Joe Houston sailed over to Monroe Park in the "Sister" on Thursday.

Mrs. James Cawthon and two children, of Mobile, were guests of Mr. and Mrs, C. W. Lyon from Friday evening to Wednesday morning.

The tug Iva, of Mobile, brought over on Monday a party of about fifteen, comprising the Sunday school class of Mr. John Gaillard, who spent the day along the shore.

Why suffer with the hot sun, when you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of $1.25.
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The Henry George Club will have a called meeting at Mrs. Kile's on Thursday of next week, for election of officers. Luncheon will be served.

As noted in the Council proceedings, Capt. Frank Midgette has acquired a couple of Colony lots, and we understand he expects to build upon them yet this season.

Mrs. Edwin Willard who has spent several months here, left this morning for her home at Waukegan, Ills., whither the Courier follows her to keep her posted on events in Fairhope.

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Mr. Curt Anacker went to Mobile on Thursday, accompanied by his young son, and met a brother from Germany whom he had not seen for years. If pleased with Baldwin county, the brother will make his home here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Mobile, who formerly lived on a farm near Marlow were Fairhope visitors over the fourth and were guests of The Gables. Their nice country home was struck by lightning short time ago but did not burn.

Mr. J. A. Folmar, wife and two daughters, of Bromley, were Fairhope visitors on the Third. Mr. Folmar has visited Fairhope frequently and is greatly devoted to its policies, but it was the first visit for his wife and daughters.

Capt. Forbes Bebolt, of Fairhope and Volanta, is now master of the handsome revenue cutter "Alert," of which Eugene Wilson, of Fairhope, is engineer. It is a very nice position with easy work and good pay and Captain Bebolt has been receiving the hearty congratulations of his friends.

E. W. Jefferson left at the Courier office on Monday a stalk of the Hastings prolific corn, 12 ft. 5 in. in height and with two well developed ears upon it. He says he has 2 to 4 ears to the hill, about 3 feet apart each way, many with two good ears and some with three and four.

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The Courier has missed the service of Miss Louise Manly in keeping the record of Fairhope temperature, which was given regularly in our columns and read with much interest by our distant friends. We have not dropped it out because we were unwilling that possible settlers might know just how hot our summers are, but because we have failed so miserably to remember to look at the thermometer at the right times and keep the record. We shall make another effort to keep up with it.

WANTED: Agents to sell Sawdine the New Catarrh Remedy, quickly cures coughs, colds, lagrippe, catarrh, asthma, hay-fever, etc. Send 10 cents for trial package. Guaranteed or money refunded.

M. V. Mathews,
Fairhope, Ala.

Nathaniel Mershon writes from Iowa to members of his family here, that they "don't know what hot weather is" here and that if the hot wave keeps up there he will have to come home to cool off. A little while ago, he thought he might have to come home to get warm. Mr. Mershon gives a dismal report of the outlook for a corn crop in Iowa. The corn, he says, is only a few inches tall and very grassy and the almost daily rains make it almost impossible for the farmers to get into the fields to cultivate their crop. Corn, he says, is retailing at 85 cents a bushel on the cob.

Mr. Ed. Sheldon and his sister Miss Lottie Sheldon left on Wednesday morning for their home at Victor, Iowa. Mr. Sheldon had spent three years in Baldwin County of which two years was spent in the employ of F. L. Brown and, you might say, "one of the family." He was very popular among the young people, who regretted to see him leave. They are consoled however, by the thought that the "Baldwin County sand in his shoes" will bring him back. Miss Sheldon had been visiting her brothers (Ed. and C. B.) for about five months. Both she and Ed. are warm friends of Baldwin County.

Business Opening

There are more than a dozen towns of the immediate vicinity, the people of which would call it a benediction to get the bread of the Fairhope Bakery. An automobile delivery wagon and the enlargement of the bakery would be necessary. Here is the chance for an enterprising man! But only one who can supply the necessary capital and wants to be an active worker in the bakery or in the delivery of bread need apply. H. W. Rucker, Fairhope.

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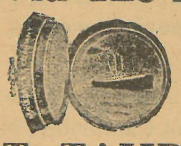
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Fairhope, to outward appearance, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Alf Q. Wooster, one of the planners of Fairhope and "discoverer" of the name "Fairhope" has been for the past two years publishing the Erie, Kansas, Sentinel and on Thursday, July 1, began the publication of a daily, the only daily in his city. He has associated with him his son who was a "little kid" at the time the editor of the COURIER left Des Moines to help found Fairhope. Alf is a worker, a hard hitter against oppressions, frauds and hypocrisies of all kinds; a true friend and an all round, yard wide, blown in the bottle, Democratic Democrat. We hope he will get the support his enterprise and his devotion to the people deserves.

A letter just received from Bertha B. Dunnell, of Cambridge Mass., announces the death of our former citizen, her father, Mr. H. L. Dunnell, which occurred on May 14, at the home of his son in Kingston, Mass. The services were held in Worcester and quite generally attended by the Single Taxers of that city.

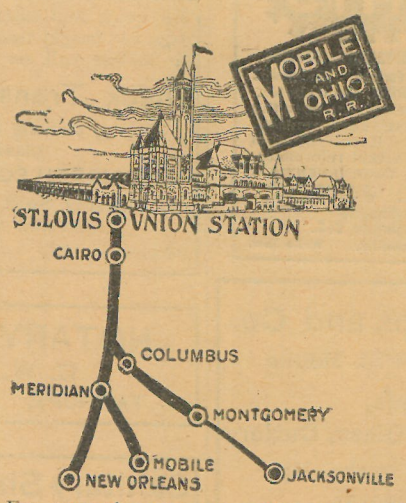
We received via the office of Mayor Pat J Lyons, of Mobile, an inquiry about Fairhope. addressed to him by some one who had seen an item in some paper about our Colony, but mislaid it before taking careful note of the address and only remembered that it was near Mobile.

If enough of the merchants of the town advertise to make a good showing in the home paper the outside people realize that the town as a whole is keeping up with the procession. And they also know that if they want to change, a live town is a good one to go to. Thus advertising is a good thing all around.

—Exchange.

An illustration of the dynamite stored in city crowds, only waiting a spark of race or corporation prejudice to explode, was afforded in Pittsburg the other day. In an encounter between strikers and strike-breakers, three hundred employes of a construction plant nearby, heard the shooting and without hesitation dropped their work and joined in the chase after the fleeing strike-breakers.

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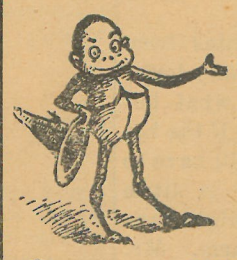
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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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FELS' FUND OF AMERICA.

In a "follow up" letter to persons addressed with regard to the Joseph Fels Fund, the commission writes thus of the conditions for effective work for the cause which this fund is to be used to promote.

"Oregon has the initiative and referendum. There the people have shown amazing capacity and courage in favoring progressive legislation. It is the best place in the world for a non-partisan, business-like and thorough campaign in behalf of honest taxes. Success in one such state would be worth millions spent in diffusive propaganda.

"Rhode Island is equally hopeful. Over four hundred business concerns, many of them among the largest in the state, petitioned the last Legislature to consider a tax reform measure, and a commission for this purpose was appointed by the Legislature. Success there is certain if the campaign planned is not hampered for lack of funds.

"Missouri presents a situation like that of Oregon. The initiative and referendum are in full operation. Nearly half the electors voted last fall for a Tax Amendment to the State Constitution. With wise management and [illegible] financial support Missouri can be [illegible] w[illegible].

"Mr. Fels has volunteered half the cost of this work if we supply the other half. Will you help? Surely it is unnecessary to plead the sad lives of children in mine and factory, of helpless men and burdened women, whose freedom can come only by the destruction of privilege. Nor need we plead the increasing difficulties of unprivileged business men and the encroachments of monopoly on both labor and capital.

"That something in present economic adjustment is wrong is largely realized. Efforts at re-adjustment through the agency of Federal Government have accomplished but little, and this has directed public attention more emphatically to State action. The right of taxation is the most powerful weapon in the hands of the States, and its exercise has met with little or no interference from Federal authorities. The tariff, the money question, and the railroad problem are beyond State authority, but taxes for municipal and state purposes may easily be so levied as greatly to relieve industry of two enormous burdens; namely, Taxes on Production and Monopolization of Natural Resources.

"We therefore feel justified in asking the co-operation not only of avowed Single Taxers, but of all men and women who want their lives to contribute something to the cause of social justice.

"To proceed in this direction is to place ourselves in line with the general movement of the English-speaking world, as evidenced by the exemption from taxation of farm buildings in Western Canada—the province of Alberta in particular; concentration of taxes on the value of land in New Zealand and New South Wales; and the insistence upon this policy in England, which has culminated in a most remarkable Budget now before the British Parliament.

"Listen to these inspiring words of David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, in his recent budget speech:

" 'This is a war budget! It is a budget for waging implacable warfare against poverty, and I cannot help hoping and believing that before this generation has passed away we shall have made a great advance towards the good time when poverty, with the wretchedness and squalor and human degradation which always follow in its camp, will be as remote from the people of this country as the wolves which once infested its forests.'

"The Fels Fund is for the purpose of promoting in this country the reform which that speech officially heralded in Great Britain. A supreme effort now will give our cause the prestige of substantial victories. Support in any amount is welcome. Do not hesitate because you are not able to give a large sum. Your smallest contribution may signify as profound an interest as the pledges of those who give in hundreds or in thousands."

"The offices of the Commission for the first year will be in Cincinnati, in charge of Daniel Kiefer, Commercial Tribune Building, where all communications relative to the work should be addressed.

The COURIER hopes that its readers who have not responded to previous requests to participate in this great effort will consider the foregoing personal to themselves, and communicate with the committee either directly or through this paper.

In addition to the subscriptions from its readers hitherto reported aggregating $20, we have the following to report:

A. M. Troyer, Calhoun, Ala., a dollar a year for five years, George Knowles, two dollars a year for five years, or longer if necessary and Miss A. A. Chapman of Fairhope, the same, making in all $65.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

July 12, 1909.

Dear B.: Many and cordial thanks for your letter of advice. There are questions in it I would like to answer, but you write on the wing to the other side of the world, and I must wait until I know where messages will reach you. If you are where your clothing does not cling to you like a plaster, you are fortunate. To be just tho, we have the sea breeze here a large part of the day, and if we did not have to go out in the sun, or moil over a cooking range, we might call this weather "balmy."

* * * * * Comrade Staples yesterday treated me to a drive to the wharf, for we were looking for Mr. and Mrs. Ring from Houston. Being early, we looked at the progress of the ice-plant and the new creamery—a combination suggesting comfort and luxury for Fairhope. The only trouble is the lack of opportunity to employ ourselves remuneratively in a great variety of ways, and so purchase all we need. But constantly, if slowly, this is coming about. The new plant will employ some of our people, and as soon as that ice wagon "gets busy" we shall all feel that we must support our own home ice manufactory, whether we can afford it or not. And certainly it is the most expensive of our luxuries—counting luxuries those things that we can live without. Oh, how long we have prayed for our own ice plant! All these towns along the bay, and the nearer back settlements will want ice, and will buy it if the makers will be wise enough to accept a large clientele and small profits, and not have to learn by experience that it is the large body of small consumers that sustains every popular manufacturing enterprise and trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Ring of Texas came on the boat, and the livery team having just left with passengers, Mrs. Ring accepted a seat in Comrade Staples' carriage, and thus I had the pleasure of a little visit with her, tor the road rises all the way to the Gables, and we drove slowly. Moreover Mr. Ring preferred to walk and we did not wish to distance him. All our people and especially all Single Taxers, rejoice in the coming of these friends, because they are devoted to the principles we are working for, and both have superior culture and ability.

The new restaurant opened by Mrs. Lenora Curtis is a real success, and already she is planning for a ten-room lodging-house so that she may keep her patrons over night and longer if they wish. She is a wonderfully resourceful citizen, and is mistress of the art of making her patrons feel as if at home. To work to the very limit of her strength, and give every cent she earns to her creditors, is her one passion

x x x I have the good news that Mrs. Minor, my Florida friend whose acquaintance I made on the Mallory steamer on my way north, and who has every fall since "remembered" me by a box of her splendid oranges, is going to Texas with her husband, she hopes in August, and while at Mobile will come to see Fairhope and its people. This good news is marred by the fact that every part of the pines is rented, but I shall find a room for her in the neighborhood, and the rest will be easily managed. Wherever she is she will be sunlight and joy. x x x Here, a sister looking over my shoulder exclaims: "Why will you tell everything you know?" Well, now, I do not, in the first place. I know a lot that I never tell! And then, am I not the author of "A Shield of Glass," wherein the whole plot is to prove that the best shield on earth is utter frankness and truth?

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Should be Encouraged.

John H. Meyer is getting out at Cincinnat, monthly "The American Ideal," an excellent Single Tax publication, calculated to be very effective as a propaganda sheet. The July number was number five, but we note with regret that it is not yet admitted to second-class mailing privileges and a one cent stamp has to be attached to every copy. To secure the privilege of the pound rate, a considerable list of bona fide subscribers is necessary. The subscription price is only 20 cents a year and we hope enough sympathizers will send in their subscriptions and, if possible, a few other names with them to encourage Mr. Meyer and get his paper on the second class list. His matter is well selected, and his paper well printed, and he is no doubt prepared to put a lot of time and effort into it if encouraged—which he should be.

Address the "American Ideal" number 2538 Seegar avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A Continuing Robbery.

Herbert Spencer says: "Had we to deal with the parties who originally robbed the human race of its heritage, we might make short work of the matter?"

Why not make short work of the matter any way? For this robbery is not like the robbery of a horse or a sum of money, that ceases with the act. It is a fresh and continuous robbery, that goes on every day and every hour.

If the land belongs to the people, why continue to permit land owners to take the rent, or compensate them in any manner for the loss of rent? Consider what rent is. It does not arise spontaneously from land; it is due to nothing that the land owners have done. It represents a value created by the whole community. Let the landholders have, if you please all that the possession of the land would give them in the absence of the rest of the community. But rent, the creation of the whole community, necessarily belongs to the whole community. Henry George.

H. F. Ring and Wife With Us.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ring arrived on Sunday morning and received a cordial greeting especially from "the faithful." The are at "The Gables" but will shortly go into their own cottage, the former Getty cottage, which has been put in fine condition for them.

This is Mrs. Ring's first visit to Fairhope. We sincerely hope she will like it as well as her husband and be content to spend at least a good portion of her time here, for they could be of very great help to us. Mr. Ring is very much interested in the farm his friend Cross is opening up and is delighted with the lay of the country out there. He has had a farm near Houston for years, and we think will not be satisfied until he has a nice little well-stocked farm at Fairhope, We can hardly imagine any greater pleasure than to develop a model dairy farm here, with capital to put up the proper buildings, get the best of stock, put the ground in perfect condition and then strive for the maximum of return per cow and per acre. And one could hardly do a better thing for Fairhope.

Vredenburgs Will Return Some Day

Prof. Vredenburg writes from Bristol Va., "I really wish I knew parties who would take interest in the cause for which the COURIER stands and I would have it sent them. I have talked with several land owners in this part of the country, but they all think Henry George was an unpractical dreamer and they either do not believe me or are unable to grasp the fact that Fairhope is a living example of the practicability of those principles of Henry George which they are pleased to call "dreams." I regret very much being unable to spend this summer there. However, I am looking forward to spending more than themere summers there in a year or two "

The news will be received with pleasure by the many friends made by the Vredenburgs during their short residence here that, though having disposed of their property here, they have not given up the idea of a home at Fairhope.

Henry George Club Meets

The Henry George Club met with Mrs. Kile at her beautiful home on Magnolia Ave., on Thursday afternoon. It was a special called meeting for the election of officers. The following were elected: Mrs. C. M. Gaston, president; Mrs. M. L. Johnson, vice president; Mrs. D. K. Bancroft, secretary; Mrs. Minnie H. Brown, treasurer.

Mrs. Howland read several of Bolton Hall's parables from the "Game of Life." Light refreshments were served and a delightful social time enjoyed.

The following new members were added to the clubs' roll: Mrs. H. F. Ring, Mrs. Bertha Mershon, Mrs. Cora M. Knox, Mrs. Selanah Patterson.

Baldwin Connty Agricultural Society.

Dr. H. S. Greeno accompanied by Mr. A. F Hutchings of Battles, drove over to Summerdale on Wednesday and attended the annual meeting of the Baldwin County Agricultural Society.

The meeting was fairly attended. Pursuant to his resolution formed some time ago, the Doctor positively declined to serve for another term and Editor Frank Fesler of the Onlooker, Foley, was elected president for the ensuing year. Judge J. H. H. Smith was elected vice president, James A. Carney, secretary and O. E. McMillan treasurer.

A contract was made with Mr. Carney to get together an exhibit of Baldwin county products for exhibition at the State Fairs and at the Baldwin County Fair.

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A new Eastern Shore booklet has been issued from the press of the Commercial Printing Company, Mobile, with John P. Lowell as editor. It is entitled a "Panoramic View of the Health Resorts of the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay." Park City, Daphne, Sea Cliff and Fairhope are attractively written up. Among the new Fairhope views, is an especially good one of the front, showing the wharf hill, pumping plant, cafe, wharf ware-house and wharf with three steamers in sight, the Fairhope lying at the wharf, ready to leave for Mobile, the Pleasure Bay just about to land and the Lucile approaching. There is also a picture of the municipal officers and a new picture of the school building, now the home of the College of Organic Education. Mr J. M. Pilcher undertook the work of securing advertising for the booklet and made a great success of it, there being 16 pages of attractive advertising.

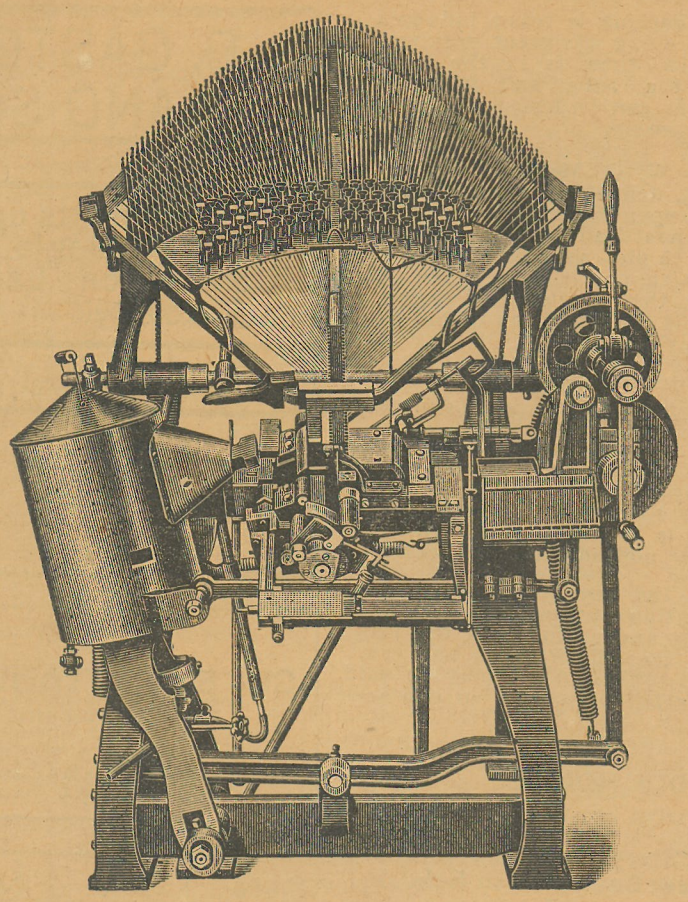
We might observe that the easiest way to arouse the interest of people in the Single Tax is to work at it, to give them an object lesson. It is extremely hard to interest people in abstractions. It is not hard to interest them in something which their fellow-humans are actually doing. One of the best things about Fairhope is that it excites that curiosity, that desire to know about the principle which is here being applied, which is necessary before any teaching can be made effective.

T. E. McFarland is trying to get a rural free delivery route established to run out from Fairhope, take in the Gables, Worcesters and Stapletons, thence down to Browns' corner, and east on the Silverhill road to North River Park, south to M[illegible]low and back through [illegible] Euc[illegible] settlement. Both he and Post-matser Oswalt are quite confident that the route will be established. An inspector was at Daphne recently inspecting a proposed route out from that town.

If attention be given to the Taxation of Land Values, it will be found that this reform is far ahead of any half dozen other measures put together. It will get at a portion of the unearned increment on land. It is a beginning in the right direction. The end would come when every penny which is not the result of the direct labor of some one should be absorbed by the community for the good of the community. —Kier Hardie.

Dr. Florence Leigh-Jones of Brooklyn in a recent letter says: "The COURIER keeps up my interest in Fairhope, and it may yet be my future home. I am sure I shall never find a community where there are so many congenial souls as in Fairhope. I hope to make you a flying visit again next winter. I still think it would be a most valuable asset to the Colony to beautify the place, and as Bolton Hall said to me when I spoke to him of it: 'It would take so little to do it. Almost everything is already there.' "

In the issue of July ninth, the Baldwin Times announces its change back from a semi-weekly to a weekly. It says that on a thorough canvas of its readers it found a majority of them preferring a weekly eight page paper t a semi-weekly of four pages.



THE IMPROVED TYPOGRAPH

A typograph has been received and installed in the Courier office and a part of the matter for this issue was set upon it.

The typograph is one of the latest improved machines for newspaper composition and the one selected by the publisher of the [illegible] the best for a small office.

It does not do the wide range of work which the improved standard linotype will do,but the latter costs three times as much, requires an expert to operate it, and really needs a linotype machinist in call to keep it in condition.

Like the linotype, the typograph is a "line-casting" machine. It is operated by a keyboard similar to that of a type-writer. In response to light touches upon the keys the corresponding matrices or molds slide down wires upon which they hang and assemble in order and, when the line is full a turn of a lever casts the full line assembled in the form of a "slug" type high, the thickness 0f whatever size of type the machine is set to cast and in length the width of the ordinary newspaper column; in printer's parlance "13 ems."

The typograph is a comparatively new machine in the United States, but has been manufactured and used in Canada for many years.

It is now being manufactured by an American company, the American Typograph Co., at Detroit, Mich., and its sale pushed in the United States.

It is by far the simplest of the composing machines on the market and within the limits for which it is intended, will do just as fine work as any.

A fairly competent operator, should set about three times the matter that an equally competent hand compositor could do.

We hope to soon be setting all of the matter for the Courier upon the machine and also with its aid to furnish much more original matter than hitherto, thus improving the paper, which, of course, is our main object in installing the machine.

The matter on this page as well as the new matter on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this issue is typograph set. Csonidering that our first use of the machine was on Monday and none but the Editor had ever seen one before—and he but for a few minutes—and we had no expert to set it up and "demonstrate" it to us, we think the results justify the manufacturers' claims for it, cs to its simplicity and ability to do good work without a high-priced operator.

Did you ever think what a varied field the Courier covers? It it is not only an exponent of Fairhope Colony policies and historian of events at Fairhope in connection with the application of those policies, and strives to keep its readers in touch with the land reform movement throughout the world; but it is a local news paper and an agricultural and industrial journal as well.

Mr. Irwin Tucker, the talented son of Rev .Gardner C. Tucker, of Mobile, and Sea-cliff, is spending his summer vacation with his parents at Sea-cliff. Mr. Tucker has been on the staff of the New Orleans Item for some time and will resume his work for that paper about October 1st. He was a pleasant caller at the Courier office on yesterday.

Mr. Frank Brown's first burning in his new kiln was a fair success though it showed him a change or two necessary to be made to get best results out of it.

The Chancellor's View

In Omaha, we think we pay about $1,000,000 annually in taxes. In fact we pay ten times that amount most of which goes to people who never saw Omaha. Don't believe it? Listen! Nearly three-fourths of the value of Omaha land is owned by non-residents. The ground on which the city stands is increasing in value at the rate of $10,000,000 annually. This increase in value is due entirely to our citizens yet it goes into the pockets of only a few of our people, and most of it to people who do nothing for it.

If your friend does not seem interested in the Single Tax just shut up tight—soon enough he will ask about it of his own accord or ask some question, the answer to which necessarily involves Single Tax.

We reformers and teachers often forget that we are not to feed the children until they are hungry.

You will find enough to do in teaching those who want to learn without trying to jam instruction down closed throats.

We don't have to make bores of ourselves in order to get a hearing —"The Chancellor."

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Fall Irish Potatoes.

A few parties have left small orders with the editor for the Irish potato seed from Fruitdale and 8 bushels have been ordered and are expected daily.

Mr. Lockling, the grower, writes: "Would suggest that you prepare at once your land by deep plowing and fining same to a mellow bed. Use in furrow some high-grade commercial or truckers fertilizer adding to same potash in form of muriate or sulphate, at a rate of 12 to 15 pounds to a 200 pound sack of the trucker. Sow this mixture in a broad band over the seed planted 5 or 6 inches deep with 2 or 3 inches of soil between fertilizer and seed. Use 800 to 1000 pounds of fertilizer per acre."

He promises further directions as to cutting seed, planting and cultivation in another letter. All of this we take it is pertinent to fall potato planters whether using this particular variety or another.

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Death of James M. Trimble

From both the widow and Mrs. McLean news came to the Courier of the death of one of our most interesting and interested visitors of last winter, Mr. James M. Trimble, which occurred in a sanitarium at Verona, N. J. on June 14.

The precarious condition of Mr. Trimble's health was appreciated while here and none who said good-by to him on leaving expected ever to see him again, though his feeling toward Fairhope was such that had his life been spared another year he would have been pretty sure to have returned. His trouble was heart disease, which kept a sword of Damocles constantly over his head and when the end came it came with suddenness and without warning.

Concluding an article upon him, one of his home papers said:

"In all walks of life Mr. Trimble was a man honored and respected by everybody. Always upright and honest, genial and friendly, he made hosts of friends on every side. As a lawyer he was keen and aggressive, in politics always laboring for the good of the people or community, and as a man possessed the sterling qualities, which made his life exemplary in every way. His death removes a man whose absence will be deeply felt in this and neighboring towns and whose place will be hard to fill."

Mrs. Trimble has the sincere symsympathy of her friends here in her loss.

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It speaks well for the growth of business at Fairhope, that Mr. Alphonse Robac, returning after an absence of nearly two and one half years, and re-embarking in business, reports his business better than before, though competition in his line has since increased, not only by that of the store formerly conducted by him, but by that of two others established since he went away

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The Town Council met on Monday evening in regular session.

A bill of Elliot S. Rickarby, of Mobile, for $25 for salary as town attorney for a half-year was allowed.

C. E. Nichols was appointed to represent the town on an appraising committee to ascertain the value of improvements on ground taken for school house site.

Messrs. C. E. Littlefield, A. J. Wolf and Earl Perkins were appointed judges and J. M. Pilcher returning officer for the school bond election occurring next Monday

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There is room and a living for a good, all round blacksmith at Fairhope, one who is a good horseshoer as well as wagon and buggy repairer. There would be nothnothing great in it just at present but it would grow steadily and the right man established and giving satisfaction would have the "right of way." There is a good shop here which can be rented cheaply or bought for what it is worth.

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James Gaston, Ed. Roberts, J. F. Johnson and Joe Hueston sailed Saturday morning, in the "Sister" to attend the races and in the afternoon while sailing around the course, accidentally fouled the sheet rope and capsized. They held on to the boat until a launch came out and helped them to save what they could of the things that were in the boat. and with the assistance of the "Winona's" launch which had come up offering assistance they were towed into shallow water where they righted the boat and bailed her out and were towed back to the park by the unknown launch. The boys wish to extend their hearty thanks to the parties in both launches. Fortunately for Mr. Johnson, he was on the pier when the boat capsized.

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Mrs J. M. Pilcher and little daughter Marjorie go to Mobile today to take the Mallory steamer leaving tomorrow morning, for New York for an extended visit with Mrs. Pilcher's aunt, Mrs. W. D. Munson, widow of the well-known Mr. Munson, of the Munson Steamship line.

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Tom Wilson Jr., was the host of a jolly party of young people at a "watermelon cutting" on the beach, under the Magnolia tree, on Wednesday evening. The way watermelons disappeared was a caution, but there were plenty to meet all demands.

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Personal and Local

The watermelons are in their glory now.

The Alley family, of Biloxi, are in the rear Comings' cottage.

Mrs. Van Bendegom and 3 of her younger children left on Wednesday morning for their former home at Kenosha, Wis.

Mrs. J. H. Williams' sister, Mrs. Everett and her young daughter left last week for Philadelphia, after a stay of several months.

Mrs. Curtis is having a very gratifying business in her Sunny Point Lunch Room. She had 25 guests to dinner on last Sunday.

Miss Gooding is with us again. She has rooms for the present with Miss Clements, the John P. Lowells being in her house.

Laurie Tilson is able to put in full time at the Bayside Cafe, but his injured ankle still causes him much pain at times.

R. O. Harris, the popular Mobile grocer, is summering with his family in one of Capt. Curran's cottages at Battles and gets up to Fairhope occasionally.

Professor I. C. Baldwin and family returned to Mobile on Tuesday morning after a two weeks visit with Mr. Baldwin's parents, Mr. and. Mrs. W. S. Baldwin.

The deal between Mr. Danenhower and Mr. Howarth for the latter's property on Church street was concluded last Saturday and Mr. Danenhower and family moved in the same day.

Dr. F. H. Hartzell of Philadelphia, arrived on Monday evening and is looking over the situation. He has been a reader of the Courier for some time and has become much interested in our Colony.

Miss Laurence Barnhardt after visiting the home folks for a week returned on Sunday to Crichton Mobile County where she will spend the balance of the summer with the family of her uncle, ex-sheriff Cazalas.

The following composed a house party, which occupied one of Mrs. Brown's cottages on Bay View avenue. Mr. J. F. Doescher, wife and 3 children, Miss Frances Laubenthal and Miss Mildred Croxdale of Mobile and Mr. John Laubenthal wife and one child of Sunflower, Ala.

Mr. W. J. Johnson has returned to his law practice at Thomasville, but the family are here and will remain some time and Mr. Johnson may get back before they leave. He was quite improved in health by his stay and said the charms of our town grew upon him.

Mr. Moore of the Columbia Ice Cream Co., of Mobile was in Fairhope on Tuesday night. His company has been buying quantities of cream from the Fairhope Creamery and it was a pleasure to hear him speak of the high quality of the goods furnished by it and the satisfaction found in dealing with its proprietor, Mr. Berglin.

The pleasant house party of young ladies at the Riel home, broke up on Monday. On Sunday afternoon the following young men were invited out and took tea with the young ladies: Paul Molyneux Norman Atherton, Jake Van Bendegom and Cornie Gaston.

The coming of clear salt water in the bay is extraordinarily delayed this season on account of heavy rains and high water in the Mobile river and tributaries. However bathing is being indulged in right along by great numbers. A favorite time is in the evening and the calls and laughter of bathers can be heard until late in the evening.

Dr. W. C. Mason, the popular young dentist who lives at Daphne but spends two days a week here and has built up a nice practice, thinks seriously of moving to Fairhope. In fact, the only thing that hinders his doing so now, is the condition of his wife's mother's health.

The Cornfield.

See the cornfields waving green,
Not a fairer sight is seen,
Growing most as tall as trees;
Tho' each stalk may have an ear
Not a rustle does it hear,
Only nodding in the breeze.

See the tassels swaying high,
Pointing upward to the sky,
Corn and cotton take the lead;
See the silk is green and red,
And right here it may be said,
Wheeler sells just what you need

SCHOOL HOUSE PLAN ADOPTED.

Two Story Structure Fifty-five Feet Square; Four School Rooms Below and Big Hall Above

The town Educational Board met on Monday evening and adopted a plan for school-house, prepared by Mr. Littlefield after consultation with the board.

The plan is of a building 55 ft. square, with a 10 ft. hall through the center of the building on the first floor and a hall occupying the entire second floor, The stairway is a double one carried in a front hall entirely outside the main building. There are four school rooms on the first floor one, 22x34, one, 22x30, one, 22x24 and one, 22x20. There will also be an extension in the rear, outside the main building, containing two lavatories.

The construction will be frame with 6 in. studding, solidly sheathed, with stucco finish outside and plaster inside. For the stucco will be used a new white Portland cement, which will make a very handsome building.

Mr. Littlefield is now preparing plans and specifications and details. He estimates the cost of the building at about $3,000. The superstructure will be carried on a solid concrete foundation.

STR. FAIRHOPE EXCURSIONS

To and From Mobile Every Thursday Evening. Round Trip Fare Only 25 Cents.

The Steamer Fairhope inaugurated last evening a series of regular weekly Thursday evening excursions from Mobile. Arriving as usual at 5 p. m. she returns to Mobile as soon as she can discharge her cargo and take on wood; leaving Mobile again for Fairhope at 7.30 p. m.; and Fairhope again for Mobile at 10 o'clock.

The object of these excursions is to give Mobile people an opportunity for a delightful trip these hot summer nights.

There will be music and a fine dancing floor at the Bayside Pavilion for the enjoyment of those who like to dance, and of course all kinds of refreshments at the Cafe. This trip will also give Fairhope people a fine opportunity to spend the evening in Mobile, attend the theaters or go out to Monroe park.

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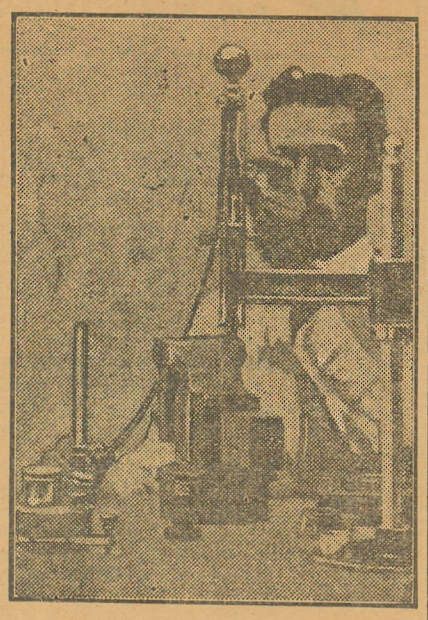
INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

TESTING HARDNESS OF METALS

Instrument Invented for Purpose of Determining Accurate and Scientific Measurements of Hardness.

An instrument called the "Scleroscope," for accurately testing the hardness of metals, and recently introduced on the market, will find an important place in the shops of those requiring such information. The device is the invention of Albert F. Shore, and according to the Iron Age it fills a long felt want. That paper, in commenting on the subject, has the following to say:

"This new instrument would seem to supply the means of effecting accurate and scientifically correct measurements of hardness, for with it an instantaneous blow is struck, and the recuperative power of the specimen is then measured by determining the extent of the rebound of the striking hammer, the elastic limit of this metal being tested having been exceeded. There is an upright glass tube back of which is a graduated scale running from 0 to 140. This tube is entirely open at the bottom. In the same figure may be seen a specimen secured in a clamp and ready to be tested. This should be put in such position that the particular spot to be tested is immediately under the lower opening in the tube. The rubber bulb seen at the top is for the purpose of sucking up the hammer, which is a small piece of steel fitting snugly but smoothly the bore of the tube. The hammer is perfectly free, having no attachment to any portions of the instrument. Upon



A Scleroscope.

releasing the upper bulb sharply, after having compressed it, the little hammer will be drawn to the top of the tube and there retained by a suitable device until it is desired to strike the blow.

"To make the test, the finger hook near the top and on the left side is first pressed down. Then by compressing the rubber bulb, seen resting on the base, and connected with the upper portion of the glass tube by a piece of small rubber tubing, the hammer will be permitted to fall. Upon striking the specimen it rebounds. The amount of this rebound, as read upon the scale, is regarded as a numerical statement of the degree of hardness. A small rod will be seen to the left of the glass tube. This affords rigidity and at the same time supplies a means of supporting a sliding holder. In the holder is secured a magnifying glass by which the rebound may be observed distinctly and accurately. However, not all operators use this glass, as a little practice is sufficient usually to enable the users to dispense with such assistance in reading the rebounds."

NEW FERRO-TITANIUM RAILS

Experiments Show That They Contain but Little Titanium and May Be Entirely Free.

A curious peculiarity of the new ferro-titanium rails, which have been made experimentally in the United States for a little more than a year, is that they may be entirely free from titanium, and at most they contain but little. In this respect the "alloy" differs from all others. The properties of nickel-steel, for instance, depend upon the presence of a material percentage of nickel, and manganese steel must have a carefully adjusted proportion of manganese. For the new metal, the steel is made in a converter and blown in the usual way, when it receives a charge of titanium alloy. This is a product of the electric furnace, and is a mixture containing 10 to 15 per cent. of titanium and five to seven per cent. of carbon, the remaining portion being iron. Each ton of steel receives a charge of about eight pounds of ten per cent. alloy, the effect being to increase the slag removed from the metal in the ladle, while the ingots are free from blowholes. The titanium, unless in excess of what is necessary to remove the impurities, all passes off in the slag. The treatment gives special durability to rails for curves, and at the Grand Central station in New York an ordinary rail lost 3.03 pounds per yard in four months, while a titanium alloy rail of the same composition was worn away only 1.01 pounds per yard in six months. The few dollars' increase per ton of Bessemer rails is expected to be much more than offset by added durability.

Desiccated Water.

Some years the water in Philadelphia used to become unfit to bathe in, let alone to drink, after even the mildest kind of storm. Everybody complained, says a writer in the Washington Star. One gentleman complained to Peter Burness, an incorrigible optimist. But he received little encouragement.

"Actually," I said to Peter one morning after a storm, "I couldn't take a bath to-day on account of the muddy water. It was like brown paste."

"Oh, I took a good long bath," said Peter. "When the Schuylkill water is like that it is the best thing in the world to bathe in. So medicinal you know. Better than Homburg or Marienbad or any of those places."

"But it's so muddy," said I.

"That's just the point," said Peter. "It's medicinal mud, full of all sorts of phosphates and things. To-night when you get home fill your bath, jump in and splash about; but afterward don't use any towels."

"No towels?" I objected.

"There's a much better way than towels," said Peter. "Stand before the radiator and let the water dry on your body. Then brush it off with a whiskbroom."—Youth's Companion.

Noted for Her Good Work.

Mrs. Clarence Burns of New York city is president of the Little Mothers' club of that city, and has done a great deal in the cause of philanthropy. She is recognized as one of the most successful club women in this work for the bettering of children.

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Miss Annie Gaines of Mobile is visiting the Dr. Gaines family.

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H. Creswell has some fine corn on his place on Section Street.

Mrs. Curtis could accommodate 2 more art pupils in her classes on Tuesday and Friday. 1 t

T. J. Christmann, of Foley, formerly of Fairhope, was in town on Tuesday.

Dr. Sheldon moved today into the Mrs. C. K. Brown cottage next door to the Dolive Boarding House.

Walline in five pound packages for fifty cents. This is the best quality of Alabastine paint we know of.
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1t. Fairhope Pharmacy.

Work is progressing finely on the ice plant. The building is up and sheathing on about ready for the roofing. It will be pushed with even a larger force from now on.

Why suffer with the hot sun, you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of$1.25.
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Dr. Clara Atkinson visited Mrs. Getty at Saraland, Mobile County, from Saturday to Monday.

Splendid family cow, great milker. Gentle, hornless grade Jersey. Price with calf—$50.
1 t C. L. Coleman.

There was a large crowd over from Mobile last Sunday and enjoyed the day at Fairhope.

Hollister Baldwin has opened a pressing club, in the Ruge building.

Mr. Green, the barber in the Ruge building expresses himself as very well pleased with the business he has been doing.

Mrs. Standard was able to leave the Fairhope Sanitarium on Monday and be taken to her home.

The Humphreys,of Mobile, are in "Saints' Rest", one of the Nichols' cottages.

Mr. Levretta and family, of New Orleans, are in the Kile cottage next door to the Gaston home.

Mr. G. W. Moslander and family of Mobile, are in the Nelle Lee cottage.

Ned Dougherty is still much pleased with the performances of his ducks and talks of selling off his chickens and breeding ducks exclusively.

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Harold Graham is spending the summer at Sea-cliff with his mother.

Mrs. A. Swift is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Getty, at Saraland.

Miss Maud Wilson has returned from her visit up the state.

Frank Scanlan and Marc Moty-neux went to New rOleans with a load of water-melons last week.

Miss Chapman now spends one day a week, Thursday, at Daphne giving music lessons there.

The new wharf has come in very handy for the handling of the heavy ice plant machinery. The heavy tanks and engines were simply rolled in over the wharf on rollers and thus brought to where they were wanted.

A. J. Wolf is busily engaged in improving the Lancaster place purchased by Mrs. Wolf recently. He is now adding a kitchen to the rear.

Mrs. C. S. Whipple and Mr. E. P. Kinne, of Bayside, Week's Bay, were in town one day last week and Mrs. Whipple went on to Mobile, returning in the evening.

Dr. Sheldon's niece, Miss Ida McKInstry, of Mobile, who has been visiting with Hon. J. W. Goldsby's family at Daphne, came down on the morning steamer last Sunday and spent the day with the Doctor. She expects to spend some time here visiting her friend, Mrs. Martini, in one of the Nichols' cottages.

We note with much regret that Mr. Welch has abandoned the midday trip of the steamer Lucile. We understand the reason was lack of sufficient patronage to make it profitable. It was a great accommodation to the public and would have done much to build up the shore,

Levi B. Wells arrived on Sunday morning from his present home at Columbus, Ohio, and while here effected a sale of his property here next door to the Courier office to Mr. Robac. Mr. Wells expects to leave tomorrow for his home. Despite the sale of his property here he continues much interested in Fairhope and keeps posted on what we are doing here through the Courier.

Mr. Kenneth Reed, summering in the Littlefield cottage ran a nail into his foot one day last week, while bathng and was laid up several days with it requiring the services of a physician.

Miss Inez Dorgan, of Mobile is visiting her cousin, Miss Crlina Roberts.

Mrs. W. M. Protzman and daughter, from Mobile spent a couple of days this week at The Gables. Mrs. Protzman was here to make inquiries about the School of Organic Education with the thought of spending next winter here to give her little girl the benefit of the school.

Some New Offers.

ONE-STORY DWELLING.

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Enjoying a Show.

Here's a hot one on Powell Hale. He entertained in Whiteville, N. C., in April, so Edwin Weeks says, and a negro boy went to the op'ry house with him to tote his grip. After the show was over and the Senegambian servitor and good old Hale were meandering back to the drummer's home, the entertainer said to Snowball:

"Did you enjoy the show?"

"Yes, sah. I 'joyed mos' of it."

"You did not enjoy it all, you say?"

"No, sah; I 'joyed it all but de very las' piece what you spoke."

"Why, what was the matter with that piece?"

"Well, sah, all dem white folks laffed so loud dey kep' me 'wake enduring de las' piece."—The Lyceumite.

Excelsior and Cullinan.

The two largest diamonds in the world have been brought to light within the last score of years. Great diamonds have been the objects of zealous pursuits for centuries, and even the cause of murders and wars instigated by the mad desire for their acquisition. In the case of the great historic diamonds, however, we lack complete and authentic information regarding every stage of their history which we possess in reference to these magnificent diamonds in our own day. It is true that no important historic happening has yet been associated with either of them, but we are making history every day, and there can be little doubt that in the future the story of the Excelsior and Cullinnan diamonds will be as eagerly sought for as is that of the Koh-i-nur, the Regent and the Orloff.—From Dr. George Frederick Kunz' "The Two Largest Diamonds," in the Century.

At a Casual Glance.

"Don't you think my poetry resembles Tennyson's?" said the confident young writer.

"It does," answered Miss Cayenne, "in the capitalization and the arrangement of lines into varying lengths."

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

PLANS SIGNALING TO MARS

Prof. David Todd of Amherst to Ascend Ten Miles in Balloon to Observe If Mars Is Inhabited.

If it were proposed to expend considerable sums of money in erecting a powerful plant to send messages by wireless telegraphy to the inhabitants of unexplored regions of Central Africa, we would doubtless hear suggestions that the effort be at least postponed until we should ascertain whether there are any inhabitants in the locality indicated and also whether they could detect and comprehend the messages when received, says the Literary Digest. Considerations of this kind do not seem to bother the people who are planning to signal to Mars, among whom apparently are numbered a few well-known astronomers. It may be surmised, however, that these gentlemen consider speculation regarding methods of this nature as legitimate amusement. When money is subscribed to carry out any of the proposed schemes, we may be justified in protesting, but not before. Some of the plans that have been put forward are thus briefly summarized in the Scientific American.

"Prof. Pickering's idea of signaling to Mars by means of a huge system of mirrors, which will flash the sun's light rhythmically to our planetary neighbor, seems to have attracted not a little attention, and to have called forth other schemes from more or less eminent scientists.

"Prof. Pickering believes that $100,000 should be spent in preliminary work before any attempt is made to



Prof. David Todd.

flash signals. These preparations will consist in the building of a huge telescope, and in experimental observations made with the co-operation of the foremost astronomers of the world. The object of this preliminary work is to decide whether or not the canals of Mars are really artificial. In all, three years' time would be consumed in these preliminaries.

"A correspondent of the New York Sun, who states that he is a practical heliograph man, calls attention to a fact which seems to have been overlooked. Prof. Pickering proposes to make mirrors of such a size that they must necessarily be moved by machinery. His idea appears to be that if they were each ten feet across, there would be about 500 of them to the mile. The heliograph man points out that a pocket mirror two inches square will do just as much work as a mirror that is ten feet square. All that any mirror can reflect is the single image of the sun. He states that it is possible to flash from 6 to 48 miles with a shaving-glass. This seems to be borne out by the fact that the standard size of an army heliograph is less than four inches. Hence, ten-foot mirrors would hardly be any more serviceable than four-inch mirrors.

Prof. David Todd of Amherst college also intends to improve the opportunity offered by the earth's proximity to Mars next autumn to discover whether or not the planet is really inhabited. He assumes that if Mars has inhabitants, and if they are as intelligent as we are, they may possibly attempt to communicate with the earth at that time, and that they may employ Hertzian waves for the purpose. It is his plan to take the most sensitive wireless telegraph receivers he can find up in a balloon, in order to diminish any obstructive influence that the atmosphere may exert, and listen for signals in space. We wonder how Prof. Todd can tell whether his signals come from Mars, or whether the receivers have not simply responded to electrical waves sent out from the sun."

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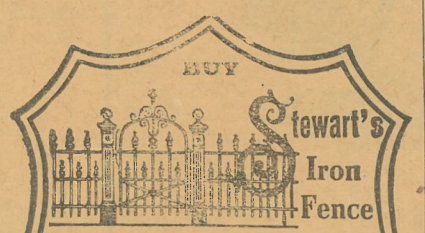
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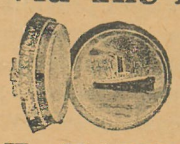
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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

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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BRYAN WRITES TO TAFT

Suggests Another Constitutional Amendment for Election of Senstors

Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—William J. Brya today addressed a letter to President Taft asking him to allow the people to vote in popular election of senators. Mr. Bryan says:

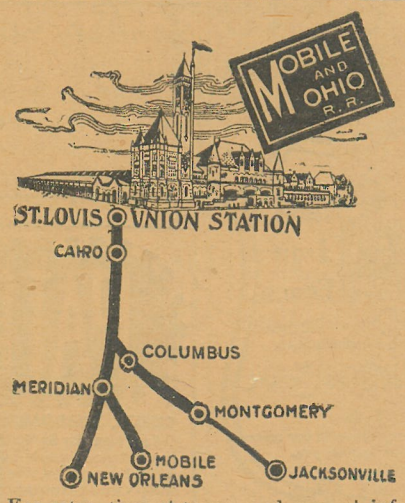
"President Taft:—Now that the states are going to vote on the ratification of the amendment specifically authorizing an income tax, why not give them a chance to vote on an amendment providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote? In your speech of acceptance you said that you were peosonally inciined to favor such a change in the constitution. Would not this be an opportune time to present the subject to congrese? Two constitutional amendments, one authorizing income taxes and the other providing for the popular election of senators, would make your administration memorable, and I pledge you whatever assistance I can render in securing the ratification of these amendments. With great respect, I am, yours truly,

William Jennings Bryan.

Mr. George Stevenson, writing the COUEIER from Auckland, New Zealand, encloses a clipping about Fairhope from one of the leading newspapers of New Zealand, "which shows," he says," that the fame of your Colony has reached New Zealand." He further says: We are having a mild depression here but nothing very serious and it is not likely to be felt at all after the winter is over. I notice that your cream separator is likely to be a success. It may be of interest to know that it was chiefly the cream separator that gave the New Zealand farmers a good start and the continued prosperity of the small farmers here can be traced to the cream separator more than anything else."

Renewing for two years his subscription to the COURIER, Mr. W. L. Ross, of Philadelphia, says: "I am sorry I cannot make it more. You are doing good work and it amounts to more than you imagine. Some day I hope to visit Fairhope again."

The School Improvement Ce., on Wednesday gave deserved honor to two who were so deeply interested in industrial training and did so much for the establishing of the Organic School here in formally naming it the "Comings Memorial College of Organic Education." One of these has passed on but the other remains to give the school her best efforts.



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For some one fallen—some one weak.
Be not a coward—rather choose
A life of ridicule, abuse,
Than sit in silence by as though
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Be in the right with one or three,
But never shrink, or try to be
Yourself so just and pure and sweet
That you cannot your brother greet
With words of hope and cheer and love
No matter what his vice may prove.
Be brother, friend, or sister true
To e'en the weakest one you know,
And never speak the unkind word
When you may think 'twill not be heard,
For we are all God's children here,—
Let's be more kind more brave, and cheer
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Joseph Fels donates a quarter of a million to the Single Taxers of Engiand and America in order that the people may be saved from the Carnegie brand of political economy.

There is a difference in men.

—The Chancellor.

The Fight on in England

How large a place the taxation of land values has in the politics and public interest of Great Britain can readily be noted by reading almost any issue of any of the Great London journals. The Courier is indebted to Mr. Fels for copies of same received every few days. It is certainly "a man's fight" the League for the Taxation of Land Values has to a very large extent been instrumental in precipitating in England and there are men indeed bearing the brunt of it, in parliament and out of it. Whatever the result may be of the contest on the present alignment it warms the heart to see the interest aronsed. That is the first step toward actual progress, to get the people aroused and that they certainly are in England. The friends of the cause are conducting a hot fight all along the line; the beneficiaries of the injustice against which the fight is centered are rallying to the defence of their interests and between the two it hardly seems possible that a reasonably intelligent man in England can be left unaroused.

Wharf Receipts Show Encouraging Increase

Mr. Patterson, Whfgr. reports that the wharf receipts—a very good indication of business—are better than the best weeks during the truck-shipping season and are measurably better than at this time last year. This is gratifying evidence of growth of business and population.

It should be especially gratifying to lessees of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, for it means the hastening of the time when the obligations of the Wharf Company, given for the money with which the wharf was built, will be cancelled and the wharf turned back into the hands of the Corporation. Its net revenue will then be available for extensions of the public service, or for any purpose in the public interest, which the people may agree upon. And in this a new illustration is furnished of the difference between Fairhope and other communities and of the great benefits accruing to the people through the Fairhope Colony policy.

At other towns along the shore the same condition of the necessity of wharves exists and the people are every few years paying the cost of the wharves but never acquiring any ownership of them.

THE OLD STORY

An item in an exchange telling of the purchase by certain parties of a large tract of timber and mineral land says: "It is the intention of the owners of the property to hold part of it for investment." 'Tis an old story. "Holding for investment," means that it will not be used by the owners nor will they allow any one else to use it. All its potentialities for giving employment to labor, and adding to the sum of products suited to human service, will be as if they never existed. And when the "investment" has "ripened" to a satisfactory point to these owners and they yield possession to some one who would unlock these potentialities it will mean that he will be handicapped at the outset by having to give a large portion of his capital which might otherwise be employed in development, to the fore stallers before he can put pick or shovel to the soil. And yet a system which brings such results is deemed by many to be necessary to encourage enterprise and development.

SPRAYING TO KILL WEEDS

Under the auspices of the National D partment of Agriculture experiments are being conducted upon methods, other than cultural, of destroying weeds. Solutions of Copper sulphate (blue vitriol) and iron sulphate (green vitriol) have been found effective against many weeds without injuring the useful plants among which they were found. Daisies, cocklebur, blindweed, ragweed, chicory, sheep sorrel and wild mustard were practically eradicated by spraying with either of the above chemicals without injury to grain crops among which they grew.

DAPHNE TO HAVE ICE PLANT AND CREAMERY

Daphne Ala., July 20. Special—Messrs. A. E. Strong and W. C. Brandenburg of this place will soon put into operation an ice plant and creamery. It is their intention to add to this in time a laundry and perhaps cannery, should there be sufficient encouragement. This section has long needed a creamery and these gentlemen will no doubt find their investment a profitable one.

Congratulations to Daphne.

We report with regret the decision of Mr. A K. Trenholme to leave Fairhope. He sold his nice home on Magnolia Ave., to Mrs. Coutant, and expects to leave soon in search of a location, and when found will send for his wife and children. Mrs. Trenholme's mother, Mrs. Curtis, also expects to leave with them we understand. Mr. Trenholme's leaving is not on account of dissatisfaction with Fairhope's policies or people but purely for business reasons. He is an architect by profession and feels that the opportunities in his line are necessariiy not what they should be in a town of this size. He expects to go to some city, and has the Pacific coast in mind. Mr. Trenholme is a high minded young man, who is in full sympathy with the purposes of Fairhope and we can illy spare him.

George Black, well known at Fairhope for his visits here and who built the cottage on Section street, now owned by Orrie Stapleton, died on June 25 in Nampa, Idaho. The remains were taken for interment to his old home at Norwalk, Iowa. Mr. Black was a fine old gentleman, who left the world better for having lived in it. He was much interested in Fairhope and its people, and until very recently kept track of us through the Courier.

Providence R. I. dailies mailed by the Single Tax League give interesting reports of open air meetings being held by the Providence Single Tax League. "The boys" are at it with old time enthusiasm there.

The Fifth Thursday Club holds its regular meeting next Thursday afternoon at the Gables at 3 o'clock. There will be a musical program and refreshments. Also a silver offering. All ladies are invited.

Mr. Alex Melville, one of Fairhope's good friends, came all the way from New York, arriving Wednesday evening to spend two days with us, so great is his interest.

"You are making an interesting paper."
Calhoun Ala., A. M. Troyer.

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A Curious Attitude.

It is curious how people both at home and at a distance, seem inclined to charge every failure or disappointment of an individual at Fairhope to the country or the Colony—especially the latter. Elsewhere they readily attribute such circumstances to general adverse conditions, (to remedy which is the labor of Single Taxers) or to causes inherent in the individuals concerned; but here such causes are well nigh ignored. Yet the fact should be readily appreciated that most of those who come to Fairhope, come because dissatisfied and disappointed elsewhere. It is not the men who are prospering, making money and getting ahead where they are, who are moved to come to Fairhope, as a rule.

Three cases have recently been brought to the writer's attention of persons whose condition has been credited adversely to Fairhope. Of the three, every one landed here past the prime of life, without having made what wou'd anywhere be considered a success. All had very little means. One was practically a bankrupt, another constitutionally delicate and the third nearly an octagenarian.

The editor has the sincerest sympathy for these and every other person who has not prospered at Fairhope as he hoped, has indeed, a fellow-feeling born of like personal trials and disappointments—and would do everything in his power to make conditions better for every resident of Fairhope, but he confesses to a sense of weariness at having their disappointments all charged up to the Fairhope policy or "management." Especially when it can be demonstrated any day to any man able to figure a business proposition that, save only for the possible profits that might elsewhere have been reaped from land speculation, said policy and management have been distinctly helpful rather than otherwise.

We may be in danger, some of us, of claiming too much for Fairhope, but certainly others are inclined to hold it responsible for much that is directly traceable to circumstances entirely beyond its control.

In this issue is an instructive interview with a resident of Fairhope, published in a Mobile daily last Sunday. It is interesting not only for its subject matter but because within a week of its publication, the interviewed gentleman, for whom the writer cherishes the most kindly feeling, was gravely presenting in the local court, as a reason why he should not be required to pay an account owing to an officer of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, that, on account of representations or mis-representations, of the corporation of which plaintiff was an officer and active member, he had been induced to come to Fairhope to his financial loss. He even asserted that eminent counsel was being consulted with a view to action against the Corporation to recover his individual losses.

Is not the article referred to about as much calculated to make the average reader think a living could be made here as any which have appeared in the COURIER?

We might add that the gentlemen has been trying to do something which this paper or its editor in personal letters, has never encouraged any one to think could be done, make a success of raising poultry and buy all the feed. With twenty acres of land under good fence, he has not, in more than four years, gotten two acres in cultivation.

Progress Toward School house

In this issue the Town Educational Board, advertises for bids for putting in the foundation for the new school-house. The board is ready to go ahead with the work and will, no doubt, soon be ready to ask for bids for other portions of it.

Mayor Greeno turned the task of securing from those outside the Colony, the $250 necessary to secure the $1,000 offered by the Colony, over to Mr. Albright and we understand he has practically secured the amount.

Sunflower seed are generally considered among the best feeds for poultry—especially in combination with other grains. Mr. Paton reports sunflower stalks 10 feet high and heads 10 to 13 inches across, on his place, and the writer has some about the same size which came up volunteer near the back door and had practically no attention.

The Onlooker urges those who do not own Baldwin county real estate to get hold of some as soon as possible as it will "never again sell as cheaply as at present." Generally speaking land is certain to advance in Baldwin and elsewhere with increase of population, but we are of the opinion that the land companies operating in the Onlooker's territory have already anticipated the natural advance for many years ahead. As soon as the companies have disposed of the larger part of their holding and cease drumming the country for purchasers and running them in on excursions, a decided slump in prices of land in that district may be looked for.

The Alabama Sumatra and Havana Tobcaco Co., has broken ground for a large tobacco curing and manufacturing plant at Summerdale, on the Bay Minette and Fort Morgan railroad. The building will be 50 x 200 feet, three stories high and will be built of concrete blocks.

J. A. Folmar of Bromley, was in town one day this week and left the editor and associate editor a bunch of the famous wonder cow peas grown by him. They were immense well-filled pods and we will plant the peas and get a crop from them yet this season.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. E. P. Quattlebaum of Mobile is spending a week at the Gables.

Mr McNamara, of Mobile, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Hamilton.

Roe Martin is able to be up after a tedious illness from typhoid fever.

J. W. Braam has put up a small silo, 5x10 feet, and is filling it this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ring are at home in their own cottage on Bay View Avenue.

The Hughes have rented the Bellangee cottage and will be over to occupy it in a day or two.

The sloop "Maud M." of Mobile, has been at Fairhope two or three days, with her owners Messrs. Eager Barnes, and Will Poe.

D. J. McDonald, C. B. Farnell and Miss E. Moorman, Secretary Y. W. C. A. of Mobile, were at the Gables from Saturday to Monday.

Mrs. George W. Bayne, Mr. Charles W. Short and Mrs. P. J. Smith have taken "Cottage Content" at Fairhope and will move over for the summer on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare C. Mechem, of Mobile, were over Sunday visitors, at the Fairhope Hotel. Mr. Mechem is an old friend of Fairhoye and is always warmly greeted by his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Laubenthal and family, of Sunflower, Ala., Mr. Laubenthal's sister, Miss Etta Laubenthal, of Mobile, Mr. Charles Perez and Mrs. Graham of Mobile, comprise a house party, which is spending a week in Mrs. H. N. Brown's south cottage.

The fish-fry given by the Ladies Aid Society on last Friday evening proved to be one of the most successful affairs of the kind. The location on the southeast corner of Knoll Park was pleasant and convenient, the evening delightful, fish in abundance, well cooked and served and about 125 suppers were served.

Eber W. Jefferson, who has a very pleasant habit of remembering his local editor with samples of the choice products of his place, brought in the other day a specimen of his extracted honey and also some blue Adriatic figs. Both were first class.

The many friends made by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gaston on their recent visit here will hear with deep regret of the death of their daughter, Mrs. William P. Dunbar, which occurred at Meadville, Pa., on June 30, to be followed a week later by her two week's infant.

Mr. E. E. Revenaugh, left on last Saturday after being here for about eight months, associated with Mr. Yarnelle in the poultry business. He went from here to his former home at Detroit Mich., but expected to go from there west, probably to Oregon. Mr. Revenaugh is a splendid young man and we regret he did not decide to remain with us.

President B. B. Baker of the Daphne Normal School, was in town today mingling with the people and endeavoring to secure some of Fair hope's bright young people as students in his school for the coming year. Mr. Baker is full of enthusiasm over the prospects. The county board has provided a teacher to do a portion of the work done last year by the Normal teachers and the faculty has been materially strengthened The new catalogues for 1909. 10, have come from the printers and are an excellent piece of work.

The Enlightened Press

The Chancellor wishes it had space to reprint for its readers some of the splendid editorials appearing in a few papers from time to time. Not having the space, it can only commend these papers for consideration.

There is the Johnstown Democrat, edited by that courageous and aggressive democrat, Warren Worth Bailey, who fears not to name the traitors to genuine democracy from Senators Stone, Bacon and Tillman all down the line.

There is the Public of Chicago edited by one of the brainest economic authorities of today, Louis F. Post.

There is the San Francisco Star, one of the most welcome exchanges to this desk, and edited by another sterling exponent of genuine democracy, James H. Barry.

There is the Single Tax Review containing a mint of valuable matter for all students of the live questions of today.

There is the little Fairhope Courier, the mouth-piece of the Fairhope Ala., Single Tax Colony, edited by Ernest B. Gaston, who is a "live wire."

There is the St. Louis Mirror, edited by William Marion Reedy, whom Elbert Hubbard believes is contesting with him first place in the galaxy of great writers, but Reedy is a more fundamental thinker than Hubbard may ever hope to be.

Then what's the matter with Lafolette's Magazine mastered by an honest man—a terror to senatorial crooks of both parties.

Oh, the list is growing, but let not the Omaha World-Herald escape. The splendid editorial work on that paper being done by H. E. Newbranch certainly does bring hope for better things.

There are some more. They are increasing in number and influence. Read them all.

—The Chancellor.

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We print this partly in appreciation of the compliment paid the Courier—especially in the good company in which it is placed—partly to say "me too" of all the good things said of the other papers mentioned and more particularly to add "The Chancellor" to the list, which the modesty of its editor no doubt forbade him to do. The "Chancellor" richly deserves "honorable mention" also. It is not only filled from month to month with most excellent matter editorial and selected, but it is in a class by itself in the artistic beauty of its typography. We opine that it is not known to as many Single Taxers as its mental and mechanical excellence deserves and recommend our readers to seek an introduction, which can be secured by sending ten cents to the Laurie J. Quinby concern publishers, 304-5 Boston Store Bldg, Omaha.

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Profit in Real Estate.

Instances of Growth In Values. Selling $350 an Acre Jnmped in Five Years to $10,000

"Nashville real estate is a good thing," said a well-known business man the other day. Some people will say this town is slow and will tell you what property is selling for in Memphis, Atlanta and other places. But I can show you that there is just as much money in desirable property in Nashville as in any other city in the south, and that handsome profits have been made and are being made in well-selected real estate. For instance, a tract of land on the Harding Road opposite the Golf Club sold five years ago for $350 an acre. This became part of the Richmond Realty Company. Today lots are selling in this subdivision for $50 a foot, which is equivalent to $10,0 0 an acre, and people who buy at even these prices will make money in the next few years.

"Take another instance in the same neighborhood. A tract of fifteen or twenty acres was offered repeatedly three or four years ago for$300 per acre; it has recently been bought by one of our wealthiest citizens for a home at $2,000 an acre. Two lots sold recently across West End avenue from Vanderbilt University for $150 a foot The abstract showed that this same property changed hands about twenty-five years ago for $9.00 a

"There has been just as great an advance in the business section. Eight years ago the corner of Church street and Seventh avenue North, was leased to the then University club. The land was valued at $500 a foot, which at that time was considered a high price Today the lot without the building would bring, easily, easily, $1,500 a foot. A few months ago a well-known citizen bought a piece of property on Sixth Ave., at auction at $21,000 and has recently refused $35,000 for it. Much of this advance is due to the proposed Capitol Boulevard, yet this same man refused a foot of ground to the opening of the street, which is adding $10,000 to his property.

"I can recall another lot which was on Sixth avenue, which sold not more than five or six years ago for about $12,000, and is now worth $40,000.

"Nashville is growing and continues to grow. Any one who makes a judicious investment in real estate, knows what to buy and what to pass by, will make a handsome profit in the next few years Take any foot of ground on Church street, from Fourth Ave. to Eighth it has advanced from 100 to 300 per cent in the last few years.

"Nashville real estate is good and always will be. Go back to the early history of the town. There in an anecdote to the effect that Judge Overton one day in passing the public Square, heard an auctioneer crying "$30, give me $35," and thinking it was a fine looking cow and calf he was selling, the Judge bid $35 and passed on. He found out afterwards he had bought a lot, which is now the corner of Church street and Fourth avenue, and on which property his son many years afterwards built the Maxwell House. Judge Campbell another of our wealthy citizens of early days, gave a cow and calf for the cedar hill opposite his residence and afterwards sold the property to the city for $30,000 as a site for the Capitol. Many other instances of this kind could be given. In fact the only families in this part of the country who had money before and since the civil war are holders of real estate. Fifty years from now you will doubtless find the same rule holding good."

Nashville American.

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Miss Vera Mershon and Grace Williams spent over Sunday here with their parents.

A BALDWIN CHICKEN FARM

What a Successful Fancier Says is Best in This Southern Country

Stuart Yarnelle, a citizen of Fairhope, Ala., and owner of a successful poultry farm there, was a visitor to Mobile last week. Mr. Yarnelle is a native of Illinois, and located in Fairhope four or five years ago. Asked by a representative of the Register for an interview on the poultry raising industry, his methods of caring for the birds, the kind of food he uses and what, in his opinion, is the best method to insure healthy stock in this climate, he replied that in the last three or four years he had noticed a great improvement in the thorough-bred poultry stock in the south. The South, he said, is peculiarly adapted to the poultry industry because of the long growing season for pastures which gives green foods of all kinds. The poultry business is always the last one to feel improvement in breeds. Horses and cattle feel it first. It is only in recent times that the south realized that an improvement in breeds is just as important in the poultry raising industry as in domestic animals. At the present time there are a great many fanciers and breeders who attend exhibitions at the great shows held at Fort Worth, Nashville, Birmingham and Atlanta. These exhibitions show fully as high quality in utility breeds as can be found in the great shows of the North, including Madison Square Garden, New York.

Mr. Yarnelle said when he started into poultry raising he had experimented a great deal. He had a number of breeds to begin with to ascertain the best adapted to this climate and market. He soon found that the very large and heavy chickens were not money makers; that the long summers enervated them and caused them to take on flesh until they were out of laying condition. Finally he eliminated all but the Wyandottes, in which he was fortunate in getting a stock of very fine strain. Black Minorcas and Brown Leghorns. These breeds seem to reach the highest perfection in this climate, and taken together they furnish an almost continuous supply of eggs throughout the year. The Wyandottes are not set back in any way by a sudden cold snap during the winter as Leghorns are, but lay straight along. The Leghorns have their innings in the latter half of the summer season when the heavy Wyandottes begin to feel the enervating effects of the summer heat.

Mr. Yarnelle was asked what he considered the best feed. He said that for a main feed he had found sprouted oats, fed in troughs just before sundown the most economical and also the most productive for a goodly supply of eggs. He stated that at first he was handicapped in not being able to raise his own feed and found it a very hard matter to get labor that could be relied upon. He said during the past year he had devised a system of feeding the same being a combination of two or three systems perfected by large poultry farms both in the North and South The dry mash method of keeping a mixture of ground grains before the birds all the time has produced excellent results. Mr. Yarnelle said that this feed for years was fed in a wet form. It was discovered that poultry were almost sure to overeat of it, making fat instead of eggs. In the dry form, they can only eat a bite or two at a time, having to go to the fountain to wash it down.

As a result in feeding the dry mash, hens will make trips all day long to the feed hopper, thence to water and from the water to the grass run of green food, where they also find insects besides green stuff. This continuous moving about makes the busy hen and the busy hen is the one that makes the nest.

Mr. Yarnelle gave a description of his farm at Fairhope. He said his property included a twenty-acre plot under lease from the Fairhope Single Tax Colony. It slopes sharply downward from his yards to a little stream, which insures perfect drainage and prevents poisoning of the ground, which causes most all the diseases and other epidemics common to poultry and which is taken by most people for cholera, etc.

Mr. Yarnelle is continually experimenting. As stated above, he came from Illinois and before entering the poultry-raising business he was a telegrapher, a newspaper man and finally decided to take up his present occupation. He is a young man, has traveled considerably and is a great believer in the future of the South. He stated that this section was attracting more and more attention in Northern and Western sections, and the time was not far removed when the vast tracts of farming lands in this vicinity would be pretty well utilized in farming and other industries that insure prosperity in other lines of business.

The Mobile Daily Register.

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Acquaintance Renewed After Many Years

We are in receipt of copies of the "Southern American," published at Alexander City, this state, by Joseph C. Manning. It purports to be a "defender of the American Constitution and advocate of the right's of man"; an "exponent of the cause of the oppressed and suppressed people of the South;" and strives to live up to its announcement. We remember a pleasant personal acquaintance formed with Mr. Manning about sixteen years ago when we were connected with the populist party in Iowa, and Mr. Manning came north to deliver a series of speeches for the party in the campaign. He was a mere stripling then, but a ready and eloquent speaker and won the sobriquet of "The Boy Orator." He has lost nothing in radicalism in the days that have passed, as his paper shows and is fighting the Democratic party as hard as ever, but, though his the impression that he is acting paper does not say so we are under now with the Republican party.

Much that he says of the Democratic party in the south we heartily approve; but we have come to see that while the undemocratic and plutocratic forces in the Democratic party are to be vigorously condemned; they have their counterpart in the Republican party; while in both parties there is an active leaven of genuine democracy. Undemocracy in both must be condemned and real democracy in both be encouraged. Not until the leaven of democracy permeates both will the real reforms for which Mr. Manning contends be brought about, and not much is to be gained by raising a

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Colony Council Proceedings.

Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, July 19th, with all members present.

Minutes read and approved of meeting of July 5th.

Mr. A. O. Berglin appeared before the Council and asked permission to make a road to his new creamery and ice plant, leaving wharf hill and passing to east of pump-house and of his building. On motion the request was referred to Superintendent of lands and highways with power to act.

Captain Roberts objected to being charged with rent for the first half of year on portion of lots held in name of his wife and Mrs. Dorgan, of which notice of desire to surrender was given in January, though final agreement was not reached and surrender formally approved untl June. Motiion prevailed that rent be charged on surrendered lots only for first quarter of 1909.

Mr. J. M. Pilcher appeared before Council and requested a right of way, over Colony lands for proposed trolley line, according to survey of Mr. Parker. It was moved and carried that the application be placed on file and matter be taken up at a special meeting to be called for the purpose by the president and secretary, during the present week if convenient.

Folllowing bills allowed.

G. M. Bancroft, turning water from Rest Cottage and whf. hill, 4 hrs.	$1.00
Re-measuring lots in div. 1 and 2, 16 hours,	$4.00
Re-surveying Robert's lots and making report on same, 4 hours,	$1.00
	$6.00
A. K. Trenholme, re-measuring lots in div. 1 & 2, 16 hrs.	3.00
George Lawrence, 41 1-2 hrs. laying water mains on Magnolia Ave.	8.30
Ernest Baldwin, 27 1-2 hrs. laying water mains on Magnolia Ave.,	5.50
Julian Dyer, 8 1-2 hrs laying water mains on Mag., Ave.,	1.70
E. B. Gaston cash advanced for difference in exchange of old typewriter for new and charges on same	19.40

Transfers of lots 8 and 9, blk. 30, div. 2, from J. B. Barber to Charles Gretzinger approved.

Application of Mrs. H. N. Brown for membership, accompanied by transfer of certificate from Dr. R. A. Hail, was referred to committee composed of Messrs. Stimpson,, Trenholme and Bancroft, who reported favorably at once. On motion the report of the committee was adopted and application accepted.

Application for membership received of Herman Tiedjens, giving as references J. Bellangee and E. B. Gaston. Application referred to same committee, who reported at once favorably, and on motion report adopted and Mr. Tiedjens accepted as a member.

On request of J. A. Patterson it was moved and carried that Wharf Company be authorized to put a dormer window in west side of wharf warehouse.

Rent of south 132 feet of Steenstra tract, less 30 feet taken for Bancroft street, was on motion fixed at $6.00 for last half of 1909.

Treasurer reported rent unpaid on Mrs Hail's property on Fairhope Ave., to amount of $53.40 including rent for 1908 as well as 1909; that Mrs. Hail had refused payment, referring him to James K. Glennon and Co., who had also refused payment, disclaiming any interest. It was moved and carried that suit be brought against the record lessee for rent due and unpaid.

Same action taken with regard to past due rents of Charles Stersic and F. J. Beesley.

J. F. Johnson was appointed to act for the Corporation in appraising value of improvements on lots proposed to be conveyed to the town for school purposes, also value of improvements on portions of lots of Mrs. Philbrook, taken for Bancroft street.

Moved and carried that rent for 1909 on Jacobs tract, less lots sur- $26.44, plus $2 for use of surrenrendered on January 25th, be made dered ground for crop purposes.

J. F. Johnson appointed appraiser on behalf of Corporation, of value of improvements on portions of Jacobs tract needed for streets desired to be opened over same.

All action by unanimous vote.

Non-resident's Notice.

State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation
Vs.
F. J. Beesley
Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county. and state, on the 21st. day of July, 1909, at Fairhope Ala., and returnable before me on the 10th. day of August 1909 at Fairhope Alabama,, against the estate of the said F. J. Beesley, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $10.65 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by E. D. Brann, constable for said county, by levying on the following as the propperty of the said F. J. Beesley,, towit; the one story shed-roof building situated on lot 14, blk. 1, div. 3, of the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Fairhope, Ala., as per plat or plan of lots file in their office in Fairhope, Ala. and whereas it appears that the said F. J. Beesley is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and his residence unknown, now therefore the said F. J. Beesley is hereby notified of said attachment and levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 21st day of July 1909.

P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace for Baldwin Co., Ala.

Mr. M. J. Parker, linotype machinist for the Register, who is spending some time at Battles, was a caller at the Courier office on Monday and was interested in our Typograph. He thought it a very practical machine, especially for the "country" office where a machinist was not constantly on hand.

"Father" Knowles left on Monday for an extended visit in the north. Before leaving he enlisted as reported in these columns in the Fels Fund effort. The cause of all mankind has no sincerer friend than he, and here's hoping that he has a royal good time on his trip and returns to us good and sound in the fall.

Mrs. W. S. Getty, of Saraland, Mobile County, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swift over Sunday and Master Arthur Gaston returned with her on Monday morning to spend a week or two with her little son, Master "Billy" Getty.

Mr. J. A. Vautrot, editor and publisher of "The Unionist", of Mobile is summering with his family at Daphne, and gives a column or more of Eastern Shore news in his paper weekly.

Adolph Austin, of Mobile, visited Fairhope friends over Sunday.

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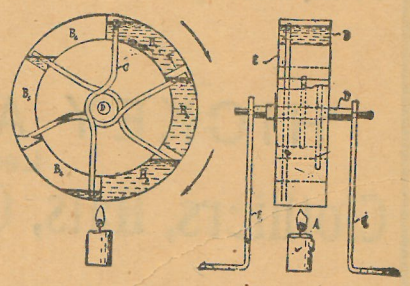
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Owing to the fact that water in liquid form is nearly incompressible, it cannot be used to perform a cycle of operations such as take place in the steam engine. Theoretically, however, any substance having a temperature above its surroundings is capable of serving as a power generator, says R. V. Heuser, in the Scientific American. Disregarding the possibility of thermo-electric conversion of energy, useful mechanical work can be derived through the expansion of vapors of volatile substances. Many liquids are known to pass into vapor under a feeble heat, such as, for instance, the sun's rays.

If other media than water are used as heat carriers, it becomes indispensable to recover the original liquid by means of condensation for economic reasons.

A simple apparatus, which can be made by the handy man, will demonstrate that a very small degree of heat is sufficient for performing light mechanical work.

A disk E, mounted on shaft D, serves as support for six compartments, B1, B2,..B6, concentrically arranged about D. These as well as the disk can be made of tin soldered together. Two opposite chambers, for instance, B1, and B4, are conected by a small brass tube C, bent outward at the center to clear the shaft D, and projecting through the chambers nearly to the outer cylindrical wall. Two uprights, F1, and F2, support the wheel at a proper distance over a small flame A or over a basin filled with



A Simple Heat Motor.

hot water. One of each pair of chambers is filled with ether or acetone, while the other contains only the vapor of the liquid in an expanded state, but no air at all. The liquid is introduced into the chambers through small holes, and after the air has been blown out (by heating this liquid to the boiling point) each hole is sealed with a drop of solder.

Evidently, when one chamber passes through the hot zone, the liquid vaporizes and passes through the tube to he opposite chamber where it condenses. Thus the center of gravity is constantly changed, causing the wheel to revolve.

ELECTRICAL NOTES.

A wireless telephone is to be used along the coast as a fog signal. It has been tried out and found to work well under heavy weather conditions.

A wireless plant will be installed on the top of the tower of the city hall of Philadelphia, 500 feet above the street.

The tides of the bay of Fundy will be harnessed for electric power.

An electric sand-papering outfit is one of the latest electrical devices.

Electric sirens are in use on the railways of Germany. The sound is produced by the vibrations of a diaphragm under the influence of an electro-magnet.

The adoption of electric furnaces in large steel plants is expected to produce a rail that the highest speed freight engines cannot injure.

A telephone line is being construced over the Alps which has the highest altitude of any telephone line in the world.

Five million is to be spent to develop a water power 165 miles from Butte, Mont. The electric power will be used in the mines near Butte.

The Maine Central railroad is trying out new electric headlights. The current is supplied from a small steam turbine driven generator mounted on the top of the boiler.

Electric Farming.

The use of electric power in large farm operations has already been highly developed in some localities in Germany. The plan is to place a central power plant at the points where it will be convenient for the nearby population, says Rural Affairs.

The electricity is collected in storage batteries, which are then mounted on wheels and taken wherever the power is needed. One of these traveling batteries may be connected with a farmer's power wood saw to work up the winter's supply in a few hours. Then the battery is moved to the next farm, where it may connect with the grain mill, as shown in one of the illustrations.

Another set of batteries is shown as a truck and dragging a gang plow. Another storage truck at the opposite side of the field draws the plow back again. Besides the portable form of electric power the establishment supplies light, heat and permanent power wherever required in the neighborhood.

Simple Test for Tinware.

Tin is a metal which, like copper, accelerates the corrosion of iron by aiding in the oxidation of the hydrogen set free by the reaction, says William H. Walker in the Engineering Magazine. If, therefore, in the manufacture of the so-called tin plate, which is sheet iron or steel covered with a layer of metallic tin, there may be imperfections or pin holes in the tin coating, these channels through the tin to the iron will become centers of corrosion which rapidly destroys the plate.

It is impossible to detect these imperfections by a simple inspection, and hence users of tin plate have been unable to test the quality of their raw material from this point of view. Since the iron must pass into solution at these exposed points in the tin coating, their presence may be easily located by flowing upon the tin surface a solution of gelatin or glue in which is dissolved some potassium ferricyanide. When the jelly has stiffened the iron will pass into solution through the holes in the tin, and reacting with the ferricyanide will leave a bright blue spot in the jelly. Variations in the quality of tin plate may thus be easily detected.

Comet in Moving Pictures.

The changes in progress in a comet are now shown on a screen in moving pictures. Morehouse's comet was favorably situated for observation in England during last autumn, and as this body gave an unusual opportunity for studying changes, the Astronomer Royal had photographs made at frequent intervals so as to obtain a cinematograph record. One series shows the alterations that took place in a period of about nine hours.

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Personal and Local

Mr. Frank Crenshaw of Mobile, spent over Sunday here.

Fine line of five and ten cent cigars at the Fairhope Pharmacy

Miss Lizzie Littlegreen of Mobile is visiting her folks here this week.

Miss Nellie Council, of Mobile, is visiting the Misses Slosson this week.

Fresh stock of fine high-grade bulk candy at the
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Rev. A. Heible will say Mass next Sunday morning at 7 o'clock at Mrs. Lacey's.

Arrow Root Biscuits are fine, 19 cents per package.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Misses Gladys Lowell and Leah Gaston visited Miss Ida May Weiss of Mobile, a couple of days this week.

Fresh Fancy Groceries is what we handle, we don't trouble our-with cheap "fire sale" goods.
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Rev. J. W. Cohran will preach at the church Sunday morning, July 25, at 11 a. m. The public is invited to be present.

Fall and winter hats and caps. Buy before the size is sold to the other fellow. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mrs. Wheeler and little daughter and Miss Brown, all of Mobile, are visiting the Dr. Browns.

Why suffer with the hot sun, you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of$1.75.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Mrs. Hoyle who has been at Dr Mershon's Sanitarium returned to her home in Tatumville on Sunday. While there she received great benefit.

Mrs. Keller has returned to her home after spending a number of weeks at Dr. Mershon's Sanitarium where she was very much benefited in health.

Walline in five pound packages for fifty cents. This is the best quality of Alabastine paint we know of.
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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams have been enjoying a visit from their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wright, of Los Angeles who arrived on last Saturday evening. Mr. Wright was obliged to leave this morning but Mrs. Wright will remain for about six weeks longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, after spending some time at Fairhope investigating with a view to locating decided adversely and left on Thursday morning for California where they lived for some time. Mrs Hill is a great sufferer from rheumatism from which she did not experience hoped for relief here, which was the principal reason for their leaving.

For Exchange—A forty acre farm near Fish River, house, barn, etc., fine running water, good place for dairying. Want small place in or near Fairhope.
P. O. Box 122, Marlow, Ala.

Mr. Emil Leiser, of Loxley—and Fairhope, is off on a couple of week's vacation and on Wednesday passed through Fairhope in company with Mr. J. Bliss, also of Loxley, en route for the lower part of the county. The gentlemen were callers at he Courier office where Mr. Leiser renewed his subscription to the paper.

The Courier office got out 4000 copies of a neat 10 page prospectus for 1909-10 for the Comings Memorial College of Organic Education this week. The ladies in charge are good advertisers and hope to attract a goodly number of students from a distance.

WANTED:—Agents to sell Sawdine the new catarrh Remedy, quickly cures coughs, colds, la-grippe, catarrh, asthma, hay-fever etc., Send 10 cents for trial package. Guaranteed or money refunded. M. V. Mathews,
Fairhope, Ala.

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A Good Suggestion

It is well known that many deserving men are out of work in Mobile at this time. In view of this fact we suggest that those citizens who own vacant lots offer the same, free of charge, to any one who will cultivate the same.

This would enable many to bridge over the hard times and would improve, and even enhance the value, of vacant property in the city.

If the Commercial Club and Central Trades Council will take hold of this matter much good can be accomplished. —The Unionist.

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Some New Offers.

SMALL FARM CLOSE IN

Thirteen acre farm (Colony leasehold) within one and a quarter miles of postoffice. All good land 8 acres in cultivation, 5 acres under separate fence but practically cleared. House of four rooms; new barn 20 x 32, with room for ten tons of hay. A dozen young Satsuma orange trees; lot of wild persimmons in position ready for grafting to Japanese varieties.

Can be bought with 2 cows and a heifer, 50 chickens 1-2 acre of sweet potatoes and feed enough on place. to feed stock through the winter, desirable location. Colony Rent,

There is enough land if properly handled, to raise all the forage necessary for enough cows to make a good living for a family and is practically in town. Colony rent, $10 80. Price, $ 00.00.
GASTON & SON, Fairhope

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Summer Travel Increasing

The summer travel to Fairhope is increasing. Mr. Patterson tallied out 115 taking steamers for Mobile a week ago last Sunday and 145 last Sunday. The Fairhope brought over 105 passengers Saturday eveninng and 133 Sunday morning, beside which the Lucile leaving Mobile at 5.30 p. m. left a good party at Fairhope and both the Lucile and Carney had several on Sunday morning; in addition to which there were several parties came over in launches and sail boats. From Saturday evening to Sunday evening there were probably at least 350 visitors to Fairhope.

The South is admirably fitted to be a livestock country. It has a splendid climate for that purpose. This means not only shelter but food. Plants will flourish so as to provide a bountiful ration all the great things for the South. It is man's part to make the most of what has been provided.
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Few Mosquitoes at Fairhope

According to the Unionist: "There are more mosquitoes and less breeze at Daphne than ever known before, but the nights are pleasant."

We have heard very little complaint in regard to mosquitoes at Fairhope this season and at the writer's home we are enjoying greater freedom from them than any previous season.

The fact is that in this vicinity, there are very few mosquitoes, practically none, except where bred in tin cans, eave spouts and other places about the immediate premises, which the householder, should prevent.

Bids Invited for School-House Foundation.

The School Board of Fairhope, Ala., is now open for bids for the erection of the new school-house

Bids will be received until noon, Thursday, July 29, '09, for the putting in the foundation.

Specifications may be seen at the office of Pres of the board. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. H. C. Oswalt,
Pres. of Board.

Acquaintance Renewed After Many Years.

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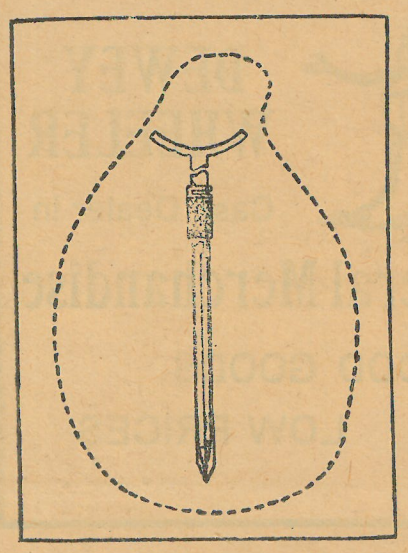
partisan cry for or against either.

The people can be easiest won to our principles without arousing their party prejudices, and when once committed to the right principles, their enactment into law will not be llong delayed.

INVENTION CURES HAMS QUICK

Long Device Consisting of Long, Pointed Tube Made of Segmental Sections and Blade Conducts Pickling Solution.

Formerly it required from 30 to 60 days to cure a ham. Now, through the genius of a Minnesota man, the work can be done in much less time and more effectively. The old way to cure a ham was to throw it into a vat of pickle and let it soak for a month or two until the pickle had thoroughly saturated the meat. The new pickling device consists of a long, pointed tube



No Need of Pickling Vat.

made of segmental sections and a blade closing around them to form a barrel, which conducts the pickling solution. A crosspiece at the handle prevents the tube from sinking too far into the meat. This tube is thrust into the center of the ham and the pickle flows to the inside, penetrating rapidly to all parts and effecting a cure much quicker and more effectively than in the old method. The tube is removed before the ham is consigned to the smokehouse.

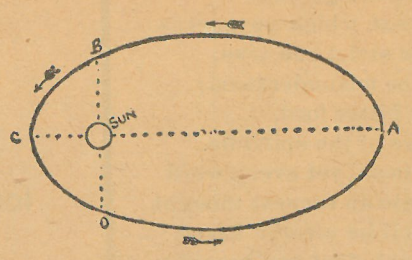
SUN AFFECTS EARTH'S ORBIT.

Centrifugal Tendency Prevents Planet from Being Drawn Directly Toward the Center of Attraction.

The earth's motion is the resultant of component forces. These forces are, first, gravitation, or the attraction of the sun for the earth; second, the momentum of the earth's mass, which imparts to the earth the centrifugal tendency or the tendency to fly off its orbit in the direction of the tangent. The attraction of the sun for the earth prevents the tangential motion, while the centrifugal tendency prevents the earth from being drawn directly toward the center of attraction.

In the illustration reproduced here, at the points B and D the sun's attraction is the same and the earth's velocity is the same, but the direction of the earth's movement is not the same at both points; that is to say, the centrifugal tendencies at these two points are different. At B, owing to the action of component forces which have brought it to that point, the resultant tendency is slightly towards the sun with an increasing velocity. At D, however, the direc-

tion of motion is slightly away from the sun, and therefore, since the component forces, namely, the attraction of the sun and the centrifugal motion at D are different from those at B,



The Earth's Orbit.

then the resultant motion is different. The difference in motion, then, is caused by the difference in centrifugal tendencies at the two points.

BITS OF SCIENCE.

A three-ton motor truck recently was hitched to a plow to open the streets of Springfield, Mass., for gas mains.

An electric device for bakers allows dough to rise to the limit, then sounds an alarm when it begins to fall.

The tonnage of the United States battleships and armored cruisers totals 607,241 to Great Britain's 1,395,-920.

Summer Temperature.

July 16 22 1909

July	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
16	78	88	82
17	81	90	82
18	82	84	82
19	84	82	80
20	80	93	81
21	76	88	82
22	79	92	82

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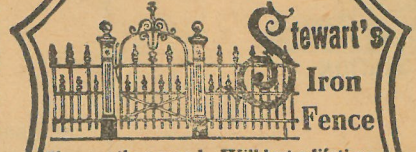
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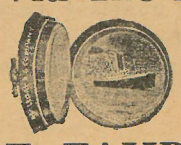
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Fairhope, to outward appearance, as other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the most casual observer, is yet unique among the towns of this or any land.

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,

BE OF GOOD CHEER

Be of good cheer, ye firm and dauntless few,
Whose struggle is to work an unloved good!
Ye shall be taunted by revilings rude—
Ye shall be scorned for that which ye pursue.
Yet faint not, but be ever strict and true;
Greatness must learn to be misunderstood;
And persecution is their bitter food,
Who the great promptings of the spirit do.
Though no one seems to hear, yet every word
That thou hast linked unto an earnest thought
Hath fiery wings and shall be clearly heard
When thy frail lips to silent dust are brought.
God's guidance keeps those noble thoughts, that chime
With the great harmony, beyond all time.

Wm. W. Story.

Mr. L. E. Page, was ordained as a minister of the gospel, at the Christian Church in Mobile, on Wednesday eveuing. Mrs. F. L. Brown went over to Mobile for the occasion returning Thursday evening. Mr. Page is a ready speaker and has long been an active worker in Church and Sunday-school work. He should make a successful minister.

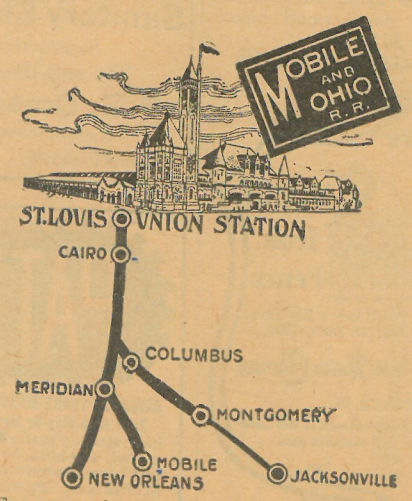
With characteristic energy when a course has been docided upon, Mr. Robac had hardly closed a deal with Mr. Wells for his property until he was at work upon it, and the frame is already up for a store front which he is adding to it. This is 24 x 28 one story. Will Manteuffel is in charge of the work, assisted by Roscoe Keller.

The "old reliable" Chinese sand pears are loaded with fruit again. There are better pears than this but it is good—especially for canning and preserving and shows a remarkable resistance to blight and other adverse conditions:

The second of the Steamer Fairhope's Thursday evening excursions from Mobile last evening was much more of a success than the first. She had about 130 last evening. A large number of the Fairhope young people joined in too, in making a lively time at Bayside Pavilion.

The Crape myrtle one of the most beautifu of our flowering shrubs, is now in full bloom and presents a flame of pink or scarlet bloom in many dooryards.

We have a good deal to learn on the new Typograph machine, but are gradually learning it.



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Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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Sees Partial Light

Several members of the Mobile Commercial Club at a recent meeting urged as a stimulus to the establishment of manufactories, exemption from taxation by the city and county for a period of years.

It's a first class idea and if a little of it is good why isn't more better? If factories are good things to build up the community and employ labor why tax them at all? To encourage them by exemption for a few years only to "soak" them later is hardly a square deal.

Fairhope would exempt them always. Some of these days she will have the transportation facilities that will make possible profitable manufacturing enterprises and then you may expect to see us grow.

Mobile business men believe it to be good business policy to exempt factories from taxation for a period of years, because they help to develop local resources and give employment to labor; and they think it business to do so, when they allow all the increased value given the land of Mobile by improved conditions, to be reaped by the owners of Mobile lots, without their giving anything in return (so far as they are merely landowners.)

How much better business is it for Fairhope to relieve its industries—big and little, from taxation—not by exempting them, for it does not have that power—but by taking the values which come to the land of the town because of increased development and population and using them so far as necessary to pay these taxes. In this way enterprise is not discouraged and the town gets the money—and Heaven knows all Southern towns—and Northern ones too—are chronically in need of funds.

They're Coming Back

(From Citronelle Call.)

R. R. Moyers has a card above his desk having the simple words quoted above. It reached him as an advertisement in some form we believe, but that is not the application he makes of it.

He has been in Citronelle nine or ten years. In all that time he has seen people come here from various sections of the country. Some have stayed, others have gone.

Years ago, when the now rich soils of the upper Mississippi valley were being settled many and many a man tried it for a period there and then went back to the rocks and hills of the Alleghany and New England states. He told his neighbors that those states would never be developed.

Later came Kansas and Nebraska. There are men now living in Citronelle who gave freely of their corn, oats, hay, clothing, and food and sent it to the settlers there who were in actual need. Thousands of them gave up the struggle and went back to the old conditions.

The story goes on to the far golden west. The pioneers who pierced the Rockies and journeyed on to California told a tale of woe of privation and hardship which the others could scarcely duplicate. Many of them returned, but more than one brave American citizen died when he attempted to re-cross the Great American Desert in his endeavor to once more set foot on what he termed "God's country."

In a degree the story of the settlement of the north and west has been duplicated in the south. The settler here is not a pioneer but a new comer to an old country. The conditions are so different that he can not always adapt himself to them. Try as he will, he can not always make a living out of the soil, notwithstanding the fact that with proper care and handling, the soil produces most abundantly.

It is not the purpose of this article to tell why some men fail. It is the purpose of it to call attention to the heading—"They're Coming Back." Some day the problems of the soil, the marketing etc., will all have been solved, and we will have cleared off an abundance of land which will be as a rich inheritance to the man who toils.

In that day it will take an artist's pen to paint a fairer picture than we may then behold in this section of the south.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

July 20, x x x I heard so much about Minard's Liniment for rheumatism, primarily, and for everything affecting the skin, that I determined to try it for our great annoyance in the south, "prickly heat,," and I sent 25 cents for a bottle and with it a note to the treasurer of the Company. This brought the large 25 cent bottle and twenty little sample bottles for me to distribute to friends. There are several left, and any one troubled with prickly heat and who will kindly report results, can have a bottle for the asking "as long as they last."

The treasurer says: "We shall be interested to know if Minard's Liniment proves of advantage for the prickly heat, and will appreciate your advising us of the results obtained.' So far I can truly say that it is the best application I have ever found for stopping the irritation of mosquito, and insect bites and stings generally. This is not the mosquito season, however, and we will report later. But for "prickly heat" the trouble is to apply it before you get the skin rubbed off! For then the effect upon your sensations is much like up-setting a hive of bees about you.

A valued correspondent writes from Jolie Ill.—"My dear Mrs. Howland, I've just been reading your 'Letters' in the Courier of June 20, and am reminded by your wet experience of the delightfully free rain walks you once wrote me about taking in your New Jersey home, the name of which I have forgotten. It must have peen a quarter of a century ago that we exchanged some pleasant letters about 'Papa's Own Girl,' and our 'social palace' dreams, which are still dreams' though I know you have made the bravest attempt to realize them. How I should love to hear all that story of Topolobampo of which Mr. Howland wrote me before the venture was made. But that too was long ago when I was living in a little village among the Susquehanna hills. x x x And is Fairhope beginning to fill your ideal? No. But it is a prophecy of what is yet to come. I too am a disciple of Henry George, and rejoice in this practical application of the Single Tax principle. I wonder if you would care to write me a familiar letter about the life there? I once made a little article out of the facts that I could gather concerning the Colony, though I had the disadvantage of not being an eye witness of the triumphs of the movement. I congratulate you on being able to 'lend a hand' to so grand an enterprise.

Hoping you will be able to recall some faint memory of your long-ago correspondent,

I am, Faithfully yours,
Annie L. Muzzey."

I am glad indeed to hear from Annie L. Muzzey; for, though I had forgotten all the material facts of our correspondence, the real, the spiritual part, remains: that is the adumbra of a luminous and pleasant experience. I am glad to find you again, and thrice glad to find that you are a disciple of Henry George. I cordially invite you to take all the interest you can in our Fairhope enterprise because it will never disappoint you, no, not even if we should fail to do a tithe of what we hope to do in a given time.

Those who have remained faithful to the cause; who if obliged to criticise our officers, have done so in gentle words and in a spirit of fraternity that could not be doubted, who have encouraged the despondent and rebuked the folly of the acrid fault-finders—these are glad they are here and would not change Fairhope and Fairhope's prospects for the future, for anything the world has to offer. To be sure, we cannot easily grow rich here; and while there is so much misery and destitutiom among the producers of wealth we should bend all our efforts to studying the cause of that misery and destitution and not to gratifying tastes for pure luxuries that others cannot acquire. x x x Again I thank you, dear friend for signaling me across the void of space and years, and hereby promise you that I will write you as soon as possible.

Next week I will give our readers extracts from an earnest letter from Colonel Daniels.

Every individual is a unit as well as a spoke in a wheel. If some individuals want to turn one way and others want to turn other ways how is the wheel going to move? Think o your community as a wheel and turn with it—forward, not backward. If the wheel is now turning backward, face about all your spokes and change the direction. —Exchange.

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Providence Single Taxers Go into Politics

The Providence Rhode Island Single Tax Club has "gone into politics."

A marked copy of "The Evening Tribune" which has reached us, thus quotes from a state ment of the club:

"This entry of the club into local politics is in accordance with its views as expressed in its prospectus.

"The club's intention is to record at the ballot box the number of citizens who are strongly in favor of the taxation of land alone as a means of raising the city's revenue.

"A single candidate, for an office for which every voter can vote, endorsing a platform, which in its entirety contains but three words," "Tax Land Alone," is as the club believes, the best and only way to accomplish this object."

The Courier, it is hardly necessary to say, sympathizes with the spirit animating these Rhode Island brethren, but it has a doubt of their method being the best one to further the cause to which they are devoted.

Judging by results elsewhere where a Single Tax ticket has been placed in the field, the vote for their candidates will not at all serve to "record the number of citizens strongly in favor of the taxation of land alone."

It is hardly to be presumed that the club has any hope of electing its ticket. Under the circumstances it is highly probable that even the larger part of those in sympathy with the taxation of land values, and who would vote first, last and always, for candidates pledged to it if there were reasonable hope of their election, will not vote the club's ticket, but will exercise their preference among those whom there is hope of electing.

The result will be if the vote is taken by the public as being what the club expects it to be, a "record of those favoring the Single Tax," to belittle the movement. It may also tend to an estrangement between the supporters of the club's ticket and those to whom the club would in effect, deny the right to be recorded as "strongly in favor of the taxation of land alone."

This question of political action seems always one to vex and divide the advocates of reform. On the one hand are those who would make a platform and vote for candidates pledged to its principles, no matter how hopeless the prospect of electing them. On the other, are those who claim just as much devotion to the principles, but while in a hopeless minority would continue to make their choice between those candidates and policies upon which the mass of the people divide, and of which one faction or the other is sure to win, while endeavoring in every reasonable way to make new converts to the principles.

There is certainly room for honest differences of opinion along this line. The greatest damage that can result is bad feeling between those who choose the differing courses. We hope Single Taxers in Providence will avoid this if possible.

Town Ordinances Criticised

We regret to criticise the Town Council, and have found little occasion to do so but two ordinances passed at the last meeting seem to us subject to criticism.

Some regulations with regard to building in the town seem desirable and the Town Council has long had the matter under consideration, yet the building ordinance adopted on Monday evening and published in this issue seems to us open to serious criticism.

Why should one building on a block on which other buildings are already erected, be required to observe an "average" distance from the street line? It would require one building between two houses already built on a common line, but in a block where other houses were set further back, to build back from the line of the adjacent houses to the "average" distance of all the houses in the block, which would be greatly to his disadvantage.

Then with regard to a building erected on a corner, the rule would only apply to the street upon which it fronted; another rule applying as to its "side" street. But the "side" street to one building may be "front" street to others.

For practical instances take the block in which the editor of this paper lives. The first six buildings from the east are practically on a line, and about 50 feet back from the street, but Mr. Bellangee's house on the west end of the block is set much farther back. The ordinance would not permit a new builder, to build upon the line of the half dozen buildings already built in a line, but to set back from the line to "average" with the one house set much farther back On the other hand should Mr Bellangee desire to build another house between his present house and Magnolia Ave., (for which there is room) and front it on Bay View Avenue, Magnolia Avenue would be a "side" street to him and he would be privileged to build out within fifteen feet of it, which would be greatly to the disadvantage of all the other buildings on the block.

Again, the rule of "average" distances and fifteen feet from "side" streets, applies in the business section as well. It would forbid one wanting to put up a good business building on the corner of Fairhope Ave., and Section streets (for which there is room between Mr. Ruge's building and the corner) to build nearer than 15 ft. to Section St., which would not leave room enough for a building, while on the opposite corner the Brown Block is flush with the street and the buildings on other corners are nearer than 15 feet to Section street.

Again, one building a store building, say between Mr. Berglin's building and the building now occupied by Mr. Robac, could not build flush with the street (which ought to be allowed in the business section) or even in a line with those two buildings, but to comply with the ordinance would have to "average" with those buildings and with Mrs. Hunnel's residence and the Home Telephone building, one of which is thirty feet and the other forty feet back from the street.

The ordinance is impracticable of fair and uniform application.

Another ordinance seeks to correct a recognized nuisance at the pier head at boat-time, but in endeavoring to correct it unnecessarily restricts bathers and will very certainly cause a lot of well intentioned people, guilty of no infringement of the rights of other people, to be put in the position of violators of the law and subject to arrest and punishment. We refer to the provision that no person shall bathe from the wharf within a half hour of the arrival and departure of boats.

As the mail boat arrives in the evening about 4:30 this would put a ban on bathing from the pier head from about 4 o'clock to 5:30 or 5:45 (possibly later according to time of arrival of the boat from the upper shore) and, as the late boat gets in about 7, would cut out another hour, from 6-30 to 7:30, leaving only about 45 minutes when it was lawful for one to bathe from the pier head.

On Thursday and Saturday evenings, when the Fairhope goes back to Mobile at six, it would cut out even this 45 minutes, making the prohibition effective from 4 o'clock to 7:30. And all because a few callow and impolite youths, who could easily have been dealt with otherwise, have paraded themselves in their bathing suits about the gang plank as passengers were coming from the boat, or acted offensively toward a few who come to the pier in small boats and land at the platform used by bathers.

The ordinance would entirely cut out the bathing privilege at the pier head from those who come over on the round trip of the Fairhope on Thursday and Saturday evenings, especially for the purpose of enjoying the water.

Organic Education

Organic education has set itself the task of studying the order of the unfolding of the powers of the child and providing activities in harmony with that order.

Organic education believes in obedience—in fact, insists upon prompt unfailing obedience, but it believes that if the tasks are in harmony with the nature of the child, the obedience will be a glad, joyful expression of the child's own will.

One great cause of the common lack of initiative and purposefulness in adults, is the fact, that they in the growing years, acted under the will of others exclusively, which weakened the will and prevented the development of individuality. When the adult life is reached and the directing will of parent and teacher is removed, the individual finds himself unable to direct himself, and so becomes a creature of caprice, with no purpose in life and no ability for persistent effort.

All control must lead to self control, all direction to self direction.

Voluntary effort is secured, true will power is developed when the individual endures hardship, or performs disagreeable or difficult tasks for the sake of attaining an end which to him seems most desirable.

The more the child is allowed to find and solve his own problems, the more he is allowed to see the desirability of the end and the greater his effort to attain the end which to him is desirable, the greater will be the development of individuality, the stronger and more complete the true growth. M. L. J.

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Woman's National Single Tax League.

Eightn Annual Conference at Arden. Delaware, July Third, Fourth and Fifth

Reported for Courier by Jennie A. Rogers.

The eighth annual Conference of the Woman's National Single Tax League was held in Arden Deleware, July 3rd, 4th and 5th 1909 Philadelphia dnd Wilmington.

Arden is situated on the highest land in Delaware, about ten minutes walk from the station of Harvey, on the B. & O. R. R. between

There are about forty families in this colony and though they are of various political faiths it is known as a Single Tax colony, because its land is not sold, but leased to those who wish to use its desirable locations.

One of the interesting features of this colony is its "Field Theatre," whose roof is the vaulted blue of the sky, whose carpet is the green grass, and whose stage settings are real trees, rocks and shrubs; some planted by nature; others by Frank Stephens and all brought into harmonious relation by his artistic hand. In this theatre the first meeting of the Conference was called to order by the president Mrs. Minnie Rogers Ryan at 3.30 p. m. Saturday, July 3rd. The minutes of the last Conference were read by the secretary Mrs. Kate E. Freeman; and reports were made by Officers and delegates of the work being done in various localities. Committees were appointed and an informal discussion followed.

In the evening the Arden colony entertained and delighted the delegates with a unique performance of Julius Caesar in the "Field Theatre," which began about sundown. The evening was ended with a dance at the club house. Sunday morning the delegates spent in exploring the fields and forests of Arden whose beauty is increased by a picturesque little stream.

The second meeting of the conference was held Sunday afternoon when a large audience gathered in the "Field Theatre."

Mr. Shandrew of the colony, made the address of welcome and Mrs. Ferguson of Washigton D. C. responded on behalf of the League. Speeches were made by Mr. Du Bois of Bayonne N. J.; Mrs. E. M. Frye of New York City; Mrs. Jennie L. Monroe and Mr. McKenzie, of Washington D. C. and Miss Schetter of Orange, N. J. Most of the speakers dealt with the ethical side of the Single Tax.

A camp fire in the woods is a regular Sunday evening program at Arden and the visitors gladly joined in telling stories and singing songs around a pile of crackling logs. Monday morning the meeting was held in the Club house and devoted to business and the election of officers which resulted in the followingbeing elected.

President Miss Charlotte O. Schetter of Orange, N. J..

1st Vice President, Mrs. Jennie L. Monroe of Washingtton, D. C.

2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. Amelia E. Du Bois of Bayonne, N. J.

3rd Vice President Miss Florence Garvin of Providence R. I.

4th Vice Pres., Dr. Mary D. Hussey of Orange N. J.

5th Vice President Mrs. Kate Freeman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rec. Secretary Mrs. Mc Kenzie, of Washington, D. C.

Cor. Secretary Mrs. Minnie Rogers Ryan, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Treasurer Mrs. E. M. Frye, New York City.

Ex. Board, Miss Amy M. Hicks. New York City, and Mrs. Margaret Hughan, Brooklyn N. Y.

The League voted to donate $25 a year for five years to the Joseph Fels Fund and passed resolutions protesting against the tariff bills now before Congress; protesting against the "Third Degree" method of Police extorting confessions from accused persons; favoring Woman's Suffrage and calling, the attention of the Tuberculosis Society to the fact, that as the chief cause of this dread disease is the lack of fresh air and sunshine, the remedy lies in securing these things for our people through better housing conditions, which can be brought about by the Single Tax as that would take the tax from improvements and stop speculation in land by making it unprofitable to hold land out of use.

Monday afternoon the business of the Conference was finished and several speeches made. A very interesting one was by Miss Grace Colbron of New York City who read some extracts from Hamptons Magazine for June and showed how our great monopolists are robbing the childre of the future by buying up the great water powers of the country because they believe they will some day be needed to generate light and heat.

Most of the delegates left Arden Monday evening, but several remained to spend their vacation in this delightful spot.

"Honestly" Perhaps But Not Equitably

Editor Courier.

In the news columns of one of our local papers is an account of the life, early struggles, saving habits, and ultimate triumph over poverty, of the veteran "economic philanthropist" Dr. D. K. Pearson.

"I am a thrifty and frugal man, I have labored nearly ninety year to make money, and I have made it and honestly too" is the way he sums up his life's work of accumulating millions of dollars, which he has given away, chiefly to educational institutions. In the latter part of the account of this man's life the paper says "It is not surprising that by 1870 Dr. Pearson had accumulated a large fortune in cash, not to speak of choice land investments and "ground-floor" stocks of Chicago street railway properties and banks. With a record of more than a million acres of farm lands sold by him, he next turned to Michigan pine lands, and there, as in everything he touched, he made money."

Does his statement "I have made it and honestly too" agree with the account of his dealings in the natural opportunities of nature? Suppose the Doctor had remained a useful member of society by healing the wounds and other ailments of his neighbors, would he not have received a fair return for his labor? And, would it not have made him rich in grateful and fond remembrance? But he preferred to become an instrument of extortion in "holding up" his fellow-beings from using the great gifts of a bountiful Creator.

Most of the numerous dollars that Dr. Pearson acquired, were dollars gained by standing in the way of and forestalling the hands of labor, as his black-mailing price had to be paid before the million acres of farm land, or the pine lands of Michigan could be used in fact, as far as the rest of humanity was concerned these lands might as well never have existed

What moral right has anyone to traffic in the source of all wealth? We would have little respect or consideration for a troup of Bedduin Arabs, who for gain, would surround the life giving oasis in the desert, and would demand toll from every thirsty traveler; if this is so, then why do we laud and encourage the acts of our own "Bedouins," that set up their toll gates on all the valuable portions, not of a desert, but of a kind bountiful land, from which all things needed for the physical comfort of man may be obtained, if he can gain access thereto.

Let us stop railing at the Trusts and Capital, and turn our attention to the cause that allows either Capital or the Trusts, the opportunity to exploit and oppress.

Yours respectfully,
Oliver McKnight.

A Card From Mrs. Johnson

Editor Courier: In your issue of July 9 you mentioned Mr. Baker's attitude toward Organic Education Please allow me to state that while his attitude may or may not be friendly, the publication of that entirely unwarranted

During my stay at Daphne Mr. Baker listened courteously and with evident interest to what explanations I could give, but he is in no wise committed to its program and certainly is not ready at this stage of the experiment to commit himself to an opinion.

While a Normal School is eminently the place for experimentation along the line of improved methods, yet I am confident that Mr. Baker is in no sense ready to undertake such a step and the publication of such sentiment is very premature to say the least.

As my name was mentioned in connection with the matter I feel bound in justice to all concerned to make this statement.

Very truly yours,
Marietta L. Johnson.

Mr. O. Tuveson has applied for a lot on Fairhope avenue east of the bridge, and if granted him (which it will be) will build upon it for a home. The Tuveson family were among the very first party of Colonists to arrive in Baldwin county for the founding of Fairhope but, located upon land which they purchased in section 28, where they have since lived.

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Mr. S. F. Hunnel, of Pennsylvania who, with his wife and sister-in-law spent last winter with us, says they like to "keep in touch" with us and "enjoy the paper very much." They would like to interest some of their friends there and sent addresses to which they wished copies of booklet and Courier sent.

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Alex Melville left us on last Satday morning after a stay of two days, greatly pleased with Fairhope and with very much of an inclination to return in the fall to make his home with us. He is a Single Taxer of the first water and we hope he will come to help us hold up our hands.

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R. J. Williamson, of Brooklyn, pleasantly remembered for his visit last winter, renewing his subscription, expresses his best wish es for the prosperity of the colony and says he hopes to visit us again next winter.

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Rudolph Reller, of Brooklyn, has sold his business and after visiting friends in Indianapolis will come to Fairhope and perhaps locate here.

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Mr. Joe Billy, of North Dakota, subscribes for the Courier and says he expects to move to Fairhope with his family in October.

The Alabama legislature convened in special session on the 27th. A large number of subjects for consideration were named by the governor in his call among the of prohibition and railway legislation.

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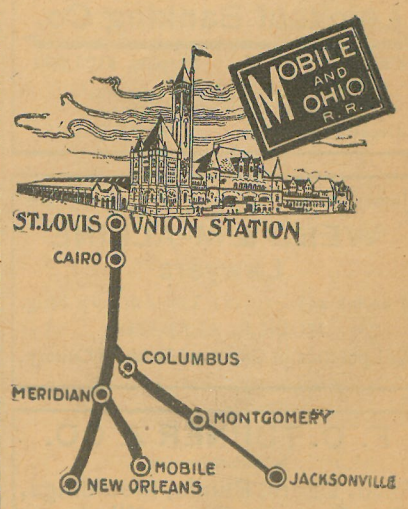
A jolly party of "home-folks" who took advantage of the excursion of the steamer Fairhope on last evening to visit Mobile, included Messrs. and Mesdames L. E. Ames, F. L. Brown, A. H. Mershon, J. H. Williams, W. E. Sweet, E. B. Gaston; Mrs. C. L. Mershon, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. M. L. Johnson and Clifford, Mrs. Wright, and Ralph Brown. Supper was taken along and eaten on the boat. We promised not to tell all the giddy doings of "the bunch." They had a good time—would have had a better time if it hadn't rained. At Mobile Misses Grace Wiliams and Vera Mershon joined the party. Mr. and Mrs. Page of the Cozy Corner were called on and a pleasant visit had with them. These Thursday evening trips of the Fairhope afford fine opportunity for spending an evening in the city and the ride is a delightful one—only getting home at 1.30 a. m. is a little late for "hard-working "old folks".

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Messrs. Cazalas and Leeper, building contractors, of Mobile, were over Wednesday evening to figure on the school-house job.

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The corn crop in this vicinity is particularly good this year. There are many fine fields which will run forty bushels to the acre, and upwards, some claiming 75 or 80 bushels to the acre. There is no doubt but that this is a good corn country.



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Colony Council Proceedings

Colony Council met in special session on Thursday evening, July 22, to consider matter of application for right of way across Colony land for proposed trolley line.

All members of Council present. In absence of President Brown, G. W. Wood elected chairman pro tem.

Mr. Pilcher was present and matter of right of way for trolley line was discussed by him and Council but on account of absence of Mr. Brown, no action was taken.

Following transfers of land approved:

Mrs. A. K. Trenholme to Mrs. Ila W. Coutant, lot 2, blk. 5, div. 1, and A. K. Trenholme to same, west 14 1-2 ft. lot 3, blk. 5, div. 1.

Levi B. Wells to Alphonse Robac west 100 ft, of lot 3, blk 7, div. 1.

Wm. Stimpson to Mrs. M. E. Bemis, south 132 ft. of Steenstra tract less Bancroft street, or lot 5, and west 21 ft. of lot 6, blk. 12, div. 4.

A. K. Trenholme presented his resignation as Supt. of Industries on account of his early departure from Fairhope. The resignation was on motion accepted with "sincere regret and with appreciation of his valued services in the past." Mr. Trenholme expressed his regret at severing the pleasant relations he had sustained with the officers of the Colony and was assured by members of the Council in return of their appreciation of his services and regret that he was not to be longer associated with them.

Bill of Mr. Trenholme for $1 for services in making plat, allowed J. F. Johnson, appraiser in behalf of Corporation of improvements on land to be taken for schoolhouse site reported progress. No action taken. Adjourned. All action by unanimous vote.

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Town Ordinances

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Alabama, as follows:

From and after the first day of August 1909, no building shall be erected within the Corporate limits of the Town of Fairhope, except in accordance with the following provisions and restrictions:

FIRST: In any block in which other buildings are now in existence, no building shall be erected nearer to the street upon which it is to front than the average distance from said street of the buildings already erected in said block.

SECOND: In blocks where there are no buildings, none shall be erected nearer than thirty feet to the sidewalk, except buildings erected for mercantile purposes.

THIRD: All flues shall be built of brick or cement only.

FOURTH: The word "block" as used in this ordinance shall be construed to mean any one of the four sides of a square and shall include only that part of a square facing on one street, and where a building is situated on a corner, for the purpose of this ordinance it shall be considered only as in the block towards which it faces, provided, however, that the side of no corner building shall be nearer than fifteen feet to the side street.

FIFTH: Any person buildingany structure or causing same to be built in a manner not in compliance with this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than Ten or more Than One Hundred Dollars, and any person who builds any structure or causes same to be built in a manner not in compliance with the requirements of the foregoing ordinance, shall remove the same within ten days after being notified by the Marshal to do so; and for each day thereafter that he neglects or refuses to so remove said building he shall be guilty of a separate offense.

SIXTH: The Mayor shall appoint a standing committee to consist of three members of the Council whose duty shall be to investigate all complaints in regard to violations of this ordinance and report all violations of the same to the mayor.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council at a regular meeting of the Council held July 26, 1909.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor
P. Y. ALBRIGHT, Clerk

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Fairhope, Alabama, as follows:

That it shall be unlawful for any person to loiter or loaf on the public wharf at Fairhope, Alabama, while dressed in a bathing suit, or while otherwise scantily clad; and that it shall be unlawful for any person to bathe from the wharf within a half hour of the arrival and departure of boats. Any person violating this ordinance, upon conviction shall be fined not less than $1.00 nor more than $10.00.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council at a reglar meeting of the Council held July 26 1909.

H. S. GREENO, Mayor
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Non-resident's Notice.

State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation
Vs.
F. J. Beesley
Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, and state, on the 21st. day of July, 1909, at Fairhope Ala., and returnable before me on the 10th. day of August 1909 at Fairhope Alabama,, against the estate of the said F. J. Beesley, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $10.65 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by E. D. Brann, constable for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said F. J. Beesley,, towit; the one story shed-roof building situated on lot 14, blk. 1, div. 3, of the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Fairhope, Ala., as per plat or plan of lots on file in their office in Fairhope, Ala. and whereas it appears that the said F. J. Beesley is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and his residence unknown, now therefore the said F. J. Beesley is hereby notified of said attachment and levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 21st day of July 1909.

P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace for Baldwin Co., Ala.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Baldwin County Fair Association willl be held in the Circuit Court room at Bay Minette, Ala., on Wednesday, August 4th. 1909 at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing officers and for other business.

All stockholders are hereby notified to be prsent or to mail proxies in writing to the Secretary.

G. W. Burns, President
Thos. W. Gilmer, secretary

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Arbitration Society Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Arbitration Society will be held at the school-house on Tuesday evening, August 3rd.

There should be a full attendance as an amendent to the constitution will be presented for consideration.

E. B. GASTON AND SON
SALES AND RENTAL AGENTS
Improvements upon Fairhope Single Tax Corporation Lands a Specialty.
A FEW IMPROVED OUTLYING PROPERTIES
If you have properties to rent or sell, list them with us. If you want to buy a town or country home, or rent for a season, communicate with us. List of properties now in preparation.

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HIVES OF HUMANITY

SOME DENSELY POPULATED PORTIONS OF THE EARTH.

China, England and the United States Each Have a Strip of Territory Wherein the People Are Closely Packed.

That the population of Berlin declined 4,419 in 1908 is not a surprising result of financial depression.

Although the German empire has 64,000,000 people in an area much smaller than Texas, no part of it is very densely peopled. The new "Greater Berlin," which is planned on an area more than twice New York's, will not contain so many people. The center of densest population in Germany is not Berlin but Crefeld, but the industrial region of Rhenish Prussia and Westphalia does not contain more than 6,000,000 people.

Belgium, with more than 7,000,000 people in an area less than Maryland's, is considered an example of extreme density. She feeds 625 people to the square mile by the aid of vast manufacturing industries. Java, with 29,000,000 people in a space less than Iowa, supports 574 to the square mile by agriculture alone. The inhabited portion of Egypt supports by agriculture nearly 1,000 to the square mile.

The Chinese province of Kangsu is supposed to support 35,000,000 people in the area of Illinois, but there is no exact census. Still, the portion of the province running from Shanghai to Nanking along the railroad, the Grand canal and the Yangtsekiang river, an area like New Jersey's, is one of the three great hives of humanity known to the world.

The other two are English and American. A strip of 220 miles by 40 connecting London and the coast north of Liverpool contains in less than New Hampshire's area more than 16,000,000 people, nearly as many as Brazil or Spain. In the United States a strip 450 miles by 40 whose central line connects Boston and Washington contains nearly 15,000,000 people in a space rather more than a third that of New York state.

This little strip of American soil includes Providence and the Rhode Island valley towns, Hartford, New Haven and the Connecticut manufacturing centers, New York, Newark, Jersey City, Trenton, Philadelphia and Baltimore. It has many ports and is growing faster than any other important population center of the world toward undoubted primacy.

HIS KINDLY HEART

CHAMPION SENSITIVE MAN WAS THIS VERMONT CITIZEN.

His Mantle of Kindness Even Spread Over That Pestilential Enemy of the Human Race, the Blood-thirsty Mosquito.

"I think the most sensitive man I ever knew," said Col. Calliper, "was an old friend of mine named Jonathan Saglow, who lived at one time in Storkville Center, Vt. He couldn't bear to see pain inflicted on man or beast, and any sort of cruelty filled him with great indignation.

"On Mr. Saglow's place there was a little bit of swamp land which he had never drained and which furnished a breeding place for what I suppose were the greatest and fiercest mosquitoes that ever grew, but Saglow had no screens on his porch or windows. He did have some once on his porch but he took them down the next day after he put them up.

"People hesitated to call on the Saglows in summer on account of those mosquitoes. There were mosquitoes, sure enough, elsewhere in Storkville Center than around where they lived, but none quite so big and ferocious as those that grew in Saglow's swamp.

"Then one day, to Storkville Centre's great astonishment, Mr. Saglow was seen putting up screens around his front porch; the next day, to its still greater astonishment, he was seen taking them down, and Mr. Saglow wasn't a man that everybody could run up to to ask the whys and wherefores of anything he'd done, but one day in a friendly mood he told me why he had taken down the screens the very day after he had put them up.

"He admitted freely that that one night they had had on the porch with the screens up had been most comfortable for them all; that to sit there and not be bored into by those giant mosquitoes had been an experience that they had all greatly enjoyed; but what he saw in the morning when he came to look the screens over by daylight prompted him to take them down immediately.

"Sticking through these screens, all over, all around, everywhere, he saw mosquitoes' broken off beaks—you can judge what sized beaks they were when I tell you that those screens were not very fine meshed—big beaks which mosquitoes had thrust through the netting in their efforts to get at the people inside, and which had become wedged there and been broken off when the mosquitoes had beaten up against those screens and how many had stuck their beaks through and still been able to get them out again nobody could know, but here were 94 broken off beaks still sticking through the meshes of the netting.

"Now most people, you know, would have found a sort of savage joy in the contemplation of those broken off spears and in the thought that so many giant pests had thus been made innocuous; but not so with Jonathan Saglow.

"When he saw those 94 broken off beaks the first thought that came to him was of the poor wounded and mained mosquitoes wandering beakless around the world deprived of their only means of sustenance; and straightway he tore down the screens so that others might not by them be made likewise to suffer; for not even upon the sufferings of mosquitoes could he dwell with serenity, this most sensitive man I ever knew."

Drinking Cups of the Ancients.

Silver cups made by such famous workmen as Myron, Myos and Mentor, were preferred to gold cups. They were beautifully engraved and of workmanship which has never been equaled. When gold cups were enriched with precious stones, they sometimes became peers of the engraved silver vessels.

Of all sizes, shapes and designs were these drinking cups, and their value was measured more by their form and design than the material of which they were made. Some had two handles, some only one and some none at all. They were large and small, low and tall, narrow and oblong. They were purely the product of the varying fancy of that prodigious age, which seemed to scorn uniformity.

The early Greeks and Romans drank hot water from cups, as we now drink coffee and tea, these beverages being unknown to them. Coffee originated with the Assyrians, and tea was first used by the Chinese at a very early age.—National Food Magazine.

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Personal and Local

Miss Josephine Cady is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McAtee.

$1.00 waists at Calls.

WANTED: Plain Sewing,
Mrs. Mathison.

Miss Ida May Weiss is visiting Miss Gladys Lowell here.

Fine fresh line of cigars and high grade bulk candy at the
Fairhope Pharmacy

Mr. Robac's new building is going right up.

Arrow Root Biscuits are fine, 10 cents per package.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Ed. Roberts is ill with a light attack of fever.

Removal sale all next week at Robacs. Five per cent off on all goods.

Dr. Borst was in town on Tuesday and called at the Courier office.

Dutch Jewelery at Calls.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gabel on Saturday night.

J. J. McAtee spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting his wife at the Dolive House.

Fall and winter hats and caps. Buy before the size is sold to the other fellow. Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyons' son, who has had a spell of typhoid fever in Mobile, is here with them recuperating.

Miss Edith Weaver left on Wednesday morning for Chicago, for a short visit and will then go to visit relatives in Montana.

Our's is the best place in the city for you to buy your soda-water, candy, cigars, stationery, etc.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

A large crowd was in attendance at the dance in the pavilion Thursday evening, in spite of rainy weather.

Fresh Fancy Groceries is what we handle, we don't trouble ourselves with cheap "fire-sale" goods
Mershon Merch. Co.

Hollister Baldwin returned Wednesday evening from a seven days camp with his company of Militia at Montgomery.

Mrs. C. K. Brown is very poorly. She seems to have lost all desire to live since the death of her husband.

Why suffer with the hot sun, you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of $1.25.
Mershon Merch. Co.

A fine son was born to Mr. and and Mrs. F. G. Danenhower, Thursday. They now have four children, two boys and two girls.

Mrs. Roberts, Miss Celina Roberts, Miss Annie Pearson and Walter and Camilla Roberts, all spent the week at Bon Secour visiting relatives.

Walline in five pound packages for fifty cents. This is the best quality of Alabastine paint we know of.
Mershon Merch. Co.

W. T. Joyce was home to visit his family over Sunday. He reports business good with him at Jackson. Clayton Baldwin is there assisting him.

The Fairhope as usual, had a big passenger list last Monday morning and left only two passengers on the wharf for the later boat one of whom missed the Fairhope and the other was going to Daphne.

We neglected to report in last issue the bond election of July 19th, which resulted in favor of the bond issue by a vote of 19 to 10. The former election was invalidated by a defect in the notice. The bonds are now being prepared.

Ice would probably have been made in the new ice plant today had it not been for a lacking part of the machinery which had to be ordered from Chicago. It is expected every day and before another issue the plant will no doubt be in operation.

Fairhope has it's first home owned automobile. Dr. C. L. Mershon our popular and enterprising physician has it and he certainly needs it. It is a Holsman runabout of the high-wheeled, solid tired pattern to travel over the rough country roads. The Doctor has many long and hard trips to take to care for his patients, and the auto will save him much time and horse-flesh.

Messrs. A. O. Berglin and Curt Anacker concluded arrangements this week whereby they will be associated in business under the name of the "Fairhope Ice & Creamery Co." Mr Anacker resides on a farm about five miles east of Fairhope (the post-office) and will continue to make his home there for the present, though if favorable opportunity offers to sell he will probably move into town in the near future.

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A Good Citizen Lost.

A. R. Howarth left on Saturday morning for his late home in England. He had not expected to go quite so soon, but a slight illness compelledhim to lay off from ness compelled him to lay off from his work and he thought he might as well be on the way. His father's health is very poor and he has been very anxious to have him come. Mr. Howarth has been one of our good citizens and had none but friends, all of whom were very sorry to see him leave and hope to see him back. As to this he would neither say he would or wouldn't come back. On the evening before he left his fellow Christian Endeavorers gave a farewell social to him to evidence their appreciation. This was at Dr. Mershon's. Ice cream and cake were served. He sailed from New York on the Lusitania on Wednesday.

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Now Mr. Bellangee is down with it. The other morning he handed the following to Wheeler.

If you do not like this jingle I do
not care a shingle.
Though I'm writing for your welfare sure enough;
For if you're needing something,
just to keep your pulse a thumping
Surely Wheeler's is the place to
buy the stuff.

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Some New Offers.

SMALL FARM CLOSE IN

Thirteen acre farm (Colony leasehold) within one and a quarter miles of postoffice. All good land 8 acres in cultivation, 5 acres under separate fence but practically cleared. House of four rooms; new barn 20 x 32, with room for ten tons of hay. A dozen young Satsuma orange trees; lot of wild persimmons in position ready for grafting to Japanese varieties.

Can be bought with 2 cows and a heifer, 50 chickens 1-2 acre of sweet potatoes and feed enough on place. to feed stock through the winter,

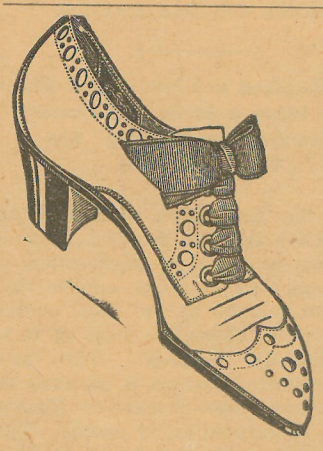
There is enough land if properly handled, to raise all the forage necessary for enough cows to make a good living for a family and is practically in town. Colony rent, $10.80. Price, $700.00.
GASTON & SON, Fairhope

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TEN ACRE PLACE CLOSE IN.

Good house and out-buildings, very large cistern, 90 ft. well, with good pump, 8 pear trees, 40 fig trees, 2 bearing peach trees; ten acres of excellent ground less than a mile from post-ofice. First class place for dairying, poultry, truck farming or suburban home. Colony rent on land only $12.00 Price $600.00. GASTON & SON.

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Business Building For Rent

From September 15 the building once occupied by Mr. Robac as store and residence, will be for rent. This building is well adapted for a restaurant with rooms for living or rent in connection or for a store with residence above. It is a two-story building with large room and two other rooms below, and five rooms on 2nd. floor It has city water on both floors and is piped for gas throughout and connected with acetylene gas plant of A. H. Mershon. Rent only $17.50 a month.
FAIRHOPE IMP. CO.

DARING BURGLAR DONE FOR.

Cleptograph Takes His Picture While He Has Been Busy, Leaving Likeness for Police to Work On.

The day of the blithesome burglar who parodied the old song with his:

"He who burgles and gets away
May live to burgle another day,"

is gone and done for. The burglar no longer is safe simply because he happens to "make a clean getaway" after blowing open a safe and transferring the contents to his spacious pockets. He is in the same precarious position as any "wanted" criminal whose photograph is in the rogue's gallery. For while he has been burg-



A Cleptograph.

ling a camera has been clicking in the wall before him, and when he goes away he leaves behind a first class likeness for the police to use in tracing him to his doom.

The "cleptograph" is the name of the machine that does the trick. It is something new in protection against burglars. It does not scald him with boiling water the moment he steps upon a board before a safe, nor electrocute him. It simply is a camera concealed in the wall in such a way as to command the object which might attract the modern Bill Sykes, and which is so arranged that no one can enter the room without disturbing the system of electric wires by which its mechanism is put in operation. These wires, when disturbed, instantly cause the camera to turn and focus itself upon the point of disturbance. Another disturbance, and a flashlight explodes and the intruder's likeness is caught on a photographic plate just as neatly as if an operator were directing the camera's work. Upon discovery of the burglary the plate is taken out and developed, the photograph given to the police, by whom it is published in bulletins and sent broadcast over the country with the request to arrest and detain the picture's orginal, with an account of the crime for which he is wanted.

The device is the invention of an Italian whose efforts in putting the camera to novel and unheard of uses have met with remarkable success. Photographing wild game with a set camera and flashlight long has been common among outdoor photographers, and the cleptograph is only the same idea applied to the photographing of an enemy of society.

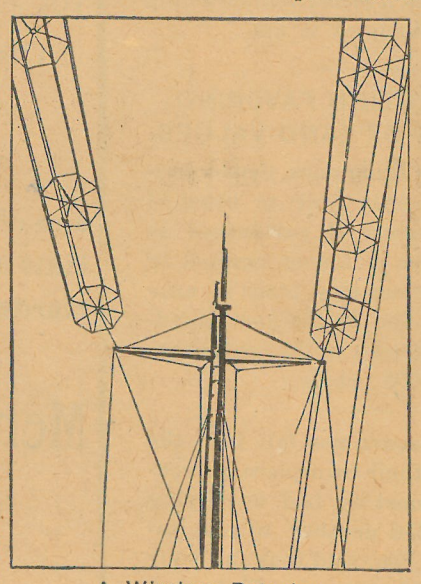
Successful Riveting of China.

Riveting china is an extremely difficult and delicate operation and one that requires considerable skill and experience if it is to be performed successfully. In drilling the holes the safest plan is to immerse the china completely in water, so as to avoid fracturing it. No chemical is used to eat away the glaze; a good sharp drill with a fine point is all that is needed. For riveting, white metal wire, which may be had from any large metal dealer, is used. This wire is comparatively soft and can be rivetted without hammering it too heavily. All the tools required are a drill, a hammer, a supply of wire and a pair of cuting pliers.

WIRELESS AIDS SIGNAL CORPS

Installation on Board Big Battleships Allows Man with Flag to Take Things Easy.

Wireless telegraphy on warships has relieved the signal corps of much



A Wireless Detector.

unpleasant labor, especially in bad weather. The signalman formerly was compelled to take a chilly position in order to send the commander's messages to a sister warship, but since the installation of the wireless system he may sit back in his cabin and communicate directly and in the greatest comfort.

John Bull and the other great captains of the navy have adopted the system.

Summer Temperature.

Jnly 23 29 1909

July	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
23	81	90	82
24	80	91	82
25	75	84	78
26	78	86	77
27	80	90	77
28	75	79	80
29	79	80	79

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NOTARY PUBLIC
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FAIRHOPE, ALABAMA

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS AT BATTLES, AUGUST THIRD.

On August 3rd, next Tuesday, the School Improvement Committee of Battles will give an entertainment at the Captain Curran home for the Benefit of the Battles school. The Irma will stop at Fairhope on her regular down trip and again at 6:30 p. m. and carry passengers from Fairhope free, returning at 10 o'clock p. m. This generosity of Captain Welch is greatly appreciated and a large attendance of the Fairhope friends will be alike appreciated by the people of Battles.

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H. M. Ewald left on Monday for Birmingham, where he has 3 or 4 months' work for a decorating firm for which he worked in Mobile.

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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,

More Publicity of the Right Kind

The Des Moines Register and Leader, of Sunday morning July 11, contained a full page write-up of Fairhope, by J. Bellangee; a "Visitor's View of the Colony" (name not given, extends over on to another page. There are views of the water front, school building, a bathing scene, the Steamer Fairhope, Magnolia avenue, the Fairhope Hotel and Library and portraits of Mayor Greeno, Mr. Bellangee and Mr. Gaston. The pictures are unusually good for newspaper work and of course, Mr. Bellangee's work is well done. Mr. W. B. Keffer, our visitor of two years ago sent a copy of the paper to the editor, with a memorandum at top of the page; "This looks good to me."

GREAT DEMONSTRATION FAVORING TAXATION OF LAND VALUES.

London, July 24.—No Hyde park demonstration of recent years has been able to boast of such an array of members of parliament as spoke this afternoon from platforms erected in London's great open air meeting place in support of Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George's budget. The crowd in the park probably approximated 500,000 people.

Small town people sometimes fall into the habit of running down their own place in conversation. This is almost as bad as saying you wish you had married another woman instead of your wife. If you said that and your wife heard of it, probably you would have a chance to get another woman. But you'll never have much of a chance to get another town until you improve the one you're in so that you'll love it for its own sake. Be good to your home place and it will be good to you.

—Exchange.

Unimproved land is assessed in Mobile County at from $2 to $2.50 an acre; improved land at about $3 50 and timber not cut over at $5. We would like to see how these prices approximate selling prices and also how they compare with the percentage of real value at which farm buildings and workingmen's homes are assessed.

Resolution by Town Council

The following resolution was adopted by the Town Council on Monday evening.

Resolved by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., that the Mayor be instructed to inform the Council of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation that $250 has been subscribed toward the School House as agreed upon, and that the Town Council stands ready to indorse the names and amounts of each subscription. Adopted by unanimous vote of the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala. at a meeting held July 26, 1909.



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THE STRUGGLE OF THE RICH.

"I could have dropped out some time ago. but I stayed in for the satisfaction I derived."—E. H. Harriman.

Thats what's the matter with men of wealth--
It isn't at all that they need
The money for which they will peril their souls;
It is simply ambition's greed.

They want to be part of the magnate push,
And to mix in a row to see
Which one of the captains shall gain control
Of the stuff that spells Victory.

It is only to win in a corporate war
That they stay in the game and play,
While a helpless and suffering world looks on,
With the blood of the bill to pay.

Their's isn't the struggle that millions put up
To secure their daily bread,
And give of their lives that others may live:
It is power they're after instead.

For that they will hazard the best that they have,
Their health and their peace of mind:
Their consiences go with the rest as well,
For the pleasure they think they find.

It is power they're after—not power of right,
That may count for a glory crown,
It is merely the power to keep themselves up
By keeping the other man down.

If they struggled for wealth for the good they could do
With abundance of golden might,
Their motives no man would dare to condemn
And the world would applaud their fight.

Nobody denies they are giants of strength,
And each has a right to his
As long as he hews to the line of the law,
But, God, what a shame it is!
—W. J. Lampton, in the New York World.

The Tax For the Farmer.

Editor Northwest Horticulturist:

To my mind taxing farm buildings and improvements is entirely wrong.

If a man remodels his out buildings, puts a veranda or a balcony to his house, gives it a couple of coats of paint, lays out a lawn, sets out a nice evergreen hedge and ornamental trees, makes a drive-way, puts up new fences and gates, what is the result? Along comes the assessor with a clean white pad and a sharp pointed pencil and puts up the value of the house $500 or $1,000 and the land $500 more. Altho' it is the same old farm with a new dress bot with the proceeds of the farm by manual labor. Why then should a farmer or any other man be taxt for such improvements? The council or his neighbors do not contribute one cent to these improvements, yet all of these add to the total wealth of that section of the country.

The present mode of assessing and collecting taxes must have surely been devised in the dark age, and we should look for something better. It discourages improvements and so farmers are afraid to have beautiful lawns, expensive front fences and gates, because they know their taxes will be increased in consequence.

If however, they were exempt from taxation you would probably see farmers everywhere tearing down old dilapidated fences and renewing them New buildings would be erected and old ones repaired and improvements of all kinds would be introduced so that farming would generally take on a more attractive appearance.

If we would assess only the land for what it is worth, no matter where it is situated, I believe you would see more improved farms and a better class of buildiags. If we would arrange our tax law so that all of the burden of taxation fell on the value of land only we would make the path of the farmer easier to tread.

Farmers as a rule are owners of land in large areas, but are not as a usual rule owners of land that is very valuable. A single acre of land on the Island of Manhattan, in the year of 1908, sold for $7,500,000. Did you ever meet a farmer who owned 160 acres of such land?

The proposition to tax only the value of the land is the greatest boon that has ever been submitted to the farmers for consideration. And yet most of the men who advocate the taxation of land values and the exemption of improvements from taxation are not farmers. Most of them live in the cities.

The statement has been made time and time again that the farmer is the heaviest taxt man in the country. And it's true. Is it not time that you consider what is to your best interest?

If this simple change is made in our tax laws the greatest burden of taxation will fall where the greatest land values exist, in the cities and towns while the smallest burden will fall where the smallest land values exist, in the farming sections of our country.—Charles D. Ryan.

Let me tell you why I am interested in the labor question. Not simply because of the long hours of labor; not simply because of a specific oppression of a class. I sympathize with the sufferers there; I am ready to fight on their side. But I look out upon Christendom, with its three hundred millions of people, and I see that out of this number of people one hundred millions never had enough to eat. Physiologists tell us that this body of ours, unless it is properly fed, properly developed, fed with rich blood and carefully nourished does not do justice to a brain. You cannot make a bright or good man in a starved body. And so this third of the inhabitants of Christendom who have never had food enough can never be what they should be.—Wendell Phillips.

Alf. Wooster and Son of the Erie, Kansas, "Sentinel," have a typograph machine like that of the Courier and are setting up a large amount of matter on it. They run a daily as well as a weekly.

Some Obstacles and Observations.

The secretary-editor, had a caller recently whose related experiences and observations furnish a number of interesting lessons.

He had recently come to Fairhope for the first time. On the wharf at Mobile he was introduced to a prominent official of the Fairhope municipality who, on the way over entertained him with a bitter attack upon the Colony's policy and administration and strongly advised him whatever he did not to invest any money upon Colony land. The gentleman listened attentively and was perhaps inclined to take the opinion of this official as authoritative. It was quite natural that he should. He had never heard of the Colony policies before and the speaker as a resident of the town was in position to know and as an elected officer might reasonably be presumed to represent the sentiment of the community.

Fortunately a partial antidote, at least, was at hand, furnished by a gentleman of apparent equal intelligence, (and by the way, not a member of the Colony, but a Mobile business man, who has spent some summers here and whose initial prejudices against the Colony's new and strange policies had been overcome by fair-minded investigation.) This gentleman urged him not to take too seriously the attack of the town official and assured him that he had investigated the Colony and thought it was all right. He was a leaseholder and had every confidence in the soundness of the colony policy and the fairness of its administration.

The visitor in the course of excursions about the town discovered a lot on the bay front, unoccupied, with no visible signs of ownership, which suited him exactly. He thought he would like to have it to build a home on it. On inquiry he found it belonged to——— (a neighbor of the Colony.) He called upon him to see if he would sell it, and found he would not put a price upon it.

Later the gentleman called at the office of the Secretary, to inquire about colony lots in the vicinity of the lot referred to.

Asked if he knew why the owner of the lot he was so pleased with would not sell it, he said: "certainly he thinks there is a good speculation in holding it." He was assured that this was exactly what the Colony was "ferninst" and seemed much interested in the exposition of the Colony's policies which was given with the utmost frankness. His experience with regard to this lot was used as an illustration to show how the usual policy, by allowing individuals to profit without effort of their own from the growth of their communities, tempted them to hold their land neither using it themselves or permitting others to do so, to the detriment of the very community which enriched them. Every effort was made to show that under the Fairhope policy the "unearned increment,' of the land was taken for public use; that there was no profit in the holding of a lot out of use, but that the holder would be required to pay the full value of the privilege of use, That

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however, on the other hand the improver of a lot would not only not be required to pay a greater rental for his lot on account of his improving it, but the colony would even stand between him and the burden the law would impose upon him in state, county, and municipal taxation on his improvements, and assume this burden.

Copy of the lease contract and other literature was furnished him and he left apparently disposed to investigate fully.

Some of the facts developed in this conversation which the Courier would invite attention to are:

The handicap imposed upon the Colony by the hostile attitude of this town official. In this case a partial antidote was fortunately furnished on the spot, but there have doubtless, been many, many, similar instances where the inquirer has taken such statements against the Colony at their face value, made no further investigation, and thus been lost to the town as a possible resident and improver of Colony lands.

Not only are they thus often deterred from becoming improvers of Colony lots but, as desirable privately owned lots are as a rule held out of reach of improvers, just as in the case cited, they are lost entirely to the town; not only to the injury of the Single Tax Corporation but to every mechanic, business man or working man of any description in Fairhope.

As in spite of such a handicap and others Fairhope continues to out-grow all other towns along the shore, and the most of this growth is on Colony land, it really emphasizes the wisdom of the Colony policy and vindicates its management.

The splendid opportunities afforded by Fairhope with its concrete application of correct economic policies, and immediately contrasting instances of wrong policies, to further the former.

That Fairhope Colony has reached a point where the whole burden of supporting its policies does not fall upon a few members of the "old guard," but that new supporters are constantly being made, who wherever one is found to malign its policies are ready to give a contrasting view and often with greater effect than if they were intimately identified with it.

Another fact is worth consideration, especially by those who wonder at friction developing in Fairhope. That is, that the gentleman mentioned, who would prefer not to take land under the Colony plan but to own it, is a type of many who have taken and will in the future take Colony land. They like Fairhope. They see that it is the town of the Eastern Shore. What little privately owned land there is which would suit them is not available. They take Colony land not because they prefer it but because it is all they can get.

Many such become zealous supporters of the Colony and loyal to its policies and institutions. It is not strange however that others become obstructionists; that they resent having their rent keep pace with the increasing value of their lots. Or that they sometimes become "knockers" against Colony policies which they inherently oppose, to the injury of the Colony so far as their influence extends, and to their own injury as well.

PEOPLE OF ENGLAND AROUSED.

Showing how well aroused the people of England are over the land values taxation proposals of the budget and the vigor and efficiency of those having the movement in charge, were the preparations for and the great meeting in Hyde Park, at which cable dispatches reported the attendance at 500,000 At twelve different points in the great city for two or three nights before the meeting, invitations to attend it were thrown upon great screens by means of lantern slides and a party of forty members of the "League of Young Liberals" went through all the London districts on decorated cycles, distributing hand bills.

Speeches were made at the Hyde Park meeting from twelve different platforms, and by a great array of distinguished speakers, men and women. Mr. Joseph Fels was among the speakers at one platform.

Preceding the speeches a great procession containing as estimated 200,000 persons, marched through the principal streets of the city to the park. Ninety bands and thousands of banners enlivened the march. "The Earth is the Lord's," "Land for the Landless," "Abolish Poverty," "The Commons Must Rule," and "Tax the Land and Not Food," were some of the mottoes inscribed on the banners. These show that while the practical proposals of the budget are but for a merest fraction of the land values, the whole principle of the land for the people is in the minds of those who are behind the movement.

GOOD TIME TO COME TO FAIRHOPE.

With the establishment of the creamery and the successful results secured by it in placing its products at prices which yield satisfactory results both to the creamery and the farmers, the COURIER feels far greater confidence than ever before in advising people to come to Fairhope to make a living on the land.

The dairying industry has the great advantages that it can be started on a very small scale, that it brings immediate, constant and certain returns, and that it furnishes the means for increasing the fertility of the land with little or no cash outlay for commercial fertilizers.

There is money also in trucking, in cotton, and in some fruit crops, but these go admirably with dairying if desired, for the care of a few cows, would occupy a farmer but a portion of the time leaving him much of his time to devote to the other things mentioned.

The creamery has demonstrated that butter can be made here, from native cows, on native grasses, equal in quality to any that finds its way to the Mobile market. And a little trip into the country is all that is necessary to convince any one that forage crops can be grown in unlimited quantities. With improved stock, and cultivated feeds to supplant or supplement the native grasses, there need be no shadow of doubt that great prosperity with dairying at its base awaits this section.

It is a good time to come to come to Fairhope. The Colony has thousands of acres of as fine land as there is in the south, available on terms which are better than receiving it as an absolute gift in fee simple under conditions which prevail elsewhere.

Don't take our word for it however; come, look and listen for yourself and be your own judge.

FAIRHOPE GROWS.

For the Courier by H. W. RUCKER.

"Our lovely town of Fairhope grows
As sure as water hill downward flows",
Like this said the Courier which I receive,
I read it so often I must it believe!
We all do believe it! This certainly shows
Without contradiction that Fairhope grows.

I see, in the bay down, with prophetic eye
How foreign steamships to anchorage hie,
While piled up for transport along the shore
Are carloads of lumber, of grain and of ore;
And when through its borders the railroad goes
What fool will deny then that Fairhope grows?

The town "with a purpose" and honest toil
Will open the righteous way to the soil.
The prospering farmer adds cow unto cow
And forage and verdure sprout after the plow.
The soil yields when elsewhere it freezes and snows,
Brings wealth in abundance and Fairhope grows.

We have our joys, we have our pains,
We have our losses, we have our gains.
Let not the harmonious bonds be rent
Through useless quarrels and discontent,
And if there be quarrels and ills and woes—
We bear all in patience—and Fairhope grows.

TOM JOHNSON LOSES

Advocates of buplic ownership of public utilities and friends and admirers of Tom L. Johnson, were much dissappointed at the defeat, of the Schmidt traction ordinance endorsed by Mayor Tom at the referendum election on Tuesday. The ordinance was defeated by a majority of 3,762 in a total of nearly 66,000. That Mayor Johnson, though defeated in this particular fight, has really won a great victory for his city through his persistent efforts, is evident from the fact that the Judge Tayler plan, which is the probable alternative to that championed by the Mayor, provides for a valuation of the street railway properties by disinterested citizens, and three cent fares with one cent transfers and with a possible advance to seven tickets for a quarter, if the properties fail to pay six per cent on the valuation of the citizen's committee.

Mobile is becoming a great comvention city. She entertained this week the National Convention of the great Catholic Order of Knights of Columbus. Mobile's reputation for hospitality is widespread and well deserved and with her fine new hotels, the Battle House and Cawthon, she is well equipped to entertain large gatherings. She needs a large auditorium and a move was recently agitated to get one as a municipal enterprise, but the fact that the city was up to its constitutional limit of indebtedness prevented it.

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Notes from the Suburbs.

The editor and wife enjoyed the always delightful hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown on Sunday and after dinner, with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, called upon other of the suburban Fairhopers.

Mr. Brown is pretty much engrossed with his new clay products industry. The new kiln he has recently built after plans furnished by Mr. Wolcott, was partly filled with brick and with a miscellaneous lot of clay ware, jugs, jars flower pots, etc. By its use a material saving in fuel is effected over the old style kiln in which he has hitherto burned brick.

Mr. Brown is planning for a large development of this clay products industry. Among the things he hopes to produce soon is hollow clay building blocks.

Mr. Brown is one of the largest farmers on Colony land too. He has some fine fields of cow-peas and velvet beans for forage and has acres of corn some of whiich is now ripe, and expects it to yield is nwo ripe, and expects it to yield about 40 bushels to the acre.

The Browns milk enough cows to be able to send one milking to the creamery., the other being ample for home use.

The first stop after leaving Browns was at the home of K. Koopman where we were hailed with a call to "come in and eat water-melon," to which we readily responded. Here were, beside Mr. and Mrs. Koopman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Van Bavel, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. Pogany and Mrs. Greenbaum. We helped to dispose of 2 or 3 of Mr. Koopman's fine "Sugar Boy" water melons, and talked crops and country. Koopman and Van Bavel are intelligent Hollanders and always have something interesting to tell either of Holland or South Africa, where they lived for a time or of their experiences here. Mr. Koopman was a student, we believe a graduate, of an agricultural school in Holland. Especially interesting was the story of the increase of the potato yield in Holland from 500 bushels an acre to 1000 and even 1200 bushels. Interesting, too, was the report of the increase in land rents until good farming land now rents in Holland for as high as 65 gulden an acre, with a dyke tax of 12 to 15 gulden and numerous other taxes to be paid by the renter, and a gulden equal to a dollar in purchasing value.

Messrs. Koopman and Van Bavel have fine crops of corn this season, both on their own places and on Mr. Kile's place which they farm "on shares."

Mr. Van Bavel has corn—a small patch— which he thinks will yield at the rate of 80 bushels to the acre This is of a variety which he originated as a cross between Hastings Prolific and Rockdale and is improving by a process of careful selection. He calls it "Hollander's Pride". It has fine large ears with deep grains and small cob and a tendency, which Mr. Van Bavel is carefully cultivating and hopes to fix as a permanent characteristic of hanging its ears, very important in this country where corn ripens in warm and rainy weather.

Across from Mr. Koopman's Mr. Poortstra has a field of corn, thick on the ground and showing good stalks but with a deficiency of ears, which could, no doubt, have been remedied by a light application of nitrate of soda at earing time. A portion of it so treated does hang full of good ears.

Our next stop was at the "Cross & Co" farm. There was not much here to see for Mr. Cross has been in possession of it but a few weeks but it is the site of the fine improvements to be made by Mr. Cross and Mr. Ring as described elsewhere in this issue. There was, however, a fine field of cow-peas which Mr. Cross has in for filling the silo, which is to be built, and more ground was in preparation for peas. Mrs. Cross and her sister were just ready to milk the five cows which are now on the place and proceeded with the task as if they really enjoyed it. Mr. Cross and Mr. Ring returned from a trip to Silverhill before we left.

Adjoining is the farm of Mr. Vander Wall, which is always a model of good farming.

The view from the Cross and Vander Wall homes west over their farms and the adjoining ones is one of the prettiest in Baldwin County.

On the return trip we made a brief call on the Braams and the Bancrofts. Mr. Braam had just completed filling his new silo and has a big addition to his barn under way. He is only milking two cows now but expects to add to them.

Mr. Bancroft usually has something worth while to see on his farm—one of the prettiest laying pieces of ground in Baldwin or any other county. Night was fast falling but it was not too late to see the fine crop of cow-peas he had growing on the ground which had been in asparagus and proved a dismal failure. Nor to see the teosinte, which was indeed good to look at. One big stool, the growth from a single seed, would almost be a night's feed for a cow. It was a rich deep green in color and the blades, crisp and tender, were eaten greedily by the stock to which they are cut and fed daily. At the end where the cutting was first begun it was ready to cut again. Only about 300 lbs. of fertilizer to the acre was used upon it.

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Important Improvement Plans of Cross and Company.

An announcement which we believe to be one of much favorable import to Fairhope, is that Messrs. J. R. Cross and H. F. Ring will join in developing, just as fast as may be, a thoroughly modern and model dairy farm on the land recently secured by Mr. Cross in section fifteen.

Their plans contemplate a modern and model dairy barn for 20 or 30 more cows, with cement gutters, probably tile roof and otherwise practically fire proof; a 12 x 30 foot reinforced concrete silo, a complete system of private waterworks; power plant for pumping water, cutting ensilage, running separator, etc., and every modern device for facilitating the work in hand.

The barn will be so arranged that the manure will be dumped through a trap in the floor into a manure spreader beneath to be hauled as fast as filled on to the fields. A herd of about 20 of the very best grade cows that can be secured and headed by a thoroughbred male will be put upon the place as soon as it is ready for them.

The practice will be to feed the stock almost altogether in the barn on silage and soiling crops with of course such dry feed as is necessary to keep them in proper condition. The manure from the stock will be all immediately returned to the land and it will be the aim to make it yield per acre every pound of feed which it is capable of—or as near as may be, knowing as Mr. Fels says, that: "no man knows what an acre of land can be made to produce."

In addition to the dairy, it is intended to put out about five acres of Satsuma oranges and a couple of acres of Magnolia figs, such as are grown so successfully for canning purposes in Texas.

To carry out these plans will require an outlay of several thousand dollars, but the gentlemen have the money and they have the faith in this country and in the Colony which makes them feel no hesitancy in investing it.

We believe their plans are eminently practical and that success will reward their enterprise.

One successful effort along this line would be of incalculable benefit to Fairhope and would assure the rapid settlement and development of its unused lands.

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Fifth Thursday Club Meets.

On Thursday the 29th about forty ladies attended the regular midsumer meeting of the Fifth Thursday Club at the home of the president.

It was Young Ladies Day and they had prepared a most enjoyable program.

Miss Nellie Slosson gave two violin solos in rather a lighter mood than her selections usually are but which were wellrendered and as always pleased the audience.

Miss Frances Gaston, who is a great favorite, sang an Irish love song.

Miss Agnes Randall, a niece of Mrs. Kile, gave two songs, The Bugle Song and Love's Lullaby. It was the first time a Fairhope audience had had the pleasure of hearing her and were quite enthusiastic in their applause. She has a sweet soprano voice and in spite of a slight cold used it to good advantage.

Although so warm, there were many non-residents present whom it was a pleasure to meet socially.

Ice cream and wafers were served.

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Library Contributions

From Comrade Paton: "The Great Work, by the author of "The Great Psychological Crime."

From J. F. Schindler: "The Hermit" by Goldsmith, ilustrated; "Christine" and "The Closing Scene" by Buchanan Reed, also "Faust: The Legend and the Poem" illustrated and "The Possibility of Not Dying, A Speculation" by Hyland C. Kirk.

From Miss Pearl G. Reed: "Seven Stories of Hall Caine, in three fine volumes.

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From Mrs. Emma Hunnel, "That Printer of Udell's, A Story of the Middle West."

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Town Gets Deed for School Site

As announced in this issue, the Town and Colony councils reached a mutually agreeable arrangement regarding school-house site and subscriptions on Monday evening. On Tuesday the necessary conveyances to secure the site to the Town were agreed upon and on Wednesday morning these were forwarded to Bayminette for record.

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Mrs. M. E. Turpen has at last secured the beautiful lot just across the Stacks gulley bridge, which she has desired for some time. We are sorry Mr. Ramsey, who has held it for a couple of years, did not get around to making such use of it as he had planned (which is the only reason we know, why he relinquished it) but glad that it is to be improved soon for that is the intention of Mrs. Turpen.

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The most of the corn crop is made and ready for gathering, but Eber Jefferson is still having corn in the milk daily and corn could even be planted yet and reach the roasting ear stage easily before frost. Think of the advantage of such a long season you people of the so-called "corn belt" who just have time to get a crop between frosts.

Mr. Cherry has a fine crop of corn on the D. S. Brown place and Mr. Mathews had a small patch of extra good corn on his lot in the rear of his store.

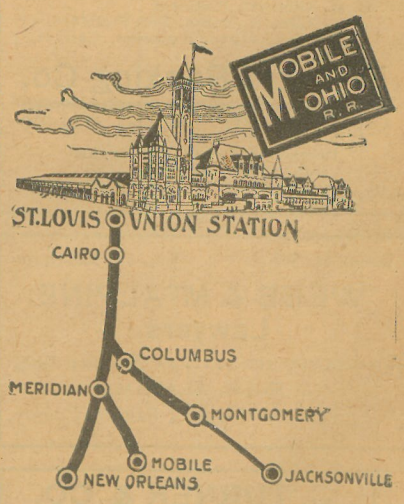
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Typograph Not to Blame

We want to absolve our typograph from any fair responsibility for the poor typography which marred the last issue. We were obliged to get the machine into action without any expert assistance and in tampering with something that should have been left alone, got into considerable difficulty. Before getting through with it however, we learned more than we would otherwise have been likely to in a much longer time and this knowledge is of value to us.

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The Fruitdale Herald is urging the establishment of a creamery at that place. The success of the Fairhope Creamery is having much to do with the desire to establish creameries in other localities in south Alabama.



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Colony Council Proceedings

The Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Aug. 2. Present, Johnson, Stimpson Wood. Absent, Bancroft.

On information that the Town Council was in session and very anxious to settle the matters of school-house site and subscription toward building, so that work on the building could be proceeded with immediately, the council took under consideration at once these matters. The following resolution of Town Counciil was read by the Secretary:

"Resolved by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala.. that the Mayor be instructed to inform the Council of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation that $250 has been subscribed toward the School House as agreed upon, and that the Town Council stands ready to endorse the names and amount of each subscription. Adopted by unanimous vote of the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., at a meeting held July 26, 1909."

After due consideration the following motions prevailed:

That the Town Council be reminded that Colony's subscription of $1,000 was conditioned on $250 being raised outside the Colony; that payments by residents in the Colony are not in compliance with our proposition and not acceptable and further, that a guarantee of subscriptions by the Town Council is not acceptable to us for the reason that its only resource is taxation drawn from the people of which the Colony and its lessees have practically three-fourths to pay.

That we deed to the Town the Coleman lot and authorize the president and secretary to give the town a written contract to convey the Coutant lots whenever the town shall secure her relinquishment of lease to the lots; the conveyance to be for school purposes, not to be sold, but if not directly used for school purposes to be leased and the rental value collected and used for the benefit of the public schools, as per action of the Council May 26.

Secretary reported request of the School Board for a water connection for the school house and it was moved and carried that the Council feels that it has gone as far as it should or is able to go in the way of donations for the school and if a water connection is paid for according to usual rule will pay its share in taxation.

Council then proceeded in a body to the Town Council chamber to advise that body of its action and confer jointly regarding matters at issue. Secretary presented report of Council's action. Question was asked if the Colony Council was willing to pay over a portion of the $1,000 proportionate to that realized from those living outside the Colony. Council retired to ante-room to consider this matter and passed following motion: To pay over as fast as notified by the clerk of the school board of sums received from those residing outside the Colony, portions of its $1,000 subscription in the ratio of 4 from the Colony to each dollar raised outside.

Returning to its office the Council continued its session, taking action as follows:.

Bill of L. S. Massey for $1.50 for resetting posts on Mrs. Bemis' land on account of change of street, was allowed. Also bill of E. B. Gaston for postage in July, 90 cts.

Treasurer reported tender by Clarence S. Moore of $62.50 of original issue of wharf certificates for redemption. Secretary was instructed to draw order for redemption of same.

Application of O. Tuveson presented for lot 2 (or west 66 ft. of same if council would divide it) block 45, div. 4, It was moved and carried that Supt. of Lands and Highways be directed to replat this block into lots with a width of 66ft. instead of 100 ft. and Mr. Tuveson's application be accepted as for lot 2 as per such replat.

Transfer from John L. Ramsey to Mrs. M. E. Turpen, of lots 1 and 2, block 1, div. 2, was approved.

Lease of S. W. Martin to w. 1-2 of n-w. 1-4 of n-w. 1-4 of s-e. 1-4 of was declared forfeited for non-payment of rent.

Treasurer's report for July 1909 received as follows:

Receipts

Waterworks con.		$ 2.50
Rent 1908		12.97
" 1909		159.56
" 1910		2.60
" penalty		4.12
Stumpage		7.10
Land Fund		5.00
Telephone		6.30
Total receipts		200.15
On hand July 1		2299.98
		2500.13

Disbursements

Waterworks con.	$ 21.98	
" main	16.80	
Highways	7.37	
City Bank	385.00	
Mrs. Bemis' assignee	53.00	
T. P. Lyon	176.36	
Ex. typewriter	19.40	
Telephone	17.65	
Janitor service	1.00	
Salaries	50.00	
Taxes	99.78	
Postage & printing	27.96	
Total payments	876.30	
On hand July 31;		
Water cert.	411.50	
Ass'n. "	114.75	
Cash	1097.58	
		2500.13

G. W. Wood.
Treasurer.

The superintendent of lands and hilghways was authorized to put a day or two days' work, if necessary on road by pump-house.

Relinquishment by Mrs. Ila W. coutant in favor of town for school purposes, of lots 1, 2 and 3, blk.9, div. 1, was accepted.

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Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1909.

On account of objection by representatives of town to form of conveyance for school-house site as not providing for use of ground in part for town hall site a special meeting of Council was called to further consider matter. All members present. Motion prevailed to reconsider action. On reconsideration motion prevailed to make conveyance subject to following conditions: That the ground conveyed shall be used for public school or other municipal purposes; in no event to be sold, but if not directly used for such purposes to be leased and the rental collected and used for public school purposes. If not administered in harmony with the terms of this grant, the said land shall revert to the grantor.

Bill of Wm. Stimpson for hauling 19 cords of slabs from Brown's mill, and cutting and delivering 3 cords of heart pine at $2.50, total $56 50 was allowed.

Adjourned.

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A Frenchman has crossed the English Channel, 21 miles on an aeroplane, at a rate of speed of over 40 miles an hour and Orville Wright, with a fellow passenger, has made a flight of five miles across rough country and return, ten miles, at almost the same rate. The commercial airship is a thing of the near future. Who knows but in a few years we will be flying between Fairhope and Mobile?

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New Concrete pillars have been put under the Organic School building and the material has been ordered for the new manual training building which is to be ready for the fall term. It is to be 28 x 48 ft. in size and will be constructed of frame with stucco finish outside and plaster inside and probably tile roof.

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Fairhopers Visit Interesting Portion of Baldwin.

Editor Courier:—Wife and I are here at E. Gilbert's, on the old Thompson place for a week.

This is a romantic old place. In ante bellum days it was the home of the aristocracy of Baldwin county. Here is the old Sibley place, settled a hundred years ago, with a brick and iron fence around the "mansion" of which only the chimney now stands and a pine tree grows in the hearth with a diam. of 2 1-2 feet. A four story factory stands here, probably the largest building in the county. Old mills, od graveyards.

Yesterday at noon while Mr. Gilbert and myself were in my boat on the creek and my wife, her sister, (Mrs. Gilbert) and her daughter-in-law and all the children were on the porch, lightning struck a pine tree by the front gate, killed three cows for Ed. Durant, broke the front windows and shocked them all but not seriously,

Yours truly,
J. W. Lawrence

Bromley, Ala., July 27.
(Received too late for last issue)

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Sawdust for Dirt Roads.

W. H. H. Clark writes thus in the Citronelle Call, of the sawdust and clay roads of Florida:

"They are making roads of sawdust mixed with earth, on a new plan in Leon County, Fla. Two ridges of earth are thrown up with a road machine at the required width from each other and the space between is filled with a six inch bed of sawdust. This is followed with a smaller machine which plows up and mixes the earth with the sawdust. This makes a roadbed on which the heaviest loaded vehicles make no impression. The contractor has kept an accurate account of expenses in connection with this section of sawdust and earth road, and says the cost aggregates $297 a mile, showing it to be about the cheapest road material in use. It may be suggested that sawdust is not a durable material, but this objection is met with a statement that one or two such roads were constructed in a south Georgia county twenty years ago, and are still in good condition, showing its durability. The soil in Leon county is extremely clayey."

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All Not Gold That Glitters.

Writing from Toledo, Oregon, and renewing a subscription to the Courier of a friend, Wm. Brown, a former resident of Fairhope, says:

"This is a dairy and berry country. Wheat is raised near here Corn, melons and tomatoes cannot be raised on account of cool nights Some people ripen tomatoes by pulling up the vines when they are grown and hanging them up. I cannot tell much about it from my own experience, will have to be here several years for that. This is a backward season and a rainy summer which makes it bad for haying."

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Daugherty Pleased With His Corn Crop.

Ned Dougherty is greatly pleased with his success with corn this season—and especially as he was at absolutely no outlay for fertilizer.

He had velvet beans on the land last year, fertilizing them with 400 pounds of acid phosphate and 200 pounds of kainit (per acre) and had a heavy crop of fine hay. His corn this year was grown on that land without any additional fertilizer. The land was "bedded up" as we say in this country, two furrows from each side being thrown together with a turn plow leaving a deep water furrow between. A "bull tongue", a narrow furrow, loosening the ground to a good depth and the corn planted in the waterr furrow. At successive cultivations the dirt was thrown toward the corn, so that when it was laid by the ground was level and the plants deep-rooted in the soil where they could get abundance of moisture and without the cultivator having broken any of the roots.

The corn planted was "Hickory King" and is yielding at the rate of 50 bushels to the acre, by fair weighing test.

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Thanks Brother Thomas.

Bro. Gaston of the Fairhope Courier has installed a type casting machine, called the typograph. With it he expects to hammer out more local news and more single tax matter as well. He is trusting largely to his own ingenuity and ability to learn to operate it, and here's hoping that it may now, henceforth and forevermore be a source of satisfaction and profit to him. —Citronelle Call.

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Robac's store is being pushed right along and he expects to have his stock of goods in it before the fifteenth. In addition to the front 24 x 28 ft. just erected the central portion of the original dwelling has been connected with it, making a room 24 x 54 feet. Will Manteuffel took the contract for the job and has pushed it right through coming out ahead of his calculation as to time—something not often occurring.

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Mr. Philip Gensler, Jr., wife two children and nurse, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Garric, wife, three children and nurse, comprise a party of pleasant New Orleans people, who are at the Fairhope Hotel and expect to remain a month or more. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dahlgren who have spent two seasons with us, becoming great friends of Fairhope and who recommended it to them. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlgren will themselves be along a little later. Mr. Garric is a single taxer and Mr. Gensler much interested in the subject and giving it thoughtful consideration.

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Mr. Horning's "Homecroft Farm" presents a very nice picture from the road and is a credit to him and to the town. Mr. Horning is a worker and his place shows it.

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Business Building For Rent

From September 15 the building once occupied by Mr. Robac as store and residence, will be for rent. This building is well adapted for a restaurant with rooms for living or rent in connection or for a store with residence above. It is a two-story building with large room and two other rooms below, and five rooms on 2nd. floor It has city water on both floors and is piped for gas throughout and connected with acetylene gas plant of A. H. Mershon. Rent only $17.50 a month.

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Non-resident's Notice.

State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation
Vs.
F. J. Beesley
Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county. and state, on the 21st. day of July, 1909, at Fairhope Ala., and returnable before me on the 10th. day of August 1909 at Fairhope Alabama,, against the estate of the said F. J. Beesley, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $10.65 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by E. D. Brann, constable for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said F. J. Beesley,, towit; the one story shed-roof building situated on lot 14, blk. 1, div. 3, of the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Fairhope, Ala.,, as per plat or plan of lots on file in their office in Fairhope, Ala. and whereas it appears that the said F. J. Beesley is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and his residence unknown, now therefore the said F. J. Beesley is hereby notified of said attachment and levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 21st day of July 1909.
P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace for Baldwin Co., Ala.

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Personal and Local

Let Wm. Stimpson figure on your fencing. He can save you money on it.

Charles Gretzinger, who bought the Barber place, was over last Sunday.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Mathews yesterday 11.30 a. m.

Miss Frances Gaston of the Courier force, is taking a vacation this week.

P. K. Dealy, we understand, contemplates considerable improvements on his place.

Ralph Coutant is setting type in the Courier office this week, while one of the force is on a vacation.

The steamer Fairhope had 120 passengers to Mobile from Fairhope alone on Monday morning.

Fall and winter hats and caps. Buy before the size is sold to the other fellow. Mershon Merch. Co.

Wm. Stimpson is prepared to figure on your lumber bills. If you want good service call on him.

The bay is glorious now. The water is clear and salty on the in tide and fish and crabs are plentiful.

The Hugheses are over from Mobile for the balance of the summer and are in the Bellangee-Richard's cottage.

The Lucile resumed service on Tuesday evening after being laid up for a week or ten days undergoing repairs.

Our's is the best place in the city for you to buy your soda-water, candy, cigars, stationery, etc.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Another schooner load of shingles unloaded at Wharf No. 2, yesterday, for Wm. Stimpson, who is getting his share of the business activity.

Fresh Fancy Groceries is what we handle, we don't trouble ourselves with cheap "fire-sale" goods
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The sand pear trees on the Call place in the rear of Mrs. Call's store are a "sight". The are simply breaking down with the load fruit upon them.

Dr. W. L. Woodruff, of Mobile, was a Fairhope visitor on Sunday and left a subscription to the Courier for a friend who is interested in the Single Tax.

Why suffer with the hot sun, you can get a $1.75 umbrella for the small amount of$1.25.
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Misses Agrandeze Boyett, Sadie Dickens and Susie May Dickens, of Mobile, and Miss Hattie Phifer, of St. Louis, visited the Littlegreens last week.

Captain and Mrs. Nichols' regular weekly dance for the benefit of their tenants, given on last Saturday evening was a very pleasant affair.

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The whistle of the ice plant blew on Thursday. Steam was up in the boiler and pumps and well tried out satisfactorily. The plant will soon be turning out ice

Mr. Frank Stewart was a Fairhope visitorwith his wife on Tuesday and while here was a caller at the Courier office and left his subscription for the paper for the coming year.

Sunday was a delightful day and the bay clear and beautiful and both were enjoyed by a large crowd from Mobile and Fairhope and vicinity. There were more bathers in the bay than at any time this season.

WANTED: Plain Sewing,
Mrs. Mathison.

Mr. Simmers is talking of making his home at Fairhope the year his home at Fairhope the year round. He is much interested in all our affairs and himsef and family will be an appreciated addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme left on Monday for their contemplated future home at Portland, Oregon. Several friends were down to see them off. Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Trenholme's mother, accompanied them to Mobile.

Fine fresh line of cigars and high grade bulk candy at the
Fairhope Pharmacy

A jolly party composed of Misses Alice Sacriste, Leah and Frances Gaston, and Messrs. Arthur Atherton and Frank Midgette, sailed down to Battles on Friday in the "Sister" and were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, who are staying at Beach Hotel.

Miss Bertha Parker of Volanta, gave a party on Tuesday evening which was attended by a jolly party of her young friends from Fairhope, Volanta and Seacliff. Various games were played in the house and on the lawn and varied and abundant refreshments were served. A party of twelve sailed up from Fairhope in the "Sister."

Arrow Root Biscuits are fine, 10 cents per package.
Mershon Merch. Co.

There was a large crowd at Battles on Tuesday evening to attend the lawn festival by the School Improvement Committee in the interest of the Battles public school and a handsome sum was realized for the worthy purpose in view. The Irma carried a good party down from Fairhope and the Pleasure Bay brought an excursion from Mobile.

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New Stairway For South Side

Another fine stairway has been built from the lower park to the top of the hill, by private subscription.

Mr. John P. Lowell, we believe, deserves the credit for taking the initiative in the matter and nearly all of the residents south of the gully joined heartily in it. Mr. Staples and Mr. Star did the work and did it well.

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Davis-Lawrence

Mr. Frank Davis and Miss Stella Lawrence were married last Saturday at the home of the bride's parents. Captain and Mrs. Joseph Lawrence.

They are now at home at the home of the groom's father.

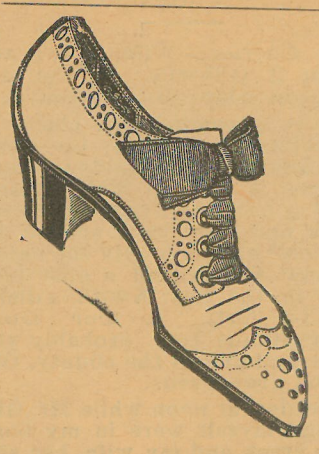
Both the bride and groom have practically "grown up" inFairhope their many friends wish them much happiness.

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Now Mr. Bellangee is down with it. The other morning he handed the following to Wheeler.

If you do not like this jingle I do
not care a shingle.
Though I'm writing for your welfare sure enough;
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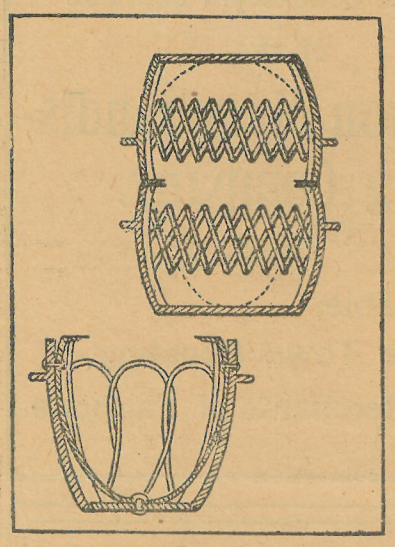
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July	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
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1	78	91	82
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Wor ike Bellows.

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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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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

A Monstrous Injustice.

Just think of the monstrous injustice of our present taxation system. A tariff law is a cunningly devised scheme to rob consumers without their knowing what hurt them. A tax on improvements is a fine assessed against a man for adding something to the aggregate growth and wealth of a community. A personal property tax is a fine imposed upon a person for producing or owning something which some one wants and needs. A license tax is a penalty collected from a person because he or she has the temerity to engage in some useful business. A poll tax is a punishment inflicted on a man for the crime of being on earth.

Summed up briefly, our existing system of taxation is well calculated to cause a thinking man to enquire whether this is not largely a nation of idiots. A more effective system could not have been devised for promoting vice, encouraging crime, fostering deceit, upholding selfishness, popularizing perjury, multiplying liars, sharpening the teeth of greed, corrupting legislation, expanding fortunes, manufacturing paupers, distributing poverty, crushing noble ambitions, rewarding rascality, pampering idleness, discouraging industry, paralyzing laudable effort, strangling justice and making of what should be a peaceful, happy nation a social pandemonium.

Whenever I think of what our social system is, and then of what it might be under our ideal plan, I do not wonder that reflecting men and women who love justice, are rapidly joinfng the ranks of the single tax army.

RALPH HOYT.

Note From the Librarian

I am now having a few days of able assistance in the library work, and it is necessary that all books retained over time should be at once returned, that they may be available in the preparation of the new catalog. Should this request be disregarded, it will be the duty of the librarian to publish the title and case number of such books together with the names of delinquents, and then to appeal to the Library Association for direction in the matter.

Our library patrons are most exemplary in all their relatious to the library as a rule. The exceptions are a few of our young people who have well nigh forfeited their right to the use of the library.

MARIE HOWLAND, Librarian.

Letters received by Secretary Gaston almost daily indicate a very prosperous season for Fairhope the coming winter. Many who write speak of coming as early as November, which is unusual.



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THE AVERAGE MAN

The average man is the man of the mill,
The man of the valley, or man of the hill,
The man at the throttle, the man at the plow—
The man with the sweat of his toil on his brow,
Who brings into being the dreams of the few,
Who works for himself, and for me, and for you.
There is not a purpose, a project, or plan
But rests on the strength of the average man.
The growth of a city, the might of a land,
Depend on the fruit of the toil of his hand,
The road, or the wall, or the mill, or the mart,
Call daily to him that he furnish his part,
The pride of the great and the hope of the low,
The toil of the tide as it ebbs to and fro,
The reach of the rails and the countries they span
Tell what is the trust of the average man.
The man who, perchance, thinks he labors alone,
The man who stands out between hovel and throne,
The man who gives freely his brain and his brawn
Is the man that the world has been builded upon.
The clang of the hammer, the sweep of the saw,
The flash of the forge—they have strengthened the law,
They have rebuilt the realms that the wars overran,
They have shown us the worth of the average man.
So here's to the average man—to the one
Who has labored on the tasks he has done,
Who has met as they came all the problems of life,
Who has helped us to win in the stress and the strife.
He has bent to his toil, thinking neither of fame
Nor of tribute, nor honor, nor prize, nor acclaim—
In the forefront of progress, since progress began—
Here's a health and a hail to the average man!

—American Federationist.

Ground Rent of Boston

From Review of Fillebrown's "A. B. C. of Taxation," in San Francisco Star.

Thomas G. Sherman, in his "Natural Taxation," answered very clearly the moonshine objection that there isn't enough ground rent to keep the National, State and local governments going. Mr. Fillebrown answers clearly the question, whether the ground rent of the City of Boston, taking into account the shrinkage of speculative values, would exceed five per cent on the present assessed valuation of Boston land, or $32,000,000. His calculations—very simple they are—may be applied to any city or larger community in which buildings and other improvements are separated from the land in the assessments.

The 1907 assessed valuation of Boston land was, in round numbers, $653,000,000, or five-sixths of its selling value. Adding one-fifth, or $13,600,000, the net selling value would be $783,000,000. Add to this the capitalized value of the amount of tax now on the land, $15.90 per $1,000 on $653,000,000, or $10,382,000 at twenty years' purchase—which is $207,600,000—and we have as the true capitalized ground rental value $991,200,000. Then add $108,800,000 as a moderate estimate for the value of franchises, and we have as a basis of assessment under land-value taxation a total capitalized ground-rental value of $1,100,000,000. At 5 per cent that would give Boston a ground rent of $55,000,000—while Boston's total city tax (including State tax) is $23,421,542.

It is possible that Mr. Fillebrown's estimate is too high. He suggests that his final total of $55,000,000 be reduced to $50,000,000. But strike off 25 per cent, instead of 10 per cent, for possible error and we have left as Boston's ground rent $41,750,000, or $18,328,458 more than the present total city and State tax. Of course, it will be objected that such a large increase in revenue would invite and produce graft. Like the ostrich feather in the admiral's hat, that has nothing to do with the question of taxation.

Seeking Farm Work in the West.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

Chicago, Ill.; July 31.—Editor of the Tribune—You state again in your paper that 100,000 men are wanted for harvesting work in the west. I wish to state my experience with this clamor. My son, a student at the University of Illinois, thought he would try some experience on a farm and the $3 a day and board, in July 1908. The papers then stated, as they do now, that all able bodied men, willing to work, could get steady work immediately in the west.

He left Chicago with $30 in his pocket and traveled from Kansas to North Dakota looking for work with another able bodied and willing young man. My son was employed for about three weeks with a thrashing machine gang as engineer and received $3 a day. The other young man a helper received $2 a day. Anybody who knows about the thrashing work will concede that those wages are not exorbitant for such work from sunup to sundown.

The work was finished in three weeks and they heard they might possibly procure work in Mandan, N. D. They walked about 100 miles from their last place to be able to return to Chicago if they shouldn't succeed in finding work. They were joined on the road by fifty or more unfortunates, some of whom had not had any work and had spent their last cent for railroad fare and starved, although eager to work. No work in Mandan or any where around except on a ditch for $1.25 a day without board. Their money sufficed to bring them as far as Minneapolis, the rest was sent them from here.

DR. HUXMANN SR.

Subscribe Toward the New School-house

On the subscription list toward the $250 raised for the new school house appeared the names of six residents upon Colony land for a total of $45. The Colony Council declined to accept these subscriptions as counting upon the amount necessary to secure the $1,000 offerred by it, simply because it looked upon the ratio of $250 to $1,000 as being a fair ratio between the Colony and those outside of it—or at any rate a fair ratio to the latter, and also because the Council contemplated a general subscription from people inside and outside the Colony after this $1250 was secured—and certainly every cent which it is possible to raise without the issue of bonds should be raised and the amount of bonds kept down to the lowest point. No doubt the subscribers inside the Colony, Dr. Greeno, A. H. Mershon and W. E. Sweet, each for $10 and P. Y. Albright, Dr. Slosson and Dewey Wheeler each for $5, will be pleased to have their subscriptions still go toward the school house and especially glad to have them matched by other subscriptions from their fellow-citizens on or off Colony land. The editor of this paper will be glad to go on the list for $5 and hopes to be able to make it more before the building is done and paid for. There ought to be another $250 raised on this general subscription. The COURIER would be pleased to have subscriptions reported to it and to publish the same in its columns.

The Spray Pump for Fruit Growing

There was a time when the most beautiful specimens of apples, pears, peaches and other fruits could be grown in this country with but little cultivation or attention of any kind. In those days, about forty years ago, no one had heard of a spray pump of the spraying of trees, plants and vines in order to destroy injurious insects. All the orcharder, gardener or farmer had to do was to plant his trees or vines and nature would do the rest in the fertile soil of those earlier days.

At that time it was difficult to find a wormy apple. Of late years insect pests have multiplied. The forests and bushy places have been cleared up, thus the natural food supply of the insects has been removed, and they naturally find a new supply in the orchards and vineyards, which now cover so many of our beautiful hillsides. The wholesale and unrestrained destruction of birds has had its effect, for many of the birds thrived on insects and larvae. Thus at this date no well informed fruit grower feels that he can get along without a spray pump and cans or barrels of spray mixture.

It is hoped that the fact will not frighten the reader who has not had much experience in fruit growing. There are thousands of people in every country who grow fruits on their home grounds who have never used any spraying device or spray solutions, and yet these people have succeeded in growing fairly good specimens. There are sections of the country where trees are not seriously infected. But the truth remains, the nearest perfect yield is on the sprayed trees.

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Let the People Rule

Several "local option" propositions before the Alabama legislature serve to bring the principle of popular rule well to the front in this state. And not only do they bring to the front the question of the right of local communities to determine the method of administration of strictly local affairs, but that of the right of the people generally to rule.

The Mobile Register of August ninth calls attention of the legislators to the fact that the bill for a commission form of government for Alabama cities provides that "Such government shall not go into effect in any of the cities named in the bill unless the qualified voters of such city vote for it, showing a clear majority wish for it, and, consequently, that the legislature is asked simply to allow each of the three comunities their choice under what form of government they will live. That seems to be a very reasonable request. It is a request that the legislature do what it can to promote local self government."

Says the Register further: "This is what the pending bill proposes to permit us to do. It does not force us to do anything but it gives us opportunity to do the needful thing if we see that it is needful.

"Give us the chance to try that sort of government, is what the people ask of the legilsature.

We do not see how a conscientious, independent and patriotic legislator can turn a deaf ear to such a manifestly reasonable request"

The Birmingham News discourses thus in the same strain: "Here is a proposition under which the legislature of the state is asked to permit the voters of certain municipalities to determine for themselves the form of government under which they choose to live. It is distinctly a question of home rule. No other construction can be placed upon it.

"At this moment the question is not whether a commission form of government is to be adopted, nor is it a question of retaining the old aldermanic system. But one proposition is presented and it is one behind which the Democratic party has stood since the days of Thomas Jefferson—shall the people rule?

"The function of the legislature is to give the people the right to choose for themselves. When the right is conferred no one but the professional politicians doubt that the people will choose wisely."

The principal is fundamental. It should be applied not only to the question of a commission form of government, but to that of local taxation, stock laws, municipal indebtedness, and indeed, every question which primarily concerns only the citizens of the communities concerned.

And in regard to the particular question of a commission form of government, it is not necessary nor advisable that the legislature, with only a few days at quadrennial sessions, to devote to matters concerning the whole state should feel bound to determine in advance every detail of such government. Under a few simple, general rules, which should be statements of fundamental principles, let the people adopt their own form of commission government and alter or amend it as their experience gives them wisdom.

THE WONDERFUL KUDZU VINE

New Forage Plant of Extraordinary Qualities

From time to time items have been noted in exchanges regarding the great value of the Kudzu vine as a forage plant. The Courier has several times mentioned the great Kudzu vine at the Pines. It overran a pine tree 60 feet tall with a tremendous pillar of verdure, which entirely covered the tree and was reaching out for other nearby trees, but the storm of September 1906 blew the tree over and the vine has been left on the ground and kept in check by vigorous cutting.

On the L. E. Ames place another vine has topped a tall pine and is sighing for other world's to conquer.

The COURIER now learns that at least two persons in this vicinity have been experimenting with the kudzu as a forage plant and are greatly pleased with resuits. These are G. W. Bell of Fairhope and Mr. Gustafson of Silverhill. Both had their attention called to the vine by an article in the Southern Ruralist.

Mr. Bell kindly gave the COURIER his experence. He secured his start from a vine on the Stokes' place, planted purely for ornamental purposes. He first turned his attention to the roots. He found the main root to be about 4 inches in diameter and followed it down into the hard clay subsoil to a depth of 20 inches without apparent decrease in size. This and other roots grew, but Mr. Bell seeing the tendency of the vine to throw out roots from the joints like a sweet potato vine, turned his attention to the vines and after some experiments finds the best way as he believes, to propagate the plant is to take a vine, handling it carefully so as not to injure it (and taking preferably the tender more rapidly growing portion) cut into sections, with a joint on either end, trimming off close to the joint, putting one end in the ground, say four or five inches and leaving the other just above the surface. Roots will start from the bud in the ground and vines from the other. Mr. Bell would plant in rows about eight feet apart and six feet apart in the rows and, to secure a stand, would plant two or three cuttings in each place. He would cultivate until the vines got well started, so as to have soft earth for them to root in. He says the vine when established grows with astonishing rapidity, is a true legume as evidenced by abundant tubercles or nodules on the roots, and that he has never found an animal which needed any introduction to it. They all take to it at once and eat it greedily.

Mr. Gustafson's report is much the same. He said an article he saw claimed that it would not make very heavy growth until thoroughly established which would take two years and that this was his first year with it, but if it grew correspondingly more rapidly another year it would certainly be a world-beater. He says he believes he has vines a hundred feet long.

When it is appreciated that this vine is a perennial, and once established is there until you want to get rid of it, that it is a self-fertilizing deep rooting legume, needs to be planted only six to eight feet apart each way to solidly cover the ground in a season, can be cut in this latitude four or five times a season, that all stock eat it greedily and that by analysis the hay is exceeding rich in protein, it would seem to be a forage plant of extraordinary value.

Notable Meeting of Pennsylvania Single Taxers

On Sunday evening August first, a notable meeting was held at the plaza of the City Hall, at Philadelphia, called by the Pennsylvania Single Tax League, to extend congratulations and encouragement to the British people and the English League for the Taxation of Land Values. Wm. L. Ross was chairman, and addresses were made by him, and by the following: Hon, Wm. H. Berry, of Chester, Pa. ex-treasurer of the state; John J. Murphy, of New York, secretary of the American Single Tax League. Frank Stephens and Jas. A. Robinson, of Philadelphia.

We are indebted to Mr. Charles D. Ryan, secretary of the League for a full report of the most able speech of Hon. Mr. Berry which we shall print in our next issue.

The following resolutions were adopted by the meeting:

WHEREAS we firmly hold that the wondrous gifts of God—the ever-running rivers, the unplanted forests, the hidden minerals, the untilled fields, the seas, and the winds, all the powers of nature, "the earth and the fullness thereof," the things that are because of no man—cannot rightfully be made the property of any man or men but must in the judgment of Him that made them ever remain the heritage of all His children,

And WHEREAS we also firmly hold that property rights in natural resources and in valuable land empower the holders thereof to take of the wealth made by the thought and labor of others an unearned and ever-increasing portion;

And WHEREAS we also firmly hold that the getting of unearned wealth can be prevented, monopolies of natural resources destroyed, the unused land of our country made so cheap as to offer to every ablebodied man of us and to every welcome immigrant plenteous opportunities of laboring profitably and thus leave no one unwillingly idle or poor, and the equity vital to a republic guaranteed, by taking the potential rent of land in taxation and exempting all else from taxation;

And WHEREAS the Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain and Ireland has presented to the Parliament thereof a proposition to tax the value of the land of Great Britain and Ireland;

And WHEREAS many of the people of Great Britain and Ireland have in divers ways—by speech, by assemblings, by parades and the carrying of banners, and by other means—shown that they recognize the iniquity of private property in land and the evils resultant therefrom and that they desire the taxation of land values:

THEREFORE we, who are the land value taxationists resident of the state of Pennsylvania, of the United States of America, assembled for this purpose on this the first day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundered and nine on the Plaza of the city of Philadelphia, in the state beforenamed, do heartily congratulate the people of Great Britain and Ireland upon the efforts they have made to secure for themselves and their children a greater measure of justice and freedom, and do encourage them to further and greater efforts to that end, and will pray and cheerfully labor to hasten the not far distant day when the righteous of many nations will have joined in "an implacable war against poverty."

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

Mrs. Marie Howland, Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Friend:—Your letter of last April, the 4th, came to hand, and afforded me great pleasure.

I read the Courier each week with great interest. I always scan the personal columns hoping to encounter some name familiar in old Mexico days, but thus far the name of David Runyan is the only one I recognize, and he is gone to his last reward.

There are a few familiar names, such as the Pages, Albrights, etc. but they probably are not those we knew in Topo.

I often feel that I should like to pass away when my time comes, amid such suroundings, as did Comrade Runyan, my own father, so many others—martyrs to the cause. However, I have no intention of laying down the burden for some years yet, as my health is good and stern duty calls me to perform much yet for the welfare of my family.

I hope, some time in the near future, to have my affairs so arranged that I may get away for a few months. The children have been for some time planning that their mother and myself must take a trip to my old home, Beverly, Mass. while President Taft is making his "summer capital" there. Should we be able to do so, I hope to include Fairhope in our itinerary.

I was pleased to see a communication in the Courier from Colonel Daniels, and to know that he still lives. We had a card from him regularly every New Year's for several years, but not having heard from him for some time, we feared he had departed this life, especially as Professor Campbell, whose paper the Colonel edited at one time, told me he had not heard from him for some years.

I am glad to see that you now have an ice factory. All the other conveniences will doubtless come in time.

I wish I were able to lend some financial aid, but, though we have done fairly well, considering that we landed here from Mexico with nothing, still we are not yet "on our feet," and the whole family are still struggling on, hoping some day to be able to reach out and do some good beyond are own immediate circle.

I have received an appeal from the headquarters of the "Joseph Fels Fund," in Ohio, enclosing a copy of the parody, "Mary had a little lot," etc., with which you are probably familiar. I quite agree with the sentiment and would gladly contribute, but, remembering our former experience, and realizing present conditions and opportunities, I sorrowfully confess that the moral of the poem appears to me to "get a little more land," while I have the chance, rather than give up the little we have, which would help the cause but little, at best.

It certainly must add immeasurably to the pleasure of living to be so situated, as is Mr. Fels, that a competence for him and his is assured, and to be free to turn over the surplus to the cause of the reform to which he is devoted.

I almost envy you your work of arranging the library books and publishing the catalogues. If I had only myself to consider and no other duties calling me, I snould take pleasure in devoting my time to that work.

Your surmise is correct in regard to Carlsbad being a health resort. When we first came here the town was named Eddy, but Robert Weems Tansill, a Chicago millionaire, of "Tansill's Five Cent Punch Cigar" fame, being sent here by his doctors, made large investments here, and through his efforts the name was changed to Carlsbad Whatever may be said of his method of making money, he was at least a "booster. He died a few years ago, but the town is still progressing in the face of many difficulties. The large irrigating dam washed away five years ago, and the government took over the system and has rebuilt it under the Reclamation Service. There is a spring flowing out of the river bank which it is claimed has wonderful medicinal properties.

I am sending you copies of the Argus, (the paper on which I am working,) not with the intention of inducing you to leave Fairhope to come here and settle, but simply to furnish you some information in regard to this place. As you are experienced in the newspaper business, you will probably be able to read between the lines and not take for granted all the statements contained therein. One of the things that lays heavy on my conscience is the part I have taken in the last fourteen years in helping to advertise the "Pecos Valley." The climate, barring the sand storms, is indeed ideal—though no more so than at Topo. As for other conditions, we have, of course, as in all other places those whose only ambition is, like the obstinate mule, "to eat, sleep and kick."

I have sent some copies of the Courier to Will Robinson, who wites the "Tenderfoot" articles in the Argus. You will probably observe by his writings that, though he is a little wild on some subjects, he is sound on the Single Tax. He is the editor of the Register-Tribune of Roswell, New Mexico.

I have written at far greater length than I intended when I began, but I hope this will not deter you from writing me again when you find time, and I will promise not to so weary you another time.

With best wishes for your own health and prosperity and for the success of the Colony, I am

Fraternally yours,
C. W. Moore.

Aug 10, The Pines.

Dear Friend and ever remembered comrade Moore:— How can I show more effectively my appreciation of your precious letter than by sharing it with our readers.

I thank you for the copies of the brilliant "Argus" your home paper. You may be sure I "doted" on every sentence, betraying sympathy with the Single Tax. I am saving the Argus for Mr. Gaston and will send it with this. Indeed you must "include Fairhope in" that "itinerary." It will be delightful to see you and Mrs. Moore & talk over those wonderful scenes in Mexico. I have a nice collection of the photos made there and was always intending to show them to Mr. Runyion, but could never find time. Surely I may hope to live forever, for old Charon's rowing across the Styx must be such a waste of time! I hope he will come for me in an aeroplane.

Col. Daniels is still in Gunston, Va., and is planning to settle here and help in our Organic Training School. You know his whole life he has given to the cause of the new ideas of education. Write again and fear not to weary me with long letters, but expect only post card replies for the present.

PEOPLE OF BALDWIN CO.

Urged to Help in Making a Creditable Display of Baldwin County Products

To the people or Baldwin Co.,

No doubt the greater portion of you are aware of the fact that I have been selected by the Baldwin County Agricultural Society to get up the exhibits for the various fairs to be held this fall

Owing to the continued rainy weather and other uncontrolable circumstances, I have been unable to get around to see as many of you as I hoped to see, hence I take this method of asking you for your co-operation in getting up an exhibit which will be worthy and representative of the resources of our county.

I wish every one in the County to feel that the exhibit is going to be a personal concern of his or hers, and to realize that whatever benefits the county at large benefits each individual. For this reason I want every one to aid us in getting up this exhibit, by sending something that can be produced at home; don't think that because you have something that your neighbor also has that it is not worth bringing, for we must be sure to have a specimen of everything that can be raised here so as to diversify the exhibits, and thus lend variety.

We want you to give us a sample of everything that you raise from cotton and corn down to the smallest of fruits and vegetables, and if you wish your exhibit returned after the fairs, you have only to let us know, and will take pleasure in returning it in good order.

We would be glad to have the ladies exhibit their preserves, pickles, and anything else which they wish to show. I would be glad to hear from anyone in regard to the exhibit. Yours truly,

Jas. A. Carney, Carney, Ala.

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As to Fall Potatoes

At the request of several we repeat the directions for planting fall potatoes, given by Mr. F. S. Lockling, of Fruitdale.

After thorough preparation of the land lay out in furrows about five inches deep. Cut potatoes a day or two before planting into pieces of good size with two eyes and dip into flower of sulphur, drop in the furrow and cover with 2 or 3 inches of soil. Over this spread in a broad band a good trucker's fertilizer with 12 to 15 pounds of potash in form of muriate or sulphate to a 200 pound sack of the trucker added, at rate of 800 to 1000 pounds to the acre. Cultivate level until last plowing, when hill up slightly. These directions will doubtless apply equally as well to any variety of potato as to the potatoes of Mr. Lockling, except that there is a common belief here that it will not do to cut potato seed for fall planting. It may be that this is correct as to the ordinary spring grown seed of this locality, for they have not yet begun to sprout and may rot in the warm soil before sprouting. The Lockling potatoes, however, are a variety especially for fall planting and the seed carried over from last fall are already freely sprouted and ready to grow right off.

The seed received from Mr. Lockling are very fine and we wish more of our farmers and gardeners had sent for some of them. Their keeping qualities are certainly extraordinary. In addition to being kept over from last fall to time of sending, portions of the four bushels sent us have stood in the warm office in a barrel, for over three weeks, (quite contrary to Mr. Lockling's instructions) and only one potato has shown the slightest sign of decay.

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Mrs. Frances R. Riley, of Farmington, Mich., who visited Fairhope for but a few days about three years ago, but has since kept in close touch with us through the Courier and by correspondence, has interested several friends who are looking forward to spending the winter and may decide to remain permanently. She says in a recent letter, referring to these friends: "They remarked upon the fact of my increasing love for Fairhope and its people when I was only there for about ten days. I had never thought of it before but I know my interest and zeal have increased every year since I was there and I am only waiting for my finances to warrant me in coming there to live."

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More and more of the people are coming to see the great convenience of the telephone and the advantage the Colony policy is to them in enabling them to have 'phones at so small cost. Messrs. Ring, Cross, and Lyons have all arranged for 'phones within a few days. As a phone only costs the user $3 a year (after buying his phone at a cost of $10 or $12) why should not everybody on Colony land have a phone?

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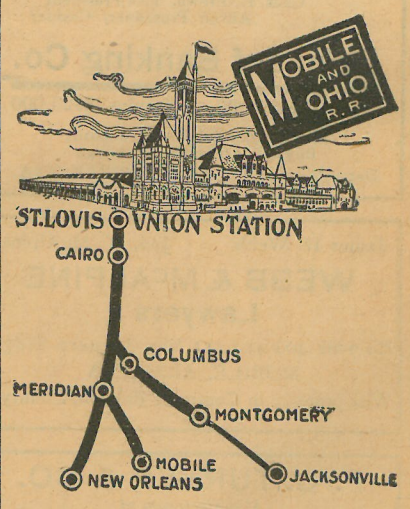
"I always read the Courier with interest and pleasure," says J. P. Cadman of Chicago, a reader for many years. He adds that he and his wife hope to make a short visit here the coming winter on their way to San Diego, Cal.

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Renewing his subscription to the Courier, W. B. Keffer of Des Moines, says: I am sure I am getting more for the money than in any other way. I enjoy reading the paper and look anxiously for it each week. You appear to be prospering which pleases me much."

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Oscar Hall retired as tax collector the first of this month and the duties of the office were assumed by Gus B. Stapleton.



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Personal and Local

Another big crowd of Mobilians enjoyed last Sunday at Fairhope. There is no doubt about Fairhope being the popular town of the Eastern Shore.

The Fairhope Hotel is having a fine summer business having repeatedly found it necessary to secure rooms in surrounding dwellings for an overflow of guests.

There will soon be two more automobiles in town. Dr. Slosson has one coming and so has Mr. Ring, both are expected within a few days.

The new type-setting or line-casting machine increases the amount of reading matter in a page of the paper about twenty per cent and that makes that much more demand for "copy."

Mr. R. T. Dunnan of Birmingham, visited Miss Hazel Pilcher on Tuesday. Mr. Dunnan expected to remain a week but on account of business was compelled to return on Wednesday morning.

W. S. Baldwin will take advantage of tomorrow's excursion to visit his birth-place at Montpelier, Ind., and will also go to an institution at Indianapolis for the removal of a tumor on his nose.

Mr. A. M. Troyer of Calhoun, Ala. a Single Taxer and reader of the Courier, arrived on Monday and will spend some time in this vicinity. He may perhaps decide to locate with us.

Dr. F. H. Hartzell of Philadelphia who visited Fairhope recently has decided to locate at Robertsdale and engage in tobacco-growing. He says however that he hopes some day to live in Fairhope.

Rev. Gardner L. Tucker and wife of Houma, La., are visiting Mr. Tucker's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Gardner C. Tucker, at Seacliff. They are warm friends of Fairhope and were appreciated callers at the Courier office on Monday.

The ice plant is stll delayed by failure of new fittngs to arrive. They were by mistake shipped to Robertsdale, which, while our nearest railroad point in actual distance is very much out of the way in fact.

Fairhope will, as usual contribute a liberal quota to the annual low fare excursion to northern cities which leaves Mobile tomorrow. Among those who will go are Dr. Atkinson, Mrs. Kile's niece, Miss Agnes Randall, Miss Hazel Pilcher, Mrs. Comings, Mr. and Mrs. Anacker and children, Mrs. Hunnel, and W. S. Baldwin.

Mrs. Ary Van Bendegom and two younger children returned last week from their visit to relatives in Wisconsin and were glad to get home again. While they had some very warm weather they also had some very cool weather and all caught colds. Mrs. Van Bendegom returned better satisfied than ever, we understand, with Fairhope.

Some excitement was occasioned on the wharf Sunday morning by a little seven year old youngster Charlie Calais, falling off the wharf and between it and the steamer Fairhope. He was promptly snatched out of the water by Will Lowell, one of the Fairhope's crew and was none the worse for his experience, but his jaunty Sunday clothes were much bedraggled.

Mrs. Charles Wilson has rented the Improvement Company building just vacated by Mr. Robac and is "back at the old stand," to conduct there a restaurant and low-priced hotel. The Wilson's built this building originally and sold it to the Improvement Company by which it was greatly improved. It is well adapted to Mrs. Wilson's purpose and the many friends and patrons whom she has made and who have followed her wherever she went because of their appreciation of her and her cooking will be glad to have her so well and conveniently located again.

Mr. G. H. Knox arrived on last evening for a visit of a couple of weeks with his family here and we are glad to know that he has decided not to take them back north with him but to leave them here. He finds it hard to be so far away from them, but the children, who had been quite delicate in the north are so vastly better here and Mrs. Knox's health also so much improved that he would not take the responsibility of taking them north again. We hope that Mr. Knox may some day before long find it possible to come to stay himself.

R. F. Powell, writing from Buffalo reports meeting recently a number of people who were much interested in Fairhope. On one occasion recently he explained the Fairhope plan to a group of 150 or more at East Aurora, N. Y. the home of Elbert Hubbard and his Roycrofters, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard were present. He says the plan was so well thought of that there is some talk of a big group coming down this winter to study it with a view to its possible application there some time in the near future.

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ADVERTISE FAIRHOPE AND ITS POLICIES

A little money could not be better spent to advertise Fairhope and its policies than by having a representative well supplied with literature to attend the approaching state fairs at Montgomery and Birmingham and the Baldwin Co., fair at Bay Minette. If the former cannot be done at least the latter can. The Courier considers the matter of sufficient importance that it invites subscriptions for the purpose from friends at home or abroad. The same will be acknowledged in the paper and turned over to a committee to be later appointed to select a representative and plan a campaign of publicity.

The editor will give a dollar and Mr. John A. Patterson who is in the office as we write readily agrees to do the same. Let us hear from you promptly.

The Courier's idea is that this shall be primarily an advertising of Fairhope as a "Single Tax Colony" and its principles not be kept in the back-ground. We would not have any one misunderstand our purpose.

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PINAFORE TO BE PLAYED

Mr. J. K. Simmers has most kindly volunteered to drill the local musical talent for a performance of Pinafore, in the new hall when completed and for the benefit of the same.

A meeting was held at the Pilcher home on Friday evening of last week at which the following officers were elected. J. K. Simmers, Manager; J. M. Pilcher, Pres. P. Y. Albright, Secretary.

Another meeting was held at the school-house on Tuesday evening of this week at which there was a good attendance of the local singers, a very interesting first lesson given by Mr. Simmers and much interest manifested.

Mr. Simmers is well qualified for the work being a very competent teacher of music and having directed a number of amateur performances of this old but very popular opera. He has a rare faculty of making the work interesting

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FOUR RELIABLE FRUITS.

There are at least four fruits which can be grown here practically without fertilizer or care (when once established) and bear regularly. These are the Chinese sand pear, fig, grapes of the muscadine type, including scuppernongs, blackberries including the dewberry. Pears should neither be cutlivated nor fertilized. The muscadine type of grapes need neither be cultivated or pruned, but can be benefited by mulching and surface fertilizing, though they will do well without either. Blackberries and dewberries are indigenous to the country and will come up anywhere and thrive thogh they can be much improved by cultivation. many other fruits do well here with little care but these are especially adapted to the country and will come as near bringing crops every year without care, as any fruits in any country.

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CARD FROM MAYOR GREENO

Editor Courier.

I would like to correct a statement that appears in the "Eastern Shore" for August. The editor states that "at a meeting of the Town Council, July 26th. an ordinance prepared and introduced by Mayor Greeno. will not be very popular with Colonyites, it provides for licenses on business, professions and occupations."

This is a mistake and places me in a false attitude. I did not prepare nor introduce an ordinance for licenses. That matter rests with the Council. The Mayor is not supposed to introduce ordinances.

Alderman Pilcher wrote out roughly an ordinance for licenses —mainly taken from the Bay Minette ordinance.

It was submitted to our attorney, corrected in some particulars, and returned to the Town Council. It was informally considered but no action whatever taken. There was no schedule or rate of licenses in it, nor was it officially discussed.

The Mayor and Council are naturally opposed to the license system and will not resort to it if possible to avoid it. Money must be raised however, to provide payment of interest and create a sinking fund for bonds voted for at the town election and to defray the actual expenses of the Municipal Government.

A complete budget is being made up by the finance committee and will soon be published showing the actual money needed for the next twelve months.

H. S. Greeno,
Mayor.

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LAND VALUES ADVANCE IN MISSISSIPPI.

Ten years ago German immigrants began to buy lands at $10 an acre in middle and northern Mississippi. From year to year their numbers were largely increased They devoted themselves chiefly to raising fruit. They now have splendid orchards and vineyards, and many of them are getting rich. The price of land in that region at present is, as a rule, over $100 an acre. Exchange.

If this advance were due to improvements made by these thrifty Germans upon their lands, it would be evidence of deserved prosperity, but judging by conditions elsewhere, the advance is principally on bare land value. It is doubtful if in a single instance improved farms will sell for as much more than unimproved land adjacent as the cost of the improvements.

Bermuda Grass Valued in Oklahoma.

Press Bulletin No. 137, of the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station deals with Bermuda grass hay and claims that a field of two and a half acres yielded in one season in three cuttings 5.08 tons per acre, while exactly similar land adjoining only yielded one-half ton per acre, of prairie hay. Says the Bulletin.

"Bermuda hay contains twice as much digestible nutrients as the best of prairie hay, it is much more palatable, free from stems and weeds, and in every way superior to hay made from wild grasses. It is time farmers were beginning to wake up to the possibilities of this remarkable grass, not only as a pasturing grass but also as a hay crop.

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There is a likelihood of the irrigation congress which convened in Spokane, Wash. on Monday, asking Congress for $5.000.000 000 for the purpose of reclaiming arid lands. If the people would adopt the Single Tax plan for reclaiming the millions of acres of fertile and ariable lands close to centers of population, held for speculation and as non-productive as arid lands without water, there would be no thought of need for such great expenditure for arid land reclamation.

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Abner J. Smith formerly of the Baldwin Times, later of the Progressive Era, at Camden, Ala., is now at Biloxi. Miss. In an interesting and characteristic letter from Mr. Smith to the Baldwin Times we noted that Oscar Hall late Baldwin County tax collector was taking a little vacation at Biloxi.

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One of those incidents which always annoys an editor so much occurred in last issue in omitting from the report of the Fifth Thursday Club entertainment mention of the part of Mrs. Ira Powell, who rendered one charming vocal solo. Mrs. Powell has a sweet and highly cultivated voice, always delights her hearers and is very generous in her disposition to favor with her talent when requested and able to do so.

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We understand that Mrs. Goddard has written a Fairhope friend that while business in Mr. Goddard's line is brisk in Kansas City and he is steadily employed, they hope to get back to Fairhope the coming winter and to build on their Magnolia Ave. lot. The Goddards are people upon whom Fairhope has "grown" apparently.

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FOUND.

Souvenier pocket-knife near the wharf. Owner can have same by notice. Call at office of this paper.

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Business Building For Rent

From September 15 the building once occupied by Mr. Robac as store and residence, will be for rent. This building is well adapted for a restaurant with rooms for living or rent in connection or for a store with residence above. It is a two-story building with large room and two other rooms below, and five rooms on 2nd. floor It has city water on both floors and is piped for gas throughout and connected with acetylene gas plant of A. H. Mershon. Rent only $17.50 a month.

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Personal and Local

W. T. Joyce was home for a couple of days this week.

WANTED: Plain Sewing,
Mrs. Mathison.

Robac is in his new store building.

Let Wm. Stimpson figure on your fencing. He can save you money on it.

The dance at Forestdale on Saturday night was enjoyed by quite a number.

Fine fresh line of cigars and high grade bulk candy at the
Fairhope Pharmacy

Work has begun on another Slosson cottage on the corner west of the Doctor's home.

Arrow Root Biscuits are fine, 10 cents per package.
Mershon Merch. Co.

There has been much rain in the past week—Not heavy showers but frequent.

Wm. Stimpson is prepared to figure on your lumber bills. If you want good service call on him.

Mrs. Dwight Brown and little daughter of Mobile, are visiting at the Slosson home.

Have you tried Hominy Grits.
Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Gladys Gould returned to Mobile on Monday morning after spending some time here visiting Miss Eva Johnson.

Our's is the best place in the city for you to buy your soda-water, candy, cigars, stationery, etc.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mr. Ring and Mr. Vanderwall attended the annual picnic of the Farmers Union at Silverhill last week.

Have you tried Luzianne coffee, Satisfaction guaranteed.
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J. F. Johnson has made considerable improvements to his cottage on the corner of Section St., and Magnolia Ave.

Though Mrs. Comings will go north on the excursion tomorrow "The Gables" will be open as usual.

Mrs. Curtis has closed her Sunny Point Restaurant but will not leave to join Mr. and Mrs. Trenholme for two or three weeks.

Everybody eats Toasted Corn Flakes, "if not why not?". Our window is full, good and fresh.
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Mr. Lyndon Wheeler writes that he has decided to return to Fairhope and may bring another brother with him.

Mrs. J. J. McAtee and baby of Mobile, who have been stopping at the Dolive House left on Tuesday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown and little girl and Mrs. O'Connor returned on Tuesday night after spending a week or two in Mobile.

Mrs. Mc Clinton, Mrs. Crenshaw and Mrs. Morgan attended the Knights of Columbus Convention in Mobile last week.

The dance at the Bayside Pavilion on Thursday evening was enjoyed by a great many. About 75 coming over on the Steamer Fairhope besides the local young people.

Morrells Breakfast bacon,
" Excelsior "
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Charlie Keller got painfully hurt at the Creamery the other day by falling from the milk receiving platform and having a can of milk fall on him. The can cut quite a gash in his leg which required several stitches. His brother Orrie, is taking his place.

Dr. Mershon's auto balked with him one night about midnight when he was eight or ten miles away from home, and he had to get a horse and buggy to come in home with and have an expert come over from Mobile to get the machine going again, but it is all right now.

Mr. Wilbur Chamblin is visiting Mr. T. D. Nettles at Seacliff this week.

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Death of Mrs. E. T. Molyneux.

Mrs. E. T. Molyneux passed away at her home at "Lone Oak" on Thursday afternoon after a long illnes. She is survived by her husband, mother, two sons, Paul and Marc and little daughter Gladys. A further report will appear in next issue.

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Savelle—Reed.

Mr. Miles Douglas Savelle, and Mrs. Pearl G. Reed, bothof Mobile were married at the summer home of the bride at Fairhope on last Sunday morning at 11:00 O'clock. Rev. Wood of Fairhope officiated at the ceremony in the presence of the children of the bride and a few other relatives. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon at home.

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Town Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows: Section 26 of the Ordinances of Fairhope, Ala., is amended to read as follows.

Section 26. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell, have for sale, or offer for sale, or otherwise dispose of any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors, or intoxicating bitters, or other intoxicating drinks of any kind, within the corporate limits of said town; Provided that this ordinance shall not be construed to prevent the use of wine for sacramental purposes, or the social or domestic use of liquors in private families. Any person or persons who will violate or attempt to evade the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than $50 nor more than $100 and may also be imprisioned or sentenced to hard labor for the town for a term not exceeding six months.

H. S. Greeno, Mayor.
P. Y. Albright, Clerk.
August 12, 1909.

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Fairhope Hotel Arrivals.

The following have registered at the Fairhope Hotel during the last few days: C. Riper, Mobile; J. E. Lupez, Mobile; Geo. LeBlanc, Mobile; Dony B. Schmidt, Mobile; W. L. Woodruf, Mobile; Wm. Dwyer, Mobile; Chas. G. Everhardt Jr. Mobile; J. J. Monahan, Mobile; R. L. Brannant, N. C. E. C. Moorehead, Mobile; Miss Stone ble C Garret Atolanta, Ga.; M. Smith, Bay Minette, Ala.; Miss Annie Miller, Mobile; Miss Cora Miller, Mobile; Mr. Wm. Miller Mobile; Rafael Marion Old, Castillo, Spain; C. J. Sowell, Bay Minette; B. Hoxall, Va.; J. K. McBride, Pittsburg; Philip Gensler and wife, Millard Gensler and wife, Miss Agnes Ross and Henry L. Grace and wife all of New Orleans; F. C. Turner, F. C. Turner, Jr. Mobile; J. J. Deegan and wife, Mobile; Miss Irene Deegan, Mobile; Miss Mamie Jackson, Mobile; J. Broadway, Bay Minette; Mss Fanne Sey-

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Summer Temperature.

August 5–11 1909.

Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
5	78	91	81
6	88	86	82
7	75	80	75
8	76	81	74
9	74	84	74
10	75	78	73
11	77	82	77

mour, Miss Mamie Seymour, Miss Alma Seymour, M iss Josephine Seymour, Miss Anna Belle Seymour, Miss Janette Jones, all of Selma, Ala.; Mr. C. E. Dozier, Misses Clara, Ida and Flora Dozier, Mrs. J. W. Kimbrough, Willie Kimbrough, Miss Julia Kimbrough, all of Thomasville, Ala.; L. J. Dimon, Goshen, Ind.; L. V. Dozier, Chance, Ala.; W. H. Pottman, Marion, Ala. J. P. Moore, T. L. Moore, V. G. Richardson, Miss Clifton Moses, W. A. Allen, F. A. Lumsden, Klirn Gusman, Miss Calvin, W. H. Lawrence, all of Mobile; A. M. Troyer, Calhoun, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hudson, New Orleans.

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To be Conduct by the Ladies of Fairhope for Benefit of the New Public School Building

AT FORESTDALE. FAIRHOPE, SATURDAY. AUGUST 21, '09.

For the benefit of the new Fairhope school building, the ladies of Fairhope will conduct a grand "Midway Plaisance" on the beautiful grounds of Captain and Mrs. C. E. Nichols, on Saturday, August 21, beginning at 7.30 p. m.

Among the unique attractions of the Midway will be the following.

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For the occasion the steamer Fairhope will make a special round trip excursion between Mobile and Fairhope.

Leave Mobile as usual 3.30.
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Fare only 25 cents round trip.

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40 acres owned land for sale with improvements; abour two miles from Fairhope; all under fence, 2 acres cleared, two barns (one large dairy barn) small house, well with pump, price $1100
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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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Rapid Progress in Aviation.

Rapid progress is now being made in aviation. All over the world enthusiasts are at work upon the problem. Hardly had Blouet startled the world by his successful flight across the English Channel until Wright made his famous cross country flight of five miles and return carrying a passenger, at a rate of 42 miles an hour and some of the time 500 feet in the air. And on the heels of this exploit another Frenchman (Roger Sommer, on August 7,) broke the world's record for sustained flight by remaining in the air almost two and one-half hours. Each of these used machines of quite different type.

An exchange calls attention to the fact that as with the bicycle and the automobile first came the inventive genius, untrammeled by past practices and traditions to demonstrate the possibilities, and after him the highly trained designers and mechanicians backed by capital to produce the perfect mcchines, so will it be with the flying machines. When heavy bodied birds can sustain themselves with such ease in the air and propel themselves through it at such high speed, there can be no insurmountable obstacle to man doing the same, and it will be done.

So far as the public is informed, Mr. Taft has not yet replied to Mr. Bryan's suggestion that a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by the people be submitted for ratification. If the President imagines that he can keep Mr. Bryan quiet by ignoring him, he is entirely mistaken.—Womans National Daily.



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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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The Duke's Lament.

(Editorial from London Chronicle)

The dukes are, we are glad to see, on the warpath against the Budget. The Duke of Portland told a sympathetic audience of landowners yesterday that disastrous results will follow the passing of the land taxes. He foresees ruin ahead, but not for himself. It is the poor workmen, the gardeners, the menials about his mansion who will suffer, And he will be inexpresibly sorry to see their number decrease and their conditions made worse. But really he cannot help it. It is all the fault of the wicked penal Budget, and that wild, revolutionary Chancellor. As for the duke, he let it be inferred that he has done and is doing his duty nobly. He allowed himself to inherit vast estates, castles, mansions, and possessions by the mere accident of birth and the further accidents which befel distant and eccentric kinsmen, He has since graciously consented to receive hundreds of thousands of pounds in ground rents from London, and is still permitting the community to accumulate this wealth for his benefit. He condescends to accept many more thousands in rents from towns in the country; from mining royalties in Ayrshire; from farms and forests; and he preserves a great slice of the Highlands for deer and grouse. What a fine example of useful citizenship! And how disinterested is his grace! In his speech he never thought once of himself, but of the poor labourer, against whom the Budget is really aimed. We suggest that the duke, after having rehearsed his speech to fellow philanthropists who serve their country also by owning land, should address a meeting of the laborers themselves, so that they may sympathize with him in his patriotic efforts to protect them from the cruel effects of this penal Budget.

The Baldwin County Fair.

Those in charge of the preparations for the Baldwin County Fair, are hard at work on preparations to make a great success out of this fall's exhibit. Mr. James A. Carney, widely and favorably known throughout the county is in direct charge of the securing of exhibits, but we understand every farmer in the county is invited to bring some of the best of this season's produce.

In order to care for the larger exhibits expected, an eighty foot addition to the present exhibition building, is to be built to be graced with a large dome in the center.

The premium list will be ready soon.

Wednesday September 29th will be "entry day" when all entries should be presented and placed. September 30th and October first and second will be the great exhibition days.

The county fairs in the northern and western states are great affairs. There is no reason why Baldwin County's annual fair should not be a great meeting plaee for the exchanging of ideas and experiences and exhibits of the products of this imperial county, and attract many from a distance even, who have heard of Baldwin and want to see what manner of people and products she has.

These Men "See the Cat".

Extracts from recent speeches of prominent men of England.

Winston Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, at Edinburgh:

"It is quite true that the land monopoly is not the only monopoly which exists, but it is by far the greatest of monopolies--it is a perpetual monopoly, and it is the mother of all other forms of monopoly.

"It is the principal form of unearned increment derived from processes which are not merely not beneficial but which are positively detrimental to the general public. (Cheers.) Land which is a necessity of human existence, which is the original source of all wealth, which is strictly limited in extent, which is fixed in geographical position—land, I say, differs from all other forms of property in these primary and fundamental conditions. x x x

"It does not matter where you look or what examples you select, you will see that every form of enterprise, every step in material progress, is only undertaken after the land monopolist has skimmed the cream off for himself, and everywhere today the man or the public body who wishes to put land to its highest use is forced to pay a preliminary fine in land value to the man who is putting it to an inferior use and in some cases to no use at all."

Alexander Ure, Lord Advocate for Scotland:

"Let us see what are the different characteristics of land as distinguished from other commodities. First, it comes from the hand of the Creator, and does not owe its existence to man Second it is limited in quantity. You can no more add to the area of a country than you can add a cubit to your stature. Third, it is necessary for our existence; it is necessary for our production; it is necessary to us when we wish to exchange our products with one another. Fourth, land does not owe its value to anything which its owner chooses to spend on it. If it does, I will not tax that. Fifth land owes its value entirely to the presence and activity and expenditure of the community. Sixth, land cannot be carried away and cannot be concealed, I can tell you, ladies and gentleman, these are valuable qualities in the eyes of the tax-gatherer. Do you know, does any man in this room know, of any other commodity which possesses all these characteristics? If he does, let him name it now and I will mention it to the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

Not a negative vote was recorded to a plank in the platform of the third Sociological Conference at Sagamore Beach, Mass. recently, asserting the right and duty of the community to reclaim for social purposes the unearned increment from the land.

A TIMELY BULLETIN ON THE COTTON BOLL WEEVIL

The Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station has issued a timely bulletin entitled "Facing the Boll Weevil Problem in Alabama." 'That within 3 years the Mexican cotton boll weevil will have entered Alabama is as certain as it is that cotton will continue to be produced in this and adjoining states before that time" is the asertion of the bulletin.

The bulletin is the careful work, of Mr. W. E. Hinds whose experience in Texas and Louisiana in combating the boll weevil especially fits him to deal with the matter. No absolute preventive of this pest has been yet discovered but methods of holding it measurably in check have been evolved from experience in states it has already infested.

Cotton is one of the crops especially adapted to this section and one which should have an important place in every well considered system of rotation of crops. Our farmers should all send for copies of this bulletin and keep it where they can refer to it. It is Bulletin No. 146 and can be had for a request to the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, Auburn, Ala.

It Works All Right.

A small instalment of the taxation of land values was adopted in New Zealand in 1891, in South Wales in 189 6, in South Australia in 1884, and in Queensland in 1895. In 1898 the four colonies having the taxation of land values had an excess of immigration over emigration of 12,580 persons; being a gain in each such colony. The three colonies having no such system of taxation lost that year, by an excess of, emigrants over immigrants, 4,910 persons. The workers naturally flock to the countries where earnings are highest and the conditions ol labor are best.

In Palmerston North, N. Z., one of the first towns to adopt the new method of raising municipal revenues, during the three years after its adoption 200 houses were erected as against 50 houses during the preceding three years.

In Queensland the taxation of land values has been adopted for municipal purposes only; hence its beneficial economic effects more especially its effects on the condition of labor, have not been so marked as in New Zealand and New South Wales. The municipal officials, however, are unanimous in their expression of approval of the justice and beneficial effects of the new method of assessment,

Schoneberg, the wealthiest western division of "greater Berlin," seems to have no hesitation in going ahead with the taxation of unearned increment. Some weeks ago its municipality passed a measure taxing the increment on land on which buildings had been erected. Today it has passed a similar measure imposing a tax on empty building patches. The measure is intended to force owners of building plots to sell their property. Schoneberg is building a new underground

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and overhead railway, and in consequence the value of the land through which this new railway will run will enormously increase without any effort on the owner's part. Every three years a new valuation will be made. —Star.

The Problem of Overcrowding

New York, Aug. 15.—American cities are pronounced twenty-five years behind progressive Germany, in a bulletin issued today by the committee on congestion of population in New York.

The worst evils of unsanitary, immoral and crowded houses are to be found, according to the bulletin, in New York, with Chicago a close and gaining second and Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cleveland following in the order named.

The most crowded block in New York had a density in 1901 of slightly under 400. In Chicago two blocks are reported as containing 200 inhabitants.

Philadelphia has less congestion to the acre, because there are fewer five and six story apartment houses, but in one block there were found one hundred and four single room "housekeeping apartments."

To call such a habitation a home is a mockery There is no home life and no privacy possible," says the bulletin.

Mobile Business Man Good Friend of Fairhope.

Dr. W. L. Woodruff, the popular president and manager of the Peerless Laundry, is one of Fairhope's good friends in Mobile and frequently visits here. He was over last Sunday and he and the editor had a pleasant exchange of views and experiences. The doctor is getting pretty well posted on the "peculiar policies" of Fairhope and thinks they might with very great advntage be given much wider application.

He visited Birmingham recently and among the friends seen there was a gentleman who had amassed a very comfortable fortune principally from fortunate investments in Birmingham real estate. The gentleman is not however, thoroughly pleased with existing conditions from the stand point of the common good, and his wife is quite convinced that things are not at all what they should be. Talking with the latter and hearing her expressions the doctor told her that she would certainly be interested in Fairhope. He tried to persuade her to forego a visit to the mountains and come to Fairhope for awhile instead, but failing in this said he would send her the Courier so that she might read of what is being done here.

When the matter comes to an issue for or against the fundamental policies which we are applying, with any prospect of helping them along, the Doctor may safely be counted on, we are sure, to do so.

Town Budget for 1909

Report of Committee of Fairhope Town Council in a budget of estimated expenses of the town for the next year beginning September 1st, 1909, exclusive of school and road expenses.

Budget	
Salary of Mayor 1 year	100.00
Salary of Town Clerk 1 year	100.00
Salary of Town Attorney 1 year	50.00
Salary of Town Treasurer 1 year	25.00
	$275.00
Rent of Council meeting room	50.00
Rent of Jail lot	3.00
Money owing to Bank	127.00
8 per cent interest on same 1 year	10.16
Owing on warrants—Stimpson	39.00
8 per cent interest on same	3.12
Horning	15.00
8 percent interest on same	1.20
Owing on Sundry warrants	41.07
8 percent interest on same	3.28
Printing of School bonds	24.00
Dog checks	.50
Stationery 10. Stamps 2.	12.00
Trip to Bay Minette	4.00
Auditing books	15.00
Incidentals	100.00
Total	$723 33

Exclusive of sinking fund for payment of school bonds and interest on same.

Estimated receipts in taxes—5 mills on the dollar—$700, estimated assessed valuation $140,000.00.

If bond issue be $3000. Interest, 5 percent. on same would be	150.
Sinking fund for principal	300.
Total	450.
Add amount as above	723.33
Grand Total	$1173.33
If bond issue be $2000; int. 5 per cent.	$100.
Sinking fund	200.
Total	300.
Add amount as above	723.33
Grand Total	$1053.33

New School House Dragging

The matter of the new school house is dragging. About a month ago we reported the choice of plans prepared by Mr. Littlefield, but subsequent action of the trustees annulled this decision and at this date, Thursday, nothing has really been decided upon, except the site. It will be a practical impossibility now to get a building up in time for the opening of the school and accommodations will have to be rented for a time. No doubt the individual members of the committee have the usual differences of opinion, but the greatest problem no doubt confronting them is to build such a building as they feel we should have for the money available.

The bonds have been received and are ready for sale, No call has been made yet upon the Colony treasurer for any portion of the Colony's conditional subscription of $1,000. A few days ago $60 was reported received upon the subscription of those outside the Colony.

Subscribe for the COURIER.

Stick to Baldwin County

It is reported to the COURIER that Silverhill parties who went to New Mexico, have returned disappointed with conditions they found there, and that Mr. Pearson of Silverhill, who was planning to go to Texas, has changed his mind because of reports received from there. There may be better places than Baldwin county but they are mighty few and nine out of every ten who have left in search of them, would be far better off today if they had stayed right here and bought cows or improved their places with the money they have paid out for railroad fares and freights.

Good Plan For Public Highway

Mayor Greeno and Mr. Parker appeared before the county commissioner's last week to secure permission for the use of the public highways for the proposed electric railway, but discovered that there was in fact no recognized and defined public road between Daphne and Point Clear.

A line had, however, been surveyed through, on initiative of public spirited citizens and right of way partially secured. Messrs. Greeno and Parker were assured that if the right of way for this road coulb be secured through, without expense to the county, the commissioners would give the trolley line the right of way to use it for its tracks conditioned on its making it passible for other vehicles, iucluding the making of bridges wide enough and suitable for priyate vehicles.

Doctor Greeno and his fellow trustees have now turned their attention as a first step, to securing the right of way for this public highway.

The plan strikes us as the best one advanced. This would give us a genuine public highway which the cars of the trolley company would use without excluding the vehicles of individual citizens and which it would do its share toward making and maintaining.

Mr. C. W. Thomas, of the Citronelle Call, was in Fairhope from Friday evening to Saturday evening last week. Brother Thomas likes Fairhope and is not an infrequent visitor but the especial occasion of this visit was to investigate our typograph. He was interested in the Kudzu vine as described in the Courier and the writer had the pleasure of taking him for a little ride about the suburbs of Fairhope, during which we saw the Kudzu vines of Mr. Bell and also the many beautiful flowers which are Mrs. Bell's especial care and delight.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson, of the Comings College of Organic Education has been invited to make three addresses at the First District Educational Institute and Convention to be held in Mobile August 31 to September 10. The subjects upon which she has been invited to speak are "Methods," "Child Study," and "Organic Education."

Philadelphia Single Taxers intend, we understand, to present the name of William H. Berry (a recent address from whom appears in this issue) to the Democratic convention for nomination as state treasurer, a position once filled most ably by him. Mr Berry is an out and out Single Taxer as his address shows. We hope he may be nominated.

The July—August number of the Single Tax Review is at hand with an interesting table of contents, as usual. Special contributors to the number are J. W. Bengough, H. Martin Williams, S. L. Moser, S. Tideman, Daniel Kiefer, George V. Wells. John Z. White.

ADDRESS OF W. H. BERRY

Ex-treasurer of State of Pennsylvania at Meeting Called by Single Taxers to Extend Greeting and Encouragement

To Land Value Taxationists of England.

Gentlemen of Philadelphia, Fellow Citizens of this Republic, and Brethren in the fellowship of man.

I greet you on this occasion and join you heartily in the purpose of this meeting.

It is more than fitting—it is a matter of course—that here under the shadow of Independence Hall and within the sound of the Liberty Bell—in the very cradle that guarded the infancy of this mighty nation—an assembly of her citizens should send a greeting to the men and women of England in commemoration of the greatest step toward the establishment of justice and the guarantee of human rights that has been taken in a hundred years.

To those who have given the subject careful thought the monopolization of natural resources, the common heritage of man, and the diversion of values created solely by the community into the coffers of individuals, enabling them to amass enormous fortunes and to lay a tribute perpetual and upon generations yet unborn, is a question of the deepest concern.

In this country land has been so relatively abundant that the evil of its monopolization by individuals has escaped general attention but the prophetic soul of Henry George, a native of this city, saw the growing evil, and with matchless skill and sublime courage he challenged the hoary wrong, and started a propaganda aimed at its destruction. Thousands and thousands of Americans have caught his spirit, and it is beyond question that the arguments in his "Progress and Poverty" and the plan of taxation presented by him have been immensely helpful to the disciples of human rights in securing their recent victory in England, a victory for Humanity whose far-flung line of consequences will encircle the world.

But if we have in the past failed to fully realize the evils of land monopoly in this country, the future is before us, and even the present is full of promise; for nowhere on earth have the common people a better opportunity to secure just such laws than here, and the eyes of our people are focused upon all forms of monopoly as never before; and while I join in heartily extending to our sturdy British friends congratulation and the hand of human fellowship, I will speak to you for a while upon the general subject.

The success of our British friends as I see it, is a step in the establishment of the Kingdom of God upon earth: and my text shall be a prayer that greets the rising sun at every moment of the day. The lisping tones of infancy, the sturdy voice of competent manhood, and the faltering tongue of tottering age unite in this matchless prayer as the rolling earth presents new areas to the dawn.

"Our Father, which art in heaven, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and thus the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is constantly declared by the generations of men.

The establishment of the Kingddom of God on earth is the business of men, and this business consists largely of making just laws that encourage industry and insure to the man who works the use of all he produces. Equality of opportunity is a fundamental right and cannot be alienated. Monopoly in any form or any degree abridges this right and cannot be endured. The time is past when men can be reconciled to existing injustice in their earthly relations by the specious plea that the suffering of these wrongs will be compensated for in the life beyond the grave. The fatherhood of God is the essence of the gospel of Jesus, and it has the promise of the life that now is as well as that which is to come.

And we who have seen, and having seen must ever see, the truth that Henry George labored to make plain—we who in Pennsylvania and in the other states of this nation are called Single Taxers and in Britain and British colonies are known as "land value taxationists"—strive not merely to have changed our tax laws, but to bring here and now the prayed-for Kingdom. We would establish here on earth—here in these United States—a righteous rule, under which no man able and willing to work for what he wants, need be idle or poor, under which no man need say to another "master," under which we shall all equally enjoy the ownership of our land—of the fields and the mountains, the valleys and plains, the rivers and forests, and all that the Lord, our God has given us.

And to what depths have we, a mighty people, even now fallen! Think of a nation of almost a hundred million people settled in a domain as wide and as broad as ours—land enough for all the peoples of the earth—and then think that the citizen who has enough land to hold his little house and leave a little space big enough to hang half of the family wash feels that he is fortunate and a landed proprietor, that hundreds of thousands have no legal claim to as much as the twelve square feet that would be needed to decently bury them.

Then think that our mighty forests, our hidden stores of minerals and metals, our wide plains, the vast arid stretches that taxpayers are paying to have irrigated, all the natural resources of our land are owned by a comparatively few men who can live in luxury few kings have enjoyed and yet see their power increasing to them and their children without end.

The area of the United States is so great that the rapid monopolization of land was for a long time but little felt, but it is now becoming evident that our system of land tenure—and our land laws are essentially the same as those the Britisher is beginning to fight—must within a generation or two produce a landowning class as arrogant, as powerful, and as merciless as ever were princes and nobles, and a working class as subjected, as miserable, and cheated of the fruits of their labors as were any serfs or slaves.

And while Henry George, who has taught us, was a seer and a prophet. and while we, too, contemplate a perfection in government that has "not entered into the mind of man," yet we are not wild theorists nor idle dreamers, but hard, level-headed, practical business men. We know not only the ills we have, but the error that causes them and just how that error can be corrected.

I will say to you that the most serious of our social and political ills are really but symptoms of economic disease that every economic problem that vexes us can be largely solved by the destruction of private property in land; and that property in land can be easily and safely yet surely and wholly destroyed by only taxing the owners of land and exempting everyone and everything else.

I cannot now discuss the many aspects of this wide and fundamental reform, but in closing I want to congratulate the British land taxationists upon having begun the fight and bid them fight on; and then will ask everyone of you who have so patiently stood and listened to me to resolve now here at this meeting that you will learn just what Henry George proposed what Single Taxers are so persistently urging, what I and these other gentlemen have come here to speak of, and then each one decide for himself whether or not this is a righteous war; and I think that if you do this every man of you will be sooner or later enlisted in it.

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Organic Education

Editor Courier.

It is very important that the occupations of childhood shall be as spontaneous, as nearly self-prompted as possible, that the best development may be attained. In order to develop the will the child must desire the end in his work, for only through conscious effort for a desired end is will power developed.

But the chiid is young, immature, lacking in experience and judgment. How can he possibly choose wisely? He cannot; It is the province of teacher and parent to guide and protect him in his weakness.

How then, may the child's occupation be self-prompted, when he is too immature and ignorant to know what is for his own good.

That is the great question which confronts the progressive teacher and parent today.

By studying scientifically the natural order of the development of the powers of the child, it is possible for the parent and teacher to so provide exercises, furnish suitable environment that the child will be guided in his choice of activity without being conscious of interference. The teacher's work will be more passive and following, than active and leading, but the child will be as surely guided as though dominated, and still be left free enough for the highest and best development of the will—the individuality.

Activity—full all round positive activity on the part of the child, is so very necessary, that it were better to be active, even in a wrong direction, than to be passive, inert or negative. But the child should not be active in the wrong direction. The supreme test of the parent or teacher's power is to be able to change, the center of interest, without destroying the tendency to activity. If a child is destructive he must become constructive, without thwarting or weakening the will.

Economic pressure, overwork and worry make both parent and teacher often resort to force and coercion, which destroy individuality, weaken will power and prevent symmetrical development.

That makes the new education an important part in economic reform. The social order must be improved in order to have proper conditions for true educational development.

If the exercise is in harmony with the chiid's development, he will desire it. The infant's natural food is milk and he desires it.

The normal child need never be driven to his task if the task is suited to his development—to the needs of his nature.

Most children however become abnormal very young, through lack of wise restraint, or by domination, so that the problem is exceedingly difficult by the time the child reaches school age.

Joy in the work is one of the most health giving conditions to be fulfilled. But children often like to do things which are positively injurious. The teacher and parent should know what is for the good of the child—provide activity in harmony with the natural order of development—in harmony with his nature, and it will enlist the entire being, it will really become a joyful expression of the child's own will.

Then and not until then will the school work measure up to the highest educational requirements.

Mrs. M. L. Johnson.

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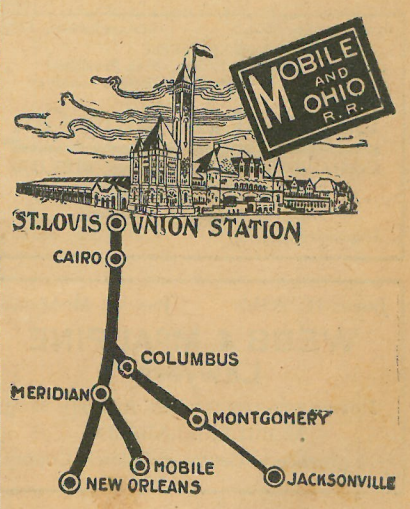
No Place Like Fairhope

Mr. C. J. Blanchard of Woodlawn, Ala., formerly of Chicago, was a caller at the Courier office on Thursday. Mr. Blanchard has been a reader of the Courier for years. He is deeply interested in our town and its policies and looks forward to making his home here in the not distant future.

As chief inspector of the steam boiler department of a large insurance company. Mr. Blanchard has occasion to travel through all the gulf states, especially Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana which have been quite thoroughly covered, and he assured us that nowhere had he found a town which "looked as good" to him as Fairhope.

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J. W. Bengough, the inimitable Single Tax cartoonist and lecturer is now touring in New South Wales and lecturing frequently.



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Personal and Local

Mr. Dan Shepherd spent over Sunday here visiting his people.

Mr. Will Poe of Mobile, spent several days here last week.

Mr. James Gaston of the Courier force is taking his vacation this week.

Delay in receipt of some fittings still prevents the operation of the ice plant.

Miss Eva Johnson spent several days in Mobile last week visiting friends.

Miss Louise Baldwin spent several days in Mobile this week visiting friends.

Mr. Ernest Swift returned to Mobile on Saturday after spending a week here with his family.

Miss Kate Nickle of Mobile visited Miss Eva Johnson a number of days this week.

Mr. Ross Dodson of Mobile, spent over Sunday here guest of the Sacristes.

Mr. Emil Leiser took advantage of the excursion on Saturday and went to Chicago where he will remain indefinitely.

Misses Irene and Kathleen Brown arrived on last Tuesday to spend the rest of the summer with their parents who have a summer cottage here.

Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. McClinton, daughters of Mrs. Sacriste, left for Chicago on Saturday, but will return in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Gilbert Simmers is over from Mobile to spend the remainder of the summer with his people here.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Miss Ola Powell, by her friends at her beautiful home on Friday night. Games and music were indulged in and dainty refreshments were served.

The Tacky party at Mrs. Nichol's pavilion on Saturday night was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season. The costumes were all good. Those winning prizes were Dr. Sheldon, Dick Crawford, Leah Gaston and Margaret Kimbrough.

The knife advertised in the last issue of the Courier was called for within an hour of the opening of the local mail. It belonged to Mr. Kile.

A very delightful surprise party was given Miss Marion Overton on Monday night by a number of her friends. Games and dancing were indulged in and refreshments were served.

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Council Proceedings

Colony Council met in regular session Monday evening August 16, 1909.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of July 5, and 22, Aug. 2 and 3.

A. C. Staples appeared before the Council and, in behalf of those who had contributed toward the building of the new stairway south of the gulley, asked some assistance from the Council on the cost of the same.

Mr. Staples stated that the total cost of the improvement would be about $65 and suggested that it would be highly appreciated by the subscribers who had donated the larger part of the amount necessary, if the Council would allow $10 in scrip, toward the labor and $10 on the lumber, which might be turned on Mr. Brown's timber stumpage account.

It was moved and carried that $20 be appropriated toward the cost of the stairway in manner suggested by Mr. Staples.

The following bills were allowed.

J. W. Braam, work on telephone lines Feb. 6 to June 29, dates and hours given construction	$4.40
maintenance	4.70
W. A. Baldwin, by E. B. Gaston for one days work of P. J. Creamer, with team on road and park	3.50
E. B. Gaston, 150 applications for membership	1.50
R. Coutant, 3 1-2 hours on telephone repairs	.52
G. W. Wood acknowledging 2 deeds, account transfer of school-house site	1.00
J. A. Patterson, whf. and boat charges on telephone mat.	1.50
on water works mat.	2.90
Home telephone company, 20 oak brackets and insulators	1.00

Application of Mrs. Coutant for lots 10 and 11, blk. 30, div. 2, granted.

Moved and carried that Arthur Kimball be authorized to put in a cess-pool at end of sewer, to avoid nuisance complained of by town, same to be subject to approval of Supt. of Public Health.

Treasurer made a request to be permitted to cease separating the rent account by years, in his ledger and monthly reports. On motion the treasurer was authorized to make the change desired in his book-keeping.

Mr. Bancroft reported verbally progress in regard to draining low land east of Section street. It was moved and carried that in view of the fact that the rainy season is about over and the weather so hot for such work, that this matter be laid over for a time.

On motion the superintendent of lands and highways was directed to take the necessary steps to protect washing of Colony lands and keep streets in repair especially about park, incurring such expense as is necessary for the purpose.

Supt. of lands and highways reported re-plat of land lying north of Fairhope avenue in n. w. 1-4 of s. e. 1-4 of section 17, and same was approved.

Question was raised of Corporation not getting enough stumpage for wood cut from its land, and secretary was instructed to make inquiries of stumpage received else where in this section.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

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ADVERTISE FAIRHOPE AND ITS POLICIES

A little money could not be better spent to advertise Fairhope and its policies than by having a representative well supplied with literature to attend the approaching state fairs at Montgomery and Birmingham and the Baldwin Co., fair at Bay Minette. If the former cannot be done at least the latter can. The Courier considers the matter of sufficient importance that it invites subscriptions for the purpose from friends at home or abroad. The same will be acknowledged in the paper and turned over to a committee to be later appointed to select a representative and plan a campaign of publicity.

The editor will give a dollar and Mr. John A. Patterson who is in the office as we write readily agrees to do the same. Let us hear from you promptly.

The Courier's idea is that this shall be primarily an advertising of Fairhope as a "Single Tax Colony" and its principles not be kept in the back-ground. We would not have any one misunderstand our purpose.

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THE MESSAGE OF A THINKING FEMALE UNTO MAN.

Some Things She Hates and Some She Insists Upon Having—Fair Sex Likes Men Capable of Attaining Power.

For better or for worse, no man ever yet understood a woman, or ever will. Men may know this, but they do not realize it, or they never would imagine that they could improve a woman by telling her about shortcomings.

A woman hates to be corrected by a man.

O man, thoughtless, thankless, inconsistent man, this world would be a happier place if you ceased to go about trying to make women more sensible.

The sensible woman gives man his due. She admits he is stronger—stronger physically, stronger in mind. The very sensible woman admits that he should use his heaven-sent power. Man should be the wise lord of woman; he shuld be her stay in weakness; he should direct her steps. Men object to the mare who is the better horse. But women hate to be forced to be chiefly responsible for pulling the cart of matrimony.

Woman, I say—and I do not speak as a fool—likes well enough to be lorded. What she hates is weakness in a man. She hates lack of decision. Finding it, she develops into a bully. Then, if only the poor, henpecked husband knew it, there is nothing in the world more ardently desired by the pecking hen than that the worm should turn, and bully her, and overmaster her, and force her to give in.

And now I have some eight or nine other wise words to speak to you, O humorless man. And I say to you that women like men who do things. Unless you should make a false deduction I will put it this way: A woman hates a man who does nothing.

It is given to all men to do. A woman seldom has compunction in taking the money that a man has inherited, and will share with her, but the man who cannot make money, and can do nothing but part with it, she holds in low esteem. It is another example of the lacking humor of men that they should laugh at women who fight for the hair of a Kubelik, or kiss the ground trod upon by a conqueror.

O Man—selfish, egotistical, swaggering being—listen again, and get understanding: Woman loves you, and knows that you cannot love her as she loves, and she likes you to enjoy yourself and be happy.

But—

She hates you to forget to say, as you were wont to say, how well her dress becomes her, how charming she is looking to-night! She hates you to forget her wedding-day—she can never forget it. She hates you to interfere with the baby, because you know nothing about it. She hates to be left behind to mope when you go off on your holiday.

And she hates the way you worship your pipe. It is not fair that men should have always the consolation of their pipes, and women only the consolation of their tears. Tobacco is fragrant, but tears are bitter.—"Mrs. Robin Poorfellow" in The London Express.

A Sharp Experience.

"So Jagsby got scratched in the race for his aunt's money?"

"Yes."

"How did it happen?"

"I guess he was scratched by the clause in her will."

FIRST TIME TRUTH WAS TOLD

Liveryman Refused to Assess Damages Against His Reckless But Honest Customer.

In a small southern Indiana town is a liveryman who has ideas of his own about conducting his business. For example:

Not long ago an Indianapolis drummer, known for his ability to get over ground in a hurry, had one of old Henry's rigs with which he drove to a neighboring town. Part of the way was over a corduroy road. The drummer's business detained him longer than he expected, and when he finally got back in the buggy for the return trip he found that he would have to drive some to catch a train.

He made the livery outfit scamper along the road at a lively pace. Finally, when he struck the corduroy road, he felt something snap, and knew that he had broken a spring on the buggy. He saw visions of having to make the damage good to old Henry. When he reached the barn he jumped out and said:

"Henry, I broke a spring. How much do I owe you?"

"How did you break it, Gus?" asked the liveryman.

"Driving like the dickens over a rough road," the drummer answered, frankly.

"Then you don't owe me anything."

"Why, how's that?"

"Well, that's the first time I ever had a spring broke that way. It a new way o' breakin' them. All I ever had broke before was broken drivin' easy over a smooth road."—Indianapolis News.

Sarcasm at Royalty's Expense.

"There was great consternation in official circles at Breslau," says Ulk, "when his majesty the king of Wurtemberg refused to enter the royal apartment prepared for him at the railroad station, and sat down in the public waiting room, where he ordered and drank a glass of beer. The regiment of infantry which had been ordered to report came too late, the king having already resumed his journey when it arrived. The officials found consolation, however, in sending to the museum the table, chair and beer glass which had become sacred, and the place where the democratic monarch sat may some day be marked with a tablet bearing the inscription, 'Here royalty ran off the track.'"

Why Men Leave Home.

Mr. Halefeller had got home at 2 a. m., and, naturally, at 7:30 a. m. his breakfast didn't appeal to him in the least. And, to make matters worse, his unsympathetic wife, with the morning paper, remarked, oh, so pleasantly: "Why, here's a recipe for a big head, George—take one ounce of—"

"That'll do, woman!" fiercely interrupted the sufferer; "cut it out!"

"Oh, I won't bother," replied the cruel lady; "but I'll mark the article and you can take the paper with you!"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Too Vague.

Mistress (at the agency)—Now, my husband is very particular whom I engage as a nurse. He wishes me to go into the most minute details about your qualifications. Do you know how to prepare food? Can you sew and mend? Do you mind sitting up late at night? Are you faithful and devoted, and have you a kind, loving disposition?

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Mrs. Lea, of Daphne, is at the Fairhope Sanitarium for a course of treatment.

Father Heibel of Mobile, will say Mass in Fairhope on Sunday morning, but we are unable to announce where.

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The Lucile lost or damaged her rudder at Montrose and was off a day or two on account of it.

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The expansion of the rails on the wharf has been so great that during the middle of the day the switches could not be thrown.

On account of the heavy rain storm on Thursday night the steamer Fairhope did not make her usual excursion.

Wm. Stimpson is prepared to figure on your lumber bills. If you want good service call on him.

It is some satisfaction these hot days to think how much suffering is saved to horses by the "horseless carriages."

Doctors Mershon and Schowalter, removed a large tumor from the head of Willie Malloy, a colored man living near Point Clear.

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Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mrs. Rathje was among the Chicago excursionists. She will visit friends in Illinois and Iowa and combine some business with her pleasure.

Fairhope has been sweltering in the hot wave which has been felt throughout the south for the past several days, but a heavy rain storm last evening brought considerable mitigation.

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The excursion north swelled the passenger list of the Fairhope on last Saturday morning and she had a fine list to the city.

Mrs. Turpen's father, Mr. Esquerre, was painfully injured on Thursday morning by being struck in the eye by a stick thrown at a cow by his little grandson Jack, There is some fear that he may lose the sight of the eye.

Ralph Mershon & Jake Van Bendegom, of the Mershon Merchandising Company's force of hustlers, accompanied by Arthur Gaston, who also works for the company a portion of the time, took a day's outing at Rock Creek, on Tuesday.

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Dr. W. C. Mason has returned from a two weeks visit with his wife at the home of his people, at Manila, Clark County, and resumed his work here yesterday.

Arthur Gaston, the editor's youngest, has taken the agency of the Peerless Laundry of Mobile, and been furnished with a beautiful dapple gray mare and a wagon for gathering up and delivering laundry along the shore from Zundells to Fairhope.

The books containing the score of the opera pinafore were on hand for the practise on Tuesday evening and so was a piano, most kindly loaned for the purpose by the well-known music house of Junger and Gass, Mobile. The use of the church has very kindly been permitted for the practicing.

Be sure and attend the unique entertainment planned by the ladies of Fairhope for tomorrow night, at the beautiful home of Captain and Mrs. Nichols. The purpose is one in which all are most deeply interested—the public school of Fairhope. Encourage the ladies by your presence and by spending your money freely.

Mrs. Anna B. Hail accompanied by her children came over from Mobile on Saturday evening to make her home with her mother, Mrs. C. K. Brown for a time. Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Hail's sister, left on Tuesday morning for her home in New Mexico. Mother Brown is improving in health considerably.

During a thunder storm on last Sunday evening, lightning ran along the telephone line between Hagstrom's and Koopman's places, leaving its mark on several posts and tearing one to pieces and also melting a hundred feet or more of the wire. It did not enter the home of Mr. Koopman, but the demonstration was enough to thoroughly alarm Mrs. Koopman and the children.

Look out for the caterpillars on your pecan trees. They will slip in on you if you don't watch out, and strip the trees of their leaves before you know it. By close observation you can detect the webs in the trees before the caterpillars hatch out, and fortunately when hatched they have a habit of bunching on the trunk or limbs so that when either in the web or out of it they can be easily burned out by a rag saturated in coal oil on the end of a pole.

On the occasion of Miss Celina Robert's 17th birthday a large party of her young friends were invited to a luncheon, at 6.30 on last evening. About thirty guest were invited, but owing to the terrific rain and electrical storm, many were unable to be present. Those who were however, enjoyed the occasion greatly. Luncheon was served on the wide verandah, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion.

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Former Pastors Visit Fairhope.

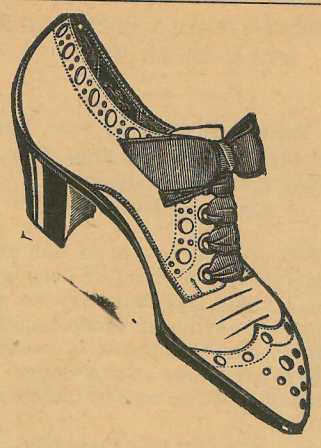
Two former pastors of the local Christian Church are expected to be here over Sunday, Rev. J. H. Harker and Rev. H. G. Sedinger and there will be preaching at the church morning and evening.

Rev. Sedinger arrived this Friday evening and has recieved a hearty welcome from his many friends. He is now state evangelist with headquarters at Birmingham.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyons son and family visited them from Friday evening to Saturday evening.

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August 12–18 1909.

Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
12	78	90	76
13	80	87	80
14	80	90	82
15	82	92	82
19	82	93	83
17	84	94	84
18	84	94	88

PUZZLE AMONG THE NATIONS

For Centuries Students Have Tried Without Success to Trace Origin of Basque People.

The Basone provinces lie in the north of Spain, and although for centuries students have tried to trace the real origin of the people and find a key to their language, they have failed to do so.

The race is a Catholic one, and their devition to the Catholic faith is so firm that it is commonly said the devil gave them up as a hopeless object of his sinister attentions, simply because he could never understand or master their language.

All other known tongues spoken by the sons of men have been shown to possess a common origin, traceable to the Arabic and Semitic. But the Basque language has entirely resisted the philologist. In some aspects the vernacular shows traces of a Chinese admixture; in others it is clear that North American Indian terms are native to it. It also shows traces of barbaric languages spoken on the east coast of Africa.

The people themselves bear physiological traits found in those who speak the said tongues. The native name of Basqueland is Eskuara, and their motto is "Iruracbat," or "three in one." Nor is their political structure anything like that of any known political body, though they belong, of course, to Spain.

Each Basque province is governed by a parliament composed of representatives—selected partly by election, partly by lot—among the householders of each country parish or town. Their laws are essentially peculiar to themselves, and are conceived on no known code, either by ancient or medieval times. They are the puzzle among nations, and number 500,000, all told. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Famous Landmark.

To most of us the Nestorian tablet is a name only—an "old, forgotten, far-off thing," almost as apocryphal as Aladdin's lamp—if not, indeed, far more so. The fact that Dr. S. Wells Williams' monumental work, "The Middle Kingdom," contains a translation by Dr. Wylie, in 3,000 words or so, of the inscription carved upon the ancient stone, centuries and centuries ago, by the Nestorian Christian missionaries in China, does not suffice to make it an object of popular interest. But now that a young Danish traveler and archeologist—who, by the way, speaks English like a native—has made a journey to remote Sian-fu, and brought to New York an exact copy of it, in limestone, from the same quarry, reproducing every Chinese character and symbolic ornament just as it appears in the original, the thing becomes a matter of interest to all Americans; and the attendants in the Metropolitan Museum of Art spend no little time nowadays in directing strangers to what they themselves agree in calling "the Chinese stone."—Putnam's Magazine.

Steel Ring for His Backbone.

With one segment of his backbone missing and a steel ring doing service in its place, A. L. Austin, a laborer of Douglas, Wyo., is slowly improving and the attending physicians now hope that he will recover.

Austin's back was broken when a shed collapsed. He was caught under a heavy timber and one of his vertebrae splintered. When taken to the hospital he was paralyzed from the waist down.

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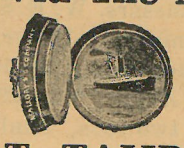
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Henry George, as is well known, asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring each who desired the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope had advocated, and yet do, this as a reform in taxation; but realizing that its essential feature is the taking of land values for public use, and that the right to collect land values attaches to LAND OWNERSHIP under our present laws, hit upon the clever plan of securing by purchase, the right to collect land values, not as a tax but as rent, and administering these values not for their benefit as OWNERS in the usual way, but for the benefit of ALL who might by locating upon such lands contribute to their value.

Under this plan the title to the land of Fairhope is held by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation chartered under an Alabama statute, having a perpetual existence, and conducted by its members under the said statute and its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on ninety-nine year leases, subject to an annually appraised rental, collected and disbursed for the public benefit.

To make this really a "Single Tax," and to free its lessees from the blighting injustice of taxes upon improvements and personal property, the Corporation pays out of the rent not only the taxes upon the land, but upon the improvements and personal property of lessees.

All the rent fund remaining is expended locally for the public benefit in roads, schools, 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,

Mrs. E. T. Molyneux, Deceased.

Mrs. E. T. Molyneux, whose death was briefly mentioned in last issue was buried in Fairhope cemetery beside her little infant who preceeded her in October 1908, on last Friday, August 13, 1909.

A large company of the friends from the town and country followed the remains to the cemetery where a fitting tribute was paid to the character of the deceased and such words of consolation as might be given to the bereaved ones were said by Rev. A. E. Shupe, music being furnished by a quartette composed of Mrs. Bertha Mershon and Mrs. Sweet and Messrs. W. E. Sweet and A. H. Mershon.

Annie Mary Bever, was born in Rush County, Ind., Sept. 24th 1865; married E. T. Molyneux August 9th, 1890; removed with him and their two sons, Paul and Marc, to Fairhope, about 1900.

They built and lived in Fairhope for about four years and then moved to the present home of the family, "Lone Oak" on the Battles to Marlow road.

She left beside, her husband, two sons before mentioned, a little daughter Gladys, born in Fairhope, her mother, who had been with her here for some time, a sister and two brothers.

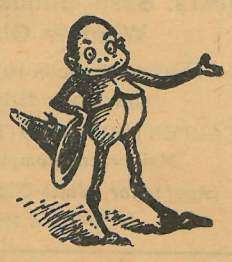
Mrs. Molyneux was a woman of exemplary character in every walk of life and the bereaved ones have many to share in their loss and sympathize with them in their grief.

An English publication received carries an ad of the "Renard Train" for which the following claims are made: "a perfect mechanical road train; speed ten miles per hour, carries loads of twelve to twenty tons, will travel over the roughest of ground and the steepest hills; first, second and third class passenger coaches; working cost per ton mile less than any other form of transport."

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J. C. Porter renews his subscription to the COURIER from Chicago and says: "I am sorry not to be able to renew same in person. The time seems all too long to wait when I may be privileged to be with you again. Kind regards to all good Fairhopers."

Mr. Horace Sague, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., renews his subscription to the COURIER and that of a friend and adds another dollar to be "placed where it will do the most good."



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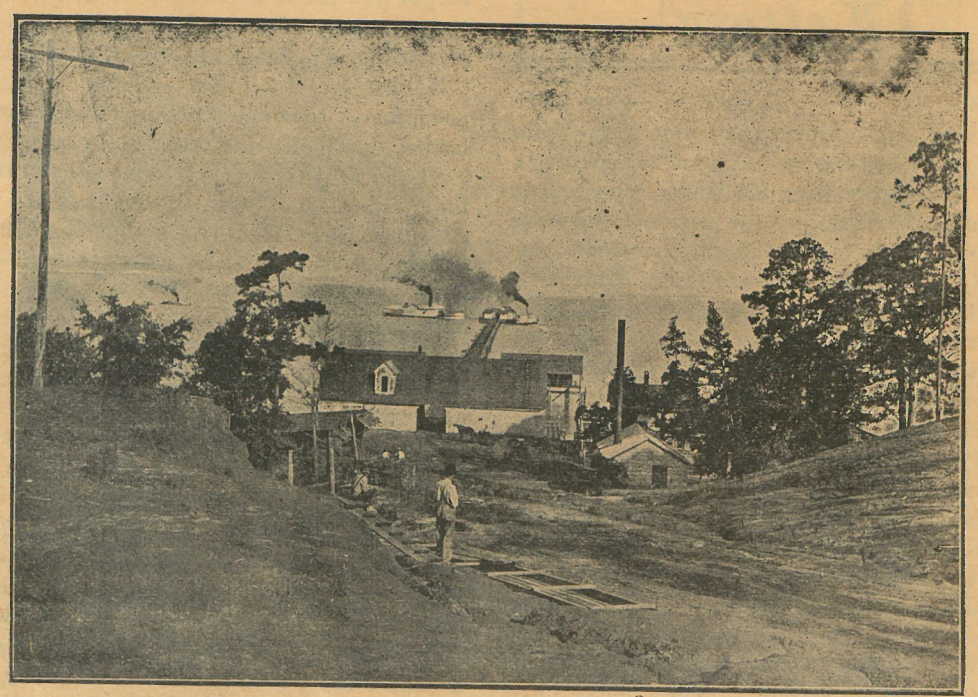
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A MORNING SCENE AT FAIRHOPE WHARF

The above view of Fairhope's water front, we print by the kindness of Mr. John P. Lowell, it being one of the new cuts prepared for his recently issued booklet "Panoramic View of the Health Resorts of the Eastern Shore." The steamer Fairhope is shown at the pier head just ready to leave for Mobile direct; just about to land is the "Pleasure Bay" and approaching, the "Lucile," both the latter taking the upper shore landings en route to Mobile. The small building at the right with the smoke-stack is the pump-house of the Colony waterworks.

GREAT TRUTH OFTEN OVERLOOKED.

Payments to Public Funds, Justly Based and Wisely Expended, Best Investment Individuals Can Make.

In the very interesting and instructive letter upon Fairhope written by Mr. H. F. Ring after a visit here and published in the COURIER, he brought out more clearly than it had ever been brought to our attention before, the benefit to individuals of a public fund justly raised and wisely expended.

Said Mr. Ring in this article:

"I firmly believe that the entire unearned increment in a community like Fairhope, can be so administered for the general good of all residing on colony lands as to return to each lessee in direct pecuniary benefit, far more than the annual rental paid by him for the use of his land. This fund can be used, and I have no doubt but that at Fairhope it will be so used as to enormously increase the efficiency of the labor of those who lease land from the colony.

"Nothing is more conducive to individual prosperity than the wise expenditure of money raised by the taxing power or its equivalent."

Mr. Ring proceeded with specific illustrations demonstrating his statement, drawn from his own experience in Houston, and from very reasonable presumptions as to probable expenditures of public funds in Fairhope, especially in the way of supplying public utilities, and continued:

"Every dollar of ground rent collected, if invested in such public utilities will yield far more in direct pecuniary profit to the leaseholder who pays it, than he could possibly make out of it were he permitted to retain it, since the retention of it would prevent him from so soon having the benefit of these wealth-producing and comfort bringing instrumentalities, And this would be the case despite errors made in selection and management, for the margin of profit to the individual, would be large enough to cover all losses resulting from honest mistakes in this connection."

Does not this put the matter of individual contributions toward public funds in an entirely different light from what it is usually viewed by the tax-payer?

The average tax-payer looks upon every payment required of him for community purposes as a hardship, if not an outrage; something to be avoided if possible, even at the cost of having his community hampered for lack of insufficient funds to do the things that he and every other citizen thinks not only desirable but necessary.

Witness the way in which the voters of Alabama have bound their communities by legislative and even Constitutional provisions against the collection of public funds, while all the time clamoring for better roads, better fire and police protection, etc,

Even the people of Fairhope have not been free from this feeling, as witness the protest raised by some at every increase of rentals, even though all the increase went to provide additional public advantages in which all shared, and the benefits accruing to individuals from which were in most cases, if not all, of far greater value to the individual than his share of the increased cost.

This is a subject to which the attention of Fairhopers is especially invited.

Elsewhere the taxpayer has a valid objection to increased levies for public purposes, that they are not based upon benefits realized or expected from public expenditure, but upon the results of his individual efforts or investments, and thus levied tend to discourage enterprise and industry. But that objection does not lie to the payments for public benefit asked for under the policy of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, which proposes not to take the increasing values due to individual benefit, as the value of a house, a barn, an orchard, or a store, or a manufacturing plant, but the value attaching to the land, because of the presence and combined activities of the people, attaching to the unimproved lot as well as to the improved one.

Such payments, instead of tending to discourage interprise and industry, as we have often shown and as Fairhope has conclusively demonstrated, tend to their encouragement; and this is the great distinguishing difference between Fairhope (as controlled by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation) and other communities.

Understanding this fact and appreciating the truth brought out by Mr. Ring, that money expended for the public benefit may bring the individual greater benefits than he could secure by retaining his portion of it and expending it personally for his personal benefit, the Fairhoper instead of opposing a reasonable increase in rentals would welcome it, feeling that he would get much more than value received for the small amount of his increase, by sharing in the sum of like increases from his fellow lessees.

Rightly understanding this the Fairhope lessee will even be much more eager that the community should get the full rental value of its lands than concerned lest he pay a few dollars more.

This matter is of practical importance at this time, because the time for the annual reappraisement of the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is fast approaching. And herein comes the real test of the application of the principle underlying Fairhope. The full benefits of that principle cannot be gained without the rental value of the land is taken as nearly as it can be ascertained. And no more mistaken idea can exist than that the lessees benefit by keeping rents down.

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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP THE REMEDY

Scotchman Now in Pittsburg Tells How Glasgow's Trolley System Is Operated for the People's Benefit

Declaring that Pittsburg and other American municipalities will not have surcease from overcrowded street cars until street railroads are owned by the city, and reinforcing that contention by another declaration that in Glasgow every passenger gets a seat, and that cars pass congested points every half minute, James Shaw Maxwell, senior magistrate of the Scottish metropolis, is in Pittsburg investigating conditions. He says that municipal ownership is the only method that will be of lasting benefit to the public.

Mr. Maxwell arrived in Pittsburg last night from Chicago and will continue his investigations through eastern cities. He said there was no reason why Chicago and Pittsburg should not own their public utilities, and asserted that municipal ownership would be a cure for many other public ills.

Mr. Maxwell pointed out that in Glasgow the city hires all employes for the public utility work, and he said politics did not enter into it. He modestly continued by saying that the 18,000 city employes in the eight or ten times he has been a candidate for public office have never been of much help to him and at that he stands pretty well with them. They follow the dictates of their own minds in voting.

The utility is not a money maker, but is self-sustaining. The official who shows a big surplus at the end of a year is not a popular man. The fare is from one to five cents, according to the length of the ride.

Great Truth Often Overlooked

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Every visitor to our town comments upon the things that are so apparent to him as needing to be done. And no citizen can walk or ride about without being forcibly impressed with our needs—especially with the need of improving our roads and sidewalks, and preventing the washing away of our lands along the edges of the gully and bluffs. This is a work which it is the poorest economy to neglect, one in which a "stitch in time" truly "saves nine". As to our sidewalks they are in many cases a disgrace to us and a menace to limbs if not life. Some of us are at our own expense looking after these in front of our leaseholds, keeping them smoooth, setting them to Bermuda grass and preventing wash in the gutters in the same ways but if what we are thus spending was added to our rent and a corresponding amount proportionately added to all rents, a comprehensive and uniform plan for such improvement could be adopted and carried out by the Colony Corporation, which would be vastly better for us, for we are as much interested in the improvement of the streets in front of others' property as in front of our own.

We shall further discuss this matter in another issue.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

August 23,—near noon.

Working in the library all alone, the rain pouring since daylight. As usual I have been trying to resist reading the books whose title pages must be examined for verification. Here is one which has interested all American patriots since it was printed. It is Marshall's Diary kept during the American Revolution We have the first volume only, written between the dates 1774 and 1777. We need the complete work. x x x It struck me as strange that the Quakers, the peace-loving Quakers should have been opposed to all the pacific measures of the Continental Congress. Here are some extracts:—"Jan. 24th. (1775) Meetings daily amongst the Quakers, in order, if possible, to defeat the pacific proceedings of the Continental Congress, calling upon their members not to meet the County Committees, but entirely to withraw from them, under the penalty of excommunication." They must have thought that a bloodless revolution was possible. Anyway they were then, as now, two hundred years ahead of other churches in their fearless denunciation of moral cowardice and wrong, especially the wrong of tyranny.

"March 1st.—Early this morning departed these parts, universally lamented by the friends of slavery, but to the joy and satisfaction of the lovers of freedom, that baneful and detested weed, East India Tea, whose return is never desired by true sons of American Liberty."—The evening Post instituted by Benjamin Franklin, and still existing and flourishing, is continually quoted—Our friend D. D. Chidester subscribed for this paper for this library and it is one of our most appreciated periodicals.—From a London paper Marshall quotes: "This day, March the 7th at noon, two sheriffs and the hangman attended at the Royal Exchange in order to burn a periodical paper called 'The Crisis No. 3,' and the pamphlet entitled, 'The Present Crisis With Respect to America.' As soon as the fire was lighted before the Exchange, it was immediately put out and dead dogs and cats thrown at the officers."

x x x "Feb. 10th. An eminent Quaker, at the meeting of the merchants declared that however contemptuously their petitions were reated, the Americans would, to a man, die, if the act, which he held up in his hand, was not repealed." And this: "A certain celebrated lady waited on the king to address him on the times, and after promising her an audience, he abruptly withdrew."

Marshall says under date July 8 (O. S. of course) that he joined the Committee of Safety and went in a body to the State House Yard, where in the presence of a great concourse of people the Declaration of Independence was read by John Nixon. The company declared their approbation by three repeated huzzas." In the evening were bonfires and the ringing of bells, and other great demonstrations of joy upon the unanimity and agreement of the declaration." But the "agreement" was not absolve. The loyal citizens kept a sharp watch for disloyalty. In a "coffee house William Allen declared that he would shed his blood in opposition to Independence," of course he was promptly reported to the Committee of Safety. Those were awful times, as all times and places must be where free speech, a free press are impossible.

x x x The "honk! honk!" (that is what the newspapers call it,) is heard in our streets. Automobiles are getting so common that we no longer run to the door when we hear them passing. A lady here "otherwise sensible," declares that she hates the sight of an automobile. It certainly seems almost uncanny to see a heavy carriage traveling swiftly without horses, locomotive, or any visible traction power; but I still retain a vivid memory of the one long ride I had with Dr. Foote in the Bronx (Greater New York,) in his elegant horseless carriage. But the roads there were like cement, and were constantly kept oiled to prevent dust. The land value increment there is immense in certain locations, and those holding the land bought with "good judgment" are becoming wealthy at the expense of the whole population. They do not understand this as a fact. They say: We give the people work." True each rich land holder in the Bronx and everywhere, does furnish wages to a few who do his cooking, garden word, laundry work, etc. But he is receiving a vast amount through the life of every settler, without whose presence he would have nothing save as he toiled and produced wealth by labor. Why then is it difficult for him to realize that the increase in the land value, the "unearned increment" cannot by right belong to any individual, but must belong equally to the whole community.

Many do not use the reasoning powers at all. They see a great speculator trying to "corner" all the wheat of the world, and putting millions in his coffers by his "business" power, when that power is plain robbery. He has produced nothing; has not added a grain to the wealth of the world, but he becomes rich, suddenly, the wheat speculator by making every loaf of bread cost more to the consumer. If the loaf keeps its ordinary price then it must be deteriorated by weight, by adulteration through the addition of poorer stock or by both. People as a rule do not think; do not see that an ounce in weight in a loaf of bread amounts to millions in a year and that those millions go the "cornerer" of wheat, for the bakers and the retail people are workers and more than earn their small profits.

Not until the inteligence of the people rises to the dignity of demanding the total suppression of the crime of speculation in the necessities of life, in land primarily, can we have real progress and real, widespread prosperity among the world's workers.

Had you noted that papers which are most prompt and severe in condemning criticism of the courts are often most contemptuous critics of the direct representatives of the people whether in national or local governments, who stand up for the people at large and thwart the plundering schemes of the plutocrats? The reverential attitude of such papers for the courts arises because both are supporters of the powers that plunder. Their condemnation of any representative of the people is about the best sign that he is disposed to do his duty.

LAND VALUE TAXATION WINS

Land Values Taxation Clauses of the Budget Passed House of Commons

Cablegrams of August twenty-first, announced the passage through the committee of the whole of the English House of Commons of the land values taxation clauses of the budget.

We quote from the dispatches.

"The fight over the budget, which will fairly revolutionize the system of taxation in England, has been one of the most strenuous in the history of parliament. .....

"The last of the land taxation clauses has been passed by the committee but their form is quite different from that originally introduced. The chancellor of the exchequer has made a number of very important concessions, chief among these being in regard to the valuation of land. Under the bill as introduced the cost of the valuation was imposed upon the owner. This charge has been taken over by the state, which will be called upon to spend for the purpose more than $10,000,000. This is more than the tax will produce during the first year. The property of friendly societies, which own lands valued at upwards of $500,000,000, is also exempted under the new taxation. This is a concession to the labor societies. ... ... unionists, who form a large majority of the shareholders of the

"Another much criticised provision of the bill imposing a tax upon unmined minerals was also withdrawn and a tax on mining royalties and rent was substituted. The government, however, maintained the principle of taxation upon land values, and it is now attempting to justify its policy in the campaign throughout the country in which all cabinet ministers are taking part. The unionists are just as busy in opposition to this policy and the country is occupied with the discussion as to whether the budget will be popular.

"The masses seem to favor the measure and some Unionist newspapers, recognizing this, are urging the party to give up the fight and turn its attention to tariff reform. The leaders are supported by a majority of the party, however, and are insisting that the contest go on until the bill reaches the house of lords when the hope is expressed that the upper house, ignoring all precedents, will either amend or throw out the measure and thus, they believe, force the government to appeal to the country."

What seems to us the most important provision of the budget, that imposing a tax of twenty per cent on the future increment of land seems to have remained untouched. This seems to be the chief hope for really accomplishing anything worth while for the relief of the people from the grasp of landlordism in England, and our fear is that before it can become effective, the failure to realize any improvement in conditions from the budget, especially in the way of loosening the grip of landlordism, and reducing unemployment and poverty will be taken by the shortsighted as the failure of the taxation of land values, which will of course be charged by its influential enemies, and the people led to try some other plan for relief, probably protection.

The veteran editor of the Middleton, Guardian, sees this danger clearly and says:

"The lines upon which the Finance Bill is drawn are that no man has any moral right to retain the increment of and value created by the presence and industry of the people. This is also the burden of the argument of the supporters of the bill. But having established that fact the Government proceed illogically to draw a line to determine how much of increment a man can retain, and the law shall sustain him in retaining. Still, as we have remarked above, the principle is still there.

"This illogical position arises entirely from failure to apprehend the true philosophy of the taxation of land values. Had the government adhered to the original declared policy of the members of its party, namely. a tax on land vaiues, however held, the whole thing would have worked smoothly enough. It would then have become a susbtitutionary tax and the people they are now seeking to exempt from the operation of the Bill would have received sufficient help in the exemption from taxes on income and on improvements. As it is there is much cry, but little wool. We are grateful, as we have said, for the recognition of the principle of land value taxation, contained in the Budget, but the great majority of the people do not understand the principle, and those who are likely to be affected by its clauses cannot see that advantage can accrue to them in any way.

"This unfortunately places the principle of the taxation of land values in a wrong light. In these columns we are always showing that such a tax cannot possibly hurt any one who works—that indeed they will be greatly benefitted by it. But manifestly this cannot be the case unless (1) the tax is framed in such a way as to yield a considerable sum to the revenue, and (2) that it will force land into use and thus put an end to involuntary unemployment. How weak the original Bill was in these two respects we forcibly drew attention to as soon as it was printed. The amendments inserted by the Government and accepted by them from friends and foes have very much added to the disability of the Bill to carry out the two vital principles above laid down.

"We are compelled to put the matter in this way in order that we may not be misunderstood in the strong support we offer to the Finance Bill. When it comes into operation there will be much disappointment in the country. The revenue will not be appreciably raised by its operation, neither will there be any decline in the very high average of unemployment. When these become apparent, we must not be accused of inconsistency, and it cannot be said that the taxation of land values has in any way failed. Neither of those statements would be correct because under the operation of this bill the country will not have the taxation of land values. All we shall get will be an acknowledgment that the taxation of land values is "practical politics." That is a huge step gained. There is, however a mighty diference between what is meant by this bill and what we mean when we speak of the taxation of land values."

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Many automobile speed records were broken at the great Indianapolis speedway last week and this but several human lives were sacrificed in the effort. For the most part these were connected with the racing.

FIG CULTURE A NEGLECTED NDUSTRY

Editor Courier.

As you are always interested in anything that promotes the welfare of Fairhope and vicinity, I hope you will find room in your paper for a short article on "A Neglected Industry."

How often one hears the remark: "figs cannot be grown in this locality except beside the kitchen door." This idea seems to be generally accepted and even appeared in the pages of the Courier.

This is all a mistake, figs can be grown here as easily as umbrella trees.

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What Not To Do

To those interested the question is how can this be accomplished? This can best be explained by reversing the usual custom of telling what to do by telling what not to do.

Now first last and all the time, "do not cut the roots off your trees" and next do not try to grow fig trees and a crop of something else on the same ground. The roots of fig trees planted 16 1-2 feet apart spread over the ground the second year, if the land has been properly prepared before planting.

If these two facts are thoroughly understood and followed fig culture becomes easy; and these are the two most important things not to do.

There may be better methods of cultivation for figs than what I have used; but by my method I have produced in the last sixteen months from the bud, trees measuring nine inches in circumference at base of trunk, seven feet high, six to eight feet across spread of branches, with from twenty to thirty branches on each tree; the branches being from three and one-half to four and one-half feet long; and this on new ground; anyone can beat this by better preparation of the soil before planting.

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Method of Planting and Cultivation

Prepare ground by deep plowing get all the humus in ground possible, dig large holes and set trees deep being careful to put best soil available around roots. Do not pack the ground. Throw bucket of water around tree, it firms the soil better than tramping it.

After planting do not touch the ground around tree till weeds appear. Then take very sharp hoe and scrape weeds off, continue this all summer being careful not to let weeds get a start nor let your hoe get into the ground.

About the first of February put stable manure around trees, gather dry weeds, grass, or anything to make humus place on top of manure and cover with soil, this looks too high, but by fall it is just right.

Now take turn plow and break up centers and turn in all the rubbish you can cover. This is the last chance to get humus into the ground and is important on heavy soil, but not so necessary on sandy land.

Do not plow nearer to tree than tree is high, if you look close you will see the roots. This is the last of the plowing, by the end of July the roots are all over the ground, keep free from weeds as before.

A few trees can be kept clean by a hoe, but if planted by the acre, a horse will be necessary and I think a sharp plow with a wheel under the end of the beam like a prairie breaking plow will do the work.

One tree well taken care of five years old will produce more fruit than an average family can use.

Of commercial fertilizer I cannot say as I have only used stable manure.

Some time in February prune trees, cut back each branch, cut most of the top ones, let lower branches bend down to the ground, if hard storm comes this will help to keep the trees from upsetting.

The Celeste variety makes the best preserve of any we have here. When peeled they are worth a dollar per quart in northern markets.

I am told that in Texas a fig called Magnolia is grown. It is three times as large and has all the good qualities of the Celeste.

I see no reason why this variety of fig cannot be grown in Baldwin County as well as other varieties.

Texas has thousands of acres in fig orchards and many canneries and those who have been where this industry is carried on, say the conditions here are similar.

This is an industry in which individuals can produce a finished product, and the Farmers' Union could handle it.

It is said that the value of the fruit on an average three year old Magnolia fig tree at three cents per pound is worth $1.75. Planted 16 1-2 feet apart gives 160 trees to the acre.

As to enemies, neither the tree nor the fruit seem to have any here except the man with the plow or mattock.

I hope others may become interested and investigate and that before long we may have a flourishing fig industry at Fairhope.

G. W. Bell

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Ice Plant in Operation

After annoying delays the ice making machinery was declared ready for operation and the plant started on its first freeze this morning.

It will take fully three days to freeze the first time and ice may be expected to be ready for pulling by Sunday evening or Monday morning.

This will be an important event in the industrial development of Fairhope and should be observed in some appropriate way.

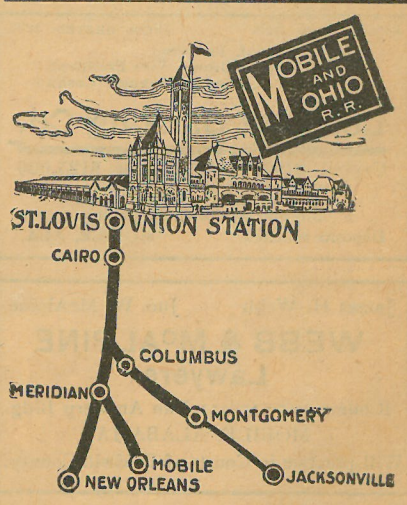
Mr. Berglin has put up a nice little plant complete in every respect.

The building is substantially built properly designed for its uses, and architecturally pleasing.

For this much credit is no doubt due to Mr. Foster who has had charge of the work since the beginning.

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No further action regarding the school-house has been taken up to this date Thursday.



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Personal and Local

Miss Edith White spent over Sunday here guest of Miss Ola Powell.

A great many shrimp have been caught lately.

Another large crowd of Mobilians enjoyed last Sunday at Fairhope.

Miss Eloise Cleveland, of Mobile visited Miss Ola Powell over Sunday.

Miss Edith White spent over Sunday here guest of Miss Ola Powell.

Mr. Adolph Austin spent over Sunday here guest of Mr. Jim Gaston.

Henry Clare Littlefield and wife visited the home folks over Sunday.

The late electrical storms have been pretty hard on the telephones and telephone lines.

Mrs. Joyce and children accompanied Mr. Joyce back to Jackson last week to reside there.

Rev. H. G. Sedinger preached at the church on last Sunday morning and left on the afternoon steamer.

Clayton Baldwin is home from Jackson, Miss., where he has been working for Mr. Joyce and is helping to look after matters at home during his father's absence.

Mrs. Ahrens and daughter Martha, arrived home last Friday or Saturday after a visit of several weeks in Chicago.

Mrs. L. J. Curtis left on Saturday morning to join the Trenholmes at Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Curtis was a good loyal Fairhoper and doing a nice business at her "Sunny-Point" Lunch room and her friends all regretted greatly to have her go, but will hope that she is pleased in her new home. Mr. Trenholme is reported to have secured a position at $20 a week and the family have a pleasant flat and are well pleased. Mrs. Curtis's son, Rolland and his wife and Mrs. Wolf, accompanied her to Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harker and two children of Montgomery, arrived on Saturday evening and will be guests of Dr. and Mrs. Mershon for at least a week. Mr. and Mrs. Harker spent a year with us about eight years ago and have many friends among the older residents who were happy to see them back. Since they were here Mr. Harker has taken a theological course in Drake University at Des Moines. He is now pastor of the Christian church at Montgomery and is a ready and eloquent speaker. Mrs. Harker is a very fine musician and used to be our favorite accompanist. Mr. Harker is just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. He preached at the local Church last Sunday evening and is expected to speak again next Sunday, both morning and evening.

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Midway Plaisance
Great Success.

The "Midway Plaisance" at Forestdale last Saturday evening, under the direction of the good ladies of Fairhope, was very much of a success.

The beautiful grounds of Capt. and Mrs. Nichols with the gaily decorated booths, colored lights and gayly costumed performers, looked like a corner of Fairyland.

True to the name given the affair there were numerous booths, or side-shows, with "attractions" which were ingenious and laughter provoking "sells" but it was well worth the nickel asked at each to-solve the mysteries lurking behind their placards and all for the "good of the cause."

Out at the pavilion at the end of the bath-house wharf, Dr. Sheldon and Mr. Pilcher pulled off an amusing black-face stunt, which beguiled many dimes and later dancing was indulged in.

There was of course abundance of refreshment from sandwiches and coffee to ice cream and candy.

A delightful musical program in charge of Mrs Ira Powell, was rendered in the spacious parlors of the Nichol's home participated in by the best of the local talent and by several of the summer residents.

The home people were generously assisted by the summer visitors whose hearty cooperation was much appreciated.

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A great deal of cheap and foolish talk was indulged in in the recent session of the Alabama legislature about "Yankee agitators" and "carpet-baggers" because forsooth, some gentlemen from other states had been active in the campaign for prohibition. We regretted to note Senator Hamburger of Mobile as one of the offenders in this respect though in a brilliant and in some respects admiranle speech, he roundly and properly denounced a similar appeal to prejudice by others. Such talk was more a reflection really upon the senator's native fellow-citizens of Alabama, than upon those from other states, because the inference was that the former were allowing themselves to be made tools of by the latter. The reasonable view of the matter of course, is that the native and adopted citizens of the state were agreed upon what they believed to be a great moral principle and a policy which would benefit this or any state. This country however foolish it may be in raising barriers against trade from foreign lands, has no such barriers to the exchange of ideas or movement of individuals between its states.

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The Courier's recent article on the Kudzu vine aroused a good deal of interest. Mr. Ames had a fine picture taken of his big vine from which we hope to have a cut made. He reports a new use found for the foliage; that is as chicken feed. He clips the leaves from the lower stems—his vine runs up a pine tree—and feeds them to his chickens, by which they are eaten greedily.

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The vagaries of the weather seem very strange. Here we have had frequent showers throughout the whole season, but a friend writes us from southeast Lousiana that the season has been quite dry there causing unusual expense to keep the rice fields covered with the requisite amount of water. Yet that section is near the coast as this is and one would think the atmospheric conditions about the same.

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Father Knowles off on his annual trip, does not forget Fairhope and its policies nor the Courier, but says a good word for them where ever opportunity offers and sends in an occasional subscription to the paper.

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E. C. Wolcott of Warren, Ohio, made a flying visit, going direct to his father-in-law's, Mr. Mccloud's at Magnolia Springs, and being brought over by Mr. McCloud on Saturday evening to F. L. Brown"s. He left on Wednesday morning.

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Make Fairhope a Voting Precinct

The notice of the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, given in this issue showing that people of this vicinity who wish to return their property for assessment and pay their taxes without any extra fees, will have to go about eight miles back into the country to do so, calls attention to the importance of having the precinct boundaries revised and new ones established where necessary to keep pace with the growth of the county.

This matter is under the control of the county commissioners and by a proper effort they can be led to act.

We had hoped that the municipal administration of Fairhope, the legal representatives of the people of this community, would have acted before this. A proper representation from the Mayor, backed by resolution of the Town Council and petition from the citizens outside the municipality, whose postoffice and trading and shipping point Fairhope is, would, no doubt, secure the establishment of a new precinct with Fairhope as its polling place, thus giving us opportunity to vote and pay our taxes and return assessments at home.

It is ridiculous that the people of the second town in the county (one of two only incorporated towns) should have to go eight miles back into the woods to give in assessments and pay taxes or three miles to a town one-fourth the size to vote in county or state elections. We need blame nobody but ourselves if we allow this condition to continue or at any rate if we fail to properly put it up to the county commissioners to remedy the evil.

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ADVERTISE FAIRHOPE AND ITS POLICIES

A little money could not be better spent to advertise Fairhope and its policies than by having a representative well supplied with literature to attend the approaching state fairs at Montgomery and Birmingham and the Baldwin Co., fair at Bay Minette. If the former cannot be done at least the latter can. The Courier considers the matter of sufficient importance that it invites subscriptions for the purpose from friends at home or abroad. The same will be acknowledged in the paper and turned over to a committee to be later appointed to select a representative and plan a campaign of publicity.

The editor will give a dollar and Mr. John A. Patterson who is in the office as we write readily agrees to do the same. Let us hear from you promptly.

The Courier's idea is that this shall be primarily an advertising of Fairhope as a "Single Tax Colony" and its principles not be kept in the back-ground. We would not have any one misunderstand our purpose.

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Mr. Alex J. Melville, of New York who visited us recently, writes that he and his mother expect to be with us early in Ooctber and if she is satisfied with the place will locate permanently.

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Mrs Frances R Riley of Farmington, Mich., writes that the prospects seem good now for her being able to come to Fairhope soon to make her permanent home.

POWER IN TURKEY

GREAT MAN INDEED IS THE TCHELEBI OF KONIAH.

Next to the Sultan Ranks the Head of the Dervishes, Whom the Mass of the People Fear and Love.

Next to the sultan, the Tchelebi of Koniah, who was summoned sooner than was planned to gird the sword of Osman upon Mehemed V., is the greatest personage in the Ottoman empire, for he is the direct descendant of Ala Eddin, sultan of the Seljuks, who gave up his title to the founder of the present dynasty, Osman the Illustrious, so as to be able to lead a retired life. This happened early in the fourteenth century, and ever since then the descendants of Ala Eddin have invested the sultan by girding him with Osman's sword.

The Tchelebi and his followers, who are rich in land and live in a monastery at Koniah in Asia Minor, are known to the European world as dancing dervishes. A dervish can be either a dancing or a howling dervish, but a dancing dervish ranks higher than his howling brother. Their ceremony, as performed in a stifling hall on Tuesdays and Fridays in Pera or Scutari, seems to the tourist rather comical, but behind it lies that deep reverence for the prophet and the fanaticism of the faithful. It is through the dervishes that the Turkish masses understand their religion. Therefore, they are not to be despised, even by the tourist, whilst to the historian they form a link between modern religion and the long-forgotten practices of ancient Egypt.

Each dervish, on entering Tchelebi's monastery, has to take a vow of chastity, poverty and obedience, his calling answering to that of the monk of western ideas. All the same they are allowed to marry and have a house in the town, though they must pass at least two nights a week in their monastery. Neither do they keep strictly to the vow of poverty, for besides a trade, many get large sums as presents from the faithful. Humility of soul they profess; but no man has a prouder manner and exterior than a dervish. The monastery of Koniah, over which Tchelebi rules, is very large indeed; but the usual number of inmates in such places is about 40. Their chief is called a sheik or Grand Mufti. They get their food and lodging free, and are supposed to take their meals alone in their cells. To the European mind, however, they seem to spend most of their time in cafes and other public places, where they harangue the people and receive "presents"—begging is supposed to be forbidden. They go long journeys; the Koniah dervishes often reaching India. Every Mohammedan offers them food and lodging on the way, so they get there for nothing.

Amongst the more educated Turks they have lost much of their ancient prestige and they have come down to be mere conjurers. But the people fear and love them, and did Tchelebi of Koniah refuse to gird on Osman's sword, or did the sultan abolish the ceremony, millions of the faithful would refuse to acknowledge Mehemed V. as their caliph. There are, in the Ottoman empire, about six of these monasteries, which the Turks call Mevlivi, from the name of their founder — Mevievahina-Djellah-Eddin-el-Roumi. They have a tekha or convent at Pera, Constantinople; and a room at Scutari, where they perform their exercises.

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The excursionists will soon begin to return.

Cross and Co. have a telephone at the farm.

Miss Hazel Cook of Mobile, is spending this week at the Dolive House.

The Misses Bulet, of Mobile, are visiting Miss Alice Sacriste this week.

Have you tried Luzianne coffee, Satisfaction guaranteed.
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Let Wm. Stimpson figure on your fencing. He can save you money on it.

Miss Ola Powell is visiting Miss Eloise Cleveland in Mobile this week.

Nice fresh line of high grade candy just received at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crenshaw spent Sunday Sunday here, guests of the Sacriste's.

Miss Josephine Cady of Mobile is visiting the W. T. McAtee family this week.

Arrow Root Biscuits are fine, 10 cen's per package.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Miss Kittie Burrows and her brother visited Mrs. Hueston over Sunday.

Wm. Stimpson is prepared to figure on your lumber bills. If you want good service call on him.

Mr. Joe Midgette, of Mobile, is here for the balance of the summer with his people.

The cream separator was moved down to the new plant on Wednesday and the first skimming made there this morning.

If you want a good smoke while in Fairhope cali at our store, we handle all the leading brands of cigars.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

The V. I. C. meets with Mrs. R. F. Powell tomorrow—Saturday—afternoon at 3 o'clock. All ladies are urged to be present.

Alderman C. L Coleman took advantage of the cheap excursion north to visit his mther sisters and brothers at his old home, Milwaukee.

When you are hot and tired remember that we serve cooling and refreshing drinks at our fount.
Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and the Messrs. Jones, of Mobile, who were guests of the Fairhope Hotel for several weeks returned to Mobile on Wednesday morning.

Rev. J. N. Harker, of Montgomery, will preach at the Christian Church morning and evening next Sunday. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Everybody eats Toasted Corn Flakes, "if not why not?". Our window is full, good and fresh.
Mershon Merch. Co.

The Christian Endeavor Society dispensed ice cream in Knoll Park at the corner of Fairhope and Bay View avenues last evening and had a very nice time.

Morrells Breakfast bacon,
" Excelsior "
" D. S. Sides are the best
Why buy the cheap goods at high prices when you can get the best Mershon Merch. Co.

Some very handsome china will be offered for sale at a bargain at the home of Mrs. Frank Creswell, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Miss Evelyn Byrd, who is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Brown at their summer home, on Tuesday night. Games were played and dainty refreshments were served.

I am representing in this vicinity C. D. Kenny Co. teas and coffee, of Mobile, and solicit your orders to be delivered by Mershon Merchandising Co. Look for me. Ask about Cheon tea.
Frank Mahler.

Mobile policeman and their friends to the number of about 150 picknicked at Fairhope on Wednesday and apparently had a fine time. Many parties of them walked up through town during the day. They came over on the Pleasure Bay.

On next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 O'clock there will be a called meeting of the Henry George Club, at Mrs. R. F. Powells' to hear the report of the committee on program for the year beginning with October. All members should make it a point to be present.

Frank Creswell found the work at the creamery on account of the constantly wet floor, very aggravating to the hay fever from which he has long suffered and resigned his position there. He expects to leave in a few days for Morgantown, W. Va.; whither the family will follow shortly.

On Monday Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs. Frank Creswell will offer for sale her large collection of plain and decorated china at very low prices.

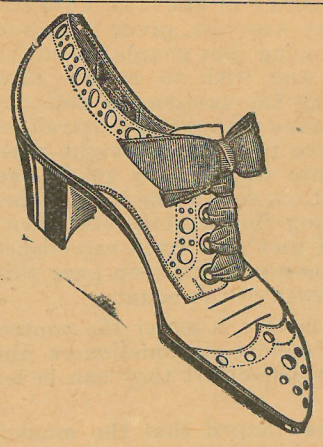
Mrs. Ring returned to her home at Houston for a time on Thursday, Mr. Ring accompanying her to Mobile. They have two sons, one a school-boy there, and Mrs. Ring has to spend a part of the time with them. She will be back in October.

There was quite a storm scare on Monday and Monday night due to the threatening aspect of the weather and warning bulletins sent out by the weather bureau. Nothing worse than a day of rain with a moderately high wind materialized however, though it was reported that a wind velocity of 70 miles an hour was reached at Fort Morgan at one time.

Appreciating the fact that on account of the various other things to attract attention last Saturday evening many did not get to hear the very excellent concert in the Nichols parlors and the comic black face stunt of Dr. Sheldon and Mr. Pilcher and desiring if possible to swell the fund to $100 or above it these features will be repeated on the lawn at "Forestdale" on Saturday evening Sept. 4th. Everybody "and his sisters and his cousins and his aunts" will be expected.

Last evening's excursion of the steamer Fairhope from Mobile to Fairhope, was the most sucessful of the season. The steamer had her full limit of 150 passengers and was obliged to leave about a third as many on the wharf clamoring to get on. The night was ideal for a trip on the water. The floor at the pavilion was in perfect condition and dancing was greatly enjoyed by the excursionists and by a large company of the home young folks and summer visitors, who still filled the pavilion after the excursionists had left.

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GASTON & SON, Fairhope

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Summer Temperature.

August 19–25 1909.

Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
19	78	87	
20	78	91	83
21	80	89	80
22	72	74	78
23	75	88	78
24	76	92	86
25	79	92	82

The Town Budget.

The town budget for the year beginning September first, prepared by a committee of the Town Council and published in our last issue, should be carefully considered by the citizens.

It shows an estimated expense of $1173.33, if $3,000 worth of bonds be sold for the building of the proposed new schoolhouse, and $1053.33 if only $2,000 worth of bonds are issued without any expenditure for schools (except on new building) or for roads; and an estimated revenue from the general property tax of only $700.

We would not at this time at least, offer any criticism of the budget or the administration of town affairs. The fact of our having within the community those whose interests could not be properly represented by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation made necessary incorporation, and other considerations, such as restraining hogs and goats from running at large, policing, etc., would have made it advisable even had the people all been sharers in the revenues and administration of the F. S. T. C.

We needed the municipal government. We have got it. It is worth its necessary cost. Our chief regret is that the law does not provide the means for distributing its cost over those benefitted by it in proportion to the benefit received. The difficult problem of the town administration is to get the money by the least objectionable method open to it.

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Non-Resident's Notice.

State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.
The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation
Vs.
Charles Stersic
Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, and state, on the 27th day of August, 1909 at Fairhope, Ala., and returnable before me on the 14th day of September, 1909, at Fairhope, Alabama, against the estate of the said Charles Stersic, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $31.60 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by E. D. Brann, constable for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said Charles Stersic, towit; the frame dwelling, fence chicken house and stove, located on lots 7 and 8, block 1, div. 3, of the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Fairhope Ala., as per plat or plan of lots on file in their office in Fairhope, Ala., and whereas it appears that the said Charles Stersic is a nOnresident of the state of Alabama, and his residence unknown no,w therefore the said Charles Stersic is hereby notified of said attachment and levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 27th day of August, 1909.

P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace
for Baldwin county, Ala.

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A party of three young gentlemen and one young lady whose names we failed to learn, but who came up from Battles or below in a sail boat yesterday, sustained a ducking by having their boat go over with them out by the pierhead. All were safely rescued but some of their belongings were lost.

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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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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Tax Assessor and Collector's Notice

Notice has been received from the tax collector and tax assessor of the one round which they will make this year (instead of two as heretofore) for the purpose of assessing and collecting taxes. From it we note that the people of this vicinity will be put to greater inconvenience than ever before, for whereas the assessor and collector have heretofore made two appointments in this precinct, at Marlow and at Battles, they have this season cut out Battles and made an appointment only at Marlow.

We understand the assessor and collector are within the law in their arrangements and no one has a right to ask them to do more than the law requires, but it will greatly inconvenience our people to have to go to Marlow, eight miles back in the country over a bad road. Most of them will, no doubt, prefer to pay the extra dollar which will be required to have the assessor and collector call upon them.

The following are the dates and places set:

Rosinton,	October 4th
Camp Powell,	" 5th
Bon Secour,	" 6th
E. Francis	" 7th
Marlow	" 8th
Daphne	" 9th
Gateswood	" 11th
Perdido	" 13th
Blacksher	" 14th
Stockton	" 15th
Bay Minette	" 16th
Stapleton	" 18th

LOUIS PRANG

Thy soul was gentle Louis Prang,
Thy voice breathed love to all,
Of nature's scenes, thy spirit sang
And answered to her call.

Thine eyes were trained to trace with care
Her outlines half Divine
The earth to thee was passing fair
Thy hand made art sublime.

But holier still, thy tender heart
Touched by compassion's thrill
Yearned for the captive in the mart
Scourged at the captor's will.

Bound in spirit with the bondman
In every place and clime
In the strife twixt greed and freedom
A helping hand was thine

But greener fields now greet thy sight
Where softer shadows fall
On spotless grounds, white as the light
On heaven's eternal wall.

Oh! wilt thou cast a backward gaze
Upon a mourning world
And light and lead us through its maze
To freedom's flag unfurled.

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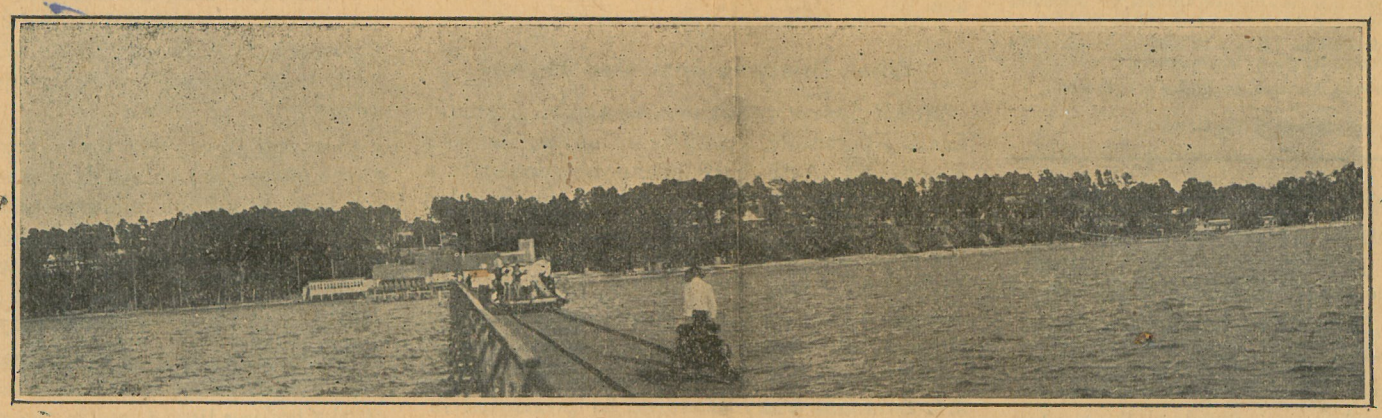
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LOOKING SHOREWARD FROM WHARF AT FAIRHOPE

BY COURTESY OF JOHN P. LOWELL

Building.

What builds the nation's pillars high
And its foundatain strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that 'round it throng?

Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly—
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

EMERSON.

Beginning a New Volume

We had well-nigh overlooked the fact that this issue marks the beginning of a new volume for the COURIER. Last issue completed fifteen full years for our modest journal, under the same editorship, save for a few issues in 1895 and devoted to the same cause; and with the paper as with the cause, the years have been ones of growth and widening influence.

Few papers devoted to an unpopular or little understood cause have kept the course and the faith so long. It has only been possible for the COURIER to do so by the generous support of friends of its cause and its editor, for which we here express the most sincere and hearty appreciation.

With faith that this aid and encouragement will continue and with the determination to merit it so far as in us lies we open the new volume,

GREAT TRUTH OFTEN OVERLOOKED.

Continuing the discussion opened in last issue upon the "Great Truth Often Overlooked," that payments to public funds justly based and wisely expended are the best investment individuals can make and with especial regard to Fairhope, two questions arise—or rather two phases of the same question—(1) are individuals paying proportionately to benefits received; and (2) as members of the community are they receiving the benefits to which they are entitled?

Let us examine some actual cases. The writer's own case will be a good one to start on. Take the facts in regard to his home lot. On this he pays a rent of $15 for 1909. For this payment he figures that he gets benefits as follows:

Saving in interest on investment in lot, at least (Many would put it much higher)	$15.00
Taxes on lot, house and contents	20.00
Water, if furnished at cost at least	10.00
Incidental fee for three children in school at 35 cts. each a mth., 8 mths.	8.45
Saving on telephone over cost of same off of Colony land	13.00
	$63.45

This without taking account of bathing privileges, fire protection, library, or several other advantages traceable to the Colony policy and not enjoyed elsewhere; and if he were not beyond 45 years of age, a poll tax of $1.50 and road tax of $4.00 might be added, for these also are paid by the Colony for its lessees.

The item of taxes alone it will be seen amounts to a fourth more than the rent paid.

These figures show that the writer is receiving over four dollars for every dollar paid and is not therefore, paying according to benefits received. His improvement is only an ordinary one, consisting of two story house of seven rooms, on large lot, 104½ feet front by 200 feet deep. The improvement is not more valuable than the improvements upon any other of the lots in the block in which it is. Every house in the block has "city water" and three out of six have telephones, so it may be taken as a fairly typical case. So it seems clear that in this instance the lot holder is not paying for the benefits he receives and it necessarily follows that the community is not getting value received for the exclusive possession of its lot, carrying with it such benefits.

It will also appear to anyone giving the matter consideration that as the Colony's only resource for funds for paying taxes and otherwise serving its lessees is land rentals, that it cannot on such rentals continue to do even all that it is doing, let alone doing the other things that lessees would like it to do.

It cannot continue to pay state, county and municipal taxes, poll taxes, and road taxes, furnish water free and telephone service nearly so, pay the incidental fees of pupils in the public schools, etc., etc., on its present revenues.

So far as water and telephone service are concerned, there is room for difference of opinion among Single Taxers as to whether or not these should be maintained out of ground rents or paid for by the users at the cost of the service. Either plan is just and the question is one only of expediency and the disposition of the people. The plan of including these in the rent has the advantage of simplicity—a great one—and where each pays in proportion as his ground is enhanced in value by the opportunity to enjoy the privilege, justice is secured. On the other hand if each pays directly for the actual service he gets, being free to take it and pay its cost, or let it alone and be relieved of paying, justice is also realized and it is likely to be more satisfactory to the man who does not care for the service.

As to such things however as are ordinarily paid for out of taxes the Single Tax principle demands that they shall be paid for out of the ground rent fund.

"Aviation Week" at Rheims, France, was a great success and has convinced the world that man will achieve mastery of the air, as of the land and sea. During the week there were 1,300 actual flights, without a single fatal accident. The greatest prize offered during the week was won by an American, Glen H. Curtis, of New York state, who flew a fraction less than 112 miles in a few minutes over three hours. The greatest enthusiasm was aroused at the meet, there being 200,000 admissions to the grounds on one day while fully another 100,000 people witnessed the flights from surrounding hills. Aeroplane companies took orders for 52 machines during the week, most of them from persons not before interested in aviation.

Tom Johnson's statement of June 29, regarding the Fels Fund, appeared in a recent issue of Bryan's Commoner.

Fairhope Courier

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With the rapid progress in aviation the courts are pretty sure to be called on soon to determine the question of the rights of air-motorists in the air above the privately owned earth.

Henry George's birthday will be celebrated at Arden, Delaware, on Sunday, September fifth. W. L. Ross will preside and among the speakers will be Hon. L.F.C. Garvin, of Rhode Island; Hon. John S. Crosby, New York; Will Price, Rose Valley, Pa.; Frank Stephens, Arden, Del.; C. F. Nesbit, Washington, D. C.; and Bolton Hall, New York.

State Superintendent H. C. Gunnels in an address before the First District Teacher's Institute at Mobile strongly advocated the right of local communities to tax themselves as desired for school purposes. Can any one give a reason why they should not? Is it not their business alone? We congratulate Mr. Gunnels on his progressive position and are glad to see the question of local self-government coming to the front in this form.

Another great disaster from floods has been recorded this week, 3,000 persons having lost their lives and 15,000 to 20,000 rendered homeless by an unprecedented rise in the Santa Catarina river, at Monterey, Mexico. It is a satisfaction to know that at Fairhope with our elevation of 40 to 125 feet we are safe from possibility of such a disaster or one like that which befel Galveston.

Forester Pinchot seems to be a public official who really looks upon "public office as a public trust" and who further believes that the forest and mineral resources of the country should not be allowed to pass into the hands of private owners—or at any rate without adequate consideration. Friction has arisen between him and Secretary of the Interior Ballinger who seems actuated by very different motives. The recent irrigation congress at Spokane, warmly approved the work of Mr. Pinchot but refused to pass resolutions endorsing Mr. Ballinger.

Henry George's Birthday

A resolution presented by Mrs. W. W Kile and unanimously adopted by the Henry George Club of Fairhope Thursday, September second:

On this, the 70th anniversary of the birthday of Henry George, we, the members of the Henry George Club of Fairhope in called session assembled, take this opportunity to re-affirm our faith in the efficacy of the reform for which he so ably lived and nobly died

We here re-assert anew our belief in the justness of the great measures he advocated, and their adequacy to solve the social, political and economic evils of the civilized world, whenever and wherever these measures may be enacted into law.

Believing these things we call upon all citizens to aid in disseminating the great truth taught by Henry George. That all men have an equal right of access to all natural opportunities and that the only way in which this can be done is by the entire abolition of all other forms of taxation than that upon the rental value of land and that this rental value be taken by the community for community expenses.

When Brisbane Answered Harvey

At a dinner given some time ago in honor of Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of the London Times, Mr. Arthur Brisbane responded to a toast. This versatile fashioner of the popular editorial had sat quietly for some time listening to a corporation lawyer who advised his hearers to "beware of the man who expresses spmpathy for the poor," and to Colonel George Harvey, whe stated a few words of the evils of socialism and the blessings of wealth. When Mr. Brisbane was introduced he proceeded in his short, snappy sentences to give his hearers as straight a talk as they ever listened to in their lives. He evidently felt it his duty at the Northcliffe dinner to tell his self-satisfied and successful audience that the great common people, of which he is the self-appointed spokesman, really exists. Mr. Brisbane said in part:

"This is a fine gathering of powerful men, big fortunes, and great reputations. I want to say something for the men that never had a million dollars, never got on the payroll of a millionaire.

"I don't want Northcliffe to go back to England believing that a man without a million in this country might as well hide under the table or jump off the dock.

"The real American nation, its real resources, its real ability, are hidden among those unknown seventy-nine millions that never go to Delmonico's, most of whom know as little about terrrpin as about bird's nest soup.

"Mr. Harvey says very truly, 'The great reward must go to the man of great ability.' True. But what is the great reward, and what do you call great ability?

"If I scatter money in the street and a thousand eager men dive to get it, I am holding up one kind of a reward, and I call forth one kind of ability.

"But if a child is in danger of its life, and a man risks his life to save it, that situation calls out a different kind of ability, and reveals a man who asks for a higher reward than cash.

"We are paying too much attention here to the men that scramble for pennies, for dollars and for millions. They are able, strong men, but they are not the American nation, nor the best men in it.

"Colonel Harvey says that if you take ten thousand men out of this country—the ablest ten thousand—the country will fall to pieces. might as well say that if you take ten apples off a tree, the tree will wither and fall. Not a bit of it. You men with money and power are the pretty shiny apples on the tree. The sunlight, the warmth, the praise, are for you, but you are only the passing fruit. The real tree is the thick trunk. The real power is with those in the roots hidden in the soil.

"And in this nation, the real power, the root of the nation, is the mass of people—too often like the tree's roots, hidden below in the dark and cold. But from those roots, from the people comes all the real power.

"And when this nation, and you prosperous men, face a perilous situation, as you have done in the past and you will do in the future, you will find the man to help you and to save you, not at this table, nor at Delmonico's.

"There was trouble before the civil war, serious trouble. Did the people call upon a rich corporation lawyer or a great banker? No. They asked a little country lawyer, with nothing but a good name, and a brain, and a heart to save the country.

"When that man, Lincoln, needed help in his great work, to whom did he look? Did he find the man in Wall Street? No. Wall Street was quite busy, as usual, picking up bargains in bonds.

"General Grant was there among the roots of the people, out of sight, unknown. He did not have a million dollars, and Delmonico's prices were beyond his reach. But he had the great ability, and when the nation was ready to offer him what was really the great reward —honor and glory—he was ready.

"It will always be so; the force is in the people. The strength of the soup is at the bottom of the boiling liquid, not in the pretty greasy, bubbling scum that floats on top.

"There are big men in the United States waiting for the reward worthy of the men we have been talking about or looking at here. These truly great men never had a bank account, not even a certificate of deposit, but they are the American nation and they are America."—San Francisco Star.

Seed Time to Harvest.

Twenty-seven years ago a little man with a head full of brains and a persuasive tongue went from San Francisco to England and agitated the British landlords. So great was the disturbance of landlordism caused by his speeches that the Duke of Argyle went forth in a magazine article to demolish the agitator and his theories, the title of his article being "The Prophet of San Francisco." Declining to be demolished by the noble duke, the little man replied, and after "The Reduction to Iniquity" was published the duke of Argyle held his peace. Twenty-seven years have passed, and the yeast taken to England has fermented and leavened the whole social structure of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Colonies. The "wild theories" of that little man are finally written into the budget of the House of Commons, and British landlordism is full of panic.

—SQUARE DEAL.

Several have expressed their appreciation of G. W. Bell's interesting and instructive article on fig culture, in last issue. Mr. Bell gave the results of his own experience and has the "goods to show" in the shape of his own fine trees. The COURIER will be glad at any time ts publish the observations or results of the experience of our citizens, when they deem the same worth giving.

The Shame of Civilization

Would there be so many women in our cities ready to sacrifice their virtue for money if they had a fair chance to make a living in respectable occupations? And what kind of civilization is it that denies a chance to make an honorable living? —Plumas Standard.

For Good Roads

The first great principle of good roads making is drainage. In our locality sub-surface drainage is not necessary but it is vitally necessary as everywhere else that the water should be gotten off of the road as quickly as possible without being allowed to wash gullies in the road-side or stand in depressions to soften the earth and further deepen them by the action of passing vehicles.

To accomplish this on a dirt road it is absolutely necessary that the road should first be crowned up in the center, and second that the constant tendency for it to become flattened down and holes and gullies to form, from the effects of travel and rains should be resisted.

For this purpose we doubt if a better tool has been devised than the "Unit" road machine, advertised some time ago in the Courier. This is a machine that requires but one team and one man to operate it—hence its name. One team and man can easily be secured almost any time, and an hour's work just at the right time with such a machine will save days later.

Being impressed with the need for such a machine and thinking the way to get it was to get it the editor of the Courier on Monday drew up a subscription toward the cost of one—only $47.50—headed it with $3, and turned it over to Mr. Troup, who added $2 to it and took it with him on a little auto trip out as far as the Cross and Co. farm, returning in less than one hour with a total of $18, to which subscriptions have since been added, bringing it at this writing up to $42.

We hope by the use of this machine a decided change may be made in our roads about town and in the surrounding country.

Such a machine would have saved three times or more its cost during the last few years on Fairhope Avenue west of Church Street alone. The Colony at one time had it nicely clayed the whole distance and partly covered with shells making a fine smooth, hard road but because of failure to keep it smooth, and crowned, the water ran down the wheel tracks the whole length of the slope washing off the clay and shells and cutting through to the original sand. This summer under direction of Messrs. Sweet and Mershon, town street committee, a large part of the street was again clayed—most of it by volunteer labor, but much of it has already gone the way of the other, and all of it will go unless prevented in the way mentioned.

If there are others who have not been invited to subscribe to this fund, who would like to do so, they may leave subscriptions at the Courier office or hand them to Mr. Troup.

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To Properly Represent Baldwin County's Great Resources

Mr. James A. Carney telephoned the Courier on Wednesday from his home at Carney, giving interesting news regarding his especial work in arranging for a proper display of the great and varied resources and products of Baldwin County at the fall fairs of this section.

Alabama has two state fairs, one at Birmingham and one at Montgomery, both in the latter half of October, the latter following immediately after the former. The Baldwin County exhibit under charge of Mr. Carney, will be presented at both of these and will then be taken to the "Tri-County Fair," joined in by Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties, Florida and Baldwin County Ala., which will be held at Pensacola, August ninth, tenth and eleventh.

The Baldwin County Fair precedes all of these being held at Bay Minette, September 29th, and 30th, and October first.

Mr. Carney has taken hold of the task assigned him with vigor and enthusiasm and should have the cordial support of the citizens throughout the county.

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Can Nature's Bounty Be Owned Like Goods?

The advent of the airship has been responsible for the raising of the question as to who owns the air. It has not appeared before because there has been no conflict of interests regarding the air. Now that men are flying their aeroplanes, the subject presents itself. Have they a right to direct them wherever they wish? The legal contention is that a man owns the air over his property, just as he does the depths below what his deed calls for. If this be true, the airship may have to travel in public highways, just as street cars and omnibusses do.

The question of individual ownership is constantly creating difficulties between man and man. These difficulties will be lessened as public utilities are controlled by municipal ownership, and still more when we realize that "the earth is the Lords, and the fulness thereof." Whatever God made, He created for his children. The air, the land, the wind, the sea, the forest are His, and because of this they are mine to enjoy and use.—Onward.

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JOSEPH FELS APPRECIATED

The generous help of Joseph Fels has put new vigor in the land reform movement in New Zealand as elsewhere. The Liberator of Auckland, says:

At length our dream, the dream of freedom, has stirred "a man of power" to devote his power to its realization. We have always thought it possible that any day some rich man might suddenly awaken to the fact that the noblest use he could possibly make of his wealth would be to devote the power it gives him to the abolition of the tyrrany of land monopoly. Many have done all they could, but never before have we had the help of a man of such "power" as Joseph Fels. He not only gives his wealth lavishly, but he gives himself, his time and energy, both to alleviate the distress of the workers and to remove its cause. For land monoply is the cause, and practically the only cause, of industrial distress to day.

For our own part we feel deeply grateful to him for such timely and badly needed help. We had a hard struggle to keep the Liberator going for the last nine years, and on several occasions have been almost compelled to give up. Mr. Fel's munificence guarantees us for another five years, at all events, and at the rate things are moving we may well feel confident that, before five years expire, the Single Tax policy will be the generally accepted policy of the English speaking people.

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Progressive Movement in Alabama

An Alabama movement which the Courier heartily approves is that presented in the following letter, received by the editor.

Montgomery, Ala.

My Dear Sir:

As a friend of education, we are sure you stand ready to help make Alabama's Educational Facilities what they should be.

A campaign, with the idea of securing to the people of each community the right of local control in school taxation, will be carried on, over the entire state, from Aug. 22, to September 4th. The County Superintendent in each county will be in charge. Please co-operate with him.

Any community ought to have the right to levy a tax on its own property to secure better schools for its own children. The state by constitutional enactment, prevents any levy at present, no matter if every voter in a community wants to help strengthen the local school in this manner.

The state stands in her own light in preventing district taxation, for local support will arouse an interest that nothing else can, and the citizenship of the whole commonwealth is thus elevated.

Alabama as a state is giving all she can, and many of the counties have voted all they are allowed to levy. Now, let us all help remove the unjust discrimination against community effort.

The school systems that are most effective, the ones that are able to show the most practical results are the ones where the local enthusiasm and effort for the schools are kept high because the people have voted upon themselves a tax for the support of their own schools.

Please take an interest in the educational rallies. Urge all to attend and whenever opportunity presents, speak a word for Alabama's children by urging the right of local taxation by districts. Help get this necessity and the other educational problems will soon be solved.

Let us remember that no community will have to vote the tax, but the ones that want to, should have the right to do so.

With best wishes,
Very truly,
W. E. Striplin,
Mngr. Ala., Education Com.

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As to the Public School

The Town Council at a special meeting on Wednesday, decided to authorize the School Board to go up to $4,000 on the new public school building. The disposition of the bonds remains to be provided for, before the building can actually be proceeded with, but there is a prospect of satisfactory terms being made with a building contractor to take the bonds in payment.

The school trustees are negotiating for temporary quarters for the school, so that there will be no delay in opening it.

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Meeting of V. I. C.

The V. I. C. met in called meeting witht he Pres. Mrs. Powell, on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Members present: Mesdames Powell, Gaston, M. H. Brown, W. E. Sweet, Bancroft and Miss Clements.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and accepted.

Motion carried that we use the fence wire purchased for the old school grounds in fencing the new public school grounds.

Motion carried that we have water piped to the new school grounds right away.

On motion the secretary was requested to furnish the Courier a copy of the minutes of each regular meeting for publication.

Mrs. Powell, Miss Gooding, and Miss Manly appointed a committee to arrange the program for the new year book.

D. K. Bancroft, Secy.

The V. I. C. is a society in which should be interested. There is no every woman in the community admission fee; all you are asked to do is to show a willingness to work.

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Chester Wright, of Hudson, Mich. who with his wife and father, Mr. B. Wright spent last winter with us, much to the benefit of both his and his wife's health writes that they expect to be here again this winter.

A proposition from H. F. Ring to advance the amount necessary above a water connection to extend the water mains to his premises and also to advance the cost of putting a foot bridge across the gulley north of the Swift tract both amounts to be repaid out of rents collected on new leases made in division three, will be presented to the Colony Council on Monday evening.

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C. E. Littlefield did the Courier good service in fitting a fly wheel to a Gordon jobber which had lost its wheel, and otherwise overhauling and repairing it. Mr. Littlefield has considerable ability at all kinds of repair work and has quite a complete equipment of tools.

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September is usually a dry month here—no reference to recent prohibitory legislation—but so far our almost daily showers continue. This has been a season of frequent showers throughout.

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The ladies of the Village Improvement Club held a called meeting on Thursday, and among other things done voted to pay for putting water into the public school grounds.

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"Father" Knowles sends three new subscriptionns to the Courier from Kansas, where he is now visiting.

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A gold enameled stick-pin at "Forestdale," after the "Midway Plaisance" and owner can have by calling at Courier office and paying for this notice.

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Appreciating the fact that on account of the various other things to attract attention last Saturday evening many did not get to hear the very excellent concert in the Nichols parlors and the comic black face stunt of Dr. Sheldon and Mr. Pilcher and desiring if possible to swell the fund to $100 or above it these features will be repeated on the lawn at "Forestdale" on Saturday evening Sept. 4th. Everybody "and his sisters and his cousins and his aunts" will be expected.

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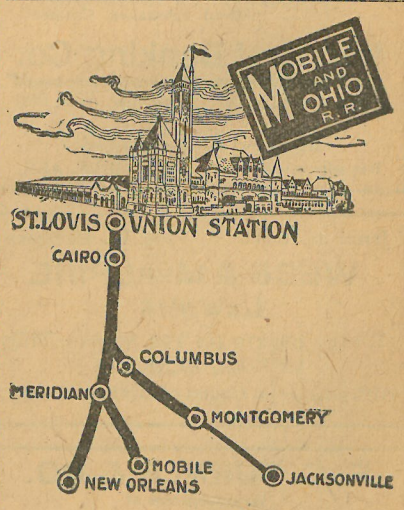
Mrs. Comings returned from her trip north on Wednesday.

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The Fairhope had 144 passengers on her excursion trip last evening.

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Personal and Local

Alderman Coleman was the first of the excursionists to return. He got in on Sunday evening.

Let Wm. Stimpson figure on your fencing. He can save you money on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perkins and child left on Sunday evening for a visit with Mr. Perkins' relatives at Atlanta, Georgia.

Two or three couples of Fairhopers are planning to take a trip to Montgomery and return, on one of the river steamers soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harker left on Tuesday morning, intending to spend a few days with Mrs. Harkers parents, Mr. and Hrs. John M. Green at Bay Minette, and reach Montgomery before next Sunday.

Misses Lillian Doyle and Marion Overton returned to Mobile on Sunday afternoon after being guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol, who have a summer cottage here, for a number of weeks.

Dr. Slosson has received his automobile, a handsome two seated one, manufactured by the International Harvester Co., and the family and friends are getting much pleasure out of it. Miss Lois drives it very well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Somerville returned to Mobile on Tuesday morning. Mr. Somerville is a leaseholder, and will probably have a cottage of his own before another season opens The Courier follows them to keep them in touch with Fairhope events.

Captain Frank Midgette returned to Fairhope Monday evening after being away for about three weeks. He will be here about ten days, which will be his last for this season. The family will go back about the fifteenth. While here he will get his lot fenced so that he can get some fruit out on it this winter.

Miss Louise Manly returned on Sunday morning from her summer vacation, most of which was spent at the home of her sister at Rockwell City. She enjoyed the visit greatly, but was of course glad to get back to Fairhope, to which she is greatly devoted. Miss Clements and Mr. Clements met her in Mobile and returned with her.

Appreciating the fact that on account of the various other things to attract attention last Saturday evening many did not get to hear the very excellent concert in the Nichols parlors and the comic black face stunt of Dr. Sheldon and Mr. Pilcher and desiring if possible to swell the fund to $100 or above it these features will be repeated on the lawn at "Forestdale" on Saturday evening Sept. 4th. Everybody "and his sisters and his cousins and his aunts" will be expected.

Some of the boys in bathing on Monday had a very unusual experience, when a belligerent pelican, got after them and chased them out of the water. He followed them in ashore when one of the boys had a small bunch of fish, which were thrown to him and which he devoured greedily. He seemed to be entirely devoid of fear of humans and made himself quite at home. He was easily captured and Laurie Tilson, of the Bayside Cafe now has him, and he attracts much attention. He measures nearly seven feet from tip to tip of his wings.

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Another "Neglected Industry"

The editor is constantly in receipt of inpuiries from parties for "board in a private family." We are obliged to reply that there are practically no opportunities for such in Fairhope and we have often wondered why it is so. In other places in which we have lived it is a very common thing for families having the house room and the help in the family necessary, to supplement their income by taking one or two boarders. A great many people do not feel able to pay the price which must necessarily be asked at a hotel, and many others who are able enough to pay would very much prefer the simplicity and quietness of a private family. It seems to us that this is another "neglected industry" in Fairhope, which might be made to help out the incomes of many families. We would be glad to hear from any families which would like to take boarders and to mention them to parties when answering inpuiries.

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Frank Troup of the Fairhope Hotel, has shown commendable public spirit as well as good practical knowledge of road-making in the work he has superintended and given liberally both of his time and money toward, on the street in front of his property, in which both the town and the Colony have cooperated. Beside the work on the street, the edge of the park opposite the hotel, where gullies were inclined to form, has been terraced off and Bermuda started upon it and Mr. Troup is giving his personal attention to seeing that every little tendency to wash is attended to and the "wounds" healed with Bermuda sods.

This is the kind of work that is most effective in keeping the streets in condition. A few moments spent just at the right time is more effective often than hours or even days when conditions are not right.

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The following have been appointed by Probate Judge J. H. H. Smith as delegates to represent Baldwin County, at the Mississippi to Atlantic Waterways Convention to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., November fifteenth and sixteenth. Eugene Colley, Bay Minette, Ala., W. D. Stapleton, Bay Minette; Frank Fesler, Foley; E. B. Gaston, Fairhope; H. S. Greeno, Fairhope; P. Y. Albright, Fairhope; George H. Hoyle, Battles; B. F. McMillan, Stockton; B. F. Feist, Tensaw; H. H. Havard, Perdido; T. J. Holman, Muscogee; Jas. A. Carney, Carney; C. A. Swift, Bon Secour; E. G. Strong, Daphne; Chas. Barclay, Lillian; L. Lindoerfer, Swift; Frank McCloud, Magnolia Springs.

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ADVERTISE FAIRHOPE AND ITS POLICIES

A little money could not be better spent to advertise Fairhope and its policies than by having a representative well supplied with literature to attend the approaching state fairs at Montgomery and Birmingham and the Baldwin Co., fair at Bay Minette. If the former cannot be done at least the latter can. The Courier considers the matter of sufficient importance that it invites subscriptions for the purpose from friends at home or abroad. The same will be acknowledged in the paper and turned over to a committee to be later appointed to select a representative and plan a campaign of publicity.

The editor will give a dollar and Mr. John A. Patterson who is in the office as we write readily agrees to do the same. Let us hear from you promptly.

The Courier's idea is that this shall be primarily an advertising of Fairhope as a "Single Tax Colony" and its principles not be kept in the back-ground. We would not have any one misunderstand our purpose.

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MEN ROBBED AND KILLED

By Steel Trust in McKees Rocks. Priest Makes Statement. Place Men Work in Pit of Infamy and a Disgrace to Civilization

Rev. Father A. E. Toner, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of McKee's Rocks, issued a startling statement last week, regarding conditions of former workingmen of the Pressed Steel Car Company plant, where almost 10,000 are now out on strike. Father Toner has been at McKee's Rocks for nineteen years. His statement follows.

"Men are persecuted, robbed and killed; their wives are abused in a manner worse than death—all to obtain or retain jobs that barely keep starvation from the door.

"The place is a pit of infamy where men are driven lower than the degradation of slaves and compelled to sacrifice their wives and daughters to the villainous foremen and little bosses. I was allowed to enter the plant at my will a few years ago, but I saw too much of the malicious crime perpetrated daily and the gates were closed to me. It is too horrible to discuss.

"It is a disgrace to a civilized country. A man is given less consideration than a dog, and dead bodies are simply kicked aside, while the men are literally driven to their death. The grafting and stealing by the bosses and other high officials is not parallelled to my knowledge.

"For a few years after the plant was opened members of the company visited me, had meals at my house and we were on the most friendly terms. But men were being killed daily. Their bodies simply disappeared and when I began to make some comment I was denied admission to the grounds.

"Scores of men were being killed and no record made of their deaths or any legitimate disposition made of their bodies. It is my impression that they were never taken outside the plant.

"The bosses compel the workmen to send cases of beer and boxes of provisions to their homes every week to hold their positions.

"I have made frequent attempts to get to the company and offer the cemetery of my church for free burial of men whose families are unable to pay the funeral expenses. I was turned away with abusive remarks and told there was no need of my cemetery.

"I know of several instances when men have been killed like dogs. Their fellow workmen halted to send the body home but the bosses merely rolled it on one side and ordered the men to go on with their work, often trampling over the body for an entire day before it was taken away. The company keeps the men so cowed down that they have no spirit and recognize fewer rights than slaves."

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"Our" E. C. Wolcott is one of three democratic candidates for alderman at large of his town, Warren, Ohio. The voters will choose a true friend of the people if they select him.

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In a letter to Mr. Hagstrom Wm. Brown now at Toledo, Oregon, said that the salt water in a high tide, came up on to his small farm and ruined his crop. He also reports much cool weather, requiring a fire all damp days during July. He will probably not remain there.

Non-Resident's Notice.

State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.
The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation
Vs.
Charles Stersic
Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, and state, on the 27th day of August, 1909 at Fairhope, Ala., and returnable before me on the 14th day of September, 1909, at Fairhope, Alabama, against the estate of the said Charles Stersic, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $31.60 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by E. D. Brann, constable for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said Charles Stersic, towit; the frame dwellng, fence chicken house and stove, located on lots 7 and 8, block 1, div. 3, of the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Fairhope Ala., as per plat or plan of lots on file in their office in Fairhope, Ala., and whereas it appears that the said Charles Stersic is a nOnresident of the state of Alabama, and his residence unknown no,w therefore the said Charles Stersic is hereby notified of said attachment and levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 27th day of August, 1909.

P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace
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Personal and Local

Miss Lois Slosson is visiting friends in Mobile this week.

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E. Q. Norton of Daphne was in town a few hours yesterday.

Mr. Dan Shepherd spent over Sunday here with his folks.

Have you tried Luzianne coffee, Satisfaction guaranteed.
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The ladies in charge hope for a large attendance.

Mr. Robinson of Mobile, was a guest of the Sacristes on Thursday night.

Arrow Root Biscuits are fine, 10 cents per package.
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The frame is up for the Organic School's new manual training building.

Miss Eloise Cleveland of Mobile, visited Miss Ola Powell over Sunday.

Chocolate Milk, as made by us, is one of the best drinks on the market. Fairhope Pharmacy.

Miss Annie Pearson of Mobile is visiting the Captain Roberts family

Frank Brown sustained a breakdown to his saw mill on Tuesday, and had to go to Mobile on Wednesday for repairs.

Everybody eats Toasted Corn Flakes, "if not why not?". Our window is full, good and fresh.
Mershon Merch. Co.

The exodus of summer residents has begun. The Savelle-Reed and Hughes families left on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. McClinton have returned from their two weeks trip to Chicago. They will probably spend the winter here.

Frank Troup is having the cottage purchased by him from M. V. Mathews moved from the lot where it stood to the hotel property.

Pres. B. B. Baker, of the Daphne State Normal School, was in Fairhope yesterday in the interest of his school.

The two houses of Mrs. Coutant on Church St., have been moved on to Fairhope avenue, clearing the way for the new school building.

Will Call is now employed as bookeeper by the Birmingham and Gulf Railway and Navigation Co., at Mobile and gets home usually over Sunday.

If you want a good smoke while in Fairhope call at our store, we handle all the leading brands of cigars.
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Mr. John Bowen, after spending the summer fishing in the rivers above the bay with camp at the reduction work near old Blakely is again at Volanta for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Martinez and baby and Misses Eva and Lottie Johnson returned to Mobile on this morning after spending the summer here in one of the Nichol's cottages.

F. G. Dannenhower got home Wednesday evening for a stay of a few days. He is in charge of street paving work in Pensacola, Fla., and Goldsboro, S. C.

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C. E. Littlefield has secured the agency for some of the best makes of automobiles and has fitted himself up to repair and care for same. He has a card in the Courier.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Keller and youngest child left yesterday afternoon for Bon Secour to visit Rev. J. D. Wilks and wife there and will go on to the gulf while so near.

The McCaffertys of Mobile, are spending the end of the season here. They came over last week and are occupying the Kile cottage at the top of the hill. They spent the two preceding seasons here.

The sloop "Viking," P. A. Olsen master, went to Mobile on Monday evening and returned Tuesday with a cargo of gasoline and oil for Mershon Merchandising Co., and others. The steamers are not allowed to handle this kind of freight.

Mr. A. M. Troyer after spending a couple of weeks looking over the ground, has secured from E. H. Thomas, of of Ottumwa, Iowa, the transfer of 20 acres in section 15, upon which Mr. Troyer is already at work making further improvements upon it.

New goods arrived this week at Robacs. Men's and boy's fall caps, suspenders, fancy socks, work and dress skirts, slippers, clocks, notions, laces, whips, art squares, hammocks, dry goods, 1,000 yards, sheets, graniteware, etc. Prices as low as ever.

Mr. Atherton of the International Harvester Company now has one of his company's cars here; making three autos in Fairhope and one is expected daily for Mr. Ring. When Mr. Thomas was here recently he said they did not have any in Citronelle yet.

The ice-plant was compelled to shut down last Friday evening for the adjustment of some of its machinery, but started up again on Tuesday morning and the first freezing of ice was pulled this morning. Mr. Berglin had many difficulties to encounter, and we hope everything will work out satisfactorily now.

Mr. John Zurhorst was one of the Chicago excursionists whose departure we overlooked. He returned on Sunday morning. He had a pleasant visit with his daughter, Mrs. Manteuffel and her husband. He intended to stop off a few days on the return trip, at his old home, St Louis, but got too eager to get home again when he got started.

Mr. Curt Anacker and family and Mr. Butgereit arrived back from their trip to Chicago on Saturday evening. Mr Anacker was a caller at the Courier office on Tuesday suffering noticeably from a cold and said "no more Chicago" for him. All of the family caught colds and got back pretty well used up. Mr. Anacker said that on the boat coming home Mr. Butgereit said: "This is the best part of the trip, on the Fairhope going home!"

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Ladies Attention.

All ladies of Fairhope and vicinity are urged to meet Monday Sept. 6, at 4 p. m. under the Magnolia if weather permits or in the pavilion if not pleasant, to organize a School Improvement Association. Gentlemen invited to take a back seat and be honorary members.

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Arbitration Society

The regular monthly meeting will be at the residence of W. W. Kile N. E. Cor. Magnolia Ave., and Summit St., on Tuesday evening, Sept. 7th at 8 p. m.

There should be a good turnout of the members as an amendment to the constitution will be presented for consideration.

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Summer Temperature.

August 27 to September 2 1909.

Aug.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
27	82	92	81
28	80	90	78
29	84	91	89
30	76	91	79
31	77	92	74
Sept.			
1	74	84	78
2	74	88	75

Daphne Notes.

Hon. W. D. Randall and wife are on a visit to Cleveland, Ohio, and orher lake cities. They will return in September.

The Paterson Mercantile Company are enlarging their gin preparatory for taking care of the cotton in the vicinity of Daphne.

Hon. Leo McMillan of Gastonburg, has been appointed by Gov. Comer, trustee of the Daphne State Normal College, to succeed Hon. O. O. Bayles, deceased.

President B. B. Baker of the College, has just returned from a trip to Indiana and Ohio, where he spent a short vacation. He says that the Normal School will open September 14th and that indications point to a fine attendance for next year. A large number of students are making arrangements to enter at the opening.

Prof. Hopkins, instructor in Science and Athletic Director at the College, has arrived from Georgia. He is accompanied by his wife and they are domiciled at the Strong's.

Several improvements are being made at the College in preparation for the opening. The building is undergoing a thorough cleaning and some of the walls will be retinted.

Supt. J. S. Lambert will make an educational address at the opening of the Daphne State Normal College, Sept. 14, at 11 a. m. The public is invited to be present at the opening.

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Open Air Concert.

The literary and musical program given two weeks ago in connection with the "Midway Plaisance" at the home of Captain and Mrs. Nichols, will be repeated on tomorrow evening in the open air, on the same beautiful grounds, with added features.

The best of the local talent, assisted by Mobile friends, will participate and the program will be of high merit.

Admission to the grounds will be ten cents, and there will be light refreshments for sale upon the grounds.

The proceeds will be for the benefit of the public school and it is hoped to swell materially the fund of upwards of $80 raised at the former entertainment.

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BUSY BEE POULTRY FARM

A most exceptional opportunity for some one desiring to engage in the poultry business is afforded by the offer of the owner of the Busy Bee Poultry Farm, to sell the same with all equipment and good will.

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The Busy Bee Farm has advertised considerably throughout the south and has a valuable clientele, which will be of assistance to any purchaser continuing the business. Colony rent on the 20 acres only $10 a year. Would rent reasonably to good tenant, preferably probable purchaser.

GASTON & SON, Agents.

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Knife Found

A two-bladed knife, found in bath house about a week ago. Owner can get at Courier office by paying for this notice.

Mrs. Wright who has been visiting for a month or more her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, left on Wednesday morning for her home at Los Angeles, Cal., and was accompanied by her sister, Miss Grace Williams and by Miss Vera Mershon, who will make their home with her and remain perhaps permanently. The Courier regrets to have these attractive young ladies go so far away, for while they have for more than a year been employed at Mobile, they have visited their people here practically every week and have been counted as "Fairhope girls." Both are accomplished stenographers and typewritists and will no doubt, have no difficulty in securing good positions in Los Angeles.

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Last Friday was the birthday of genial A. H. Mershon, president of the Mershon Merchandising Co., and the family and a few intimate friends celebrated by a picnic dinner at the beach, followed—not too soon—by a delightful dip in the bay. Mrs. W. E. Sweet composed a clever little poem for the occasion paying several well-deserved compliments to Mr. Mershon but the modesty of both parties is so great that we have not been able to secure a copy for publication.

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The Birth of a Whistle.

Compared with the guttural "cough" of the motor-car's warning signal, the whistle emitted by a railway engine is musical. Seventy-five years ago, however, this shrill note was unknown and a provincial contemporary reminds us that engine drivers of a former generation kept by their sides a tin horn, which they blew before negotiating curves and dangerous crossings. But the noise thus made was feeble. In 1833 an English farmer's cart was run down on the way to market and 1,000 eggs, 100 pounds of butter, two horses and a man were destroyed by the engine. The railway had to pay damages. The managing director sent for George Stephenson and said angrily, "Our drivers can't blow their horns loudly enough to clear the tracks ahead. You have made your steam do so much, why don't you make it blow a good loud horn for us?" Stephenson pondered. An idea came to him. He visited a musical instrument maker and had constructed a horn that gave a horrible screech when blown by steam. From this horn the locomotive whistle of to-day has been evolved.

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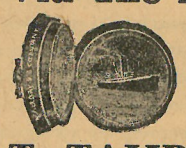
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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

The Children of the Organic School

Who comes so gaily the pathway down
With mirthful laughter and shouting?
It is the little folks of our town,
Engaged in a May-day outing;
The morning air rings from their laughter so loud—
Mine, too, are among this happy crowd!

The butterflies, bugs, and what'er, they pursue,
Distinguishing harmless and harmful;
Of blossoms and flowers of many a hue
A little girl carries an armful.
For the leaf on the tree, for the stone in the brook
They're turning the pages of nature's own book.

A dreamy vision moves over my eyes
In seeing these children before me:
In magic splendor before me lies
My own youth and softly comes o'er me
A yearning for springtime, for flowers and song
Of the days which have gone so long, so long!

O could it turn backward, the wheel of the time!
To the days of my youth it be driven,
That only once more of those hours sublime
A moment to me might be given!
The time ne'er returns, yet, a child when it plays,
Brings back a part of yon happy days.

Long looked I at them as they onward went,
As they roved through the pines in dear folly;
Soon, with the sweet laughter of merriment,
Their voices were lost in the gulley,
And onward I strode and wondered why
A tear stole silently into my eye,

Fairhope, H. W. RUCKER.

Land Values in London

(W. H. Dickinson, M. P., at the Hyde Park Demonstration)

I estimate that within the living memory of many people the site value of land in London has increased by at least £400,000,000 and this has all gone into the pockets of the landlords. If the authorities of London had bought up the land the citizens of today would be exempt from rates, but the opportunity had been allowed to slip, with the result that the position had become so acute that the people were now determined to regain their rights. An example of how land increased in value without the least effort on the part of the landlord was that of the Strand Improvements, through which the duke of Norfolk had made £300,000. ("Shame" and a voice, "My dear Profumo."

Miss Herring who had missed a couple of COURIERS, asks that they be forwarded to her and says: "It is hard enough to be away from Fairhope without the COURIER, and you will easily see how impossible it is for me to get alo g without every number of it."

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BEAUTIFUL BLUFF NEAR FAIRHOPE

PUBLIC SPIRIT OF MR. RING.

In addition to the propositions formally made by H. F. Ring to the Council on Monday evening, that public-spirited gentleman has other plans of public interest in view to be carried out in the near future. He intends to put in, at his own expense, so as to be able to locate it to suit best his own convenience, a fine stairway from the beach to the top of the bluff, similar to that recently built south of gully. He also intends with permission of the "powers that be," to put in a cement walk one foot wide on Bay View Ave. from Fairhope Ave. to his cottage, a distance of 1400 feet.

Mr. Ring figures, and no doubt rightly, that the bulk of the travel is by lone pedestrians for whom the one foot cement walk will be sufficient, at least immensely better than walking over an uneven dirt walk, and when its great convenience has been demonstrated by use and the need of a wider walk seems imperative it will be easy to secure its widening.

Mr. Ring even talks of extending such a walk in front of the first tier of lots on the Colony's beautiful bay frontage north of his cottage, a distance of about 1400 feet more. He is enthusiastic over this beautiful tract and confident that with it opened up by a good footbridge and walk, it will very soon be taken up and built upon by Mobilians and others.

BUFFALO SINGLE TAXERS CELEBRATE GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY

R. F. Powell Makes Hit.

Single Taxers of Buffalo, honored Henry George by a dinner followed by speeches at the Central Y. M, C. A., on the seventieth anniversary of his birth. The speakers were: Reverend H. P. Morrel, pastor of Grace Universalist Church, Attorney W. S. Rann of the Corpoation Counsel's staff, Mr. Trueman, of Rochester and R. F. Powell.

The Buffalo Express in its report said:

"There were several speeches, but the most interesting was an unexpected one, made by a broad-shouldered, deep-chested, sun-browned man named Powell, who told of the wonderful results attained by the Single Tax Colonists at Fairhope, Ala." It quoted at some length from his address.

What a Good Road is Worth.

Few farmers fully realize what good roads will do for them, not only in the greater facility for hauling produce, and saving the tax on horses and wagons, but in the general improvement of the neighborhood. Right here, where I now live, there is a farm on a smooth shell road where there was formerly deep sand. This farm was sold under the old conditions lor $27 an acre. He has refused $250 dollars an acre for it, and told me recently that he could get $400 an acre on that part of the farm that lies near the city limits, if he wanted to sell it.

Out on another fine road four miles from town there is another farm that has not been improved at all. My mother sold that farm over 50 years ago for $6 per acre. It is now held at $50 per acre, and land all around it is seling for $50 to $60 per acre totally unimproved, and mainly because there is a fine road leading through the section. —Southern Farm Gazette.

See how the land enhanced in value, keeping pace with the increasing advantage of living upon it because of the road and in this case no doubt more on a few acres in depth abutting on the road, than the total cost of the road.

Why should not the increased land value have been taken to build the road.?

As a matter of fact the road was probably improved by means of a bond issue and interest and principal met by increased taxes partly upon land, but also upon houses, barns, wagons, horses, etc., all of which latter, unlike the land, become less valuable, as the years pass, in spite of the good roads.

ADVANTAGE OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The Iberian, of New Iberia, La., makes a strong argument for municipal ownership of public utilities in its last issue and contrasts conditions at New Iberia, where the water and electric light plant is owned by the city, with those at other places, Baton Rouge particularly, where private ownership prevails. In New Iberia there is, of course, no charge to the city for fire hydrants and the Iberian makes a plea for more hydrants to avoid having to provide and lay long runs of hose and says:

The cost would be the price of the hydrant and the labor of setting. This is cheaper than continually buying long runs of hose. The maintenance of the hydrants is inconsiderable.

Under municipal ownership there is no cost for operation except in the hour of peril. Then noo ne ever stops to count the cost—it becomes a necessity. If these extra hydrants remained closed for a period of twelve months or more there would not be one cent's cost on account of their presence for emergency needs.

How different this would be were the plant under private control. All extra hydrants, under such a condition, would cost the taxpayers the sum of $50 each per year, whether they are used or not. Such a condition would be a tax. Being taxed, there would be every disposition on the part of the city administrations to keep the number of hydrants down to the lowest number possible, consistent with absolute necessities.

It seems that in New Iberia one of the common errors of municipal ownership has been made. That is that the city has been too generous in its rates and rules for the plant to yield sufficient revenue for its proper maintenance and the betterments necessary to make the service thoroughly satisfactory. This has led to dissatisfaction, and a private party has taken advantage of it to endeavor to secure a lease of the system.

Referring to the experience of Baton Rouge, with private ownership, the Iberian cites the long effort of the City Council to secure a reduction of the private company's hydrant charge against the city from $50 to $40. The Company wanted a longer franchise and with this as a leverage the city finally secured the reduction, the company also agreeing to furnish water free for street sprinkling.

The company and the city also agreed upon rates to consumers as those existing in the city of Shreveport (not given, except that the minimun meter rate is quoted of 35 cents per 1000 gallons.)

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The best meter rate for water the capital city of Lousiana is able to secure to its citizens, is 35 cents per 1000 gallons. The Fairhope Corporation's regular meter rate, for its small number of consumers is only twenty-five cents per 1,000 gallons and for a house of six rooms or less it makes no charge for water, the same being included in its very low land rents.

The Mobile Register's regular annual trade edition issued September first, was a magnificent review of the natural resources and commercial, industrial and shipping development of the Gulf City. We recommend our readers interested in this section to send for copies, which can be had for five cents each.

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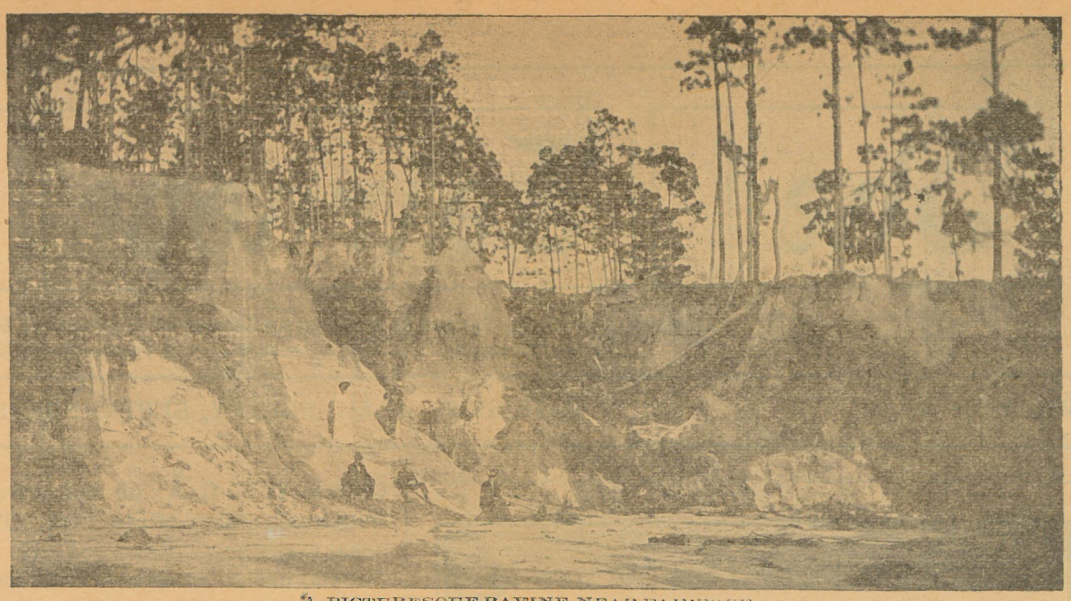
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PICTURESQUE RAVINE NEAR FAIRPOPE

School Improvement Association Organized.

At a meeting held at Magnolia platform on last Monday evening and presided over by H. C. Oswalt, president of the Town School Board, an organization was effected of a School Improvement Association. Mrs. C. E. Nichols was elected president, Mrs. C. L. Mershon, vice president, Mrs. E. C. Slosson, secretary and Mrs. J. H. Williams treasurer.

Mrs. Sweet who was expecting to leave the next morning for Bay Minette to attend a Sunday-school Convention was delegated to learn all she could of the work of a similar organization there.

This organization is one for which there is much need, affording a means for the working together of all citizens of the town interested in improving its school facilities.

Its efforts will, of course be particularly directed to the advancement of the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet left on Tuesday morning for Bay Minette, as delegates from the local Sunday-school to the Baldwin County Sunday-school Convention.

Concluding a criticism in the Chicago American of the new tariff law Elbert Hubbard says:

"To tax land values would be the simple, easy and common-sense plan. Land lies right out under the sky. You can locate it and appraise it. The only objection to taxing land values is the fact that big land owners oppose it. The plan offers no chance for concealment or evasion.

"A tax law that admits of evasion—aye that invites it—is a wrong to everybody. We may want to be honest, but when everybody dodges taxes we fall into line and say we have to dodge too. A good law is one that makes it easy for us all to obey it.

"The man who owns a little home is the only man who now pays his full quota. He can't hide his house and he has no influence in the Senate. If he paints his house or puts on a veranda, the tax gatherer knows all about it and raises the assessment.

"To let the little home go free, encourage home making, and tax the men who own big and valuable tracts of land is the equitable plan."

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Bernard von Thinglestadt, of New Orleans were in town from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening and while here rented the Busy Bee poultry farm for a year with privilege of purchase, Mr. Thinglestadt is a thoroughly experienced poultry and pigeon raiser and will make use of the property for that purpose. Mr. John L. Ramsey the popular Mobile horse dealer, who is spending his third summer at Fairhope with his family, deserves most of the credit for the location of this new family, for he met them in Mobile and talked Fairhope to them like one of the original colonists. Mr. Thinglestadt recently purchased a considerable tract of land at Mauvilla, Mobile County and thought of locating there, but the recommendation of Mr. Ramsey coupled with the abilty of Fairhope to "deliver the goods" in the shape of varied and obvious advantages not found elsewhere decided them to locate with us.

A sufficient subscription has been subscribed for the proposed "Unit Road Machine" to be used upon the streets and roads in this vicinity. The machine was ordered several days ago. When it arrivee, there is sufficient enthusiasm over the good roads matter to insure a lot of volunteer help in addition to the work which the labor and the county road over seer have available to put a large part of our roads in good condition with very little labor.

The record of passengers carried, required by law to be made and reported to the marine inspectors, shows a gain in the passenger business of the steamer Fairhope this summer of 50 per cent over last summer, the figures being in round numbers 8,000 for the months of May, June, July and August, last year as against 1200 for the same months this year. See usgrow.

Tom L. Johnson won out handsomely in the primary for democratic nominee for mayor of Cleveland, his fifth candidacy. It was at first reported that a majority of the councilmen pledged to the same polcies as Mayor Johnson had been defeated but later return showed the contrary. Brand Whitlock was also renominated as mayor of Toledo.

The Town School Board announces in this issue that the contract for the new public school building will positively be let on next Thursday evening. We understand the board has bids in from responsible contractors who will accept bonds of the town in part payment so that the immediate erection of the building is assured.

More honors for Americans. The three century contest with the rigors of the arctic for the discovery of the north pole has terminated by its being reached by two Americans Dr. Freperick A. Cook and Lieutenant R. E. Peary, whose announcements reached the world within a few days of each other.

The Fairhope returned to Mobile on Tuesday evening to have some slight repair made to her boiler, getting back late Wednesday night ready to make her usual trip Thursday morning. The Fairhope has given exceptionally reliable and satisfactory service this season.

Stuart Yarnelle has secured the responsible position of agent, at Pensacola, for the Mobile and Gulf Steamship Company, operating besteamer Manteo and has taken up the work. It is work with which he is familiar and for which he is well qualified.

Mr. Pilcher is busily engaged in securing quit-claims to the county for the proposed new public road from Daphne to Point Clear, along which it is proposed the electric line shall run. He is meeting with fair success.

Mr. A. F. Prieger, of Marlow, is in town today looking for a location for a Seventh Day Adventist camp-meeting which it is proposed to hold from September 23rd to September 28th inclusive.

The fact that Fairhope is *the* town of the Eastern shore is becoming apparent as to be seen and known of all men and every year we are increasing our lead.

G. M. Bancroft has a very nice crop of oranges this season and has about thirty trees in bearing.

Mrs. Z. J. Tiffany returned last evening from her summer spent in Ohio.

O. C. Kutzendorf of Chicago, renewing his subscription to the Courier says: "Can't do without it, Has got to be a fixture with us. Wish you the best of luck and success. Expect to call on you the coming winter sometime."

The Mobile "Unionist" issued an exceedingly creditable Labor Day edition of 20 pages.

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Time to Think

The editor of the Southern Ruralist of Atlanta, relates a recent experience of his which is very instructive. He wanted a few hundred celery plants and greatly to his surprise found that not a commercial trucker, gardener or seedsmen had a plant for sale. The only place where he could find any was at "Spellman Seminary." He said.

"The point in this little incident is that this school is a colored institution. Its pupils, officers and teachers are all of the negro race.

"The only party in Atlanta who had the skill or the business instinct to fill this considerable demand was a negro at a school teaching negroes practical industries.

"This fact set us to thinking—caused us to recall certain other pertinent facts.

"The only summer school for farmers held this year in Georgia is to be at Clark University—a negro school for negro farmers. The best farmer's institutes we have seen anywhere in the south in three years have been held for and by negroes. Not long ago we were requested to find a man competent to take charge of a creamery running three separators and other butter machinery. The only available man was a negro trained in one of the state industrial institutions for his race.

"Several agricultural and technical institutions for negroes are better equipped for their work than the corresponding institutions for white boys in the same states. Hampton and Tuskegee for illustration.

"WE begrudge the negro none of these advantages; his industrial progress, his development into a citizen able to do things, to create value, to make labor effective, is a public advantage. Along these lines every step of progress has our cordial approval.

"Meanwhile, however, what of the superior race? What of your children and mine?

"The Georgia Legislature has not yet been roused to see the necessity for compulsory education. It votes down every attempt at appropriations for its agricultural college and school of technology commensurate with immediate imperative demands.

"We are of the superior race—God made us so—God helps those who help themselves. The patience of Providence may become exhausted. He may tire of carrying the whole burden of maintaining our superiority.

"Is it not time that the Caucasian child was relieved of the handicap of ignorance?"

The implication that compulsory education would help the white race to maintain its relative supremacy is itself a serious reflection upon it for it implies that more white persons are refusing or neglecting the education of their children than negro parents.

The worst obstacle to the education of both white and negro children is economic dependence, at the root of which is land monopoly.

The Courier is glad to bear testimony to the thrift, industry and zeal for the education of their children of many of the negroes of this vicinity. It does them great credit.

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A good man and a good friend of Fairhope and of this paper was Geo. S. Sawyer, of Chicago, who passed away on July 21. Mr. Sawyer was prominently identified with church work in his city for years; was at one time superintendent of the Baptist hospital in Chicago and also occupied a like position in the State Asylum, at Dunning, Ill.

GREAT MORAL LOTTERY.

Government Always Safe in Public Land Openings

New York World.

Having put the Louisiana and other big lotteries out of business years ago, the government tolerates no competition in promoting similar schemes. It is very particular that nobody infringes on its gambling monopoly. The Coeur d'Alene land drawing recently was a huge success, and with their unparalleled opportunities for advertising, the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River land lottery, in North and South Dakota, next October is being handled by the Washington authorities in a way to make it go with a rush.

Of course, the Interior Department runs a thoroughly moral game of chance. It must be moral for all other lotteries are illegal and are forbidden the use of the mails. They are so highly criminal that the government undertakes to send to jail the people who operate them. According to the official prospectus, it runs a square game itself, for 2,500,000 acres are to be allotted in prizes.

Naturally, all the settlers and speculators who are attracted to Aberdeen for the drawing cannot win prizes. Most of them will probably be out their time and money, but that is the rule in lotteries, whether the United States government or a lot of Confederate generals lend their names to them. The only party certain to win at gambling is the one that runs the game. The government is on the safe side.

But for these western land drawings, the lottery has been abolished outside of church fairs and like charitable enterprises. Only exceptional moral influences make it an irreproachable form of gambling, and the government must be an engine of morality, because it outlaws everybody else. When the public domain is exhausted, by way of good example it may be compelled to raffle off the Federal offices on the same impartial plan.

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Garney Pleads for County Fair

To the people of Baldwin County.—

As you all know the Baldwin Co., Fair Association held its annual meeting at Bay Minette on August 4th, and after the election of officers for the ensuing year, decided to hold the annual fair at the grounds near Bay Minette on the last two days in September and the first two in October.

As the fair will open in less than three weeks from the time you read this letter, you are bound to realize that no time must be wasted in completing our preparations.

The greatest drawback at present is the lack of fund, caused from the fact that a number of those who have subscribed for the stock of the Association have not yet paid up.

Within the last two weeks we have sent out circular letters to all of the delinquents asking each one to write to the treasurer and say when he can pay up his subscription; so far we have had no responses.

Now let me ask you to write to Mr. E. G. Miller, the Secretary at Bay Minette, and either send him the money, or else a note, (for 30, 60 or 90 days,) to settle for your stock.

We also appeal to all citizens who have not yet subscribed to the stock of the Association, to send in their subscriptions, accompanied by the cash or note, so that we may be enabled to make the Fair of 1909 a success. Trusting to receive your support, I remain, Yours truly,

Jas. A. Carney,
Pres. Baldwin Co., Fair Assn.

An Investigation Asked For

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor has made a formal request upon Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to investigate into the conditions which caused the strike of the employes of the Pressed Steel Car Company at McKee's Rocks, Pa. Says Mr. Morrison.

"While I deplore the rioting and needless sacrifice of human life caused by the struggle of these al en workers for better conditions, yet I submit that because this rioting and loss of life has occurred it should not be permitted to divert our attention from the fact that the rioting and loss of life are the direct results of the unbearable and unbelievable conditions that have been forced upon these defenseless and helpless wage workers by the Pressed Steel Car Company.

Mr. Morrison cites evidence of the bad conditions existing at Mc Kee's Rocks, and concludes:

"If this very brief mention of existing conditions in McKee's Rocks is deemed sufficient for you to deem it necessary and urgent to inaugurate an investigation and make a report to the public, I would particularly direct your attention to the fact That the Pressed Steel Car Company is especially favored by the United States Governmment; that this company is enabled by a protective tariff to place a much higher price upon their products than it could if they were on the free list; that this company, because of the tariff enjoyed by the iron and steel industry, collects a vast sum of money each year from the American public; that the new tariff law has just been enacted; that the representatives of the great iron and steel companies set up the plea that if the present tariff was continued on their products the benefits would accrue to their employes and that if the tariff was not enacted they would be forced to reduce the wages of their employes; that because of such information being submitted by representatives of the iron and steel companies who desired a still higher tariff the present law was adopted in good faith by the last Congress.

I therefore contend that the public has a right to know if the iron and steel companies, who are profiting on account of a protective tariff, are keeping faith with the Government, and are paying their employes a reasonable wage rate, a wage rate in keeping with the protection enjoyed by the companies.

"A careful investigation of all the facts in this case would place you in possession of sufficient information to enable you to inform the public whether the increased prices charged by the Pressed Steel Company, as the result of the existing tariff on their products and the materials of which they are composed, are received by their employes or, on the other hand if they are diverted in part, or in their entirety, to enlarge the profits of the various companies and to increase the dividends of their stockholders.

"In any event in the face of the grave and serious charges made and conditions now existing at McKee's Rocks, Pa., the public should have a clear cut report of the facts in the case from the officers of the Government whose duty it is to make an investigation of that character. The public will then have an unbiased report and be in a position to judge whether the fearful and awful conditions alleged to exist in McKee's Rocks are true or false.

"I therefore submit this request and express the hope that it will receive your immediate and favorable consideration."

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Carney Corrects Error

Carney, Ala., 9-7-09

Mr. P. Y. Albright, Fairhope Ala.

Dear Sir,—

In the current issue of the "Eastern Shore" I notice the following: "A. F. Hutchings has received an offer from the four large land companies dong busness in Baldwin County to have him gather exhibits of all the products grown here to be placed on exhibition at Chicago at the Land and Irrigation Congress to be held there the latter part of September. As the exhibition comes at the same time the state and county fairs do, it will probably be impossible to use the exhibits that are being collected for the fairs. Mr. Hutchings will have to buy an entirely new selection of specimens."

Under date of July 13th, Mr. T. P. Hamm wrote to Judge Smith "There will be a big land Congress given in Chicago November 20th to December 4th.—We would like to co-operate with you and those in charge of the display to the State Fair this year so that we might have the display forwarded on at our expense after the fair at Montgomery and we will be willing to assist in securing it in every way we can."

As the Bay Minette Fair will be held Sept. 29-30, Oct., 1-2, the one at Birmingham, Oct. 11th to 20th, that at Montgomery, Oct. 22nd to 30th. and the Tri-County Fair at Pensacola, Nov. 9th to 12th, you can readily see that your article is misleading, and as your next issue will not appear until Oct. 1st. I am mailing a copy of this letter to each of the other papers in the County, so that the mistake may be rectified as far as possible.

Yours truly,
James A. Carney.

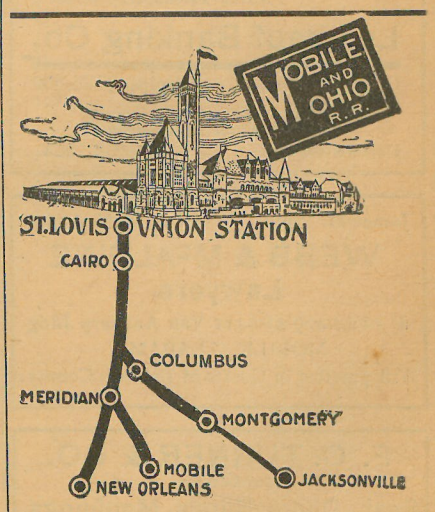
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One of the leading merchandising houses of this place received an invoice from the east, a few days ago, made out in the usual way, but with the extraordinary legend at the bottom. "Add 6 1-4 per cent. to this bill account of the newt ariff bill." And the amount was added in to the footing. This method of billing will show exactly what protection is costing the consumers of the country. If it was common with all dealers, the tariff wall would soon crumble.

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Members and friends of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation at home and abroad will hear with pleasure that H. F. Ring is now a full-fledged Fairhoper, having been admitted as a member on Monday evening.



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Personal and Local

Miss Pearl Reed of Mobile, visited Miss Celina Roberts a number of days this week.

Miss Ferris Riel spent last week in town guest of Miss Leah Gaston.

Mrs. L. E. Page of Mobile, visited her daughter Mrs. F. L. Brown a number of days last week.

E. Smith is suffering from an affliction of carbuncles which confine him to his home.

Wanted.—Someone to spend part of their time in securing orders for a high-grade piano on big commission, address E. H. Herbel Citronelle, Ala.

George Hoyle of Tatumville, caught on last Sunday a silver-fish or Tarpon which weighed 100 pounds. It gave him a hard fight before he subdued it and got it out on to the wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gooding, of Vinegar Bend, Ala., were Fairhope visitors, guests of the Gables, from Saturday evening to Tuesday morning andwere appreciated callers at the Courier Office on Monday morning.

Mr. J. T. Geoghegan and wife, Messrs. C. D. Hoffert and C. B. Edwards with Henry Clare Littlefield and wife made a jolly house-party which occupied the Littlefield cottage on Morphy Ave., from Saturday evening to Tuesday morning. All the gentlemen are M. & O. R. R. men.

Miss Clara White entertained at a house-party at her pleasant country home from Saturday until Tuesday the following young ladies, Misses Alice Sacriste, Celina Roberts, Annie Pearson, Gladys Lowell, Daphne Brown and Leah Gaston. All of them attended the "Labor Day" celebration at Marlow.

The Dyers have moved out to their farm and Mrs. Dyer seems to be steadily gaining upon the rheumatism, from which she has suffered so greatly. Mr. Dyer had the great misfortune however to lose one of the horses he brought with him, an excellent mare, which died on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barkley and Archie Littlefield are all now upon a fruit ranch in the Valley of the Columbia river about the center of the state of Washington. The ranch they are on is known as the "Electric Fruit Ranch". It concontains only 20 acres, but is finely improved and set to a variety of trees which produce tremendously. There is no rainfall and the necessary water is secured by pumping from the Columbia river, power for the pumping being electricity, generated by water-power from the mountain streams. From the letters written by Mrs. Barkley to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield, it is a very pleasant place to live and the yield and quality of the fruit is simply amazing.

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Elasewhere mention is made of the long and finally successful effort of the city of Baton Rouge, La., to secure a reduction of the charge of the water company against the city for fire hydrants from $50 a year to $40. It should be of interest in this connection that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation has on its water system fire hydrants for which it receives nothing either from the municipality or any one else, while paying taxes upon its water works property the same as if it were property held for private advantage.

Colony Council Proceedings

Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Sept. 6, with all members present.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of July 19 and Aug. 2. Following bills allowed.

H. H. Smith, Probate Judge recording deed,	$ .80
Am. Supply Co. w. works supplies	2.60
L. S. Massey, 6 1-2 hrs. on wk. at water-works,	1.75
L. S. Massey, 6 1-2 hrs. rep. wk. at water works,	1.75
Ralph Coutant, 9 1-2 hrs. on 'phone lines,	1.43
Barney-Cavanagh Hardware Co., coil tel. wire	3.10
Charles D. Fuller cleaning bath-houses, 10 weeks	5.00
Ernest Baldwin, 1 1-2 days with horse, on road in front of pump station	3.75
2 days with horse on park ditch,	5.00
Clayton Baldwin, 1 1-2 days on road by pump-house and 2 days on south side pk.	5.25
Albert Barnhart, 2 1-2 days on ditch south of park,	3.75
Stewart Lawrence, 2 1-2 days on ditch south of park	3.75
G. M. Bancroft, Sundry items road and land work,	6.00
J. E. Nelson, 1 1-2 days on ditch by park with horse	3.75
J. E. E. Ruge, leather for pump valves, water-works	.25

Treasurer's report for August presented as follows.

Receipts

Rent	$247.00
Penalty	2.26
Stumpage	12.50
Telephone manintence	3.25
Total receipts	265.01
Balance Aug. 1	1623.38
	1888.84

Disbursements

Taxes	$ 36.59	
Telephone mai nt	18.02	
Telephone constr.	1.50	
Waterworks maint.	41.50	
Waterworks constr.	2.90	
Pstg. & printing	2.40	
Highways	11.50	
Salaries	25.00	
Redeeming wharf certificates	62.50	
Acknowledgment of deeds	1.00	
Cost of suit for Beesley's rent	18.30	
Town for school h.	260.00	481.21
On hand Aug. 31		
water cert.	411.50	
Assn. cert.	123.30	
Cash	872.83	
		1407.63
	1888.74	1888.84

Application for membership of H. F. Ring referred to committee composed of J. F. Johnson, G. W. Wood and G. M. Bancroft. Committee reported recommending acceptance. Report adopted and application accepted.

The following communication received from H. F. Ring.

To Executive Council
Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
Gentlemen.—

I hereby make you the following propositions.

(1) I will pay $50 for a water connection with my premises in div. 3 and advance whatever additional amount is necessary to extend the water main.

(2) I will advance the necessary money to put a good, substantial foot-bridge across the gulley near my place on the line of Bay View Avenue, to be built under your supervision and according to plans approved by you.

With the understanding that I shall be repaid the money advanced for extending main and the foot-bridge from the first rents received from new leases of lots in div. 3,

Respectfully yours,
H. F. Ring.

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It was moved and carried that proposition of Mr. Ring regarding extension of water main be accepted, and matter referred to Supt. of public services, with power to act.

Moved and carried that proposition of Mr. Ring as to foot-bridge be accepted, and that Council meet on the ground on Wednesday evening at 5 p. m. to pass upon details.

Relinquishment by Mrs. Philbrook of a strip of Jacobs tract 132 feet wide beginning 132 feet north of County road subject to payment to her for improvements on same and by her of rent due was accepted.

Following transfers of land approved.

E. L. Williams to P. Y. Albright lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and east half of lots 5 and 12, block 9, div. 3.

Wm Stimpson to J. R. Cross and Co., north 1-2 of s. e 1-4 of s. w. 1-4 of sec. 15.

M. E. Turpen to Mrs. V. S. McClintock, lots 1 & 2, block 1, division 2.

Lease of Mrs. F. B. Tindall to lot 4, blk. 13, div 2, was declared forfeited for non-payment of rent and application of W. R. Batchelor for same accepted.

Request of Mrs. McClintock for addition to lots 1 & 2, blk. 1, div. 2, was referred to superintendent of lands and highways.

Mrs. R. F. Powell requested for College of Organic Education connection with the Colony water system and same was referred to Supt. of public services.

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Drying Plaster.

The plastering in new houses is being dried by a new apparatus so effectually in three days that exception in favor of the method is being made by the authorities in places having in force the German law forbidding the use for residence of any house until it has been built six months. The apparatus employed is a coke stove, with a number of small tubes surrounding the fire-box, and with supply pipes leading dry air from outside to these tubes. As the fresh air rapidly passing through the tubes becomes heated, it rises and passes along the ceiling and walls. It absorbs and becomes saturated with moisture from the plastering, then sinks, enters the fire-box of the stove, and escapes with the coke gases into the chimney. The current of heated dry air not only carries off the dampness very rapidly, but furnishes an abundance of carbonic acid to harden the mortar. The effect is exactly the same as that of slow natural drying, and the rooms are made speedily habitable instead of being unsafe to live in for many weeks.

Copper Is Precious Metal.

In this almost universal age of electricity copper has become one of the most indispensable of the metals. If civilization to-day were confronted with the ultimatum. "Give up your gold or give up your copper," probably the world's gold mines would be deserted in preference.

Last year the production of copper in the United States exceeded by far that of any other year in the history of the metal. The year's totals as complied by the geological survey was 942,570,721 pounds. In this production Arizona territory led with 252,503,651 pounds, and Massachusetts with 222,503,651 pounds.

As against this production of the refined metal, the apparent consumption was 479,955,318 pounds. From returns made by the smelting and refining companies the stocks of refined copper on January 1, 1909, showed a decrease of 3,869,037 pounds over the stocks of January 1, 1908.

Non-Resident's Notice.

State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.
The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation
Vs.
Charles Stersic
Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace

Whereas the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, a corporation, by their agent, E. B. Gaston, as plaintiff in the above stated cause, has obtained an attachment issued by me, P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, and state, on the 27th day of August, 1909 at Fairhope, Ala., and returnable before me on the 14th day of September, 1909, at Fairhope, Alabama, against the estate of the said Charles Stersic, defendant, for the recovery of the sum of $31.60 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by E. D. Brann, constable for said county, by levying on the following as the property of the said Charles Stersic, towit; the frame dwelling, fence chicken house and stove, located on lots 7 and 8, block 1, div. 3, of the lands of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, Fairhope Ala., as per plat or plan of lots on file in their office in Fairhope, Ala., and whereas it appears that the said Charles Stersic is a non-resident of the state of Alabama, and his residence unknown now, therefore the said Charles Stersic is hereby notified of said attachment and levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 27th day of August, 1909.

P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace
for Baldwin county, Ala.

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Personal and Local

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The Wienands returned to Mobile early in the week.

Home packed canned goods at Mershon Merchandising Co.

Just received at Robacs a fresh line of New York candies, glassware, crockery, notions, shirts, etc.

Ralph Mershon cut one of his fingers to the bone severing a tendon while cutting kindling with a hatchet on Monday, which laid him up for several days.

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The ice plant is now running 24 hours a day and putting out an excellent quality of ice.

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Work is being pushed at the Cross and Co. Jersey farm on the [illegible] concrete silo, house enlarging, barn building and other improvements being made there.

Mrs. Daniel Shepherd left on the Tuesday evening steamer, to take train for Illinois for a visit at Canton and Lewiston of about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinstry and baby and Mrs. Lucy Stapleton came over last evening to remain for a couple of weeks. They are at the Dolive House.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet report an exceedingly pleasant time at the Sunday-school Convention at Bay Minette, from which they returned last evening.

Mr. Ring has received his automobile. It is a handsome little Maxwell runabout, and being red adds a bright hue to the landscape as it flies about.

Cross and Co., brought over on last week one of the handsomest pair of mules ever seen in Baldwin county. They are not so large as some but very fine. Work is going on steadily on the improvements on the Cross & Co. farm.

In spite of a rather threatening weather aspect, the steamer Fairhope brought over more than sixty on her excursion last evening and about a dozen took advantage of the trip to go to the city.

The Alabama Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will be held at Fairhope on September 23d. to 28h inclusive, taking the form of a camp meeting which will be held in the park between Magnolia avenue and the bluff.

In spite of the cry of low prices and cheap goods by our brother merchants, we are enjoying the best trade of any section yet, the people are after quality as well as low prices and we give them both. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mrs. Sacriste and daughter Miss Alice, and son Paul, left this morning for San Antonio, Fla., near Tampa, where Mrs. Sacriste has property and where they will spend some time. Miss Alice was very popular and will be missed by her many friends.

Miss Myrtle Moore of Mobile, and Mr. Walter David of Chicago have been guests at the Slosson home this week and on Wednesday evening a delightful luncheon was given in their honor at which the following other guests were entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powell, Miss Ola Powell, Miss Frances Gaston, and Mr. James Gaston.

Fairhope to Have New Hotel

Elsewhere is reported the transfer from Mrs. Turpen to Mrs. McClintock of lots one and two, block one, division two, which covers the beautiful plot on Mobile Avenue, adjoining the Mrs. Stromberg's lots. This in one of the most beautiful sites on the Colony land and its desirability has been so appreciated that it has been under lease almost constantly since first platted by the Colony but without being improved.

The new lessee however, with her sister, Mrs. Morgan, expects to improve the lot at once with a small but thouroughly modern hotel. The ladies are daughters of Mrs. Sacriste and visiting her recently became greatly enamored of Fairhope, so much so that they determined to make their home here They went north on the recent excursion and talked Fairhope enthusiastic everywhere.

They are not only charmed with Fairhope's natural and acquired material advantages, but equally pleased with the Fairhope policy. One of them remarked, I don't see why everybody doesn't come to Fairhope. We don't either except that they don't know how delightful a place it is or how helpful is its policy.

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How Easy

Dr. Cook has found the Pole
He found it very easy,
He was only on a stroll,
And got not one bit sneezy
And Perry too, has sauntered through,
Where once they thought it chilly,
There's nothing new the rest can do,
Just stand round and look silly
—Dewey Wheeler.

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Notice to Builders!

The school board will on next Thursday evening positively award the contract for the new school building and all builders are notified to inform themselves fully and have their bids in by that time.

Mrs. Mary Ehlers of Chicago accompanied Mrs. Rathje home from her trip there and will remain some time.

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Thirteen acre farm (Colony leasehold) within one and a quarter miles of postoffice. All good land 8 acres in cultivation, 5 acres under separate fence but practically cleared. House of four rooms; new barn 20 x 32, with room for ten tons of hay. A dozen young Satsuma orange trees; lot of wild persimmons in position ready for grafting to Japanese varieties.

Can be bought with 2 cows and a heifer, 50 chickens 1-2 acre of sweet potatoes and feed enough on place. to feed stock through the winter, There is enough land if properly handled, to raise all the forage necessary for enough cows to make a good living for a family and is practically in town. Colony rent, $10.80. Price, $700.00.
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Summer Temperature.

September 2–8 1909.

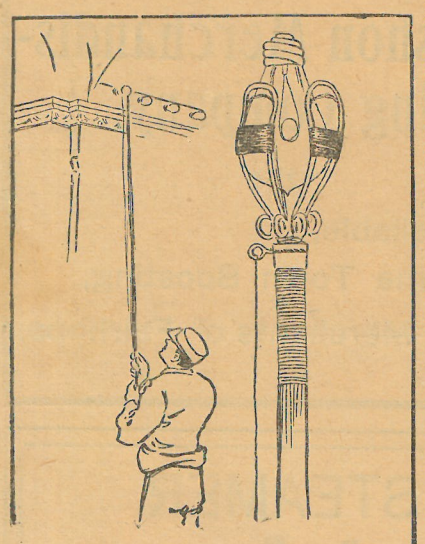
Sept.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
2	77	92	80
3	78	92	82
4	80	93	80
5	84	93	84
6	77	92	80
7	78	92	77
8	77	92	82

THE ELECTRICAL WORLD

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Incandescent Lamps in Inaccessible Places Replaced Without Much Trouble.

Incandescent lamps are often loated in almost inaccessible places, as in high ceilings, domes, etc. Obviously, when the lamps are burned out they must be replaced by new lamps. They also require cleaning at stated intervals. In both operations, it is necessary to employ some device by which they can be quickly removed from the sockets and replaced. A simple contrivance for accomplishing this has recently been patented by a New York man. As shown in the illustration it consists of wire jaws protected by rubber of like substance, which fit over the bulbs. The jaws are attached to a long pole, so that the operator can reach the lamp from a considerable distance. A flexible member holds the jaws to the pole, which



Lamps Easily Replaced.

can be pulled over by a cord. With this arrangement lamps at right angles to the pole can be unscrewed as readily as those directly above.

REGULATE CLOCK BY WAVES.

Timepieces of Great Cities to Be Set by Electrical Currents and Kept in Time.

To set the clocks of a big city by electrical waves and keep them uniform in time—this is the latest facility afforded to municipalities by a magician in the science of Marconics. The inventor is a Viennese and his name is Franz Morawetz. He has been experimenting for some years, but it is only within recent days that he has thoroughly perfected his invention. At first it was found that atmospheric upheavals and other disturbing factors rendered his process futile when at every moment in the day the receiving clock operated on by the transmitter was attuned to the action of the latter, the result being that high winds and great disturbances of the air upset the proper action and course of the electric waves.

In the case of the present contrivance, the objective clock is isolated during fifty-nine seconds in each minute, in which time it is insensible to all emission of electrical currents. In the sixtieth second, however, the receiving apparatus, hitherto idle, is automatically brought into circuit with the transmitter. No two clocks travel at precisely the same speed, and since there must be a divergence from a given standard, the waves directed from the transmitter of the central clock—the standard time—proceed to adjust the objective time teller to the standard of "headquarters," or the exact sun time.

The Electro-Technical institute of Vienna has adopted this method of looking after the clocks of the Austrian capital. Indeed, the municipal council votes a yearly subvention of about $1,000 for the upkeep of the "central post," which radiates waves to a distance of nearly a mile in all directions over the city. The inventor holds, however, that his process could keep the clocks of a whole province in order.

Home-Made Barometers.

There are many devices by means of which changes in the moistness of the air may be shown, some of them exceedingly easy to arrange. Perhaps the simplest form of all, known to every housewife in the coast towns, is the suspended piece of seaweed. Any kind answers the purpose admirably. A small bunch tied together and hung up on a wall shows the excessive humidity in the atmosphere, which often precedes rain, by becoming damp and flabby. A very ingenious contrivance is the old-fashioned "weather house," largely made in Switzerland. It is arranged in such a way that two figures act in response to the twisting of a piece of catgut. The material, supported by a wire, controls the movements of a little platform on either end of which is placed a model. Excessive moisture in the air causes the catgut to twist and turn the platform 'round, so that the man emerges from one of the doors in the front of the house. Reverse conditions of the atmosphere bring about the contraction of the catgut, and the platform swings back, thus bringing the figure of the woman into prominence at her particular door.

The Lady and the General.

The old southern city of Columbia, S. C., is the home of a courtly and a chivalrous people. They pride themselves on their manners, do Columbians. But there is a story told down there concerning a bit of gallantry on the part of "one of those dem Yankees, Suh," which it is admitted could not have been surpassed by the courtliest southerner.

The story is to the effect that a great ball was given at the South Carolina capital one evening during the reconstruction era, and while many southern hearts were still embittered. A number of northern officers were present at this ball, and in the course of the evening one of them was introduced to a haughty southern lady, whose antipathy to all northerners was well known.

The lady acknowledged the introduction with a gracious inclination of her head, and then drawing herself to her full, magnificent height, said proudly:

"But, Sir, I would have you know that I am still an unreconstructed rebel."

The Yankee officer bowed low.

"Madam," he said, "I am sure that so admirably constructed a rebel as yourself needs no reconstruction!"

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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. ddress

E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

IMPROVE THE NATION'S WATERWAYS

Congressman Henry T. Rainey of Illinois is a strong advocate of improvement of the national waterways and in a recent statement said:

Railways parallelling rivers and reaching cities along our rivers have pursued the policy of making cheaper rates to river points—rates often as cheap as, or cheaper, than river steamers of present capacity can make. Railways have been carrying freight to river points at a loss in order to destroy river traffic and have been compelling inland towns and cities to pay higher freight rates than they ought to pay, In order to make up the loss. There has been a half century fight by the railroads against the rivers, with no organization in behalf of the rivers until within a comparatively recent period.

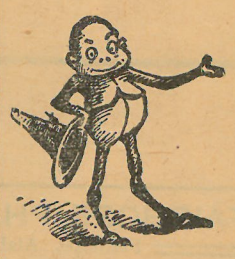
"There is only one way to meet the situation and to force upon the railroads the competition necessary for the public good, and that is by improving our rivers, connecting them where needful with artificial canals, depending upon the eleetric lines reaching our rivers and extending out into the interior of the country to furnish connection with the improved rivers. Improve our rivers, and you will furnish to every man a free national highway upon which he can launch his boat and carry his goods, free of all charges, to the ocean highways of the world."

Editor and Publisher H. R. Golson of the Wetumpka, Ala., Herald, visited Fairhope on Tuesday to investigate the Courier's Typograph machine and spent most of the day in the office. He was pleased with the machine and will probably order one. Mr. Golson was fortunate in finding a launch leaving Mobile in the morning for Magnolia Springs which came this way and brought him over and a special trip of the Fairhope back to Mobile in the evening enabled him to catch a night train for home. Mr. Golson was a guest of the editor's family for supper.

"By a majority of nearly 500,000 votes the state of Illinois has voted in favor of a bond issue of twenty million dollars in aid of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterway. The state of New York has voted $101,000,000 in bonds to deepen the Erie Canal."

The Mobile "Unionist" issued an exceedingly creditable Labor Day edition of 20 pages.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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PROPERTY IN THE AIR.

Herbert Quick's clever novel, "Virginia of the Air Lanes," just concluded in the Cosmopolitan, is more than a story.

Its hero invents an airship which far surpasses anything before achieved, and while he is perfecting his machine a brilliant and whimsical character named Craighead, with whom he makes a strange acquaintance, and another man of great wealth, who finances his undertaking, organize a company which spends large sums in acqiring titles to land and air, (particularly the latter) the sole right to the use of which above immense tracts of land they secure by purchase from the owners of the latter.

Having perfected their plans, they sue for an injunction to restrain all other persons from trespassing upon their property, the air. In the language of the narrator:

"The bill recited that the plaintiff was the owner of all rights of navigation in the air in certain described belts or bands surrounding the city of New York, dividing it into portions and gridironing the continent; that the defendants had in the past habitually trespassed on these by flying over them in air-ships; that passage to and from the city of New York, over the sea, the river, or by other route, was impossible save by such trespass; and therefore injunction was asked prohibiting the defendants, their servants and agents and all other persons from departing from or coming to the said city ol New York through the air owned by the plaintiff, or from navigating any aerial craft across, over, or through the real property of the plaintiff wheresoever situated."

In support of this contention Craighead delivered himself as follows:

"I will offer a few remarks on the law and then yield to my learned colleague, who will lay before your honors the feeble attempts of the courts to crystalize it in precedents. The law is fully as plain as the nose on the face of the most Roman of your honors. As to its righteousness, it is as moral as land ownership. That it has not heretofore been applied has been owing to the stupidity of the legal profession, to the asininity of landowners, and to the fact that the law is so plain; for that which is all around ever remains undetected, like the pressure of the atmosphere, or the picture with the trees and clouds representing animals and figures. And as when once the cat in the landscape is seen, the landscape fades and one can see nothing but the cat, so in this case, when the law is once made plain, your honors will be able to see nothing else. We are taking the liberty of unsealing the blind eyes of the courts.

" '*Cujus ad solum, ejus est usque ad caelum,*' is the maxim on which we stand, the meaning of which has been decided in hundreds of cases, and, strange to say, it is still



"SWEETWATER BRANCH"
PICTURESQUE LITTLE STREAM NEAR FAIRHOPE

clear—he who owns land owns to the sky. He has as much moral right to the sky as to the surface. The man with a deed to a square mile of the surface of this planet owns a great pyramid, apexing at the earth's center and extening out into space, in diverging lines infinitely; so that if he could show that these lines of boundary take in Mars and her canals he would have a perfect case against the Martians for rent of fields and toll of waterways, if he could get service and bring the defendants into court.

The air above our land is a part of it. You know it. Why else have you recognized *Reimer's Appeal, 100 Pennsylvania State,* as good law, declaring a bay-window many feet above the sidewalk a nuisance because it jutted out into the air that was a part of the street? And see, also, *Bybee vs. the State, 94 Indiana.* You hang your cornice or string a wire in my air, and I will hale you into court. Dont presume to fly a kite over my land except by my consent. You have no right. And remember that the city of Cleveland was mulcted for fifty thousand dollars for swinging a bridge a few times a day over an inch strip of land.

How much more am I damnified by the airship which may drop a monkey-wrench, a spanner, a gob of ballast, or a casual remark into my privacy! Like other highways, the air will be infested by accidents and collisions. Aeroonefs will fall into the rural silo, drag-ropes rip up barb-wire, and Pyramus and Thisbe, in their Arcadian wooing, may be smothered under falling gas bags, or rapt asunder by dragging anchors. I shudder, your honor, at what may happen when the air is populous with flying jiggers, pop-popping about and raining ballast, and wine bottles, and bacon-rinds, and stale bananas, and hot coffee, and soft-boiled eggs, and lobster a la Newburg on a lost and undone republc—and when I shudder, persons of ordinary sensitiveness fly into frag ments with the shivers. For I am no light and habitual shudderer.

"I have spoken in my weak way of what might make a landowner unwilling to have his air used as a highway; but he does n't have to give a reason—he can show his deed, and tell the whole world to go to—to the captain's office and settle. Your honors, I adjure you to cling to your unbroken precedents, and uphold property, on which society is based. To say that we do not own these strips of land, but only rights in the air, is foolishness. The landowner may sel the surface and keep the minerals, or sell the mineral rights down to China and keep the surface. Our grantors owned and sold these rights to us. It is slanderous to say that we have hornswoggled—to coin a phrase—the farmers by promising cheap nitrates by the Craighead method. It is my intention to take a few moments some day to perfect the Craighead method and begin to extract nitrogen—but that is another narrative. The point is that we've got these rights. We have what nobody ever had before—the proof that they pass over our lands, because they have to. Nobody else ever had lands hemming in everybody. We have. This makes our proof simple pie; and in the name of the law of landownership on which every government in all the world is founded, we call upon you to protect us.

"They say we seek to enslave travelers. This absurdity applies as forcibly to surface rights or mines. If the traveler can't pay our scale let him go by public highways or by boat or rail, or stay at home; just as the man who wants to use land, and has none, must pay the rent or get off the earth. We may do as we will with our own space, allow it to be used or hold it for speculation. We anticipate that rights to air navigation will become more and more valuable. We expect to charge whatever the situation makes possible. This is as moral as increasing rent for lands. We shall grant licenses or not, as we please. We may demand title to all patents on air-ship inventions before allowing them to be used, thus applying the rules you and your predecessors have so wisely laid down. He who owns land owns to the sky. How beautiful the principle! What a stimulus to enterprise it offers—in cornering space! How it serves the benificent designs of Providence and the common law

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that those in whose hands this planet has been placed by Omniscience may build up those aristocracies of intellect and morals and power that the possession of land always fosters. A decision against us would subject all of you to impeachment. By getting hold of these rights first we have proved that we are of the elect. And the children and the children's children of mankind will have the priceless privilege of navigating the air granted to them by our children and our children's children—on proper terms, your honors, to be fixed by the owner."

At the Institute

Not the least among the interesting things heard at the teachers' institute in Mobile, was a paper on the medical relation of teacher and pupil by Dr. Gaines the medical adviser of the public schools of Mobile.

Dr. Gaines instructed the teachers in many important particulars, insisting that the teacher's whole duty is not performed when he succeeds in getting the child to master the text book.

The address made a deep impression upon the audience and was ably discussed by Dr. McCormack, who created a sensation by declaring that to force a child to do that which he does not want to do is physically injurious.

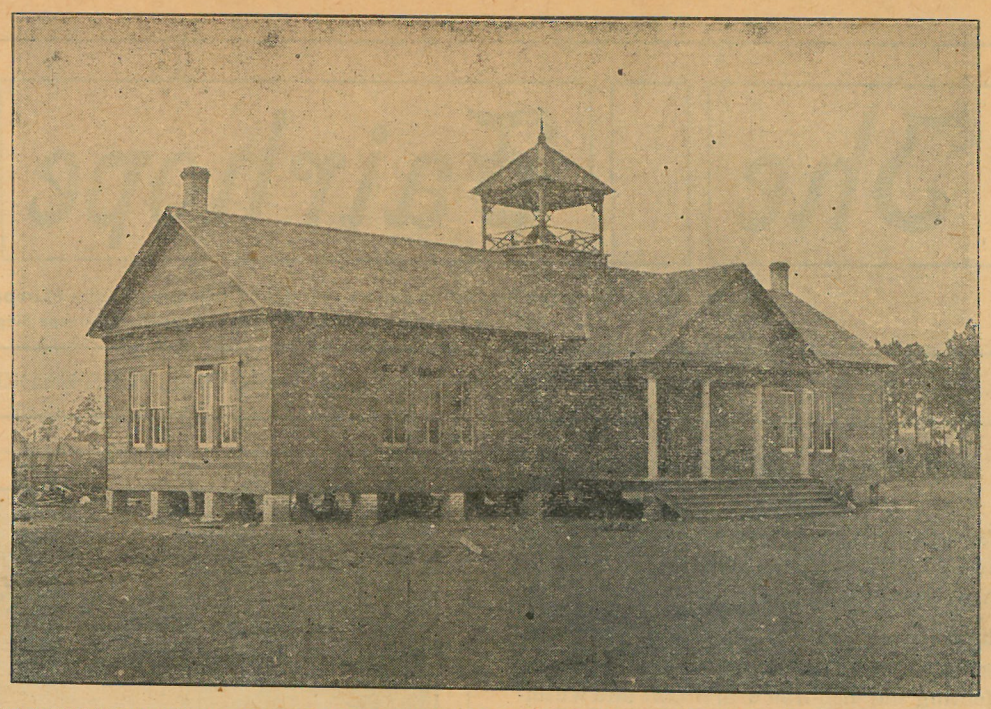
Of course this does not mean that in consequence, the child shall do everything he wishes, but with many advanced educators the Doctor points out the danger of the forcing process.

On another occasion the Doctor stated that no formal work should be done below the fourth grade. Also that the marking system is wrong.

This was followed by rather a heated discussion. The pertinent question of course was asked: "If the child may not do the formal work below the fourth grade, what shall he do?" The proper answer seems to be about as follows. The child below the fourth grade may sing, not only songs but scales and intervals—may have voice, and ear and heart cultivated by making harmonies.

He may do informal gymnasium work—running, jumping, throwing, swimming, etc.—in fact may attain a sound, accomplished, and beautiful body.

He may do constructive hand work—cultivate the creative power. He may gain fundamental conceptions of numbers by measuring, by making drawings of objects to be made in manual training work, He may study Nature out of doors—Geography in the woods and by streams. Botany and Zo-ology may all be the objects of his loving study pursued informally for the very joy of knowing more of nature.



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He may have history and literature by means of stories supplemented with charts, maps, etc, which will delight his imagination. He may have spoken language--his own and at least one other language learned in the natural conversational way. lastly he may have art work, clay modeling, water color, paper decoration and all sorts of work in color and form.

All of these things are quite in harmony with his nature, and do not require "marks" and promotions ond other "incentives" to keep him at it, for everyone is so interesting to the young child that it seems but a joyous expression of himself, which all true education really is. He will want to read, and should be allowed to do so when he desires, but should not be forced to before his interest demands it.

All of this work, excepting possibly the foreign languages, is quite within the ability of the thoroughly alive, up-to date, consecrated teacher, and no others should be entrusted with so sacred a work as the education of children.

M. L. J.

THE POSTOFFICE DEFICIT.

Postmaster General Hitchcock and President Taft have recently held a conference for the purpose of deciding on ways and means of overcoming the postal deficit. This deficit last year was $20,000,000, the largest in the history of the department. In two years it has amounted to $36,000,000. The increase of the 1908-9 deficit over that of 1907-8 is attributed by the postmaster general, if he is correctly reported in the Washington dispatches, "In part to the extensions of the service, to the business depression during the first part of the fiscal year and to cumbersome and expensive methods of handling the mail and conducting the affairs of other departments of the work." We are informed, however, that the administration is going to the bottom of the matter and as evidence of its good faith the announcement is made that 40 experts are even now at work in Washington on the postoffice department records. These experts are giving their attention to the registry division, "which has been showing a growing deficit year after year." Next, a similar inquiry will be made into the business of the money order department, which also shows a deficit, and finally the rural free delivery syntem is to be investigated.

These explanations almost tempt one to laugh outright. While it is quite possible that the experts will be able to suggest methods of curtailing expenses in certain divisions of the department, it is safe to assume that the investigation will not extend to the vital defects in the American postal system. We are not informed that there is to be an inquiry into the possibility of the government entirely wiping out the postal deficit by raising the 4 pound limit that is now placed by law on packages that will be carried through the mails. We are not informed that there is to be any investigation of the unbusinesslike methods employed in contracting with railroads for carrying mail. We are not informed that there is to be an inquiry that is at all likely to result in even one vital reform. Instead, we are informed that there is a possibility of an increase of 2 cents being made in charge for registering letters and other registerable mail and that steps will probably be taken to place the money order division "on a self-supporting basis."

If the government really wishes to wipe out postal deficits, it can do so. The way has been pointed out by hundreds of American newspapers and numerous magazines. With us The Daily, who have made the postoffice department a subject of careful study during the past several years, there has never been any doubt as to what method of a reform nature should be pursued. The money that the express companies are now getting through robbery of the people, would be sufficient in itself to wipe out the present deficit and the money that is wrongfully going to the railroads, who are paid for hauling vastly more mail than is handled in this country, would be sufficient, if diverted and added to parcels post revenue, to give the government a handsome profit on its postoffice business. If the pending investigation is being sincerely made why is there such criminal neglect of these salient features of the business? —Woman's Daily

Handsome George Souvenirs.

We are indebted to C. D. Blackhall, of Buffalo, for handsome souveniers gotten up by the Henry George Anniversary Dinner Committee. The souvenier consists of a heavy sheet of dark brown card board with an insert of a card of a lighter brown on which is embossed in graceful script the following quotation from Henry George with facscimile autograph:

"This and this alone, I contend for, that he who makes should have; that he who saves should enjoy. I ask in behalf of the poor noihing whatever that property belongs to the rich."

More Than a Mere Matter of Taxation.

The following from a report by Land and Labour, London, of a speech by Mr. Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer of England will show how much more than a simple matter of taxation is involved in the pending English budget.

Mr. Lloyd George, who had a great reception on rising to speak, said that a few months ago a meeting was held not far from that hall in the heart of the City of London demanding that the Government should launch out and run into enormous expenditure on the Navy. That meeting ended up with a resolution promising that those who passed that resoluton would give financial support to the Government in their undertaking. There have been two or three meetings held in the City of London since—(laughter and cheers)—attended by the same class of people, but not ending up with a resolution promising to pay. (Laughter.) "On the contrary," the Chancellor continued, "we are spending money, but they won't pay. (Laughter.) What has happened since to alter their tone? Simply that we have sent in the bill. (Laughter and cheers.) We started our four Dreadnoughts. They cost eight millions of money. We promised them four more; they cost another eight millions. Somebody has got to pay, and these gentlemen say 'Perfectly true; somebody has got to pay, but we would rather that somebody was somebody else. (Laughter.)

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Where the Opposition Arises.

"I do not believe any fair-minded man would challenge the justice and fairness of the object we have in view in raising this money. But there are some of them who say that the taxes themselves are unjust, unfair and oppressive. Notably so the land taxes—(Laughter.)—and they are engaged not merely in the House of Commons, in assailing those taxes with a concentrated and a sustained ferocity which will not allow even a comma to escape with its life. (Laughter.) Now are they really so wicked? Let us examine them, because it is perfectly clear that the one part of the taxation that attracts all this hostility and animosity is that part which deals with the taxation of land.

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The Golden Marsh

"Well, now, let us examine it. I don't want you to consider merely abstract principles. I want to invite your attention to a number of concrete instances, fair examples for showing you in the concrete illustrations how our Budget proposals work. Let us take first of all the taxes on undeveloped land, and on increment. Not far from here, not so many years ago, between the Lea and the Thames, you held a hundred acres of land which was not very useful even for agricultural purposes. In the main it was a sodden marsh. Commerce and trade of London increased under Free Trade. 'Hear, hear.' The tonnage of your ships went up by hundreds of thousands and by millions of tons; labor was attracted from all parts of the country to cope with all this trade and business done here. What happened? There was no housing accommodation for them. This part of London became overcrowded, and the population overflowed.

"That was the opportunity of the owners of the marsh. All that land became valuable building land, and land which used to be rented at 2 pounds and 3 pounds an acre has been selling within the past few years for 2.000 pounds an acre, 6,000 pounds an acre, 8,000 pounds an acre. Who created these increments? 'Cheers. Who made that golden swamp? 'Laughter.' was it the landlord? (A voice, "No, the people.") Was it his energy? "No." His brains? "Oh," and laughter.) It was a very bad look out for the place if it were. His forethought? Purely the combined efforts of all the people engaged in the trade and commerce of the Port of London—(hear, hear)—trader, merchant, ship-owner, dock laborer, workman—everybody except the landlord. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.)

"Now you follow that transaction—land worth 2 pounds and 3 pounds an acre running up to thousands. During the time it was ripening the landlord was paying his rates and his taxes not on 2 pounds or 3 pounds an acre. It was agricultural land, and because it was agricultural land a munificent Tory Government voted a sum of 2.000,000 poundst o pay half the rates. (Laughter.) All those poor, distressed landlords—(laughter)—and you and I had to pay the taxes in order to enable those landlords to pay half their rates on agricultural land whilst it was going up every year by hundreds of pounds through your efforts and the efforts of your neighbors. Well it is coming to an end.

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Better Late Than Never.

"On the walls of Mr. Balfour's meeting last Tuesday were the words. 'We protest against fraud and folly.' So do I. These things I am going to tell you of have only been possible up to the present through the fraud of the few and the folly of the many. Now, what is going to happen in the future? In future these landlords will have to contribute to the taxes of the country on the basis of the real value. Only a halfpenny in the pound—only a halfpenny, and that is what all the howling is about! But there is another little tax called the increment tax. For the future what will happen? We mean to value all the land of the kingdom—and here you can draw no distinction between agricultural land and other land, for the simple reason that East and West Ham was agricultural land a few years ago, and if land goes up in future by hundreds and thousands an acre through efforts of the community the community will get 20 per cent. of that increment. Ah what a misfortune it is that there was not a chancellor of the Exchequer who did this about 30 years ago! Only thirty years ago, and we should now have been enjoying an abundant revenue from this source."

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Case of Golder's Green

Proceeding, the Chancellor gave other instances of cases where the value of land has gone up in the course, perhaps, of a couple of years, through a new tramway or a new railway being opened. Golder's Green was a case in point.

"Last year," the Chancellor said, I went and opened a tube railway there. What is the result? Recently a piece of land has been sold for 2,100 pounds—160 pounds before the railway was opened—before I went there—2,000 pounds now! Now I am entitled to 20 per cent. of that. Now there are many cases where landlords take advantage of the exigencies of commerce and industry, take advantage of the needs of municipalities and even of national needs, and of the monopoly which they have got in land in a particular neighborhood, in order to demand extortionate prices. Take the very well-known case of the Duke of Northumberland, when the County Council wanted to buy a small plot of land as a site for a school to train the children who in due course would become the men laboring on his property. The rent was quite an insignificant thing. Its contribution to the rates I forget, but I think itwas on the basis of 30s an acre. What did he demand for it—a school? 900 pounds an acre. Well all we say is this—Mr. Buxton and I—if it is worth 900 pounds ,let him pay taxes on it."

Next Mr. Lloyd George took the town of Bootle, a town created, very much int he same way as these towns in the east of London, purely by commerce of Liverpool. In 1879 the rates of Bootle were 9,000 pounds a year, and the ground rents were 10,000 pounds. In 1898 the rates had gone up to 94,000 pounds. They had been improving the place—making roads, drains, parks, opening up the place—but the ground landlord was receiving in ground rents 100,000 pounds. It was time he should pay for all his value. A case was given him from Richmond which was very interesting. The town council of Richmond recently built some workmen's cottages under a housing scheme. The land appeared on the rate book as of the value of 4 pounds, and being agricultural—the landlord only paid half the rates, and they and he paid the rest for him. The Town Council naturally thought they would get the land cheap. But they did not know their landlord. They had to pay 2,000 pounds an acre for it! The result was that instead of having a good housing scheme with plenty of gardens, open space, plenty of breathing space, plenty of room, for the workmen at the end of their day, forty cottages had to be crowded on two acres. Now if the land had been valued at its true value that landlord would have been at any rate contributing his fair share to the public revenue, and it is just conceivable that he might have been driven to sell at a more reasonable price.

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An Admiralty Case

"There is a case from Greenock the other day. The Admirality wanted a torpedo range. Here was an opportunity for patriotism! men want an efficient navy to protect our shores, and the Admiralty said. 'Well, one element in efficiency is straight shooting, and we want a range to practise, for torpedoes, on the coast of Scotland.' There was a piece of land there; it was rated, I think, at something like 11 pounds, 10 shillings a year. They went to the landlord. They had to pay for it—well now, just you guess while I am looking it up. I find I understated it; for rating purposes it had a value of 11 pounds, 2 shillings. It was sold to the nation for 27,225 pounds. And these are the gentlemen who accuse us of robbery and spoliation!

"Now all we say is. "In the future you must pay a half-penny in the pound upon the real value of your land. In addition to that, if the value goes up, not owing to your efforts—if you spend money on improving it, we give you credit for it—but if it goes up owing to the industry and the energy of the people living in that locality, one-fifth of that increment shall in future be taken as a toll by the state."

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Mining Royalties. Rents and Wayleaves.

"I have got just one other land tax to deal with," Mr. Lloyd George proceeded, "and that is one that acts on royalties. The landlords are receiving eight millions per year by way of royalties, What for? They never deposited the coal there. It was not they who planted those great granite rocks in Wales. Who laid the foundations of the mountains? Was it the landlords? And yet they by some divine right demand their toll for merely the right of men to risk their lives in hewing those rocks. Eight millions a year!

"Take any coalfield. I went down to a coalfield the other day, and they pointed out to me many colliers there. They said. You see that collier there. The first man who went there spent a quarter of a million in sinking the shafts and driving the levels. He never got to the coal. He lost his quarter of a million. A second man came along, he got the coal.' What was the landlod doing in the meantime? The first man failed, but the landlord got his royalties, the landlord got his rent. The second man failed but the landlord got his royalties. And I said, 'When the cash failed, what did the landlord put in? He simply put in the bailiffs. The capitalist risks at any rate the whole of his money, the engineer puts in his brains, the miner his life.

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Possession of Land a Trust

"The ownership of land is not merely an enjoyment, it is a stewardship. It has been reckoned as such in the past, and if theyceaseto discharge the functions—the security and defence of the country, the looking after the broken in their villages and in their neighborhoods—those functions which are part of the traditional duties attached to the ownership of land, and which have given to it its title—if they cease to discharge those functions, the time will come to reconsider the conditions under which land is held in this country. No country however rich, can permanently afford to have quartered upon its revenue a class which declines to do the duty which it is called upon to perform in the community, and therefore it would be one of the prime duties of statesmanship to investigate those conditions. They have threatened and menaced like that before. They have seen it not to their interest to carry out these futile menaces. They are now protesting against paying their fair share of the taxation of land, and they are doing so by saying, 'You are burdening industries. You are putting burdens upon the people which they cannot bear.'"

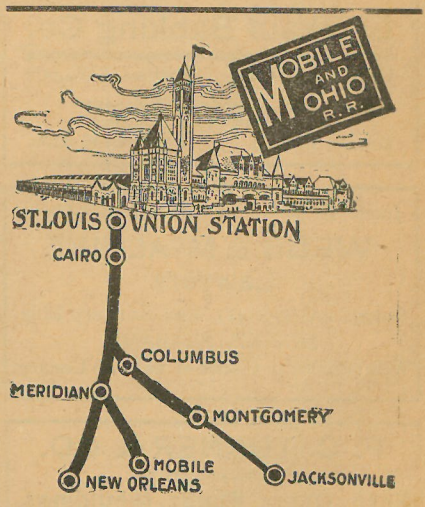
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H. Martin Williams Among the Farmers.

H. Martin Williams was a delegate to the State Convention for Illinois of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union and wrote the platform that was adopted. It goes without saying that it was a radical one.

Among the general policies declared for in the platform were.

Popular election of senators, direct legislation by means of the initiative and referendum and recall; public ownership of all public utilities; opposition to ship subsidies, favoring local option in taxation "by a law authorizing the people of counties and municipalities to elect upon what species of property taxes for local purposes shall be levied; taxation of franchises and the taxation of all oil, coal and mineral lands and all lands held for speculative purposes on their full selling or speculative value."



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Colony Council Proceedings

Minutes of meeting of September six continued from last issue.

Superintendent of lands and highways was instructed to have prepared for filing a plat of Colony lands showing such streets as are now open and in use, with names and widths of same, relation to section lines, etc., but without any showing of lots.

Moved and carried that in filing the plat the terms upon which streets shown thereon are dedicated for public use shall be stated, the right being reserved to enter upon the same for the purpose of supplying the Colony's lessees with public utilities until such time as the municipality is ready to operate the same as municipal public utilities; the town at such time to have the right to take over any public utility installed by the Colony at its then value, to be determined by fair appraisment; the exact wording of such dedication to be referred to the secretary with power to act in consultation with the Corporation's Attorney, Mr. James H. Webb.

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September 11, 1909.

Special meeting. All members present. In absence of president E. B. Gaston elected pro tem.

Secretary reported conference with Mr. Webb on Thursday evening resulting in an agreement that the best course was not to file a plat with conditional dedication thereon of streets but to make a deed of conveyance describing by metes and bounds, the parcels of land proposed to be conveyed as streets, with the reservations desired to be made, and that with this idea in view Mr. Webb had prepared a draft of such a conveyance.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted and that a deed of conveyance with such reservations as are desired, be made in lieu of a plat

Council then proceeded to consideration of form of conveyance submitted by Mr. Webb, making some alterations in same and finally adopting it as follows.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that,

WHEREAS, a portion of the property belonging to the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation is included within the corporate limits of the Municipality of Fairhope; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to preserve for the benefit of residents upon its lands, all public utilities, and prevent the operation of same by private parties, thereby creating a monopoly, and

WHEREAS, it is its purpose as far as it is able to operate such public utilities primarily for the benefit of such residents upon its lands at cost, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that such Municipality shall own and control for municipal purposes, certain highways or streets, through the property of said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, subject to the right of such Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, to supply such utilities, and the further restriction that it shall not grant to private persons or corporations rights or franchises in such streets, thereby creating Monopoly .

NOW THEREFORE, in considertion of the premises, and subject to such restriction and those hereinafter mentioned, the said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Municipal corporation, the following described lands heretofore permitted by it to be used for the benefit of its lessees as avenues of passage over and across its said land, to be used and controlled by it as public highways or streets in said municipality, but expressly reserving to thegrantor the right to enter upon said streets and make excavations and erect poles or other necessary structures for the purpose of constructing and operating on or under same, pipe lines, conduits, or other receptacles for water, gas or electricity to be furnished by said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation to its tenants or other residents, and to construct, maintain and operate telephone lines, street railways, electric lighting plants, and such other public utilities as may be of advantage to its lessees and the other citizens of such municipality.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that whenever the said Municipality shall be in position to furnish such public utilities, or any of them, it shall have the right to do so upon purchasing from the said Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, such water works, telephone, gas, or electric light lines or plant, as it may have provided paying therefor such sum as may be ascertained to be the reasonable value of such utility so taken over.

The lands herein conveyed are described as follows.

Fairhope avenue from point 250 east of bay shore to town limits with width of 80 ft

Magnolia avenue from Fairhope Ave. at west side of Park to School street with width of 66 ft.

Fels Ave. from Mobile Ave to Church St. with width of 66 ft.

Section St. from County road to Marshals Gully or Bayou Charbon, with width of 50 ft.

Church St., from County road to Magnolia Ave., (except where never owned by F. S. T. C.) with width of 66 ft.

Summit St., from a point 223 ft. south of Fairhope avenue to Dr. Atkinson's line. Also from Stack's gully south to county road, with width of 66 ft.

Bay View Ave., from Swift—Atkinson line, to line between land of F. S. T. C. and Hethershaw with width of 60 ft. and beginning again on north margin of Stack's gully and running south to south limit of land of F. S. T. C. with a width of 66 ft.(except where owned by C. E. Nichols.)

Mobile Ave. from Fairhope Ave., to limit of F. S. T. C. land (except where owned by C. E. Nichols, with a width of 50 ft.

School street north of Fairhope Ave. to Magnolia avenue with a width of 40 ft. and from Fairhope avenue south to County road, with a width of 60 feet.

Unnamed street through center of east half of east half of southwest quarter of 17 (east of Borst and Horning et al.) with a width of 40 ft.

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Fairhopers Take Excursion Up Alabama River.

The followinng Fairhopers left Tuesday morning to take the round trip excursion from Mobile to Montgomery on the Birmingham and Gulf Ry. & Navigation Company's steamer, The City of Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sweet, Mrs. Joe Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Dr. and Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson and son Ford, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gaston.

The trip is a very delightfulione the crowd very congenial and everything seems to indicate that they will have a fine time.

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Miss Myrtle Moore returned to Mobile on Sunday afternoon after spending a week here with the Slossons.

The Dr. Gaines family, who have been spending the summer here returned to Mobile on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Stemerdink of Mobile, spent over Sunday here visiting friends.

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SERVANT OF THE GOVERNMENT MOST RUDELY USED.

But Then, as He Explained, Such Incidents Were One of the Penalties of Occupying an Elevated Position.

In the postoffice Simon Muldraugh, postmaster, was opening the daily mail sack. The train that had brought it had haughtily declined to stop or even slacken speed at a town so small, and those at the depot saw the mail clerk disdainfully kick the limp gray pouch out the door as the train whizzed past.

Now the crowd had followed Jimmy Miller, the assistant station agent, to the little postoffice, and was waiting to see if by any chance a letter or card or circular had come.

"Anything for me, Simon?" inquired old man Davis from the Buck Creek region, thrusting his whiskered face into the little window.

The postmaster looked at him coldly, as befitted a government servant engaged in an important duty, and made no reply. The crowd laughed and old man Davis became red under his tobacco-stained whiskers.

"Huh," he said. "Jest because some people kin hand out half a dozen letters a day they think they're something." He turned to the window again.

"Lookye here, you little bald-headed runt," he said. "You gimme my mail, if there's any. I'm in a hurry." The postmaster swelled visibly. Such talk to an employe of the government was unbearable.

"Do you know who you're talkin' to?" he demanded, thrusting his face into the window from within. "When I get ready I'll—"

Then it was that the people assembled saw an astounding and awful thing. A plain farmer from up Buck creek had the postmaster by the back of his neck and was pulling him through the window.

Getting him outside he shook him as though he were a sack from which it was desired to shake the bran.

"You measley little, no-count, fat-headed whipper-snapper!" he chortled, pouncing him up and down. "Last winter your family was starvin' because you were too blasted lazy to work, and I fed 'em. Now you sit up here and act funny with me. Next thing like that I see I'll duck you in the horse trough. Git!" He threw the postmaster into his partitioned corner and stalked out.

The postmaster straightened his collar, brushed his breeches and ran a curved finger across his moist forehead.

"That," he said to the silent crowd, "that was the penalty of greatness."
—Galveston News.

The Man Women Like.

In a recent novel there occurs this discussion of "the mystery of the man who is successful with women:"

"Here, for example, stands me a natural good fellow, seemingly; frank and brave, a man's man, and, what is more, a leader of men, in whom, for some reason inexplicable, women see naught, with whom the good and the bad of the sex will have nothing to say or to do. And, here again, stands his counterpart, a man whom men instinctively distrust, a little contemptible, shuffling rat of a fellow, say—or just poor 'so-and-so,' or, say, again, a strapping, presuming mass of manhood, with a manner objectionable to his kind; all's one, big or little, he has sorcery, the touch incommunicable, and women, old and young, gentle and simple, good and bad alike, are sensible of the charm, both those who resist and those who yield must admit the mystic drawing."

Woman Champion.

Miss Lillian Smith, the champion long distance woman swimmer, is said to be responsible for the popularity of swimming among London women this season. The Bath club, a fashionable resort in London, has almost doubled its membership in the last few weeks, and a new club, the City of London Ladies' Amateur Swimming club, has been formed to accommodate business women living in the city.

According to Miss Smith, swimming is the very best exercise for women, both stout and thin. "The woman with too much flesh can reduce her weight, and the thin girl can develop muscles which she never dreamed of before," declares Miss Smith. "The best swimming costume is the tight-fitting university dress. Skirts look well on land, but they are not satisfactory in the water."

The Embarrassed Model.

"I had the craziest model the other day," the girl artist said. "When he had sat for about an hour he blushed and said:

"'Don't stare at me so hard. You make me embarrassed.'

"What was I paying him 50 cents an hour for, then?"

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Personal and Local

Mr. Daniel Shepherd spent over Sunday here with his folks.

Home packed canned goods at Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. Ernest Swift spent over Sunday here with his family.

Get that Sunday Chicken dinner —it's good to eat—Wilsons.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gabel on Tuesday.

Fall and winter pants at low prices. Mershon Merchandising Co.

A. Robac is painting his store building.

Willie Hunt from Fairhope is attending the Daphne Normal.

Home made candy at Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mrs. C. L. Coleman with her two children is visiting friends at Daphne this week.

We have just laid in a fine new stock of high-grade stationary Fairhope Pharmacy.

Miss Clara White visited Miss Gladys Lowell several days this week.

Miss Pearl Reed of Mobile is visiting Miss Celina Roberts this week.

Fresh shipment of high-grade candy just received at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Miss Mabel White is spending the week end in town guest of Miss Leah Gaston.

The Sextus Smiths returned to Mobile this morning after spending the summer here in Forestdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunnison are the proud parents of a ten pound boy, born to them on Tuesday.

Clarence Wienand of Mobile, spent from Tuesday to Friday here visiting Norman Atherton.

The Dr. Browns moved back to Mobile after a very pleasant summer spent here in their cottage.

Mr. Robert Christee, of Mobile, spent Thursday night in Fairhope He is much in love with Fairhope and expects to make his home here.

During the absence of Mr. Patterson, on the excursion up the river, Mr. C. E. Littlefield will take his place as wharfinger.

The W. C. Baumhauer family returned to Mobile on Monday after spending a delightful summer here.

Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Lawrence, of Greenville, Ala. are visiting their relatives, the Littlegreens, here this week.

When you want fine stationary stop in and see our stock before going elsewhere. We handle the very best. Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mrs. Ira Powell left yesterday morning for her old home at Cambridge Springs, Pa., on account of the serious illness of her father.

Mrs. Paton's sister, Mrs. Henderson, arrived from Virginia the first of the week, and will spend some time with the Patons.

During the absence of Dr. Mershon on the up-river excursion, Dr. Schowalter is attending to his patients.

New gasoline lights have been installed at the Bayside Cafe with one out in front which is a great help to those going up or down the hill on these dark nights.

On account of rain the Steamer Fairhope did not return with the excursion from Mobile yesterday evening, but remained there for boiler inspection this morning.

Clayton Baldwin left on Monday morning and Miss Anna Mae Oswalt on Tuesday morning to attend the Daphne State Normal School.

The house on the old Manteuffel place was struck by lightning in a thunderstorm the first part of the week and some damage done to the roof.

James Carney and Mr. Miller were in Fairhope from Friday evening to Monday morning gathering up preserves, etc., for the exhibit at the Fair.

Mr. F. C. Dahlgren and family of New Orleans arrived on Saturday evening and will remain here for some time. They are stopping at the Fairhope Hotel.

A very pleasant dance was held in the pavilion last evening, in spite of the fact that it was raining most of the time and the excursion failed to come over.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchings of Battles, who were quit sick the latter part of last week, and were erroneously reported to have typhoid fever are up and about again.

Mrs. Brown and family and Mrs. Radebaugh and family and Mr. Walsh, returned to Mobile on Tuesday morning after spending the sumemr here in one of the Kimbal cottages on Fels Ave.

Ralph Mershon, the bright 15 year old son of A. H. Mershon, left on Tuesday for Marion. Ala., where he entered Marion Institute, one of the best schools in the state.

Mr. Suck and family of Mobile, returned to Mobile this morning after spending the summer here in one of the Nichol's cottages. Miss Ellalie Suck will be much missed by the young people here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perkins and ltitle daughter returned on Tuesday evening from a two weeks' visit with Mr. Perkins' father at Grashamville, Ga. Mr. Perkins resumed work, as manager of the Bell Telephone Co., on the Eastern shore the next day.

The Alabama Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will be held at Fairhope on September 23d. to 28th inclusive, taking the form of a camp meeting which will be held in the park between Magnolia avenue and the bluff.

Lawrence Winberg's little girl while visiting relatives here on Monday, fell and broke her arm at the elbow. Mr. Winberg was telephoned for and came over the same evening taking her back to Mobile on Tuesday. Mr. Winberg has a very good position as engineer of the Providence Infirmary now.

Mr. Charles F. Allen of Worcester, Mass., who has been in Texas since the early part of July studying immigration conditions for statistical uses by the Immigration Commission of Washington arrived in Fairhope Saturday. Mr. Allen's work in this commission consists of securing information concerning the immigrants that have settled in his territory. Every point which may be of use to the commission is gathered, such as the general condition of the foreigner, his progress in educatjonal affairs, advancement in civic matters, securing of additional lands, and their financial conditions. Occupation, place of worship and the standing in their immediate community is also sent to Washington in the form of a report. After a social visit of several days Mr. Allen will resume his work in other places.

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Can be bought with 2 cows and a heifer, 50 chickens 1-2 acre of sweet potatoes and feed enough on place. to feed stock through the winter, There is enough land if properly handled, to raise all the forage necessary for enough cows to make a good living for a family and is practically in town. Colony rent, $10.80. Price, $700.00.

GASTON & SON, Fairhope

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Summer Temperature.

September 9–15 1909.

Sept.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
9	76	91	76
10	76	91	80
11	76	94	76
12	74	91	78
13	72	85	74
14	72	83	77
15	75	86	75

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All under good wire fence, small house, good barn, wagon shed, packing house, chicken houses and runs, fine bored well, some orange, fig and persimmon trees. 7 or 8 acres cleared and broken. Just two miles from center of town. Will rent for $50 a year or sell at a bargain.

40 acres owned land for sale with improvements; abour two miles from Fairhope; all under fence, 2 acres cleared, two barns (one large dairy barn) small house, well with pump, price $1100

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Ten acre place close in, 5 acres cleared and in good tilth; house story and a half 14x26, detached kitchen, porch, cistern and pump.

Colony rent $12.00
Price $375.00

Knights of Pythias Convention.

The semi-annual district convention of the order of Knights of Pythias, comprising the Southern District of Alabama, will be held at Fairhope, September 29th and 30th. Seventy-five to one hundred delegates are expected to attend. The following ib the program of exercises.

Convention called to order in Pythian Hall 7.30 p. m. Wednesday 29th. Address of welcome by Mayor Greeno. Response by Dr. Burson of Atmore.

Welcome address to Brother Knights, P. Y. Albright; response by O. W. Byrne of Stockton. 8.30 business.

Conferring of Degrees by Degree team of Mobile.

Thursday 8 a. m.

Business meeting at Pythian Hall.

2.30 p. m. Public Address at church by Grand Chancellor Beck of Birmingham.

4 to 6 p. m. bathing at beach.

6 p. m. Fish fry on beach.

An excursion of several lodges of Mobile will be made on Thursday afternoon to Fairhope to attend the fish fry after which speeches and toasts and music and dancing will be indulged in by those who desire.

Citizens of Fairhope should prepare to welcome the visiting Pythians.

The public is invited to attend the meeting at the church at 2.30 p. m. and hear Mr. Beck the Grand Chancellor of the state of Alabama, which will be free to all. A moderate charge will be made for the fish fry supper at the beach. Str. Fairhope will take the excursions back to Mobile at 10 p. m.

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Daphne Normal School Opens

The Daphne State Normal started on its work for this year on last Tuesday.

County Supt. of Education J. S. Lambert and Mrs. Maude E. Truitt, Supt. of Music, of Mobile Co., were present and gave very interesting and enthusiastic talks.

The enrollment showed a slight increase over that of last year, with more pupils entering all the time.

The professors in the various branches are as follows.

Wm. Hopkins, professor of History and Science, Miss Maude Rosson, English and Latin; Miss Ella White, common school grades; Miss McLenton, Music; Mrs. Hopkins, primary grades, Miss Lillie Simmons, intermediate grades.

Much needed improvements have been made in the change of rooms and other ways.

Professor Baker, the very efficient president of the school is in charge of affairs, and looks forward to a good year's work.

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Business Course and Domestic Science

Owing to repeated inquiries for the work, the College of Organic Education has decided to introduce both a business course and Domestic Science. The first will include stenography and book keeping and will be under an experienced teacher.

The Domestic Science will be in charge of Miss Ola Powell who has had training both at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College.

Both will be tuition classes. Any one interested can apply to Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Comings.

L. & N. Railroad Makes Special Rates for County Fair

A telephone message from James A. Carney to the Courier announces that a letter has been received from the General Passngeer Agent of the L. & N. announcing that the round trip rates to Bay Minette for the County Fair will be as follows.

One fare 25 cents from Greenville, Camden, Pensacola, Foley, Mobile and intermediate stations.

This rate will last from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, with a time limit of Oct. 4th.

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PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at my place two miles south of Slosson's mill, near Silverhill Ala., on Tuesday Sept. 28th, 1909 at 10 a. m. the following described property to wit;

2 horses	2 wagons
2 cows	1 buggy
1 mowing machine	1 rake
1 mowing machine	1 rake

Other implements and machinery and all my household goods.

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Fifth Thursday Club.

The Fifith Thursday Club will meet at the Gables on Friday Oct. 1st. instead of Thursday Sept. 31. Mrs. Knox will read a paper on the Emanuel Movement. Mrs. Creswell will give a short piano recital and Miss Nellie Slosson will sing.

Ice Cream will be served. All ladies are invited.

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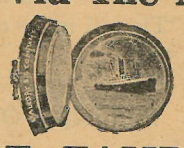
Though numerous appliances have from time to time been contrived for the purpose of superseding the familiar type of lifebelt, the latter still retains its popularity. Yet it possesses well-known disadvantages. A new device has now been evolved by an inventor of Antwerp. The belt comprises two buoyant cushions, which are designed to fit upon the chest and upper part of the back respectively, connected by straps passing over the shoulders. The cushions are held firmly in the requisite position by a belt, which passes round the waist and fastens with a buckle. In this manner the wearer's head is kept well above water and there is no possibility of his equilibrium being upset.

An International Time Clock.

San Diego, Cal., has a wonderful clock with 20 dials which tell simultaneously the time in all parts of the world, also the days of the week and the date and month. It stands 21 feet high and four of its dials are each four feet in diameter. The master clock is inclosed in plate glass, and the whole is illuminated every night. Jt is jewelled with tourmaline, topaz, agate and jade, and took 15 months to build. The motive power is a 200-pound weight, which winds itself automatically. The cost of the clock was $3,000.

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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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

THE MILLIONAIRE

The gold that with the sunlight lies
In bursting heaps at dawn,
The silver smiling from the skies
At night, to walk upon,
The diamonds gleaming in the dew,
He never saw, he never knew.

He got some gold, dug from the mud,
Some silver, crushed with stones;
But the gold was red with dead men's blood,
The silver black with groans;
And when he died he moaned aloud,
"They'll make no pocket in my shrond.,'
—Joaquin Miller.

Municipal Ownership Success.

The Erie, Kansas, Sentinel prints the following letter from the mayor of Chetopa, Kansas:

Chetopa, Kans., Sept. 6, 1909.—Replying to your inquiry of the 2nd inst.. regarding thr present condition of our water and lighting system as pertains to the success of the systems, operating expenses, etc.

Our water system consists of about four miles of mains; the load of our lighting system consists of about 600 incandescent lights. I feel sure there is more general satisfaction in a good distribution of lights than simply in having a few arc lights to favor a few streets or corners. We have street lights from the extreme south end to the north and from ihe extreme west to the east on every street of the city. In addition to this we furnish the consumers light cheaper than we ever had it before.

No private corporation would furnish us the same fire protection and lighting system for double the amount of money that we are paying now. Our fire hydrants and our good water pressure have saved our citizens within the last few (3) years many thousand dollars worth of property; and people who at the time of voting bonds were against the municipal ownership of our plant, are now the strongest believers in it and are using city lights and city water. Our plant is paying running expenses; and as soon as we will be thru with the extensions of tne water mains and piping, it will be more than self sustaining. We are well pleased with our plant and simply would not be without it. I think we have the best and most satisfactory way of serving the people.

With best regards to you, I remain
Sigmund Lehman, Mayor of Chetopa.

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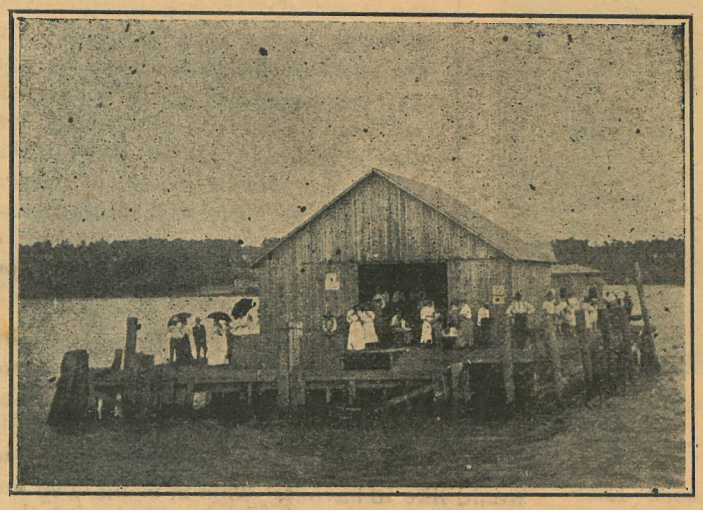
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AWAITING ARRIVAL OF STEAMERS AT FAIRHOPE

Mrs. Howland's Letters

September 20. Yesterday the Sunday papers had alarming announcements of "Tropical Hurricane" coming "at" us at the rate of 200 miles an hour. Such forecasts are especially disturbing to Fairhope, or, to me certainly, for they bring retrospection of the devastation of the Pines—of everything but the bungalow —which greeted me on my return from the north, three years ago! But the storm of wind and rain is passing, and it seems now, 3 p. m. as if we are to have an easy escape.

Yesterday Comrade Ring invited me to a ride in his fine new automobile. It is the latest improved Maxwell and seems to me strength and grace combined. On a smooth road your progress would seem like flying. As it was the unusually rainy season has made our roads a terror to the autoist. We soon passed beyond the smoother roads, and then we went bounce-aty-bounce over every sort of rain-washed inequality, up hill and down, through thick mud and water, and at times through heavy sand. Certainly the machine behaved beautifully under the skillful management of Mr. Ring, and the ride was fully appreciated by me. Despite the bad roads we soon reached the gate of the Holland settlement, and a lively "toot! toot!" by the machine brought out two little girls who opened and closed the gate. We were then near our destination, the new home and prospective dairy farm of Mr. and Mrs. Cross.

The most striking object on approaching the place was the new silo in process of construction; a round tower 30 feet high and 12 in diameter. It also extends 3 feet below the ground. The machinery which will supply the water for house, dairy, etc., and power for doing all the work that machinery is capable of doing on a model dairy farm, even to milking, is already on the place, or the principal part of it. It promises to be the "show place" of Fairhope. Mr. Ring is enihusiastic in his faith that Fairhope offers superior opportunities for building up beautiful and prosperous homes, on account of its land-tenure system, even though we are handi-capped by the laws, How fortunate that a Single Taxer who has this faith should have money also to put his ideas in practice.

Mrs. Cross's sister, a very pretty girl, is with her at present. Mr. Ring took her back to town with him to get the mail—her first auto experience I think. x x x After a delightful dinner, we repaired to the broad veranda of the new house and talked of the Cook and Peary dispute aeroplanes, and other things.' The big fox hound "Gyp" appeared to take much interest in our conversation, but perhaps he was only pretending! Mrs Cross is very fond of animals. She kindly went over the domain with me, and explained the plans of the enterprise. Everything is built solidly and for long service. I was impressed with the extent and breadth of the undertaking, and enjoyed everything. In a year I mean to go back and note the progress certain to be made, and grandly made, if the present enthusiasm can be sustained, as I am confident it can, for everything is encouraging.

The last thing to be admired was Mrs. Cross's pet horse, whose reputation for beauty, absolute gentleness and reliability I could not doubt.

The visit was all too brief for me, but not knowing of it until the hour of starting, I had to come back and finish a task that could not wait. x x x

Talking today to my over-the-way neighbor, Mr. Kile, I was gratified to learn that he has practical, personal experience in his former business in profit-sharing with his employes. He testified to the good results of the plan. Of course the plan must work well. It stimulates the self-respect of the worker to feel that he is conceded the right to a share of the wealth he is building up. The concession of this right makes him a partner of the third degree in the Familistere system. Normal and rapid growth of great industrial enterprises demands the best work of every employe from the highest to the lowest or least skilled. And to create that interest under the wages system in which we live, I see but one way: a share of the profits proportioned to the amount of the wages earned; the system that has worked so well at Guise in France. There the workers are now partners in a great co-operative enterprise and own the plant of many millions. And yet those employes were so faithless at first, many of them, that when notified to call for their certificate of stock at the office, they neglected to do so. They wanted their shares in cash—something they could comprehend. The words "certificate" and "stocks" they associated with methods of the rich to rob them.

Sept. 21, 7 a. m. All night the rain and the wind held high carnival. Yet, through it all the big Mexican lily, the Corona Imperialis, protected by my big camphor tree, opened its gorgeous petals! It seems a miracle; and while it was expanding peacefully in the storm, one of my big pines in front of the bungalow was snapped off like a reed. There it lies right across the road, completely stopping every vehicle. But the blessed sun does not fail us for long. This morning it is glorious and the air cool and pure, x x x Next week I mean to give extracts from the letters of Mrs. Prang. Dr. Leigh Jones who is back in Brooklyn, and others. x x x Of course we are all worried about the fate of the excursionists who were on the boat, we suppose, during all the storm.

LAND VALUES AT PUBLIC EXPENSE FOR PRIVATE PROFIT.

On the twenty-seventh of this month at Lujane, Colorado, will be celebrated the completion of the first of the great undertakings of the government to reclaim the arid lands of the west.

By an engineering feat of great originality and daring execution, the waters of the Gunnison river flowing through a tremendous gorge from 1,500 to 3,000 feet deep are carried under a mountain range by a tunnel six miles in length into the Uncompaghre river, to join its waters and through an elaborate system of canals, water the fertile lands of its valley.

By this undertaking 130,000 acres of land exceedingly rich in plant food but absolutely barren without water will be reclaimed and made available for cultivation.

This work has been accomplished against obstacles foreseen and unforeseen which make its story one of fascinating interest.

"In its natural state" according to John L. Cowan in the Christian Herald, "this land would be dear at $10 an acre," [it probably was not salable at a dollar an acre without water or the prospect of it. Ed.] "Irrigated and planted in fruit trees, it is considered cheap at $1,000 an acre."

Suppose we say that it increases in value from $10 to $100 an acre. This would give a total increase of land value, by reason of this one undertaking, of $11,700,000, or practically three times its cost of $4,000,000, and even this will probably be but a bagatelle to the values which will come in the towns and cities which will certainly arise in the fertile valley.

If only the land values could and would be conserved to repay first the cost of the reclamation work and second to meet the increasing public needs of the people of the valley, what a genuine, permanent and universal prosperity would follow. But alas! land speculators will be allowed, as elsewhere, to absorb the principal portion; and along with the progress which will come as a result of the originality and daring of the engineers and the expenditure of capital drawn by taxation from the public, will come that poverty, which everywhere accompanies progress under our unjust and foolish land policy.

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FAIRHOPE SUFFERS LITTLE FROM STORM.

This section suffered very little from the gulf storm which did much damage along the Mississippi and Louisiana coast.

The wind blew strongly from some time Sunday night to Tuesday morning and brought in a very high tide with a heavy sea. The water went over wharf number two and over the old part of the main pier head, but did no damage to either, though the fill at the end of wharf number two was washed out so that some work will be required to put it into service again.

The steps of the men's bath-house were washed away and some of the posts under the pavilion and cafe knocked out of position. The Lyons and Slosson launches were slightly damaged and other small boats beached. A few trees were blown down and limbs broken off of others. This constitutes the damage at Fairhope so far as learned. Both below and above some damage was done to bath-houses and bath-house wharves and pleasure boats sunk or beached.

In Mobile the water went over the wharves and a couple of blocks inland and some damage was done to goods in stores in the flooded district. The smoke-stacks and Texas were blown off of one of the big river steamers the James T. Staples lying on the east side of the river. The water was within about a foot of the heighth reached in the storm of Sept. 1906. but the damage was trifling compared to that done at that time.

RAILROAD RUMORS.

There is a robust rumor afloat to the effect that the Illinois Central R. R. Co. has secured a contro ling interest in the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City railroad running from Mobile northwest to Jackson, Miss. and there connecting with the Illinois Central; and that under another name the same interests nave secured fine terminal facilities at Pensacola and will connect Mobile and Pensacola by bridging across Mobile bay from the M. J. & K. C. docks to Park City, a short distance above Daphne, and thence running through to Muskogee, Fla. where a line is already built through to Pensacola. It is claimed that permission has been secured from the government for bridging across the bay and that a large force of men is now at work in Baldwin County not far east of Loxley.

It is reported also that the proposed Eastern Shore line, for which a right of way is now being secured, will use the track of the Illinois Central into Mobile, thus giving an all rail route into the city of Mobile.



PINEY WOODS NEAR FAIRHOPE

If these reports be true, the proposed Eastern Shore line is of much greater importance than if it were to be dependent upon ferriage from the proposed terminus above Daphne to Mobile, No combined rail and ferriage route is likely to give us any better service than we now enjoy, but an all rail route added to the all water route would be a very great advantage, and the latter will always keep down rates and stimulate good service in the former.

HALL PLEASED WITH ARDEN.

Bolton Hall writes the COURIER.

"I have just come from Arden, where we celebrated Henry George's birthday. If Fairhope had no other effect than to be the mother of Arden I think it would justify its existence. Arden has about forty forty families now and they are getting far more out of life than they ever did before, bestdes making a valuable lesson for the Single Tax.

"I am glad to see that you are taking up the Fly Question. The August or September "Mc Clure's had an excellent article upon the "Flies." They come from neglect of cleanliness, and nothing else; particularly from uncovered horse manure, and are probably the chief source of infectious disease at present. A self-governing town ought not to have any."

The Bermuda grass has established itself firmly on the lower part of the long slope on the north side of wharf hill and with a little more effort would have covered the slope with a fine wash-resisting and eye-pleasing sod this season.

Everybody should join with the Pythian brethren in any way needful to give the Pythians who will visit Fairhope next week a good time. Let Fairhope's reputation for hospitality be fully maintained.

Mrs. Frances R. Riley writes the editor that she expects to leave Detroit October 5th, with a party of six, for Fairhope. She at least, is coming to stay.

WANTS FAIRHOPE TO BE MORE THAN RESORT

Mr. J. F. Horne, of Clarinda, Iowa, who spent a month last winter at Fairhope with his wife, writes:

"Since making my visit of a month in Fairhope last winter, I am not without interest in your enterprise, although my observations, at that time, were in some respects disappointing.

"A colony which develops into a resort for visitors simply, can never be of the highest success in illustrating the theories of Henry George—You, however, are not shut up to that—You are surrounded by, and have in your possession, a stretch of country as beautiful as any in the world, and your climate is suburb. Until it has been demonstrated by scientific processses of agriculture that a poor man cannot maintain himself on the soil of Baldwin County your work ought not to be accounted done."

We appreciate Mr. Horne's feeling in regard to the necessity of demonstrating the possibilities of profitable production from the soil, before Fairhope can be the success which we would like to have it. This is being done and will be done more conclusively and with it a much wider field of accomplishment will be opened to us.

$20,000,000 IN LAND SUITS

A total of $20,000,000 is involved in pending suits to recover land to the government and 3332 special agents now are invesigating alleged land frauds says the annual report of the general land office in reference to field work for the last fiscal year. There were 755,341 acres of unlawfully fenced lands restored to the government. Uncle Sam netted $430,096 in cash for coal and timber land trespasses and fines in criminal proceedings, regarding lands. On July 1 there remained 35,000 cases awaiting field investigation by the special agents, including 721 right of way and power site cases, practically all of the latter having been formerly approved. —Washington Post.

If title to land only carried the right to profit from its use there would be no temptation to perpetrate such frauds.

News of the death of Wm. Lloyd Garrison, which occurred at his home in Lexington Mass., on the twelfth of September, was heard with deep regret by friends of liberty throughout the world. Mr. Garrison, like his distinguished father devoted his life to the cause of human freedom. He was considered one of the ablest as he was one of the best known disciples of Henry George. It was the writer's privilege to meet him personally at New York the time of the National Single Tax Conference in November two years ago, and he had been for years a reader of this paper and much interested in Fairhope. He was in his 71st year.

William T. Stead, London, says:

"The celebration of Henry George's birthday at Springfield has not excited much attention there. The best celebration of the memory of Henry George is the budget. It is true that it does not go so far as the author of 'Progress and Poverty' desired, but the leaven that the book contained can be traced in every country of Europe and certainly not the least in conservative England."

Milk Wanted

Mr. M. J. Mc Dermott, of Mobile, has received an inquiry from Mr. W. W. Bouden, one of the leading bankers of New Orleans, cashier of the German-American National Bank, as to whether Mobile is able to help New Orleans people out to any extent in the matter of milk. The dairy people over there experience considerable difficulty in procuring a supply of milk, and Mr. Bouden writes. "We understand that there are a number of large milk dealers or shippers located at or near Mobile, and will appreciate it very much if you will interview them for us, and if they are in position to ship their milk to this city, request them to wire us their prices and the quantity they are prepared to deliver." Mr. McDermott is making the enquiry as requested but thinks that if wide publicity is given the matter, some persons or milk concerns may be reached that are beyond his ken.

—Register.

This indicates that there is no likelihood of the milk or milk products market being overstocked. Our Fairhope creamery has such a sharp demand for its cream from the Mobile ice-cream makers that it cannot even supply the local demand for butter.

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Those Tariff Liars

So it is not the tariff after all that raises prices to the consumer. That is a "patent economic fallacy of the Democrats." Senator Hale says so, and he knows, for he has beer a high-tariff man all his life.

When Senator Hale votes for a tariff duty on print paper, in the manufacture of which his son is interested; when Senator Scott votes for protection for glassware from his own factory; when Senator Elkins votes for protection for coal from his own mines; when Senator Guggenheim votes for protection for lead produced by the Guggenheim smelters; when Representative Fordney votes for protection for lumber from his own mills, they are not seeking an increase in prices for the benefit of themselves and their relatives and partners. The tariff does not affect prices. That is the stupid delusion on the part of the consumer. If he doubts it he has Senator Hale's solemn word for it that "the householder is paying nothing to a protective tariff that builds up American industry." It is the retailer who is the guilty wretch, the son of iniquity, who makes high prices and practices extortion upon the consumer.

The foreigner, it seems, is no longer paying the tariff. He used to, but that was before the protectionists changed their arguments. The consumer does not pay it, as Senator Hale has proved. There are no consumers anyhow, for Senator Lodge says they are all producers. Naturally the retailer does not pay it, for he robs the consumer, who is the producer.

Who does pay the tariff? Why, it must be the tariff beneficiary himself, like Senator Hale's son and Senator Scott and Senator Elkins and Senator Guggenheim. He is the wretched victim of the beneficent system, and out of charity to himself he wants duties raised so as to be relieved of his burdens.—New York World.

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Mrs. McLean writes assuring us of the continued interest of herself and husband in Fairhope and the pleasure with which they learn of every improvement here. They hope to be with us again this winter and if all other friends make the effort to interest others that they do, we will hardly have room for all.

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There are six things that bring success. The first is the will to work. The other five are work.

—Exchange.

The Single Tax.

Extract from article by Elbert Hubbard in Chicago American.

The remedy proposed by Henry George is simply the Single Tax, and this tax to be on land values and not on improvements. That is to say. with the Single Tax, the man who owns a vacant lot covered with briars and brambles would pay the same tax that you pay on your lot next door upon which you have built a house, barn and conservatory and planted trees and flowers.

The immediate tendency of this policy would be to cause the gentleman who owned the vacant lot devoted to cockle-burs to put on it a sign, "For Sale Cheap."

Even the opponents of the Single Tax agree that its inauguration would at once throw on the market a vast acreage of unimproved land, and that is just the one reason why they oppose it. All those thousands of acres held by estates, trustees and idle heirs in the vicinity of Boston, Philadelphia and New York would be for sale.

The Single Tax would give the land back to the people—at least make it possible for the people who want it to get what they could use. Those who have the desire to improve land, and improve themselves by improving it, would no longer be blocked.

The fresh blood of the country which makes the enterprise of cities possible comes from the boys and girls who warmed their feet on October mornings where the cows laid down; who have been brought up to work on land, to plant and hoe and harvest and look after live stock. This is all education, and a very necessary education. "A sand-pile and dirt in which to dig is the divine right of every child," says Judge Ben Lindsey.

And it is the divine right of a child to dig in the dirt, why isn't it the divine right of the grown-up? It is, and would be so recognized were it not for the fact that we have been obsessed by a fallacy called the "divine right of property." This idea has come down to us from the Reign of the Barons, when a dozen men owned all of England, and plain and unlettered people could not legally own a foot of land, but paid tribute to the barons, who were actually and literally robbers.

We will grant, of course, that what a man produces and creates is his, but the land to which he may be legal heir and which probably he has never seen, and which he certainly does not use or improve, is his only through legal fiction.

The only people who oppose the Single Tax are the holders of the land who are holding it expecting to grow rich through a rise in values.

The problem of civilization is to eliminate the parasite. The idle person is no better than a dead one, and takes up more room. The man who lives on the labor of others is a menace to himself and to society.

The taxes necessary to support the government should be paid by those who have the funds wherewith to be idle; no longer should the chief burden fall on the true home-maker.

Tax the land, and the man who owns it will have to make it productive by labor, or else sell it to those who will use it.

Do not drive the landlords out—tax them out.

Let the land gravitate to the people who have the disposition and the ability to improve it—and that is just what the Single Tax will do.

So this, then, is the philosophy of Henry George.

School-house Contract Let.

The Town Board of Education on last Friday evening awarded the contract for the new public school building to Mr. E. D. Brann, of Fairhope upon a plan submitted by him. This plan calls for a two-story building 52x56 outside measurements and the material is to be concrete blocks. The building is to be finished throughout and is to cost $4,100. The contractor takes the bonds of the town in payment. Work is to be begun as soon as possible and the building is to be completed by January first.

Mr. Brann will employ local help as far as possible and is anxious to keep as much of the money in Fairhope as he can.

He will buy a block machine of the best pattern and Mr. M. Dyson will have charge of the block making work.

Mr. Brann is a mechanic and contractor of much experience and excellent taste and should give the town a building of pleasing appearance and "built on honor." Everybody will be glad to see work begin on it.

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Monroe County just above Baldwin County has furnished the latter a number of good families and there is a prospect of her receiving more. On his recent trip the editor met a couple of young men who were coming to Baldwin on a prospecting tour, and they promised to visit Fairhope before finally deciding upon a location. One reason for their desire for a change is found in the fact that the land of Monroe County is owned to a large extent in large tracts by a comparatively few families, is seldom offered for sale and commands a high rent. These young men were both renting farmers. They paid a crop rent equal to about $5 an acre a year, maintaining their own fences and other improvements, subject to be outbid every year by other would-be tenants. This coupled with the fact that the population was largely negro and that the white land owners seemed to prefer negro tenants to white made the outlook for permanent and pleasant homes not at all encouraging. We know Fairhope has more real advantages to offer these young men than they can find elsewhere in Alabama and we hope to see them here.

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Again the advantage of our location on high land has been demonstrated. We are above the reach of any possible floods, and are not dependent upon bridges or railroad road-beds for our connection with the outside world. Down on the lowlying Mississippi coast, bridges have been swept away and miles of railroad track rendered useless. It will be weeks before some of the large places will have anything like regular transportation service, but Fairhope did not suffer the slightest interruption to its service. Of course the storm was not as severe here as at other points, but our highways never get undermined or washed away and while it is sometimes for a few hours a somewhat "hard road to travel" during the height of a storm, when the storm subsides it is all right again.

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Steamboat News.

The steamer James A. Carney of the Bay Steamship Company and Mr. Welch's Lucile were withdrawn from service on the 20th leaving the Fairhope, Pleasure Bay and Irma to do the business of the Eastern Shore. The Pleasure Bay makes the shore from Zundel's up and the Irma from Battles up. At present the boats leave Mobile at intervals of a half hour, the Irma first at 2.30, the Pleasure Bay at 3, and the Fairhope at 3.30. On this schedule the Fairhope is usually the first to land at Fairhope and always the first to arrive at Mobile.

The Fairhope underwent her annual inspection on last Friday the 17th and was promptly pronounced O. K. by inspectors Taylor and O'Brien. She only lost one way trip made necessary to give time for her boiler to be cooled off and filled up for the cold water pressure test of the inspector. The Fairhope is in first-class running condition at the end of the strenuous summer season for which much credit is due the present efficient engineer, Mr. Charles Winberg.

Public School Notice.

The Fairhope Public School will open on Monday October 4th next.

Pending the construction of the new building, temporary quarters have been arranged for by the School Board.

The addition on the rear end of the church will be Mrs. Sweet's room. She will teach the grades from 1 to 6.

Miss Clements will take the other grades. Her room will be one of Mrs. Coutant's cottages, the one known as the Stites place, this cottage is being cleaned and renovated. Both Miss Clements' and Mrs. Sweet's quarters will have ample room for all pupils who will enter.

A fee of fifty cents per month for each pupil will be charged to pay the incidental expenses of the school, this fee to be paid as before.

The contract for the new school building has been let to Mr. E. D. Brann, it is to be a two-story building, 52x56 feet, to be built of concrete blocks and to be completed by January 1 next.

The generous support and cooperation of all the people of the Town and District is urged.

H. C. Oswalt,
Pres. of Board.

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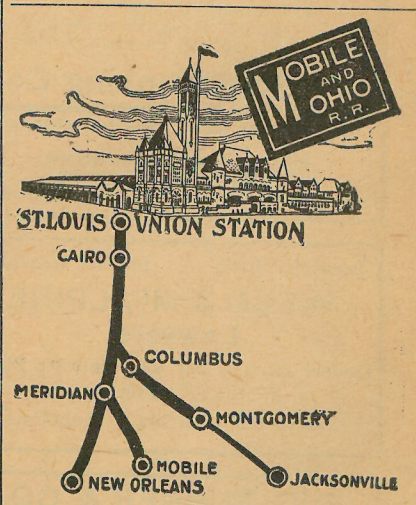
The frequent rains continue and make it exceedingly difficult for the farmers to save their hay. Most of it is deteriorating now, with every day that it remains in the field and a spell of dry weather would be greatly appreciated.

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The Village Improvement Club has decided to put the city water into the public school grounds and it will be ready for use in making the concrete blocks of which the new building is to be built, and which will require much water.

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The Courier is indebted to Mr. Carl Barnette, one of our most enterprising farmers of this section for samples of his fine corn and sweet potatoes and to Mrs. Barnette too for a couple of jars of fine fruit, brought in in appreciation of the paper, which has been going to them.



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Personal and Local

Mrs. Crawford and family returned to Mobile last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey moved back to Mobile this week after a very pleasant summer here.

Gilbert Simmers has started up a pressing club and is doing the work at his home.

Mrs. B. F. Midgette and family returned to Mobile on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Atherton and Dr. Slosson made a fine trip to Foley in Dr. Slosson's Auto last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McAtee and family returned to their home in Mobile on Wednesday.

Miss Celina Roberts spent over Sunday in Mobile guest of Miss Pearl Reed

Mr. Hollister Baldwin spent over Sunday in Mobile visiting friends.

Miss Eva Johnson of Mobile, spent from Friday evening to Wednesday morning a guest of Miss Frances Gaston.

Dr. V. Mc R. Schowalter of Point Clear was taken to Mobile on the Steamer Baldwin Tuesday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. Gabe Chamblin and family returned to Mobile on Monday morning after spending the summer here in one of the Wolf cottages.

The Misses Knott returned to Mobile on Thursday morning after spending a very delightful summer in their cottage on the bay front.

Gladys Molyneux, daughter of Mr. E. T. Molyneux and sister of Paul Molyneux, clerk in the Fairhope Pharmacy, will spend the winter with Mrs. W. E. Sweet in order to attend school here.

Mrs. Beaver, mother of the late Mrs. Molyneux left on Thursday morning for Gentry, Arkansas, where she will visit her son, J. R. Beaver, and thence to live with her daughter, Mrs. George Stuart in New Plymouth Idaho.

Movement of Water in Soils

Of late years we have been learning many things about the movement of water in soils, especially of the water that is applied for the purposes of irrigation or sprinkling. The results of all investigation show that in the past a great deal of watering of various kinds have been done ineffectively.

This is as true of the watering in a small way as of the watering in a large way. In the dry summers even the farmer in the humid states does some artifical watering on his garden, while the farmer in the arid states turns on his water through his irrigation ditches.

Poor results are frequent, and now it is known that the said poor results are largely due to the fact that the water does not get to the roots of the plants for whose sake it was applied.

In soils that are well fitted for the growing of plants, water does not move rapidly in any direction, even up and down. The up and down movement is most common, and the lateral movement is very small. Even when water lies in irrigation ditches for days, in alluvial soil best fitted for many of our plants, the water does not move sideways more than two feet. Therefore the idea that furrows could be plowed through an orchard and the furrows used to water the trees is proving erroneous. This failure of the soil to permit the passage of water explains many of the failures in the application of fertilizers to such soils, the water being necessary to the trees in their attempt to secure the applied plant food.

Not long ago the United States Government made some experiments in conjunction with California orchardists to determine the amount of lateral movement of water in irrigated orchards. In irrigated orchards where the furrow system had been used, cross sections of the irrigation furrows were dug out to ascertain just what had happened to the water. It was found that it had moved laterally; but two feet. It had passed downward a few feet, but much of it had evaporated from the surface. The soil was wet downward in a coneshape or wedge-shape, the wide part of the wedge being at the surface, where evaporation was greatest. The trees between the irrigated portions stood in absolutely dry ground and the roots of the trees had received no benefit from the irrigation water except where they touched the wet area near the irrigation furrows.

It was also found that the water had moved laterally a little the best where the soil had been recently stirred up, though this increased lateral movement was not great.

After all, the attempt to apply water in large quantities in certain spots and have it move more laterally does not prove effective. Nature's way of applying water in the form of drops over all the surface is best, and that will haveto be approximately imitated if we are to get the best results from our lay for artifical watering.

An irrigation or sprinkling by which the whole surface of the soil is wet to a considerable depth is best, and we can keep this in mind in the sprinkling of our lawns and gardens.

The slowness with which water moves laterally in the soil was the primal cause that led to the abandonment of sub-irrigation, which for some years promised to become popular. National Farmer and Stock Grower.

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Overcapitalization

Charles Ferguson hits the nail on the head when, in his article on "Overcapitalization" in one of the Hearst papers, he explains that the worst kind of capitalization is any capitalization at all of public franchises. "It is absurd," he says, to "suppose that the law of a free state intends that franchises, granted to private persons, shall have any money value in and of themselves—any value over and above the value of the investments made under them. That is to say, a public franchise can not be regarded as a private asset. It is merely the legal definition of an opportunity--reserved to a particular concern because that is the only way the public can get it attended to. That franchises should in themselves have money value is preposterous, because it amounts to nothing less than the putting of a public taxing power into private hands."
—The Public

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"I gave a beggar from my store
Of well-earned gold. He spent the shining ore.
And came again, and yet again still cold
And hungry as before.
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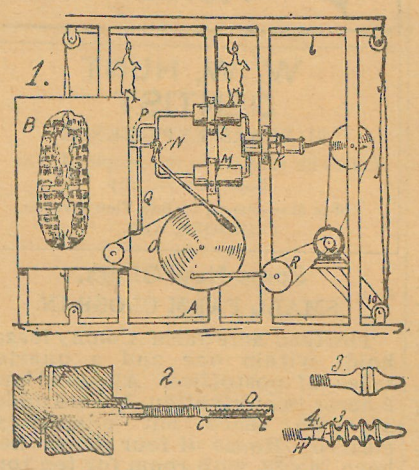
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SCIENCE AND INVENTION

MACHINE FOR PICKING FOWL.

Mechanical Contrivance Invented That Takes Feathers from Poultry Automatically.

A machine for picking poultry has recently been invented which possesses many admirable features, chief of which is that it does not require an operator to hold the fowl against the pickers, say the Scientific American. The fowls are attached to a belt which travels through the machine, and the picking is done automatically. The endless belt on which the fowls are hung is indicated at A in the engraving and it passes upward through the picking chamber B. Within the latter are two types of pickers. The lower pickers are of the form indicated in Fig. 2. They consist of a tubular member C flexibly connected with a tubular spindle which passes through a frame arranged within the picking chamber. The picker may be moved out of its normal position in any direction required by the passage of the fowl through the chamber. The member C is provided with a comb D and a slot E adjacent thereto. Air may be fed from pipe F through the spindle and the slot E. The spindle carries a double grooved pulley G by which it is connected to an oscillating mechanism. The upper series of pickers are of the form indicated in Figs. 3 and 4. They are also flexibly connected to spindles whereby they may be oscillated and at the same time be moved in any desired direction. The tip of each picker H is of annular corrugated form, this form being produced by means of rings J which encircle the flexible tips and rings I of larger diameter which are situated within the flexible tips. The pickers H communicate with an air supply and an alternate compression and vacuum is produced in them, causing them to expand and contract like a cylindrical bellows. The feathers and down on the fowl are grasped between the folds of the bellows and pulled off as the fowl is fed upward by the belt. In order that all parts of the fowl may be brought into contact with the pickers, the belt is given a half turn as it passes thorugh the picking chamber. A small compressor K is used in connection with this machine and supplies a compressing chamber L and exhausts the air from a vacuum chamber M. A three-way valve N serves to connect pipe P first with one chamber and then with the other. This valve is operated by a pitman which connects with a wheel O. The latter is oscillated by means of a continuously revolving wheel R with which it is connected by a pitman. The pipe P communicates with the pickers and operates the bellows H in the manner just described. The pickers C are arranged to seize the feathers by means of the combs D and at the same time the suction through the plot E serves to hold the feathers fast to the pickers and causes them to be torn from the fowl. Immediately thereafter a supply of compressed air passes through the picker, causing it to release the feathers, which are then blown out of the top of the chamber by means of a continuous draft of compressed air from the supply pipe Q. The pickers are all belted together and are rocked back and forth by means of belt connection with the oscillating wheel O.



Poultry Picking Machine.

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Personal and Local

Mrs. Marone Dolive spent several days in Mobile this week visiting.

We have puffed wheat now. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Some cotton is now being shipped through Fairhope.

Mrs. F. L. Brown spent several days in Mobile this week visiting her mother Mrs. L. E. Page.

Miss Pearl Reed of Mobile visited Miss Celina Roberts a number of days this week.

Cheon tea is certainly fine. For iced tea it is unexcelled.
Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Ola Powell spent Saturday night in Mobile with friends and saw the "Soul Kiss" at the Mobile Theatre.

Will Call now occupies the position of cashier in the office of the B. & G. Ry. and Nav. Co. at Mobile.

There is a noticeable coolness in the atmosphere today—a reminder that summer is over and fall at hand. Get at your fall gardens.

Misses Taggart, Muth and Caldwell, who will teach in the Organic School the coming year, will arrive next week.

Misses Lizzie and Nellie Hurley of Mobile, were guests at "The Gables" from Saturday evening to Sunday evening.

The frame is up for the new Slosson house on the corner opposite the family residence. It is a roomy two-story structure.

Mr. and Mrs. Thinglestadt are now at home on the Yarnelle "Busy Bee Poultry Farm" which they have rented for a year with privilege of purchase.

Dr. Eason Holbrook, of Lebanon, Ohio, both a physician and a lawyer and a very interesting lady has been at "The Gables" for a week and will remain for some time longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Spangler of Canton Ohio, expect to start for Fairhope on October 5th to spend the winter here. They have rented one of the cottages at "The Gables."

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week the Baldwin County Fair will be held at Bay Minette. Every resident of the County who can arrange to do so, should spend at least one day at this fair.

Rudolph Reller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a Single Taxer of long standing and interested in Fairhope for years arrived last evening and will spend a week or more at Fairhope.

The Cross & Company silo is nearly completed and as soon as it is, it will be filled with cowpeas. By an ingenious arrangement Mr. Ring's automobile will be used to furnish the power for the ensilage cutter.

The new manual training building for the Comings Memorial School of Organic Education is progressing satisfactorily. The work of putting on the stucco on the outside walls will begin on Monday next.

In spite of the cry of low prices and cheap goods by our brother merchants, we are enjoying the best trade of any season yet, the people are after quality as well as low prices and we give them both.
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The Seventh Day Adventists are holding a camp-meeting at Fairhope this week. Their camp is pitched in the park just above the water works, where they have a good-sized tent in which services are held, and several house tents.

Today is an unlucky day for Harris Oswalt. He run a big fish-hook into his thumb, which had to have the eye filed off to get it out and then went back to the bay and stubbed and broke his toe.

Now that we have a creamery where you can get all the good rich cream you want, just try a package of Cream of Wheat for your breakfast. We think it has no equal. Directions on every package. Try a package and then tell your neighbor all about it.
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Albert Stearns of Pensacola, formerly of Fairhope arrived last evening and will visit his daughter Mrs. Earl Perkins and family for a few days. His family has not had good health in Pensacola and are quite likely to move back to Fairhope within a few months.

R. L. Maupin and his daughter Mrs. Shawhan of Mobile visited Fairhope last Sunday and were so much pleased with it that they came back on Wednesday evening to remain for a few weeks. Mr. Maupin bringing his horse and buggy with him. They are at the Wilson House.

The Misses Knott returned to Mobile on Thursday morning. Two of the Misses Knott were severely ill with fever in Mobile, but recuperated rapidly at their summer home here. They will be over frequently to spend from Friday evening to Monday morning here.

One of Fairhope's great needs is a bank. We hope some of our Single Tax friends with means will come and put one in for us—andwe are not without prospect that this will be done. Considerable money could be loaned now on good security to farmers inside and outside the Colony for buying cows to furnish more milk to the creamery.

The Government steamer General Batchelder was reported by the Item to have on last Friday picked up the launch "Alice K." in distress with Mr. Thomas Kelly and family aboard en route to the city. There was a strong wind and the bay quite rough. On account of the Batchelder's draft she could not leave the channel to go to the launch which was a little to the westward of the channel near beacon 18, and Mate George Condon of the Batchelder, took a line and swam a hundred yards or more to the little vessel. The passengers were taken aboard the Batchelder and the launch towed up to the city. Mr. Kelly is the Superintendent of the Gulf Dry Docks Company and has a summer home at Fairhope.

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The School Improvement Association will meet at the home of the president Mrs. Captain Nichols, on next Tuesday the 28th at 3 p. m. and ladies interested in the public schools are urged to attend. Refreshments free.

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Summer Temperature.

September 16–22 1909.

Sept.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
16	74	90	78
17	72	89	80
18	75	90	78
19	75	84	80
20	74	76	79
21	80	88	80
22	76	88	78

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40 acres owned land for sale with improvements; abour two miles from Fairhope; all under fence, 2 acres cleared, two barns (one large dairy barn) small house, well with pump, price $1100
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Colony rent $12.00
Price $375.00
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Knights of Pythias Convention.

The semi-annual district convention of the order of Knights of Pythias, comprising the Southern District of Alabama, will be held at Fairhope, September 29th and 30th. Seventy-five to one hundred delegates are expected to attend. The following ib the program of exercises.

Convention called to order in Pythian Hall 7.30 p. m. Wednesday 29th. Address of welcome by Mayor Greeno. Response by Dr. Burson of Atmore.

Welcome address to Brother Knights, P. Y. Albright; response by O. W. Byrne of Stockton. 8.30 business.

Conferring of Degrees by Degree team of Mobile.

Thursday 8 a. m.

Business meeting at Pythian Hall.

2.30 p. m. Public Address at church by Grand Chancellor Beck of Birmingham.

4 to 6 p. m. bathing at beach.

6 p. m. Fish fry on beach.

An excursion of several lodges of Mobile will be made on Thursday afternoon to Fairhope to attend the fish fry after which speeches and toasts and music and dancing will be indulged in by those who desire.

Citizens of Fairhope should prepare to welcome the visiting Pythians.

The public is invited to attend the meeting at the church at 2.30 p. m. and hear Mr. Beck the Grand Chancellor of the state of Alabama, which will be free to all. A moderate charge will be made for the fish fry supper at the beach. Str. Fairhope will take the excursions back to Mobile at 10 p. m.

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Business Course and Domestic Science

Owing to repeated inquiries for the work, the College of Organic Education has decided to introduce both a business course and Domestic Science. The first will include stenography and book keeping and will be under an experienced teacher.

The Domestic Science will be in charge of Miss Ola Powell who has had training both at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College.

Both will be tuition classes. Any one interested can apply to Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Comings.

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L. and N. Railroad Makes Special Rates for County Fair

A telephone message from James A. Carney to the Courier announces that a letter has been received from the General Passngeer Agent of the L. & N. announcing that the round trip rates to Bay Minette for the County Fair will be as follows.

One fare 25 cents from Greenville, Camden, Pensacola, Foley, Mobile and intermediate stations.

This rate will last from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, with a time limit of Oct. 4th.

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Fifth Thursday Club.

The Fifth Thursday Club will meet at the Gables on Friday Oct. 1st. instead of Thursday Sept. 31. Mrs. Knox will read a paper on the Emanuel Movement. Mrs. Creswell will give a short piano recital and Miss Nellie Slosson will sing.

Ice Cream will be served. All ladies are invited.

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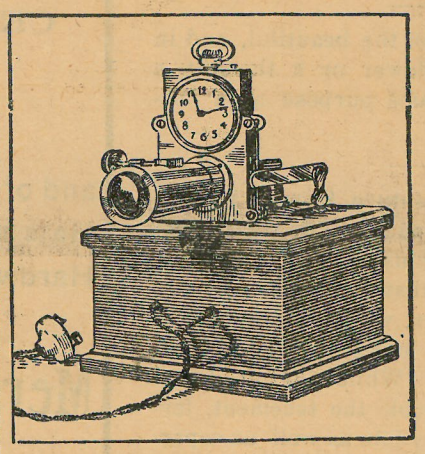
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When Theodore Roosevelt returns from his African hunting trip he will find awaiting him a "shadow" clock, the second of its kind in existence. The gift will be received from its inventor, an Australian, who wishes to pay his respects to the ex-president because of the visit of the world-girdling fleet to Australia.



Ingenious Clock for Ex-President.

The clock is made with two dials one for day use and one for night, says Popular Mechanics. The night dial is transparent, with lenses above it and a small electric lamp underneath. When the possessor of the clock retires for the night, he turns the night dial toward the ceiling. Attached to the side of his bed is an electric push-button, connected with the lamp by a flexible cord. By pressing this button at any time during the night, the lamp is turned on, and the outlines of the numerals on the dial are thrown against the ceiling. The shadow of the dial is four or five feet in diameter, making the numerals easy to read.

Photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt will be placed on both dials, the front of the case will be decorated with crossed American and Australian flags, and the sides will bear reproductions of the Australian coat of arms.

The Centenarian.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson says that when a man says he has lived a hundred years, he merely means that it seems like that long. Or perhaps he has simply grown short of breath, and so, when asked how old he is, replies: "A hundred," which is brief, instead of "eighty-seven," which is longer. This is especially true of French nonagenarians. When a Frenchman has reached ninety-seven he has to say: "Four-score-seventeen," whereas "Cent" will come out much quicker. Dr. Hutchinson's investigations show that almost invariably your centenarian is too ignorant to know his age or comes from a place so remote that nobody can verify the date of his birth. The doctor claims that when we hear it said that people don't live as long as they used to, the correct answer is "They never did."

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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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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Thoughts for the Day

Sound the true note, that those about you may drink in the music as the sands absorb the singing sea. Being sincere and strong, as you pay your tribute to Time you shall face unflinchingly the future; you shall become a part of creation's endless harmony, and shall be given expression after death.

———

Accustom yourself to the thought that in obedience to natural law you must arise from the grave as from your bed, and the act of death will be as inconsequential, and yet as beneficial, as that of sleep.

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In the contemplation of the beautiful, and in the consideration of a flower or a thought, a minute can serve the same purpose as a lifetime.

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In the religion of the future it may be that man's relations to man will be of greater importance than his relations to God. At present, and it is herein that the Churches are equally culpable with us, we too often bestow upon the Creator the love that should be accorded our fellow man. While singing of heaven we are apt to overlook the tenement, forgetting that infinity may join as well as separate.

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Only when she has sung her first lullaby does a woman become aware of the impermanency of all things. A man presses on in happy ignorance till the end.

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Forms are as much the bulwarks of creed as they are of caste. All three must vanish before the advance of Liberty.

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God and thy soul—let these be the critics of your work and your standard must needs be high.—Howard V. Sutherland.

The party of Fairhopers, which took an excursion trip up the Alabama river, arrived home on Wednesday evening, all having enjoyed the trip immensely. In next issue the editor will give a write-up of the trip.

Our summer residents have now mostly left us, but the winter people will begin arriving very soon and the prospects for a prosperous winter season are excellent.



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"We Have Seen His Star in the East" or "The Only Way for Peace."

FOR THE COURIER

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of sweet Peace,
When shackled minds of men will get a sure and quick release,
To let them fight for Justice, and to make grim War to cease,
Our cause is marching on.

From mother country comes the cry, though feeble, 'twill not rest,
Let's hope that Wisdom there will rule, within each human breast,
Until they have the Single Tax, the Only Way, and best,
Our cause is marching on.

"The Land is for the People," and "The Earth it is the Lord's,"
"Tax the Land and not our Food," are their inspiring words,
Let Labor win, in friendly strife, the best that Earth affords,
With Death to Poverty.

Winston Churchill and Lloyd-George, with minds of giant growth,
Are boldly leading Freedom's host. and they are nothing loth,
To "let the chips fall where they may," all honor to them both,
Their names will never die.

And there doth stand our own Joe Fels, true son of Hebrew stock,
With keys of time and money he'd Earth's closed gates unlock
And let the people in the "Field," where they'll build upon the Rock,
A structure strong and great.

Though People there will only go, with us, a little way
The path they've taken to our goal, will never let them stray,
But on and on they'll go until they see the Blessed Day,
Triumphant it will be.

So Brothers all, bestir yourselves, the time may not be long,
When Justice on her throne will sit, when right has ended wrong,
And all the Earth be filled with joy and happy be the song,
Of People brave and free.

OLIVER MCKNIGHT.
Philadelphia, Pa.

ARDEN LESSEES AGREE TO RAISE IN RENTALS.

EDITOR COURIER:

Last week I attended the town meeting at Arden, Delaware, which is at least a Godchild of Fairhope, and shows a disposition to walk in the nurture and admonition of the Lord instead of the nurture of the landlord.

It was desired there to raise fifty per cent more for improvements from rents than the past year, and objection was made by some leaseholders; but Mr. Frank St phens pointed out, in his speech, that we had come to Arden to escape from the enemy at our gates—the big landlords—and we did not want to establish, within the ramparts, a lot of little landlords. He said that the question was not whether so much money was needed or not, but whether that would bring the land tax up to its full rental value, "because," said he, "if that is the full rental value, we want to take it all, whether we need the money or not."

It is gratifying to say that the motion, together with a motion fixing the assessment of a unit of valuation after the New York City plan, were both passed unanimously.

Very truly yours,
BOLTON HALL.

PRESIDENT AND PINCHOT FOR CONSERVATION.

In the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy President Taft gave out a statement in which he exonerated Mr. Ballinger from any charge of having corruptly connived with any parties in regard to securing possession of valuable mineral lands. The facts as given are not quite so convincing to others of Mr. Ballinger's good intentions as they seem to be to the president, but general satisfaction is felt by conservationists over the strong statement made by the president in favor of the conservation of national resources for the benefit of present and future generations and that, while upholding Mr. Ballinger, he also warmly approved the course of Chief Forester Pinchot and expressed the hope that he would continue in his position (which he will do).

At Salt Lake, on Sept. 25th. the president said: "There has arisen within the last several years a deep feeling on the part of the people that we must conserve the resources that the Lord gave to this continent, in order that our posterity may not be embarassed, strained and even starved. It involves the saving of the forests, and reforestation of land which has been denuded of forests. It involves the saving of the water power so that the public may enjoy it at reasonable rates. It involves the saving of the coal lands, so that the supply of coal shall be more or less under the care of the public.

"The pursuit of that policy involves the passing of legislation well directed to the result, that is what we are going to do."

Mr. Pinchot in a statement given out about the same time said:

"I shall give my best efforts in the future as in the past to promote the development, and conservation of our forests and waterways, and to defend the conservation policies whenever the need arises. I especially shall continue to advocate the control of water power monopoly in the public interest and the use of our institutions, forests and natural resources for the benefit of the plain people. I believe in equality of opportunity and the Roosevelt policies, and I propose to stand for them as long as I have strength to stand for anything."

TOM L. JOHNSON.

They who believe that Tom L. Johnson, because of his recent defeat in Cleveland, is down and out, have a new guess coming. The final defeat of his plan to give his city 3-cent fares proves only that after eight years Cleveland is tired of the grief, and that the people are ready to surrender. But for Mr. Johnson and for those who understand what he was aiming at in his long fight, this defeat should prove a blessing. For Mr. Johnson is too great a man and too thoroughly grounded ever to waste all his time on such a trivial affair as a 3-cent fare for the people of his city. His is a larger field, and at last he is freed from a trivial local fight, in which he has even lost his own fortune, in order that he might engage in a larger fight—one of National scope.

At no time in American history have the people been so wrought up over a revenue measure as at present, and never before has the enlightened conscience of America so clearly seen through the hollowness, the sham and the treachery of the protective tariff policy. They are ready to overturn it, and there is no man today better qualified to point the way out of this and help direct the attention of the American people to a sane and honest revenue system than is Tom L. Johnson. The question of taxation has been his life study. Few men of his standing in the Nation are as well equipped to make a real fight for the people.

It is for these reasons that Mayor Johnson's defeat should prove a blessing. Let him step forth into the National arena. and challenge the hosts of privilege upon this question.

—Omaha World-Herald.

The Pythians of this district were in convention at Fairhope from Wednesday evening to last evening and were right royally entertained by their local brethren.

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Mrs Howland's Letters

Sept. 28. At last we have respite from the unusually persistent days upon days of oppresively warm weather, with showers every afternoon. This summer has been so different from all the preceeding ones I have known here, that I am led to speculate upon possible planetary disturbances, and final cataclysm for this earth. Too long we have looked for outside, miraculous interference. Yet all the sages of the ages have taught man that he must do everything himself under the inspiration of the infinite powers that are beyond his comprehension but to which he is eternally drawn. Why this irresistable attraction? All we know is that there are infinite powers constantly calling: "Come up higher," and that the power is within us to obey the call. This by unceasing labor to make the world nobler and better by improving our own immediate environment. This we do, mostly, when we do it at all, in a blind sort of way, forgetting that we are "helping God" when we make ourselves worthier; and we do this by ministering to the needs of the plant, the child, the neighbor.

A propos of this is a little poem I have kept in a book of treasures for many years. I must have quoted it before, but "age cannot wither nor custom stale" its worth a lesson.

AT THY FEET.

"Angel of the Springtime", said she,
"Show me where to sow my grain.
"Shall I plant it round my doorstep,
Or, afar upon the plain?"

"At thy feet," the angel answered.
"Sow at once the nearest field!
First thy doorstep, then beyond it
Let new fields new furrows yield.

"Fill the nearest spot with gladness
Fill thy home with fragrance sweet.
Wider fields shall ask thy sowing,
If thou first sow at thy feet!

"Thus for thee shall widening harvests
Wave their manifolding grain,
Till the sixty-fold, the hundred,
Gild the dooryard and the plain."

—M. E. Gates. N. C. Ind.

At the end I find the author's name; but what "N. C. Ind." means I wish some one would explain. And who can tell me anything about "M. E. Gates"? Whoever can help me here will do me a real favor. I doubt if she (?) be of this country for her name is not in Stedman's "An American Anthology."

* * * I would like to give every word of Mrs. Mary Prang's beautiful letter, I must ask her if I may take such liberties, or if she dare trust my discretion in choosing. Writing from Roxbury, Mass, she says: "I am glad to hear anything and everything about Fairhope, and all the news you tell me in your letter. I read the Fairhope Courier, of course, with more interest than ever. I cannot now write anything for it, as you suggest, but will sometime. This moment I would like to write you an account of a lovely celebration of Henry George's birthday, held by the Massachusettes Single Tax Club Thursday evening, when the death of Louis Prang was lovingly commemorated, and a message of love and respect sent to Wm. Lloyd Garrison who lies very ill, followed by tributes to Henry George and to David Lloyd George.

I have heard from Mrs. Cross, and had hoped for a word from Mrs. Comings. I am sorry to hear that the Trenholmes have left.—I appreciate Mr. Staples' poem in the COURIER, I shall write to him.—With all greetings to all our friends, I am yours sincerely and gratefully, Mary Prang."

No doubt Mrs. Comings has already written and sent you the prospectus of the Comings' College, but I enclose one in this, dear Mary Prang, and with the promise to write you at length just as soon as I can.

The following letter from Dr. Leigh Jones will interest readers, whether they have met her or not. She is always thinking of the good she can do. When here she made friends of us all, and the best of all is that she means to come and build a home and work with us here. x x x She sent me the fig, Hirtu of Japan and several of the Burbank hybrid blackberries and raspberries, hoping that they might prove of value to Fairhope. The fig and all the shrubs are doing well with one exception, and I hope that will live.

Character Sketch of Joseph Fels

In a recent number of "Modern Business," London, Eng., George Edgar gives a very clever character sketch of Joseph Fels, accompanied by an excellent full page portrait which constitutes the frontispiece of the number.

The article is one of a series upon "Business Builders." There was something of interest to the business man upon the methods by which Mr. Fels has achieved his notable success in business, but more upon what no one could come in touch with Mr. Fels without finding was of far more importanc to him now than business—land reform.

The following from the latter portion of the article will interest COURIER readers:

Mr. Fels' Great Hobby

Here, I should state, Mr. Fels approches what he considers his life's work. As he puts it himself:

"I am more interested in the land question and the taxation of land values in England, America, Denmark, Germany and every other so-called civililed country, than I am in the soap business." * * *

The Teaching of Henry George

"My attitude to the land question may be summed up as follows: I am as consistent a follower as I know how to be of the teaching which is embodied in the writings of Henry George" * * *

"I want to help show the English people, and through them the world, that the land was created by the Almighty for all the people and not a few." * * *

Increasing Land Values

"And the effect on the neighborhood———?" I began.

The effect has been been certainly to increase the land value within five miles of Maryland as a center by 25 per cent."

"And what would be the immediate cause of the increase?"

"The presence and the occupation of a population."

"Who are the occupants—are they adapted for the land—specially selected?"

"They are all kinds of people, from the Lancanshire printer who is now in charge of the whole enterprise, down to graduates from the Hollesley Bay Farm Labour Colony.

"Do you try to run these enterprises on business lines? I asked.

"I have sent land values up there—land values for myself, it is true—but I have been mainly prompted to show that the average man who has a taste for land culture and who, perhaps, originally came from the country, can make his living on the land."

"And have you carried your ideas of higher wages into your experiments on the land?" I asked curiously.

"Money makes the mare to go, on the farm, as well as in the factory or office. We pay about 20 per cent. more than local wages at Maryland, with the result that the landlords and the farmers in the immediate district love us very little and not very long. They have had to pick up and pay better wages themselves in many cases or lose their best hands to us."

More Publicity Desirable

Lessees of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation are given full information about its financial affairs by the publication in the Courier from week to week of all bills allowed; and monthly of the reports of the treasurer showing the receipts, from what sources and how expended; but no statement has been made public of the receipts and disbursements of the town of Fairhope during the year and a half of its existence. Of course one who has time and inclination to attend the meetings of the Town Council can keep posted on what is being done, but few can or care to do this and they ought to be kept in touch with their municipal government in a more convenient way. No other way would be so convenient as publication in a local newspaper, and we doubt if a little of their money could be spent to the greater satisfaction of the citizens than such publication of at least an epitome of the doings of their public officers. The Fairhope Single Tax Corporation pays for such publicity. If the town cannot afford it, it might at least, have its clerk or treasurer make a statement, say quarterly, which could be posted where those interested might read it.

Rudolph Reller left for his home at Brooklyn on the Steamer Fairhope's late trip, made on account of the K. P. excursion from Mobile, after a week spent here very pleasantly to himself and to us. Mr. Reller is one of the Brooklyn "faithful," who has been an interested observer of Fairhope from a distance for several years. He cheered us in his departure by saying that he had found Fairhope quite beyond his expectations in population, character of improvements and apparent natural advantages. He will carry back a good report to others interested at his home, and his own interest will be heightened by what he has seen and the acquaintances he has made.

On Monday evening Mayor Greeno was instructed by the Town Council to begin condemnations for the opening of Bay View Ave., from the south line of the Colony land through the McIntosh tract to the south corporate limits.

Honest Confession

Honest confession is said to be good for the soul. Therefore we confess that little Japan, which entered the field of progress only a few years ago, has already surpassed us in its endeavor to make its post-office department serve the people. It now operates and for some time has operated, in connection with its Federal department of communications, a bureau of postal deposits. Six years ago these deposits amounted to $11,375,000. Now they amount to $52,155,000. Six years ago there were 3,560,000 depositors. Today, there are 8,720,000. Thus we see that not only has the postal deposit system increased in popularity but that those who are taking advantage of the opportunities the government offers are becoming more thrifty. The average amount on deposit to the credit of each depositor has materially increased. This amount is yet small, but the system is in its infancy. Moreover, during the past six years Japan has had an expensive war that has doubtless financially affected every subject of the emperor.

If a little honest confession is good for the soul, perhaps more would be better. Let us admit, then, that Japan is really performing a service that government should perform by aiding its people in paying their debts through the post. If a depositor in Tokio desires to pay an account in Nagoya he has only to make application at any postoffice in Tokio and the government will hand the money over to the Nagoya creditor. All the government does it to debit the Tokio man's account and send an order to the Nagoya postmaster to pay the creditor in cash. The system extends to the payment of taxes and the government makes no charge for the service. That the plan is popular is evidenced by the fact that last year, the second year after its adoption, 3,324,000 people thus settled their obligations, the amount of money involved aggregating $113,220,000. But, of course, if such a system were adopted in the United States the government would be immediately wrecked and all the banks would be forced to close their doors. Peculiar, isn't it, that the thing does not work out that way

—Woman's National Daily.

On Entering the Ministry

Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church, who has just returned from the Methodist convention at St. Joseph, says that United States Senator Gore of Oklahoma, who addressed the convention, missed his calling when he went into the senate, says a Pleasant Hill, Mo., dispatch to the Philadelphia Record. The Senator kept the ministers smiling throughout his half hour talk.

According to Senator Gore there was down in Oklahoma an accomplished hen with a brood of chickens, five roosters and five pullets. The chicks matured and went their various ways, while the mother hen busied herself with a new brood. In course of time Methodist ministers came into the vicinity of Chickenville to hold a conference, and, as might be expected the five young roosters, fat, yellow legged and extremely tender, were feasted upon by various and sundry preachers. The young pullets left behind were met by the mother hen a day or so later. "My children," she asked, "where are your brothers?"

"They have entered the ministry," was the reply.

Bracing herself from the shock of disclosure a look of resignation spread over Biddies countenance, as she replied. "Well my dears, perhaps it is all for the best; they would not have made very good lay members any way.."

FAIRHOPERS AFLOAT

Fifteen Fairhopers Enjoy Delightful Week of Rest and Travel on Alabama River

Others come to Fairhope for rest and recreation and Fairhopers will agree with them that there is no better place, but for those who do the work of Fairhope, it is necessary to get away from home for the respite from duty and responsibility which all need occasionally.

With this in view a party of 15 Fairhopers took advantage of the extraordinarily cheap round trip excursion rates being made by the B. & G. Ry. and Nav. Co., of Mobile on its Alabama River steamers and spent one of the most delightful and care-free weeks of their lives.

The following composed the party. Messrs. and Mesdames L. E. Ames, C. W. Lyon, W. E. Sweet, E. B. Gaston, J. A. Patterson and C. L. Mershon, Mrs. J. H. Williams, Mr. W. C. Payne and Ford Patterson. Ralph Mershon also accompanied the party to Selma on his way to school at Marion, Ala.

Leaving Fairhope on Tuesday morning we were scheduled to leave Mobile at 6 p. m. on the "City of Mobile" for the round trip to Montgomery, but the "City" failing to arrive in time the "Nettie Quill" was made ready and sent out in her stead. Instead of getting away at six Tuesday evening we did not get off until after Wednesday morning. We were however, well cared for on the steamer.

The "Nettie Quill" is one of the oldest of the B. & G. Company's fleet, but has been reputed one of the fastest boats on the river in a good stage of water. That unfortunately we did not have and it occasioned our disappointment in not getting through to Montgomery our steamer not being able to go above Selma, indeed she touched bottom a number of times in passing over shoal places and once on the return trip she went hard and fast aground and had to be pulled off a bar by carrying a stout hawser to a tree on the bank ahead and winding it up on the steam capstan.

The "Nettie" is a stern wheeler of the familiar type seen on rivers flowing into the Gulf of Mexico. She is 180 ft. in length with a beam amidships over the guards of about 25 ft. Her second or cabin deck, is carried on stanchions high above the lower deck to give storage space for cargo below, and above the cabin deck is a structure amidships containing quarters for the officers, commonly called a "Texas" and this crowned by the lofty pilot-house, high above which still tower the great smokestacks.

The main cabin of the "Nettie" is 12 feet in width by 120 ft. in length, the ladies' portion of the same separated by a portier, nicely furnished with leather upholstered furniture and with a piano. The forward part of the cabin constitutes also the dining room where are served three times a day to passengers and officers excellent meals.

On either side of the cabin and opening into it as well as out on to a covered passage way extending the full length are the state rooms 32 in number with double berths, the lower wide enough for two persons "in a pinch."

The steamer is electric lighted throughout, with powerful electric searchlight, without which she could hardly be navigated at night, especially with the picking out of the numerous almost unmarked landings, which river traffic seems to require making.

To navigate the steamer 24 hours in the day, requires double crews, consisting of master, mate, two pilots, two engineers, two oilers, two firemen and ten deck hands, beside which 20 roustabouts are usually carried for the handling of freight. Fourteen persons are under charge of the steward.

The beauty and variety of scenery along the Mobile-Alabama river is a surprise to one unprepared for it. Some who have traveled on the Hudson and Rhine pronounce the scenery of the Alabama equal to that of either.

The lower river known as the "Mobile" river is a majestic stream, with an abundant depth of water even at a low stage and flowing through low heavily timbered banks. In many places the willows bend over with foliage dipping into the water. In others tall cypress and gums spring up from the river's edge as perpendicular cliffs of living green.

The course of the river is extremely tortuous, doubling and twisting on itself, and for its navigable length requiring just about two miles of travel for each mile of actual progress northward. In one place you see the water flowing on the other side of a narrow strip, hardly more than a hundred feet across it looks, and travel about a mile before you reach the spot. In another place we were shown where the river at flood and fretting over its tedious course had cut "across lots" a quarter of a mile, leaving eight miles of former channel unused except in high water. Often the curves are all a big steamer at full speed can round with helm hard over and one is kept on the qui vive to see what will come into view from behind the green wall of foliage.

Sixty miles up the Mobile divides into the Alabama and Tombigbee, and just below this point is a five mile straight-away stretch, where it reaches its noblest proportions, being a stream with a width of 800 to 1200 ft. and a depth of about 40 ft.

Soon after entering the Alabama the scenery changes, and the low banks give way to high bluffs on first one side and then the other—sometimes on both. In some places these reach a height of over 200 ft. and freight is delivered to and taken from the steamer by means of a car running on an inclined track and drawn by a long wire or hempen cable wound round a drum at the top, with a mule for motive power. Alongside the track will be a stairway for passengers. At one point this stairway has 363 steps and one almost has to "look twice" to see the top. Between the car tracks planks or poles are laid on the ties and down these cotton bales are literally "shot" on board the steamer. In loading cotton in this way the gang planks which the steamer carries are pushed out from the vessel and the ends lashed by means of a longitudal slot or eye cut near their ends,) to the cross stringers of the incline so as to hold them in place, and the cotton coming down the long incline strikes the plank and "scoots" over into the boat, where a bale or two is placed for a bumper. This is comparatively easy and expeditious.

But at many places the boat simply pushes her nose up to the bank—sometimes where nothing would indicate that a landing had ever been made before) and outgoing freight is "toted" off by the negro roustabouts and left on the bank. For carrying such heavy things as a barrel of oil or sugar, or a heavy box of meat slings are used made with two stout poles with short chains between. A barrel or box is rolled on to the chains and a deck hand gets at either end of each pole. Sometimes heavy packages were taken off in this way and delivered on the sides of steep hills where it would take a couple of men pushing behind and others pulling in front to enable the "toters" to scramble up the slope.

At one place a cow which had fallen down and refused to get up, was carried off the boat and up the bank in one of these slings.

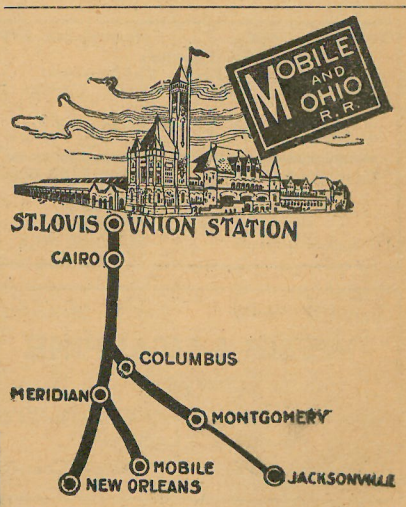
Down such banks 50 to 100 feet high cotton is rolled by deckhands to the steamer. Two men to each bale armed with short hooks, bring it down inclines which many would find difficulty in negotiating without any handicap, and it makes very strenuous work requiring both strength and skill, for a bale of cotton weighs 500 pounds or over and is no plaything. Oftentimes the hills are so steep that a bale could not be kept in control on a roll straight down the hill and in such cases they are zigzagged down being rolled diagonally first one way and then the other. Sometimes one will get beyond control in spite of all efforts and go tumbling down into the water.

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J. A. Folmar of Bromley was a caller at the Courier office on last Saturday on his way home from E. Smith's where he has been breaking 20 acres for that gentleman. While here he subscribed for the Courier for two married sons living near him, who are like himself much interested in the Single Tax and its application at Fairhope. Mr. Folmar is a native Alabamian who has never had opportunity to travel and see improved farming methods elsewhere and therefore deserves especial credit for his enterprise in fitting himself out with good stock and improved machinery which he is doing. He has one of the finest mule teams in the county and one of the best types of riding plow, with which he can do extra good work and lots of it.

Rev. Claude R. Hill of Mobile, Fairhope, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Valparaiso,Ind. and leaves this week to take up his work there. Mr. Hill has during the past seven years, done a notable work in Mobile in the building up of the Christian Church there. He has also been a warm friend of Fairhope and only last year built a nice summer cottage on the Colony's bay front. His many friends in Mobile and Fairhope will wish him success and happiness for himself and family in his new field.

We understand that there is a good prospect of placing the larger part, if not all, of the school-house bonds with citizens of Fairhope.



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Mrs. Johnson Entertains Mobile Friends.

Mrs. W. K Linscott of Mobile was a guest with her two children of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson from Friday even ng to Sunday evening and was joined on Saturday evening by Mr. Linscott. Mrs. Linscott has been greatly interested in the kindergartens in Mobile and was president of the Kindergarten Association, which came to the rescue of the Mobile kindergartens when the loss of the revenue from saloon licenses was about to cause their closing and raised by subscription a fund to continue them. She entertained Mrs. Johnson during her attendance on the recent institute in Mobile.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Johnson invited Mr. Ring and Mr. Gaston to meet Mr. and Mrs. Linscott and talk Single Tax to them. Dr. Holbrook and Mr. O. C. Hume of Mobile were also present.

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V. I. C. Notes

The V. I. C. met with President Mrs. Powell on September 25th.

Members present Mesdames Brown, Gaston, Powell, Comings, Stimpson, Bancroft and Miss Gooding.

Committee on fencing the gully on Fairhope Avenue given more time.

Committee on program reported the same about ready for the Year Book.

A motion moved and carried that since there has been a School Improvement Association organized, that the School Improvement Com. of the V. I. C. be discontinued.

A bill of $1.65 allowed Mr. Stimpson for work done at the schoolhouse.

On motion a committee was appointed to look up ways and means for stopping the washing of the Gulley along Fairhope Avenue.

Committee Miss Gooding and Mrs. Towner.

On motion the meeting day was changed from the fourth Saturday back to the fourth Thursday of each month.

Club adjourned.
Mrs. D. K. Bancroft Secy.

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Mr. O. C. Humes, an engineer in the employ of the Board of Public Works of Mobile, was a guest of H. F. Ring from Saturday evening to Sunday evening.

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J. B. Barber Dead

News has just reached the Courier of the death of J. B. Barber, which occured at Jonesboro, Ill., on Sept. 1.

Mr. Barber was one of our esteemed citizens who went north for the summer expecting to return this fall. His friends here will hear of his death with much regret.

A notice of his death clipped from a paper at his former home at Waverly, Ill., sent to Mr. Ben Fisher shows how he was esteemed there. From it we quote.

"There was laid to rest in Harington cemetery in this city on last Sunday a man who, a quarter of a century ago, was one of the best known citizens of Bremer county and one whom the older residents hereof will recall in connection with a gracious, engaging personality, a dynamic energy and a splendid devotion to friends and to principles with which he allied himself. A new generation has come upon our little stage of civic action since J. B. Barber was counted as a leader among our citizens in all that made for public enterprise and wholesomeness and honesty in public affairs, but the impress of his life among us still remains.

"His ability and unswerving honesty coupled with a natural faculty for leadership, won him a large following. In politics he was a free lance, allying himself with whatever party appeared to offer the principles nearest in accord with his ideas of justice and equality, and his convictions once formed, he promoted and defended with skill and energy, regardless of the consequences to him in a material way. While a resident of Waverly he managed several successful political campaigns."

He was in his seventy-fifth year and left a wife and seven children.

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Colony Council Proceedings

On account of absence of Secretary Colony Council did not meet on Sept. 20th., but met on Sept. 27th instead, with all members present and president Brown in the chair.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of September 6 and 11.

G. M. Bancroft to whom had been referred the matter of Mrs. V. S. McClintock's request for additional ground on north of lots 1 & 2, blk. 2, div. 2, reported recommending allowing her 20 ft. on front and 30 ft. on east.

On motion the report was adopted, plat changed accordingly and Mrs. McClintock granted the additional amount.

Secretary reported investigation as to stumpage charged elsewhere for light wood and being informed by Mr. Brodbeck of Point Clear, that he got 25 cents a cord stumpage—sold none for less. It was moved and carried that after Oct. 1, the rate of stumpage be advanced to 20 cents a cord.

Moved and carried that Mr. Brown in getting scattered down saw timber be allowed also to cut standing boxed timber.

Following bills allowed.

Am. Supply Co., valve for for water works	$6.00
Southern Hdwe. and Supply Co. sheet galv. iron for form for making concrete culverts	$1.57
P. J. Creamer 12 telephone poles,	$12.00

Transfer from E. H. Thomas to A. M. Troyer of e. 1-2 of s. w. 1-4 of s. e. 1-4 of 16, approved.

H. F. Ring was present and presented to the Council the advisability of having a careful survey of the Colony's beautiful north tract, (division 3) and the advice of an expert landscape engineer as to its platting to make the most of its great natural beauties. He said that he was so much interested in it that he had arranged at his own expense to have a topographical survey made and a sketch of a plan for platting it, by a gentleman who had done some notably excellent work in platting some recent additions to Mobile. His suggestions could, of course, be adopted, modified or rejected by the Council. Later if some such plan were adopted he would be willing to advance some money and thought he could secure more for the development of the tract, to be repaid out of a certain percentage of rents to be afterward collected from lots leased in this tract

No action was asked for or taken by the Council but members expressed their appreciation of Mr. Ring's public spirit and hearty approval of his plan.

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Mr. Frank Stewart of Marlow was in town on Monday and while here closed a deal through Gaston & Son for the Mrs. Coutant west cottage on Fels Avenue. He expects to make considerable improvements upon the property and hopes to be over to occupy it in about six weeks. Mr. Stewart is a fine photographer and will fit up to do that kind of work here.

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The Citronelle Call reproduces the able article on fig culture written by G. W. Bell for the Courier.

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What Johnson Stood For

Here in the South the secret of Governor Johnson's popularity seems somewhat hard to understand. It was partly due to local conditions, the direct primary law having loosened ties in the northwest so that it is the man rather than his party label that most interests the voter. Personally too, Johnson was most magnetic, and in politics he was progressive without being radical—although some of his proposals would seem radical to the Democracy of the south. Direct legislation—the initiative and referendum—has been one of his cherished plans, and he has been especially active and successful in getting better freight rates, better life insurance laws, a State Tax Commission, and inheritance tax, the abolition of railway passes and franks, a two-cent passenger rate, and laws facilitating municipal ownership and the drainage of waste lands. He has also stood for better forestry laws, a non-partisan judiciary, the registration of lobbyists, and against political interference in the work of the State University and other institutions. Last but not least, he has given thorough attention to every appointment, naming as officers men who would make good and serve the State best, regardless of political pull. When his plan for a State Commission succeeded he appointed one Republican, one Democrat, one university professor, and in less than a year they had on the tax books $112, 000,000 in iron mine values that had previously escaped taxation.

This is a record of achievement, a platform of progress, which justifies Governor Johnson's high place in public regard, and the universal sadness at his untimely taking-off. A few Governors in the south aiming at the same things—equalization of taxation and of freight rates, direct legislation, the appointment of men for reasons of business efficiency rather than politics, and the restraint of corporation influence in politics—would do much for our section.

—Southern Farm Gazette.

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Market growers about Lancaster, Pa., apply annually over 75 tons of manure to the acre. Up-to-date celery growers in Ohio use 50 tons annually as a top dressing, and as a result pull off $1,200 worth of celery to the acre and are getting richer every year. Down around Salisbury, Md., "the famous eastern shore," Neighbor Allen pays $2.75 a ton for manure because it yields him big returns to do so.

—Agronomist

Treat Baldwin County soil this way and see what it will do foryou.

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Joe Billy of North Dakota, expects to start for Fairhope with his family about October 15.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church will give a 15 cent supper at the Church on Wednesday evening between 5.30 and 7.30

C. L. Coleman and family are enjoying an outing at Santa Rosa Sound east of Pensacola. They left last Thursday and expect to be back the latter part of this week.

About 20 of the younger children most of whom were members of last years "life class" in the Organic school spent a happy afternoon last Saturday in the gullies and through the woods with Mrs.Johnson and her guests, Mrs. Linscott and her children.

Joseph Schuller now at St. Louis renewing his subscription to the Courier for another year says he hopes before the year is out to be with us again.

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A Wedding Hint.

The tall girl smiled in some embarrassment.

"Have you any second-hand shoes?" she said to the shoe clerk.

"But, miss—" he remonstrated.

No. no; you misunderstand," said she. "I don't mean to wear. I just mean old shoes, too worn for use, that customers have left with you. You see, there's a wedding up at our house to-morrow and we want something to throw at the bride and groom."

"I see," said the clerk.

He rummaged in a black hole, and drew forth an armful of dilapidated footwear. The girl selected some threes, twos, and ones.

"These will do. Thanks ever so much," she said, and so departed.

"Big-footed people are always working that on us," said the clerk afterward. "That girl wears eights. She couldn't very well throw such mud-scows at the bride, so she chose some little and dainty shoes here—ones and twos. Oh, yes, it's an old trick with the big-footed."

Foolish Christians.

Dr. Parkhurst, in an address in Brooklyn, condemned those who wrangle over religious tenets of no importance.

"Such people," he said, "give Christianity a bad name. He must have been brought up among such people, the little Brooklyn boy who on being asked to define the word 'heathen,' said:

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Personal and Local

Trout are beginning to bite.

A number of the visiting K. P's are accompanied by their ladies.

We have puffed wheat now. Mershon Merchandising Co.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cain last week.

Miss Eloise Cleveland of Mobile is visiting Miss Ola Powell.

Satsuma oranges and japanese persimmons are on the market.

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M. V. Mathews was called to north Alabama by the illness of his father, leaving on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor closed their summer home and returned to Mobile on Monday.

Both the Public School and the Organic School open next Monday.

The Simmers, Stimpson and Brutkiewitz families picknicked on Sunday at Fly Creek.

Nearly fifty people have registered at the Wilson House since Sunday—that's where you get your good meals—nuf ced.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan of Mobile, visited Mesdames McClintock, Morgan and Crenshaw over Sunday.

Mrs. Call is beginning her "creations" for fall. Every body will want one of the new hats this season.

The blowing out of a gasket at the ice plant caused the loss of part of the ammonia and caused a shut-down.

Just in "new" bottled pickles, mustards, picalilli, relish, jellies, etc. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Beginning next Monday October 4th. the Steamer Fairhope will leave Mobile at 3 p. m. instead of 3.30. Take heed and don't you get left.

Stuart Yarnelle arrived from Pensacola on Tuesday evening to spend a few days here, while his company's steamer the Manteo, is on the dry dock for repairs.

With a religious camp-meeting and a district convention both at Fairhope this week, there have been many strangers in our town by the sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell and Miss Gladys moved back to Mobile on Wednesday. Had they had their own property here—as they intend to have—they would not have gone back for a month.

Mr. W. B. Thomas, a former resident of Fairhope, now postmaster at Magnolia Springs, attended the K. P. Convention and was warmly greeted by his friends and former neighbors.

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W. S. Baldwin returned from his northern trip on last Friday evening. The treatment of the cancerous tumor on his nose seems to have been quite successful and his friends hope will prove permanently so.

Mr. Ruge has had his store building which stood on the corner of Fairhope Avenue and School St., moved down to the corner of Section Street. He has several applicants for it, but has not yet closed a lease for it.

Rev. G. W. Wood will preach at the Christian church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject "Why the First Day of the Week is Observed as a Day for Worship."

We have had several days without rain and the farmers have taken advantage of it to make hay. More hay will be made in this vicinity this year than ever before.

L. E. Baldwin writes from Hutchinson, Kans., that he is doing well there. He has a responsibile position as Trustee of the Hutchinson Engineering and Supply Co., which was put in his hands in June last.

Editor Eugene Colley of the Baldwin Times, was in Fairhope from Tuesday evening to Wednesday morning and was a guest of the editor and family. His principal object was to see the Courier's typograph machine.

Among the Pythian vsiitors at the convention, was Mr. Bert Feist, the popular merchant, postmaster, and politician of Tensaw, in far North Baldwin. It was Mr. Feist's first visit to Fairhope and he expressed himself as being very favorably impressed with our town.

The tent meetings of the Seventh Day Adventists have been in progress since Thursday of last week and will continue over Sunday with services nightly and on Sunday also at 10.30 a. m. and 3 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

The Baldwin County Teachers' Institute is in session at Daphne this week, with a large attendance. Among those attending from Fairhope are. Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Clements. Miss Manly also accompanied Miss Clements, as did Mr. Luther Clements.

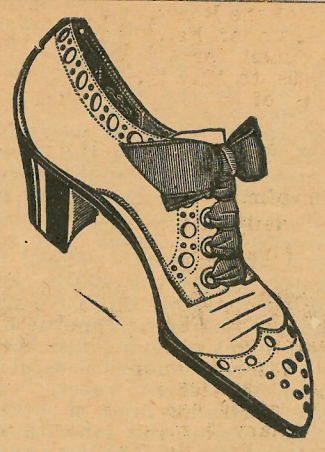
Frank Troup has the contract for furnishing and laying the water main to carry the water to Mr. Ring's place. As showing the durability of cast pipe. Mr. Troup is laying pipe taken up down at Point Clear where it had been in the ground for about 40 years with very little deterioration.

A popular citizen of Fairhope was honored, in the selection of Mr. J. M. Pilcher as district president of the order of Knights of Pythias for the ensuing year. Mr. Pilcher has the qualities which should make him a very popular and effective worker in fraternal circles, and in mingling with his brethren throughout the district he will reflect credit upon his home town.

Alfred Barnhardt was painfully injured on Friday evening of last week, by being struck in the face by the end of a crowbar used as a lever in straining on a windlass in an endeavor to pull out a broken fender piling at the pier-head. The breaking of a pulley through which the rope passed at the top of the derrick caused the windlass to break from the grasp of the men and one of the bars struck young Barnhardt just above the left eye cutting through the under lid. Fortunately the ball was not injured and no permanent injury will result.

There is a perfect epidemic of babies at Fairhope—and all boys. Three were born within the same 24 hours last week; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gunnison, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gabel and Mr. and Mrs. George Cain respectively and three this week in as many days; to Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Creamer on Tuesday and to Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Albright on Wednesday. "See us grow!"

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Thirteen acre farm (Colony leasehold) within one and a quarter miles of postoffice. All good land 8 acres in cultivation, 5 acres under separate fence but practically cleared. House of four rooms; new barn 20 x 30, with room for ten tons of hay. A dozen young Satsuma orange trees; lot of wild persimmons in position ready for grafting to Japanese varieties.

Can be bought with 2 cows and a heifer, 50 chickens 1-2 acre of sweet potatoes and feed enough on place. to feed stock through the winter, There is enough land if properly handled, to raise all the forage necessary for enough cows to make a good living for a family and is practically in town. Colony rent, $10 80. Price, $ 00.00.

GASTON & SON, Fairhope

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Summer Temperature.

September 23-29 1909.

Sept.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
23	76	91	74
24	66	81	70
25	62	82	74
26	61	78	69
27	56	76	66
28	54	70	68
29	60	76	70

23-29 4 clear days, 1 partly cloudy; wind north and east. Shower on the 23.

FINE SUBURBAN PROPERTY FOR SALE OR RENT.

FOR SALE OR RENT: Very desirable property within five minutes' walk of the postoffice Good, two-story house, 22 x 30, all ceiled. Detached kitchen, 12 x 16, two cisterns, fine grape arbor and other fruit, barn, chicken houses, etc. 7⅔ acres of ground, about 5 acres cleared and in cultivation. Will rent very low to good tenant, or sell at a bargain. GASTON & SON.

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All under good wire fence, small house, good barn, wagon shed, packing house, chicken houses and runs, fine bored well, some orange, fig and persimmon trees. 7 or 8 acres cleared and broken. Just two miles from center of town. Will rent for $50 a year or sell at a bargain.

40 acres owned land for sale with improvements; abour two miles from Fairhope; all under fence, 2 acres cleared, two barns (one large dairy barn) small house, well with pump, price $1100

GASTON & SON.

Ten acre place close in, 5 acres cleared and in good tilth; house story and a half 14x26, detached kitchen, porch, cistern and pump.

Colony rent $12.00
Price $375.00

GASTON & SON.

Knights of Pythias Convention.

About 70 present including delegates, alternates and visiting members.

As per notice in the Courier the Knights of Pythias convention comprising 18 lodges in the southern district of Alabama met in semi-annual convention here, on Wednesday and Thursday night, concluding with a fish-fry at the Bayside pavilion on Thursday night, the Steamer Fairhope bringing many Mobile Knights over on the excursion to attend the banquet. The pavilion was filled with tables and tastefully decorated with the Pythian colors.

The program as printed in the Courier last week was carried out. Grand Chancellor Beek of Birmingham, Grand Keeper of Record and Seals, J. M. Dannelly of Montgomery, Private secretary Black of Birmingham, Grand Outer Guard D. B. Cobbs of Mobile, and Past Chancellor Block of Mobile were present as well as many other distinguished Knights of Southern Alabama.

Fairhope Lodge K. of P. was honored by the selection of J. M. Pilcher as president of the convention for the next term, B. W. Fiest of Stockton 1st vice president and E. W. Cawthon of Plateau, near Mobile as secretary, Thos. Ballman of Whistler Treas.

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Teachers Convention

Mr. Gaston.

The Institute is very well attended, 81 teachers of the 89 in the county being present the first day.

Mrs. Truitt conducts the music, putting life and spirit into it which brings out the musical ability of the association surprisingly.

Dr. Dressler, a native of Indiana who stands high in educational cirched of San Francisco and present professor of Mathematics in State University of Alabama is chief instructor. His lectures are interesting at times amusing as well as inspiring.

Last night the citizens of Daphne held a reception for the teachers in the Normal building. Music, general conversation and refreshments served to pass the evening very quickly and pleasantly.

We anticipate a feast of good things for today—only wish all Fairhopers might hear it all.

Very truly,
Mrs. W. E. Sweet.

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Town Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Town Council of Fairhope, Alabama, as follows.

That the following streets, roads, avenues, public ways, highways and passages are accepted and adopted and are hereby designated and declared to be the public ways and passages of the said Town of Fairhope, Alabama, to-wit.

The entire length and width so far as are within the corporate limits, of the following streets, highways, and avenues as per plat recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin Co., Alabama, in Miscellaneous Records at page 274-5, to-wit.

Fairhope Avenue, Magnolia Ave., Delmar St., Morphy Avenue, Fels Avenue, Bay View Street, South Bay View Street, Summit Street, Church Street, Section Street, School Street, Mobile Avenue, Ingleside Avenue, Eighth Street, Eighth Street West, Nichols St., and White Avenue, together with all portions of all other roads, highways, streets, and passages embraced within the limits of Fairhope, Alabama, at the time of its incorporation.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Fairhope, Alabama, this 27th day of Sept. 1909.

H. S. Greeno, Mayor,
P. Y. Albright, Clerk.

Report of School Board

Report of the Board of Education of the town of Fairhope to the Town Council for 5 months, from Jan. 1, 1909, to May 26, 1909. Viz;

Total no. of male pupils enrolled	43
Total no. of female pupils enrolled	44
Total enrollment	87
Average daily attendance	65

Financial Report

Receipts.

From County fund		652.50
" Incidental fees		121.90
Total receipts		774.40

Expenditures.

3 teachers salaries 5 months at $50 each	725.00	
Janitor salary 5 mos.	29.25	
Commercial Ptg. Co. for blanks	7.20	
Mershon Bros.	2.20	
Wm. Stimpson wk. on bldg and lawn	4.75	768.20
Bal on hand		6.20

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V. I. C. Social

The first V. I. C. Social of the season of 1909-10 will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyons, on Magnolia avenue and will be a "Cookie Social." All are interested in the work of this society and everybody is invited.

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NOTICE

The monthly meeting of the Arbitration society will be held at the residence of W. W. Kile on Tuesday evening Oct. 5th.

Important meeting. Come out.

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In this issue appears an ad of "Shawhan the Hat Man" of Mobile. Mr. Shawhan's wife is spending a couple of weeks in Fairhope. She has just learned how important a place it is and wants her husband to get his share of its trade in his line and with a proper eye to business had him make his announcement to our people through the Courier.

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FAIRHOPE ALABAMA.

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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

ALABAMA

I

Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee,
From thy southern shore, where groweth
By the sea thy orange tree,
To thy northern vale where floweth,
Deep and blue thy Tennessee.
Alabama, Alabama!
We will aye be true to thee!

II

From thy praries, broad and fertile,
Where thy snow-white cotton shines;
To the hills where coal and iron
Hide in thy exhaustless mines,
Honest farmers, strong-armed workmen,
Merchants, or whate'er we be,
Alabama, Alabama!
We will aye be true to thee!

III

Brave and pure thy men and women,
Better this than corn and wine;
Keep us worthy, God in Heaven,
Of this goodly land of thine.
Hearts are open as our door-ways,
Liberal hands and spirits free:
Alabama, Alabama!
We will aye be true to thee!

IV

Little, little can I give thee,
Alabama, mother mine!
But that little—heart, brain, spirit—
All I have and am are thine.
Take, O take the gift and giver,
Take and serve thyself with me:
Alabama, Alabama!
We will aye be true thee.

—Julia Tutwiler.

FROM THE COURIER FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

The Christian Worker a church publication at Des Moines, makes a practice of reproducing in each issue news items from its issues of 20 years earlier and these are of as much interest, if not more than current new sitems to many of its readers. The Courier cannot go back to its files for items of 20 years ago but it can go back 15 years, its first issue having appeared August 15th, 1894 and we will hereafter reproduce from time to time items deemed to be of present interest, from corresponding issues fifteen years earlier.

The land values which elsewhere go to enrich a few individuals, in Fairhope are taken for the benefit of the whole people.



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Marie Howland

The Fairhope Courier

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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SENTIMENT IN BUSINESS

From "Jos. Fels a Character Sketch" by George Edgar, in "Modern Business' London

"And what is the real underlying reason of all this effort outside your business, in support of a theory?" was a question I could not help raising.

"My reason?" Mr. Fels queried slowly. "Beyond the fact that I believe this would be a reform which would settle most if not the whole of the problems of poverty, I have another reason. When I turn my toes up to the daisies and go to enrich the flowers, my money will be no help to me. I feel I had better put it where it will do the most good, now, while I have breath and a few brains left to apply it."

With this eloquent little summary in my mind, I left Mr. Fels, but not before he had piled into my hands a small mountain of printed matter on the subject to which he is giving his life.

It was a rainy day in Wilson Street. As I walked along through the maze of East End streets, I was thinking—thinking of business and the business life.

Most of all, I was thinking of the many men I have known with the voices of brass who say —"pooh! business is business, there is no sentiment in business."

Against the man of brass, with the note of brass, Mr. Fels' personality recurred—the personality of a successful manufacturer, absorbed in ideas of equality, and resenting the fact that an employee cannot treat him as a social equal; striving in business to achieve what most business men would consider an odd ideal—the increase of wages; and, odder still, spending the huge sums he makes, on what sober conservative men would call a vision—the return of the land by the few to the many through taxation.

Sentiment in business! I have knownmany men who carried more than sentiment into business. I could write a chapter on it which would shame the voice of brass. And I think when I do, I shall begin with Mr. Fels—though there are others, as his countrymen might say.

SOME OBJECTIONS NOTICED

Editor Courier: I have had from a Single Tax friend various objections to the Fairhope project; among them, the inadequacy of a Single Tax regime in so small a community, the poor soil, and the possibility that at some future time the Corporation may fall into the hands of parties who would exploit it for their own profit. Should be glad of any discussion of these and similar questions.

Yours very truly,
A. L. Colton.

The "inadequacy of a Single Tax regime in so small a community" to realize the larger benefits—especially in the way of freeing industry, raising wages and cheapening products kept arbitrarily high by ownership of raw materials and tariff barriers—is readily admitted. But is it the wise part to refuse to do what can be done because all that is desired cannot be done?

As we have repeatedly shown, Fairhope can eliminate land speculation absolutely within its borders.

It can stop the drain of unearned increment flowing from the community to a few individuals with its inevitable tendency toward increasing wealth on one hand and deepening poverty on the other, and apply the same to public purposes in the enjoyment of which all may share.

It can relieve the individuals of the community from the discouraging taxes upon their industry and thrift which they must else suffer. It can foster a spirit of democracy and equality.

How one who believes in the Single Tax can consider these undeniable results of a local application of it to be not worth the effort we cannot understand.

The "poor soil" is a disadvantage but a greaty exaggerated one. It is in our opinion fully compensated for by advantages of climate, healthfulness. etc., not to be found where rich soil exists.

The "possibility that at some future time the Corporation may fall into the hands of parties who may exploit it," is guarded against as far as is humanly possible.

In the first place only those can become governing members who are in sympathy with the policy. In the second place to change the established policy would require a three-fourths vote of resident and non resident members. Thirdly, every lease issued is a contract with the lessee for the continuance of the policy, which the Colony could not abrogate even by a unanimous vote of its members. Fourthly and we may say "lastly" (though other safeguards might be cited;) a community which distinctly stands for equality and is an organized protest against all forms of special privilege, all devices by which any get without giving a fair equivalent, has no attractions for the grafter. The opportunities are too tempting for him elsewhere.

A MEASURE OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT

A careful reading of the municipal code seems to provide an unexpected measure of local self government in regard to making municipal assessments.

In section 107, following a provision for an assessment to be made by "the city or town clerk, or other person designated by the council, such assessments to be made on the State assessment in the manner provided by the constitution of the state or in the manner hereinafter authorized by law" is another providing that "the council may, however, authorize such assessment to be made by a board of assessors."

The statute then proceeds to reaffirm the provisions regarding notice of the assessment and hearing to tax payers, as in the case of assessments made from the state assessment but does not specify that the board shall make the state assesment the basis of its assessment.

It seems therefore, that such a "board of assessors" can make its own valuations of property, subject only to the general provisions of the constitution in regard to equality of taxes and the limit of municipal levies.

If this view of the law be correct the way is open to Fairhope and other towns to get a much fairer assessment than is possible by following the state assessment. The latter is made from the returns of individual tax payers to an assessor who, except in the neighborhood where he himself lives, has no means of knowing whether the same are fair or not.

Under such a plan the injustice inherent in the present system is accentuated by the practically free license given the unscrupulous to mark down the value of his property. The assessor don't know its value and his neighbors have no means without going to much trouble, of learning what his return is and then cannot avoid its being looked at as a personal matter if they complain. The man who makes an honest return under this plan, not only has to pay his own taxes but really pays the taxes which his dishonest neighbor escapes by a too low return because the rate must be made higher than it would need be if all made fair returns.

A board of appraisers well-selected from among our citizens familiar with local conditions, could undoubtedly make a much fairer assessment than can be reached otherwise and if our view of the law is correct it would be well if the Council appointed such a board to make the assessment now due to be made.

MISS HERRING IN BOSTON

Miss Alice Herring has engagements to lecture in Boston beginning Oct. 15th and will not be in Fairhope for some time. She writes the Courier: "I am sure it is unnecessary to say that I would rather be in Fairhope all the time" and; "You may be sure I shall let Boston know about Fairhope."

Miss Herring would be glad to meet those in Boston and vicinity interested in Fairhope. She gives her address as Room 420 Huntington Chambers, and we suggest that our friends there get in touch with her.

We presume she could find time and would be pleased to lecture on Fairhope in or near Boston if desired.

C. J. Buell, St. Paul, writes: "I am much interested in the progress of Fairhope and look for each number of the Courier, much as I would for news from home. Speed the day when every town shall be like Fairhope, with opportunities free and no taxes or burdens upon enterprise. The world moves. It will go far in the next ten years."

Fairhope Courier

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Progressive Political Movement

When in town on Wednesday Dr. Borst called our attention to what appears to be a very excellent movement, political but not partisan, which was recently organized at Loxley.

The aims and purposes of the organization are thus stated:

1st. The use of all honorable and lawful means to obtain the exercise of the voting privilege to all who are eligible under the law.

2nd. The election to county offices of men who are known to be honest, upright and capable and those only who will promise a clean, honest and business-like administration of the afiairs of the office to which they are elected.

3rd. The doing away with the present system of contracting convict labor of the county, to private interests whereby such convict labor comes into direct competition with free labor and from which the county derives little income and no benefit and placing the convict labor on the public roads of the county where the county as a whole may derive direct and lasting benefit therefrom.

4th. The adoption of a system for assessing property according to its actual monetary value thus placing all property according to its actual monetary value thus placing all property values upon an equitable basis and foreign corporations and owners of large properties to pay their just proportion of taxation.

5th. The adoption of a modern system of keeping records of real estate and other transfers, assessments, and tax collections in place of the antiquated methods and lack of system now in use.

6th. The building and maintainance of a public road system to cover the entire county beginning with those roads which are most necessary at the time and extending said roads upon a systematic and prearranged plan.

7th. The use of monies collected as taxes for roads, schools, and other local purposes, in the districts from which they are collected in just proportion to such collection and the equitable distribution of labor and money upon public improvements so that all may derive benefit therefrom.

8th. The adoption of the township plan of County organization in the place of the present weak and primitive system of beats.

We believe all of these purposes will appeal favorably to practically every citizen of this vicinity.

To carry them forward it is desired to form an organization in every community or at least in every township,

It has been suggested that the matter be brought before our people at an early meeting of the Progressive League, and Dr. Borst assured us that himself and probably others would come in to attend such a meeting. It is a good movement and should be pushed along.

Cleveland Traction Fight Reported Settled

A dispatch of the sixth from Cleveland states that a settlement of the long-drawn-out traction fight has been agreed upon by the city government and the traction companies. This settlement provides that the Cleveland Railway Company shall be given a 25 year franchise, recoverable at any time any of its provisions are violated and the city reserving the right to purchase at any time municipal ownership is made lawful.

The initial rate of fare is to be three cents on all lines with a one cent charge for tranfers, and a guarantee that at no time shall the rate of fare be greater than will allow the company a return of six per cent upon the value of the property

Judge Robert W. Tayler of the United States Court is by the agreement to determine the value of the property and the maximum rate of fare.

What the effect of this agreement and the taking of the traction question out of the mayoralty campaign—if the report be correct—will be upon Mayor Johnson's candidacy will be a matter of much interest to his friends throughout the country.

The settlement seems to be a substantial victory for the mayor and his adherents—or rather for the great cause of public services for public benefit, whose success is a matter of much greater import to him than any personal victories.

Progress on Right Lines For Waterway Development

The ideal combination for the development of our water transportation facilities seems to be that of Germany, where the national government takes care of the channels, the towns and cities provide local harbors, wharves and modern cargo handling facilities and private enterprise provides the capital for the steamboats and operates them. We are working somewhat on this line in Alabama, where the national government is spending a great deal of money in making our rivers navigable all the year round, and the city of Montgomery is to build a fine wharf of stone, steel and concrete, while private enterprise is active in furnishing boats to carry the commerce at low rates, It is much to be regretted that the city of Mobile is not proving equal to the occasion, adequately improving the river front it owns and securing control of additional frontage to be developed and administered in the interest of the city. Private enterprise is now active at Mobile in providing facilities, but with private ownership of the river frontage, charges will not be limited to the cost of the service actually rendered vessels, for the element of monopoly is inseparable.

Mrs Howland's Letters

October 5—The following beautiful letter from Dr. Leigh Jones, I failed to enclose in last "copy" for these "Letters." x x x In last COURIER I mentioned the plants that Dr. Jones sent me, and I enclose the list. She hoped that they would prove a great benefit to Fairhope. All but one have grown well, this, their first season, some of them wonderfully. If any friend is interested and knows how to winter these plants, I hope I shall have his or her assistance, for I cannot give the time to my garden that I hope to in about a month, and they need inspection now. Of course no one knows how these rare fruits will flourish here, but we should try faithfully to give them the conditions necessary, out of regard to Dr. Jones and to the "Plant Wizzard" Luther Burbank. Some of these, if not all, are the results of his hybridizing. Friends will remember how some years ago I had a whole trellis of real California Muscatel grapes from a graft set in a young Niagara vine. It was such a wonder to me that the many friends who tasted this rare, most delicious fruit, should not have repeated the experiment; but none did but Mr. Delamare—who left us and went back to freeze in Canada!

List of plants sent to the Pines for Experiment.

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On October fourth, Wilbur Wright made another sensational flight in his aeroplane. He flew over North River in the City of New York from Governor's Island to Grant's tomb, a distance of ten miles, and back again, landing with perfect ease at the starting point. He covered the distance of twenty miles in thirty-three minutes, and was part of the time over 200 feet in the air. The wind was blowing about ten miles. He carried with him a small canoe for use in event he might have to alight on the water.

The Oklahoma bank guarantee law has had a severe test and proven its advantage both to depocitors and banks. One of the largest banks in the state failed, but deposits were promptly made good from the guaranty fund. This prevented very probable "runs" on other banks by alarmed depositors. The directors of the failed bank have submitted a proposition to the state banking board looking to the re-opening of their concern and scarcely a ripple has been created on the financial surface.

It is reported that Captain Nichols contemplates putting in a wharf at which the big boats can land; in fact a government inspector has been over to pass upon the advisability of granting a permit for the same. It will strike the shore at the south limit of the Colony land, where a street has been agreed upon by the Colony and the Captain. It is also rumored that Montgomery parties will build a big hotel near the head of the wharf on land which Captain Nichols owns there.

A Town Meeting Movement was launched at Cincinnati on last Sunday afternoon following an address by Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, of the "People's Church" in the Grand Opera House. The Commercial Tribune published Mr. Bigelow's able address practically in full and we are indebted to Mrs. McLean for a copy of the same.

William J. Gaynor, Justice of the Supreme Court, has been nominated for Mayor by the democrats of New York. He is vouched for by those who should know, as being a thoroughly Democratic Democrat. The platform upon which he was nominated declares emphatically for municipal ownership and control of public franchises and utilities.

We are indebted to Mr. A. P. Reid, Provincial Health Officer of Nova Scotia for interesting bulletins of his department. Mr. Reid and his wife visited Fairhope last winter.

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FIFTH THURSDAY CLUB

Musical Recital and Interesting Paper on Emanuel Movement.

The Fifth Thursday Cluib gave one of its most enjoyable programs on Friday last at the Gables.

Mrs. Creswell gave a short piano recital of three numbers as follows.

Nocturne by Letchitesky
Poeme Erotique
Pans Flute by Gotard

Before rendering the last number Mrs. Comings read a poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning descriptive of pan fashioning a flute from a reed.

With a vivid imagination and a fine technique which enables her to interpret her conception of a composition it is always a delight to hear Mrs. Creswell play.

Mrs. Knox's paper on the Emanuel Movement was extremely interesting, giving the psychologic view point as well as the religious. Every sentence was full of help and meaning and caused a very free discussion at the close of the meeting. We have only space for a brief synopsis.

Dr. Worcester of the Emanuel Church of Boston, felt that the world was crying out in distress for practical help which the churches were not giving, they were preaching it but not giving it, showing men how to die but not how to live. prescribing medicine for the spiritual man but not spiritual medicine for the physical man Dr. Worcester felt that if he could convince people that through the spiritual one might become stronger physically, he could win many who were deaf to the spiritual life, for after all humanity must be approached through that which gives it either pain or pleasure—the body.

In order to understand how this is done by Dr. Worcester we must recognize three distinct minds, the Conscious Mind which is the intellectual or objective mind, 2nd. the Sub-conscious or subjective mind and 3, the Supra-conscious or spiritual mind. Scientists tell us that only about one-tenth of our thinking is done by the conscious mind and we are all familiar with the working of the subconscious, how through it so many of our actions become automatic—how it can be affected by suggestion, either from ourselves or from others, how it stores up impressions and facts for future use. In fact our real self is stored away in the sub-conscious and it is from this we really influence, for this is where the real man may be found. It is a vast store-house of knowledge, to which we may have constant access.

But still greater than this is the supra-conscious, the spiritual mind. As you gaze upon the beauties of nature it is this that inspires your soul to look up to God from whence came all these wonders. It is this that inspires such tender mother love that she sacrifices life itself for her child. It is the inspiration of the artist and the musician. Through it we get glimpses of the I nite through finite man. When we consider these things what right has man to be limited? To be shut in by petty grievances and ills when he might be as free as the birds in the trees or all nature rejoicing under Gods abundant sunshine and love?

But how to be free? How use the power of these minds to cuire our ills and weaknesses? These ?questions the Emanuel movement has answered. It has combined the teachings of Christ. It em- for the first time in any religious movement, psychology and the teahings of Christ. It embodies not only the interpretations of the Scriptures but the most modern scientific principles, biological, psychological and theological; interpreting Christs injunction, "Be ye perfect' as meaning body and mind as well as soul.

"As a man thinketh so is he.' It 's thought that transforms the thistle into a valuable product; that makes the common clay into a sculptured vase of beauty; that changes the formless marble of the quarry into the statue of grandeur. Lofty thoughts and aspirations gave us a Lincoln, a Savonarola and a Frances Willard. So thoughts of weakness, rebellion and selfishness give not only a shrivelled soul but a body weakened and incapable of carrying on its God given work.

All this Dr. Worcester embodies n his work. The patient is taught to be calm and quiet, is helped by curative suggestion and auto-suggestion is used. Only functional diseases are treated and then always with the advice of the physician. This is not new it is only a new application of the old. The power of the sub-conscious mind s unlimited. How can we get at t? McDonald of the Emanuel movement says! "Dont get at it, let it get at you. Desire with a strong deep feeling for what you want. Affirm your positive, assert your rights and these desires will be impressed upon the sub-conscious.' Be still. Put right thoughts in place of wrong, love in place of hatred, joy instead of discord and these in .ime will find expression in your life.

"Speak to him then for He hears and
Spirit with Spirit can meet;
Closer is He than breathing,
Nearer than hands and feet.'

After the reading of the paper Miss Nellie Slosson gave three ongs. "The Slumber Boat" by Jessie Gaynor, "Come to Me" by Denza, "My Task" by R. L. Ashford.

This little recital added variety and rounded out another pleasant meeting of this club which stands for sociability and the lighter things of life rather more than any of the other clubs.

About thirty ladies were present and a most animated conversation and discussion was carried on while the young ladies served ice cream.

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Fairhopers Afloat.

(Continued from last issue)

Loading and unloading cargo and "wooding up" always proves interesting and helps to relieve a river trip of all monotony. Another diversion in low water stages is sounding over shoal places Deckhands with sounding-poles are placed on either side the steamer's bow or on the barge, if one is carried alongside, and alternately call out the depth in the peculiar, long drawn out, musical sing-song of river boatmen, "sev-en fe-eet" with a rising tone on the "eet" six- and a half fee-eet, "five fee-eet" "fo-ah fee-eet' three and a half fee-eet." When we got down to three and a half feet, the "Nettie" was scraping the bottom. A few times we had to back up and change our course a little; sometimes actually scraping the bank on one side or the other, and once we went hard and fast, and had to pull off with the capstan and a cable to a tree on the bank as stated. But generally the water would deepen again after getting to three and a half feet or thereabouts until the welcome cry "no-oh bot-tom" sent the signal to the engine-room "full speed ahead."

Some disappointment was felt by us over the absolute lack of towns along the river. Though landings are abundant there is not a single town immediately on the river from Mobile to Selma, nor is the river touched by any railroad between these points. The towns all lie back from the river, due partly, probably, from a belief that it is not healthy near the river and partly to the danger from floods for up the country the river is subject of tremendous raises, fifty feet and more.

A little this side of Selma was passed "Old Cahaba," once the capital of Alabama and the county seat of the county in which it is located. There was once a population of several thousand we were 'old, with many nice homes, but it is now depopulated and practically all of the buildings have been torn down and moved away. One quite stately brick dwelling with columned portico, stood a little way back from the river bank and the writer got a nice kodak snap shot of it as we passed.

Selma presents a picturesque appearance as approached from the river. It crowns a high rocky bluff, and is built up to and indeed into the side of the bluff, in a way to remind one of pictures of some European cities.

Selma is a very pretty city of about 15000 population, with wide streets, beautifully shaded in the residence portion and being rapidly paved in the business section. We had about ten hours in Selma which we used by looking over the city.

We were much surprised to find that though Selma for many years did practically all of its transportation business by the river and still receives and dispatches a large part of its freight in the same way, it has absolutely no facilities for the handling or storage of freight on its water front. The hill up and down which river traffic is handled is twice as bad as the Fairhope hill, it being all a fine team of mules can do to pull 3 bales of cotton, 1500 pounds, up it while teams frequently haul 3000 pounds up the Fairhope hill.

The B. & G. Railroad and Navigation Company has secured a 1site and will, it is stated, put in a large ware house at the top of the bluff, with the latest improved machinery for the handling of freight to and from its steamers.

Owing to too low a stage of water our steamer was unable to go through to Montgomery and turned back from Selma. On the return trip when about 800 miles out from Mobile, we encountered a high southeast wind and Captain Quarles expressed the opinion that there had been a heavy storm on the gulf, which proved to be the case—the storm of September 19-21, which did so much damage on the coast west of Mobile Bay.

One of the pleasantest portions of the trip was the night before reaching Mobile on the return journey when our party sat up on the "hurricane deck" in the brilliant moonlight and sang and talked by turns while our boat swept around the curves, between the somber banks of green.

It was a perfect night, the air cool and refreshing after the storm; no smoke, no dust nor a mosquito, or anything else to annoy. We all then and there voted the trip the most delightful we had ever experienced. The weather was fine, the scenery along the river beautiful, the company congenial—not only of our Fairhope party but of the other fellow passengers with whom pleasant acquaintances were formed— the officers courteous and agreeable, the table excellent and the berths clean and comfortable.

We can heartily recommend a trip up the Alabama or Bigbee rivers, on one of the B. & G. Compan's steamers to one wanting a cheap, interesting and restful trip. As for cheapness it surpasses anything we have ever heard of. Our seven full days, with excellent meals and berths, and travel of over 600 miles, cost us but $5 each. This was a cut rate but we understand it is still in force.

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Mr. Robert D. Christy of Mobile has purchased the south one of the Brown cottages on Bay View Ave., and moved into it on Thursday evening. He contemplates opening a furniture store.

NEW THO'T IN EDUCATION.

Markedly in Evidence at Late Teachers' Institute.

Parallel with the growth of the demand for economics, is the remarkable demand for a better method in education—for what Mrs. Louis Prang called "Natural education."

Dr. Dresslar of the University of Alabama gave many instructive and inspiring talks to the teachers assembled at the County Institute last week at Daphne.

In his lecture on the education of the nervous system, he showed how important it is to follow the natural order of the development of the child. In his talk on arithmetic he insisted that the arithmetic work should be less formal, less bookish, and more natural, more a part of the child's experience. He showed how the use of the rule in actual measurements is most valuable to the fundamental conception of number, and that the teacher's work is largely in helping the child to make his own problems in actual life.

To my mind, one of his very best talks was the one on home geography. In this he showed how the teacher may teach about soils, sunshine, or changes of seasons climate, rainfall, river systems, forms of land and water, direction, products, habits, customs, yes, even commerce, manufactures and government, without going away from the country school-house, and without formal lessons from the text book.

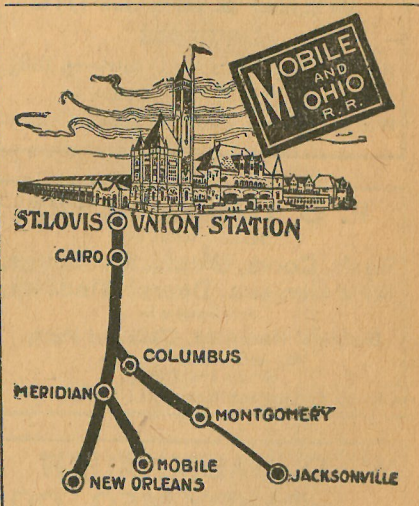
Every word carried conviction, and it was evident that many teachers were encouraged to at least try a more natural method in teaching.

Mr. Mickle, of the Boys' High School of Mobile gave a most interesting glimpse of a page from his own experience in "object teaching." He showed how the most common things of life may be made objects of interesting and delightful study, simply by helping the child to discover new aspects of the object. In the lessons on the egg, a wealth of material for study was revealed.

Object lessons, as such, have fallen into disrepute, largely because of a mistaken point of view on the part of the teacher. When a child is forced to learn and reproduce on demand and in order a certain set of facts about anything, he very soon loses interest in that thing!

The secret of good object teaching as of good teaching of everything is in informal presentation! A child may be led by interest in the subject from the study of an

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Personal and Local

Will Call was home over Sunday.

The rendition of Pinafore has been postponed until after the opening of the winter season, probably soon after the first of January.

Mr. Shawhan of Mobile visited his wife here over Sunday, and like Mrs. Shawhan and her father Judge Maupin was very much pleased with Fairhope.

Tuesday was Henry George Colemans sixth birthday and his mother invited in a number of his little playmates to join him in celebrating it—accompanied by their mothers.

The Annual Meeting of the Arts and Crafts Society will be held at the Gables on Wednesday, October 13, at 3 oclock. A full attendance of members and any who are interested is requested.

J. C. Porter is back for the winter, arriving Sunday morning and his wife will be along a little later. He expects to make further improvements upon his place at once.

Mrs. Bessie Call and her little grand daughter Helen, made a trip on the "Nettie Quill" from Mobile to Naheola on the Tombigbee river leaving Mobile on Saturday evening and returning Monday evening.

Alex J. Melville and his mother arrived from New York on Saturday to make their home with us. Mr. Melville was here prospecting during the summer, with result that he decided to make his home with us. He is a thorough going Single Taxer of the type of which we need many more and is heartily welcome. Mrs. Melville is quite in sympathy with her son, and is favorably impressed with Fairhope.

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Filling Cross and Co. Silo

Messrs. Cross and Company put 12 acres of cowpeas into their new silo this week. Mr. Ring's Maxwell runabout drove perfectly the ensilage cutter which cut the cow-pea vines into small bits and blew the cut material into the silo over the top.

Northern farmers long since demonstrated the value of the silo, and this section will not show its full advantages as a dairy country until silos are generally put in by our farmers.

The need of silage as a succulent winter feed is not so great here for we can have green pastures of oats, rape, vetch crimson clover etc., as well as turnips, rutabagas, collards, mangel beets, etc. growing in the open fields all winter but as a means of curing summer crops it is even more needed here because of our much warmer and damper weather at the time when such crops have to be taken care of.

Much of the cow-pea crop of this vicinity was left in the field much longer than it should have been, waiting for weather in which it was possible to cure it and much was cut only to be ruined by the rains.

With the silo this is all avoided. Showers interfere with filling the silo, only while the rain is actually falling.

We could not but think too, while the finely cut silage was flowing into the silo to cure in its own juices, of how much is gained by this method not only in ability to take care of your forage at the proper time and without anxiety over the weather and of the much greater proportion of it available for feed but of how much loss is prevented after the cutting and storing of the crop.

Forage in the mow—especially cow-peas or corn—no matter how well cured, is immediately subject to heavy loss and deterioration, from rats, weevil, etc., from which silage is safe.

Let us have more silos and improve our milk stock and a sure foundation for enduring prosperity will have been laid.

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Colony Council Proceedings

The Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening. Oct. 4, with Messrs.. Bancroft, Stimpson and Wood present, Johnson absent, G. W. Wood elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes of meeting of Sept. 27 read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

J. W. Braam 38 1-2 hrs. on books, Jan. 21 to May 10	7.70
Home Tel. Co tel. supplies	9.49
E. B. Gaston 125 large eps.	1.25
" rec. fee deed to town	1.50
" postage Aug. & Sept.	1.91

Treasurer's report for September presented as follows:

Receipts.

Rent	271.36	
Penalty	.72	
Stumpage	10.50	
Telephone maint.	10.25	
Membership	100.00	
Waterworks cons.	5.11	
" Maint.	7.92	
Total	405.86	
On hand Sept. 1	1407.63	
Disbursements		
Taxes		63.78
Tel. cons.		4.10
" maint.		18.93
Water-wks. cons		1.30
" maint.		21.60
Postage		.43
Rec. deed		.80
Highways		31.81
Salaries		50.00
Cleaning bath-houses		1.50
Rent costs		19.15
Total		216.90
On hand Sept. 30:		
Water Certs.		411.50
Assn certs.		120.30
Cash		1064.79
	1813.49	1813.49

G. W. Wood, treas.

Application of Frank Stewart for fract lots 2 & 3, blk. 30, div. 2 granted, and rent of same fixed at two-thirds of full sized lot, or $2.40 each.

It was moved and carried that an election be called for Tuesday Sept. 26, 1909 to fill vacancy called by resignation of Mr. Trenholme as superintendent of industries.

Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of assessment for municipal taxes.

Chairman appointed Gaston, Stimpson and Troup.

Mr. Bancroft directed to ascertain and report the number of acres of Corporation land conveyed for streets.

Adjourned. All action by unanimous vote.

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Clinching Uncle Sam

The United States Government has just bought from an alien landlord, a site for a sub-treasury building in this city. The site has an area of 21,646 square feet; the price was $375,000. That is equivalent to $17.32 a square foot, or $754,633.44 an acre. Was that land worth $17.32 a square foot fifty yrs. ago? It was not worth 17 cents a square foot for that would have been $7,405.20 an acre.

How much of that selling value of $17.32 a square foot did that alien landlord contribute to that lot? Not a cent. Who gave that value to the land? The industrial community of San Francisco. Then why should the great value produced by that industrial community be allowed to go into a private pocket, to be confiscated by an individual ?

Is there any wonder that there is confusion in regard to the immorality of graft by former officials of this City and by the givers of bribes? —San Francisco Star.

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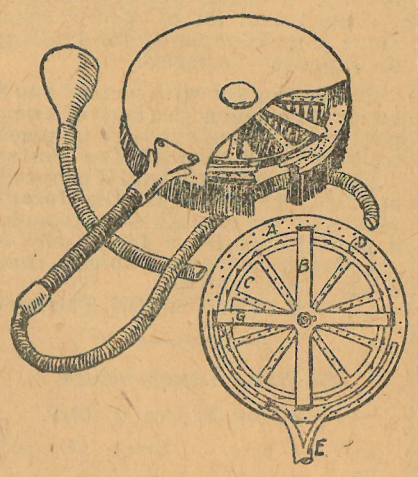
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Nice place of 5 rooms, with large attic reached by easy stairs which would make two more rooms; cellar, cistern, shop, wood-house, etc x3 large lots in all 190x259, in fine cultivation and with a fine variety of fruit in bearing. Colony rent on all $27.50. Fine chance to build one or two other cottages for rent and retain most of the ground for use. Price $700

NOVEL SELF-CLEANING BRUSH

Device Adapted for Bath Brush May Be Used for Scrubbing Floors and Windows.

The device which is illustrated in the accompanying engraving is particularly adapted for use as a bath brush, although with slight modifications it may be used as a scrubbing brush for floors, windows, and similar articles, says the Scientific American. The



Self-Cleaning Brush.

brush is provided with an inner revolvable part arranged, like a water wheel, to be revolved by a stream of water which is supplied from a faucet, through the brush handle. The water serves to keep the bristles clean. The outer ring A of the brush is formed with a spider B in which the inner ring or wheel C is journaled. The ring A is fitted with two rows of bristles arranged to form a continuous brush surface. The spokes of the inner wheel also carry bristles, the ends of which are at the same level as those of the outer ring. Formed on the periphery of the wheel are a series of buckets D which open through the rim. The hollow handle of the brush communicates by means of a branched pipe E with two nozzles F and G which are arranged to direct streams of water against the buckets and thus rotate the wheel C. The water passes through the buckets to the inner side of the wheel and is dashed against the radial rows of bristles. The bristles are thus kept continually wet, and the water flowing over them serves to keep them clean. The top of the brush is covered by a casing which prevents the water from splashing upward.

HELP FOR WASHING DISHES.

Kansan Designs Combined Dishpan and Drain That Will Save Time and Towels.

The humble but important operation of dish-washing has been greatly facilitated through the genius of a Kansan. This man has designed a combined dishpan and drain that will



Water Flows Back Into Pan.

save both time and towels, as it permits the water to drip off the dishes before they are dried. The utensil is made for use only in its dual capacity. The dishpan is cut away to allow one end of the drain trough to enter it. This trough rests on legs which give it a downward slant toward the pan and in the bottom is a rack on which the dishes are stood. This rack is raised slightly, so that the water which drips from the china, glass, etc., runs back into the pan. In this way the dishes are rendered comparatively dry before the towel is applied to them, with the result that they can be completely dried much more speedily than when taken directly from the rinse water, and the towel does not become hopelessly saturated, as by the old-fashioned method.

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"I see that the Turks have been killing the Armenians."

"Yes, but the Turks say that the Armenians attacked them."

"Reminds one of the sheep thief when he was caught just after having killed a sheep; he said he wasn't going to let any doggone sheep bite him."

Anxious to Oblige.

"Have another drink, old man."

"We've had ten. I couldn't possibly swallow another."

"Aw, be a good fellow."

"Then suppose you pour it over me. Will that satisfy the requirements of good fellowship?"—Washington Herald.

Meredith's Narrow Fame.

When the death of George Meredith was announced a group of London newspaper boys quarreled as to his identity. One held that he was an amateur champion cyclist, another maintained that he was "the boss over the biscuit firm," but they finally agreed to the argument of the third, that he was the "bloke what played in the cup final at the Crystal palace."

Mistake in Sickroom.

Mrs. Jones—I hear your husband is suffering from a nervous breakdown. How is he to-day?

Mrs. Smith—Worse. The doctor said we must keep him in an atmosphere of good humor, and we had him almost well, when somebody showed him a Sunday comic supplement.—Judge.

Personal and Local

Miss Celina Roberts is attending Barton Academy at Mobile.

Watch this space for Mrs. Calls fall announcement.

We have puffed wheat now. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Dr. Schowalter has recovered from his operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Curtis have moved into the Sunny Point restaurant building.

Just in "new" bottled pickles, mustards, picalilli, relish, jellies, etc. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Anna Linder of Silverhill, has entered the Organic school and is boarding at The Gables.

Take your meals at the Wilson House if you want to get your money's worth

The Fairhope changed her leaving time at Mobile on Monday to 3 p. m. instead of 3.30.

Excelal! Excelal! Excelal! Call for them they are fine.
Mershon Merchandising Co.

Save steps and get your bread at "Sunny Point." Also fresh pies on hands. Meals 25 cents, lunches.

Our esteemed former fellow-citizen Dr. Henry Borst, was in town on Wednesday looking after his property here and visiting friends.

Something nice for breakfast? We have it, "Purina Pancake Flour."
Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. and Yrs. A. H. Mershon and Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Mershon attended a Sunday school convention at Belforest yesterday.

J. F. Johnson has been laid up for a week, having had a very narrow escape from an attack of pneumonia.

We are getting in a quantity of Satsuma Oranges they are fine, 20 to 30 cets per dozen.
Mershon Merch. Co.

Upton Sinclair, the famous Socialist, author of "The Jungle" telegraphed from Battle Creek, regarding accomodations here and is likely to visit us.

Mrs. Pilcher and daughter Miss Marjorie returned from their extended visit with relatives in New York on Tuesday evening. They had a delightful visit.

Ira Powell was called to join his wife at Cambridge Springs ,Pa., on account of the continued and almost certainly fatal illness of her father, He left on Sunday afternoon. Roy Wilson has charge of the Fairhope Livery in his absence.

Mrs G. W. Patterson writes the Courier from Chicopee Falls, Mass., that herself and husband and two brothers will spend the winter at Fairhope and will occupy the Kile cottage last winter occupied by the Moggs.

C. E. Littlefield has been emploued in Mobile for the past two weeks at architectural work in the office of Hubbard Parker, but was obliged to come home last night on account of the illness of his mother.

Mrs. P. K. Dealy and son Arthur returned on Wednesday evening from their several month's stay in Chicago. Mrs. Dealy's general health is considerably improved but her eyesight ijs entirely gone and there is no hope of recovering it.

The Henry George Club will meet next week, Saturday, with Mrs. E. Q. Norton at Daphne. The ladies will go up on the steamer taking their lunch baskets with them and spending the day. Mrs. Norton is a charming hostess and the day will no doubt be a delightful one.

The Ladies Aid Society will give a fifteen cent supper at the church on Friday night.

Miss Taggart of the Organic School faculty, arrived on Friday evening, Miss Muth, teacher of German and kindergartner, on Saturday evening and Miss Caldwell on Sunday evening. The latter is teaching drawing and is also taking a teacher's course.

Mrs. W. E. Sweet entertained at on Monday evening at her home her Sunday-School class and several others of the young people, and an organization was effected of the "Clover Leaf Bible Class" with Bessie Littlefield, president; Arthur Atherton, Secretary, Anna Mae Oswalt, treasurer, Refreshments were served.

Mr. W.P. Minnich, of St. Louis, whose wife and son spent last winter here in the new Littlefield cottage, was in town this week. He represents the Empire Carbon Wks. of St. Louis, and makes this territory annually contracting the bone meal and other fertilizers made by his firm. The friends made by Mrs. Minnich and her son last winter, will be glad to hear that the son, whose illness occasioned their stay here is fully recovered; also that Mr. and Mrs. Minnich have fully decided to have a home here. While here Mr. Minnich was looking at lots and making a study of the colony policy. They will not get down this coming winter, but beginning next year expect to spend half their time here. ,Mr. Minnich has been travelling over all the gulf coast section for several years and has selected Fairhope as combining more advantages for a winter home than other places.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Public and Organic Schools Open Monday With Good Attendance.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Primary department consisting of first five grades.

Number enrolled 33.

We find our room very pleasant, light, roomy and airy.

The play ground is large and shady.

We appreciate the shade even of pine trees after using a sunny playground so long.

We have eleven in our beginners class. The largest is eight years.

All are beginning the work with a zest which promises good results.

We have a very pleasant school this year in the Mrs. Coutant cottage on the public school lot.

Helen Call, who had been on a trip up the Tombigbee River with her Grandmother returned Tuesday and entered school Wednesday.

Marjorie Pilcher, who had spent the summer with relatives in the north came home Tuesday afternoon and entered school Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Louise Manly visited the school Tuesday afternoon.

We were pleased to see Mr. Oswalt several times in school.

Up to the present time Miss Clements has enrolled thirty-one pupils.

Ferris Riel Reporter.

ORGANIC SCHOOL.

School opened Monday with an enrollment of 54.

The roofing for the Manual Training Building has arrived and it will be ready for use soon. The Domestic Science department will also be in this building.

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SMALL FARM CLOSE IN

Thirteen acre farm (Colony leasehold) within one and a quarter miles of postoffice. All good land 8 acres in cultivation, 5 acres under separate fence but practically cleared. House of four rooms; new barn 20 x 32, with room for ten tons of hay. A dozen young Satsuma orange trees; lot of wild persimmons in position ready for grafting to Japanese varieties.

Can be bought with 2 cows and a heifer, 50 chickens 1-2 acre of sweet potatoes and feed enough on place. to feed stock through the winter, There is enough land if properly handled, to raise all the forage necessary for enough cows to make a good living for a family and is practically in town. Colony rent, $10.80. Price, $700.00.
GASTON & SON, Fairhope

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Summer Temperature.

September 30–Oct. 6, 1909.

Sept.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
30	—	—	—
Oct.			
1	—	—	—
2	64	84	70
3	60	84	72
4	65	86	75
5	67	87	74
6	70		76

7 clear days, light breezes. L. F. Manly.

FINE SUBURBAN PROPERTY FOR SALE OR RENT.

FOR SALE OR RENT: Very desirable property within five minutes' walk of the postoffice Good, two-story house, 22 x 30, all ceiled. Detached kitchen, 12 x 16, two cisterns, fine grape arbor and other fruit, barn, chicken houses, etc. 7½ acres of ground, about 5 acres cleared and in cultivation. Will nt very low to good tenant, or sell at a bargain. GASTON & SON.

TWO FORTY ACRE FARMS FOR SALE

All under good wire fence, small house, good barn, wagon shed, packing house, chicken houses and runs, fine bored well, some orange, fig and persimmon trees. 7 or 8 acres cleared and broken. Just two miles from center of town. Will rent for $50 a year or sell at a bargain.

40 acres owned land for sale with improvements; abour two miles from Fairhope; all under fence, 2 acres cleared, two barns (one large dairy barn) small house, well with pump, price $1100
GASTON & SON.

Ten acre place close in, 5 acres cleared and in good tilth; house story and a half 14x26, detached kitchen, porch, cistern and pump.
Colony rent $12.00
Price $375.00
GASTON & SON.

The enrollment in the Business Course is not quite complete. If any desire either book keeping or stenography they should make application at once.

The German classes seem to be especially interesting and include nearly the entire school above the kindergarten.

A number of teachers who are unable to attend the school are taking the Professional course by correspondence.

Mrs. Comings has an article on Fairhope and Organic Education in the North Shore News Letter, published in Glencoe, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

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New Thought in Education

(Continued from 3rd. page)

egg in the barn yard to the study of the African desert, but he cannot successfully be driven to it by the teacher—only the subject itself can entice him. There was where Mr. Mickle showed himself a true artist. He kept himself and the demands of the school in the back-ground, and allowed the egg to lead the child into new and undiscovered countries The teacher following and lending a hand whenever necessary, but not dominating!

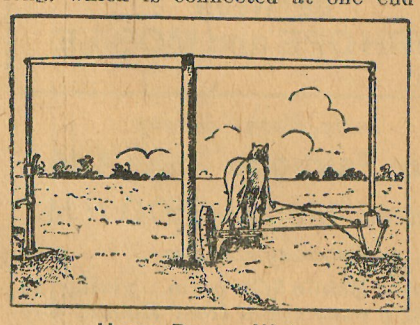
This is what Froebel means when he says that the teachers part is rather passive and following than active and leading.

The most encouraging thing in educational progress today is the growing sentiment in favor of greater simplicity in teaching. A demand is being made for a more natural method. Teachers should study the order of the development of the child and adapt the exercises of the school to that order. When teachers begin studying the nervous system of the growing child, and learn the effects of formal study and fatigue there will be less effort made to keep children "up to grade' and more effort to keep the work in harmony with the requirements of the child's delicate organism. M. L. J.

WALKING-BEAM POWER PUMP.

Home-Made Contrivance for Supplying Water for Ranch by Horse Unaided.

The accompanying sketch shows a novel horse power pump which is used on a ranch in Oregon. This pump consists of a walking beam 20 to 25 feet long, which is connected at one end



Horse Pumps Water.

to the pump rod and at the other end to the shaft of an old mower wheel, says Popular Mechanics. This shaft is lengthened out to about twelve feet and bent into the shape of a crank near the end opposite the wheel. The bearings for this crank are made from a piece of bar iron V-shaped with a flat bottom. This iron is bolted down loosely to a piece of timber fitted into the ground. The horse is hitched on near the wheel. The V-shaped bearing turns as the horse walks around in a circle and the crank makes a double stroke for every revolution of the mower wheel. Where a well is deep two mower wheels may be put together to add tractive weight. A horse soon learns to operate this pump without a driver.

NICELY IMPROVED SMALL PLACE CLOSE IN.

Five acres within three-fourths mile of post-office; 4 acres cleared; house 6 rooms, 2 cisterns, 60 fruit trees, pecans, figs, persimmnos peaches ,scuppernong vines, good barn, pasture fenced separate. Colony rent on land, only $7.50 a year. Price $600. Gaston & Son.

FIVE ROOM HOUSE FOR $150.00

Five room house with gallery front and side, on two lots each 66 X 132, well fenced and cleared; 7 2 yr. old orange trees, 1 bearing persimmon. 3 scuppernong vines, one bearing; chicken-house and lot. Rent of lots only $7.20. Price $150 cash. Gaston & Son.

$800. A BIG SACRIFICE SALE

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A clock, which is absolutely silent, so that not the slightest ticking is heard, that is guaranteed to go for 1,000 days without requiring the slightest human attention, and that will keep correct time in any position —even upside down—such is the Eureka electric clock recently invented by an Englishman, and which was submitted for the inspection of the king by Mr. Sigismund Kutnow, chairman of the Eureka Clock Company.

The simplicity and science of the mechanism of the invention are remarkable.

This clock is an entirely new departure. It is as unlike the old timepiece, with its weights, wheels and pendulums, as can possibly be imagined.

Its dial hands are moved by direct impulse from the electric current. Hitherto, attempts at making a self-winding clock have failed, owing to the complexity of the mechanism

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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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Mrs Howland's Letters

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The Gardena Dewberry; the Hybrid Berry Phenomenal, (larger than the largest berry ever known;) two new raspberries: the Giant Cardinal, and the Giant Farmer; the Giant Climbing blackberry, and the Japanese fig, the Hirtu.

Dr. Clara Atkinson succeeded with the Wonderberry, but I did not and was not much attracted to it on one trial.

John Lewis Child's Catalog for 1909 has full descriptions and illustrations. Both plants and catalogue are to be seen here.

Doctor Jones' Letter

Elk Lake, Penn., Aug. 29-09

My Dear Mrs. Howland:

I have been at this little lake among the hills of northeastern Pennsylvania for nearly a month, and expect to return to Brooklyn in a few days. We have an elevation here of nearly 2,000 feet, and are comparatively free from the humidity that makes our Atlantic coast so trying in the summer. I brought three little city girls up with me and they have had amost wonderful time. Almost their first experience of the country. I find it necessary to get away from my work every summer and I like this little place because it is quiet and "far from the madding crowd." I have been intending ever since I came here to write to you but it is hard to concentrate my attention upon either books or writing with these youngsters. I have taken the elder of these girls, age 13, to care for until she has her high school course and has learned something whereby she may earn her own living. Her mother died in May last, and this child was quite unprovided for. I never expect anything in the nature of a return for anything of this kind I may do. So I am not wondering if I shall derive any comfort later on from the arrangement. If perchance, she grows up a useful member of society, it is all I shall hope for. I am having he COURIER forwarded to me here and so I have kept in touch with Fairhope with an increasing interest. The news that interests and pleases me most of all is the item relating to Mr. Ring and his plans with reference to the dairy farm. The ice plant, too, is a step in the right direction especially in that climate.

Aug. 31. My very last day at Elk Lake, for though I intend to write you more fully on my return home there will be many things to claim my attention. Good by for the present then and later I will write again.

Ever Affectionately,
Florence Leigh Jones.



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THE GOSPEL OF LABOR

But I think the king of that country comes out from his tireless host.
And walks in this world of the weary as if he loved it the most;
For here in the dusty confusion, with eyes that are heavy and dim,
He meets again the laboring men who are looking and longing for him.
He cancels the curse of Eden, and brings them a blessing instead;
Blessed are they that labor, for Jesus partakes of their bread
He puts his hands to their burdens; he enters their homes at night;
Who does his best shall have as his 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.
—Henry Van Dyke, in National Monthly

THE SINGLE TAX A LANDOWNERS' TAX

Majority of Land Owners in Twenty Municipalities Vote for it

By A. G. Huie, Sydney, N. S. W.

It is commonly asserted by opponents of land values taxation that the advocates of this reform do not own land, and that they are seeking to promote a change in the incidence of taxation from purely selfish motives. Fortunately, I am in a position to be able to prove conclusively that there is nothing in the criticism At the same time I do not for one moment agree. with the view that the landless have no interest in the land values of the country, and consequently have no right to say whether they should be taxed or not. If all those who own no land in New South Wales left the country it would be a bad day for landowners. It would reduce land values by about seventeen shillings in the pound. The owners of the land today are indebted to the landless for seventeen shillings in the pound of the value of the land they own. The right therefore of the landless to a voice in saying how the land shall be taxed is beyond question, but in practice it is not really necessary.

The Local Government act of 1906 gives the rate payers the right to demand a poll as to the incidence of rates, except the general rate, an under some conditions loan rates. So far there have been twenty polls. But only landowners can demand a poll, and record their votes. See how careful parliament was to deal tenderly with the interests of landowners. It gave them power to please themselves as to how they should be rated. I must admit that I viewed this concession to the landowners with some misgivings. But they have proved groundless. Here are all the available particulars about all the polls taken to date; all demanded and decided by the landowners themselves in favor of land value taxation. They were ken in localities where conditions in many ways are widely different, but in each case the majority came to the same conclusion, viz., that their homes, shops, factories, farms, orchards, and other improvements should be free from taxation.

At these twenty landowners' polls there was more than a two to one majority in favor of rating upon unimproved values. It was simply a case of landusers outvoting land speculators. If we consider the matter for a moment, it will be clear that such results are perfectly logical. The majority own land for use, not for pleasure or speculation, It was to them a case of financial gain. There was no moral sentiment about it at all. It was sound businesss. No doubt some saw that true principles and financial gain were running in double harness, while others merely did what it paid them to do.

The land is owned by a minority of the population (the proportion of land owners to landless being about one in eight:) but it is a minority of that minority that really profits from the injustice of the private ownership of land values. If we decided to make the interest on the cost of railways and tramways a charge upon the value of the land, it would operate in exactly the same way. The same may be said of the substitution of land value taxation for customs duties. The whole Single Tax policy could be introduced with positive advantage to a large majority, not of the people, but of the landowners themselves. As the people make land values they have a right to direct that such values shall be taken as public revenue, and expended in the interests of all. Experience, however, shows that the landowners hemselves naturally favor taxation of land values, hence the Single Tax is a landowner's policy, and the real opposition to it is confined ts a few speculators, whose distinguishing characteristics are inordinate greed and laziness.—The Square Deal.

Dinner to John Z. White.

Editor Courier:

Recently the Henry George Association of Chicago gave a dinner to John Z. White on the eve of his departure for an eight months' trip to the Pacific coast.

Prof. Hiram B. Loomis, principal of Hyde Park High School, Chicago, presided. The principal speakers of the evening were Louis F. Post, editor of the Public, S. Y. Gillan of Milwaukee, Wis., editor of Western Teachers' World, Hon. E. O. Brown and John Z. White. The various phases of the Single Tax movement were presented in an interesting and encouraging manner.

Mr. Gillan, among other things, dwelt on the great importance of the Initiative, Referendum and Recall in securing desired reforms.

Ex-Judge Brown, who had just returned from a few weeks' visit to England, where he heard members of the Britsh cabinet and parliament speak in public on the subject of their budget, and where he attended the great Hyde Park demonstration, told of listening to arguments familiar to every Single Taxer. He said that in England the budget was the universal topic of conversation wherever he went, whether on the public conveyances, at hotels or private houses. The justice of the measures proposed in the budget was generally conceded. What will the Heuse of Lords do in the case? was the common question. Some thought that if the lords rejected the measure on the ground that it was more than a financial enactment and was in reality a revolutionary act, there would be a likelihood of the abolition of that house, and that the king, fearing for his prerogative, might interpose and favor the budget as it is.

During the past six years of Mr. White's work for the Henry George Association of Chicago, Mr. White has delivered over a thousand lectures before commercial clubs, schools and colleges in all parts of the United States. In the tour upon which he has just entered, he expects to deliver about two hundred and fifty lectures in a hundred or more cities. His work has become a great educating force in this country. James P. Cadman.

Chicago, October 9, 1909.

SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS TO BE PLACED AT HOME

It has been found impossible to float the school-house bonds at five per cent interest. In larger amounts bonds can be floated at this rate, but $3,000 is too small an amount to justify the expense of legal investigation etc., which a bank or trust company would require. The last special session of the legislature amended the law to permit towns under a certain size to issue six per cent bonds, but Fairhope's issue was provided for under the old law.

There is a good prospect, we understand, of a large part if not all of our bonds being placed at home, and being made the equivalent of six per cent bonds, by a discount of ten per cent made by the contractor. It will be very much to the credit of the town if it can be done and in many ways advantageous.

Some one writing from "206,234 La Salle St. Chicago," has requested copy of illustrated booklet on Fairhope, but neglected to sign his name. If this reaches his eye he will understand why it has not been received.

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More Water Storage Imperatively Needed

With a rapidly increasing number of water consumers—six connections having been put in within a few days or to be made as soon as possible—the need of greater reservoir capacity is being keenly felt.

Under the circumstances Mr. Massey has done exceedingly will in keeping a constant supply in the pipes, but at a cost to him of an excessive amount of labor for the compensation and an increased fuel consumption and at the best, a very scanty supply is at hand in case of a call for an unusual amount because of fire.

The present 10x12 tank has been entirely outgrown and is in the way at the intersection of the streets in the busiest part of town, does not furnish either the volume or pressure demanded for good service and should be superseded at the earliest possible moment.

A concrete standpipe, either of reinforced monolithic style of construction or possibly blocks keyed together by a new plan especially designed for such purpose, would seem to be the best method of securing the additional reservoir capacity.

Cement is very cheap here at tide water. We have the sand and the labor and a plan could no doubt be found for securing the cash necessary to be repaid out of the saving which could be effected in the cost of pumping, by having to pump much less frequently and from new connections constantly being paid for on the line of present mains, where the cost making the connections is very little.

This addition to the water system is one of the most pressing things before us and should have immediate attention.

A Co-operative Bank

I wish some reader of this journal, a real co-operator, would go to work getting up a credit Society or People's Bank.

I forget if I have ever described here this money co-operation. There are thousands of them in Germany and Austria; they are spreading extensively over the co-operative countries. In many parts they have been the beginning of co-operation from which have grown the creameries, supply associations and stores. In some respects they are the best first step; they are built on neighborly confidence, they teach business ways and supply capital.

Fifty or more reputable neighbors form a society; they make and sign an agreement, elect officers and a secetary to keep the accounts and handle the money.

The agreement states that they are to be jointly responsible, that the business shall be to receive deposits and borrow money and lend it to their members on personal security and for productive purposes only. The officers are authorized to borrow and lend.

Because every one knows his liability, the most responsible and experienced members are elected to office especially the loan committee.

It is no surprise that there are no losses, though in Germany alone there are several thousand such societies lending annually about five hundred million dollars. The borrower can pay and he always does.

The only expense is nominal pay (if any) to the secretary who is usually a bright young farmer.

Besides bringing money into the locality and getting more capital in use, it helps the honest poor man who can not borrow at a bank; it brings the neighbors together in real affairs, it shows them that they can trust each other and can make money and friendship by associating

They are then ready to buy and sell jointly, start a creamery, cannery, shipping association or store. Go to work in your neighborhood, in town or country. —Fellowship.

Bolton Hall sends the foregoing and suggests that Fairhope should be a good place to put in such a bank. Certainly we need a bank of some kind and this might be the most practical plan upon which to get one.

Active Single Taxers of Ontario

The enterprising Single Taxers of Ontario, Canada have put a special representative in the field. At present he is giving practically his whole attention to getting municipal councils and other influential bodies to endorse the following petition:

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

Whereas, buildings, and other improvements are the products of individual industry, and are acknowledged by all to be beneficial to the community, and taxing them discourages their production and is thus detrimental to the interests of the community.

And Whereas land values are not the result of individual effort, but are the product of the community as a whole, and taxing them discourages holding land out of use for speculation, and encourages putting it to productive uses, thus conducing to the prosperity of the community,

Therefore your Petitioners pray that your Honorable Body will amend the Assessment Act so that municipalities may tax improved values at a lower rate than land values; business assessments, incomes and salaries to be classed with improvement values, and the difference in the rates, in every case, to be determined by the Municipality.

Curious Idea Regarding News

The Public pertinently and forcibly calls attention to the curious idea of "news" shown by the press associations and foreign correspondents of American newspapers, who cable columns of stuff about the most trivial events and say practically nothing about one of the greatest politico-economic contests in the history of England—that over the new budget of the Liberal Party.

The newspapers usually show a pretty keen appreciation of what the people want to know about, and it is possible the American people are more eager to know the gossip about the titled aristocrats of England and the wealthy snobocrats who go there from here to spend their money, than about the great question of whether the rapidly increasing expenses of the English nation are to be drawn from wealth flowing without effort of their own to a very small minority of the people, or by increasing the already crushing burdens upon the necessities of the masses; and whether or not a handful of hereditary peers shall veto the measures of the elective Commons; but if so, it is a terrible indictment of the American people.

We hope and believe that the trouble is with the press associations and correspondents rather than the reading public.

Mrs Howland's Letters

* * * * October 12——Unless we are visited by some unforeseen misfortune, the last page of our new catalog will have left the type writers before these words are printed, and next week the printers can commence printing them if they are ready. I need not say how great is the sense of relief that I experience in seeing the work practically completed. I think my friends would very generally conclude that the exaltation is altogether inadequate to the cause but "action and reaction are equal." Next week the "Letters" will improve.

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

Dr. Borst writes Mr. Gaston that himself and others are planning to come over on next Sunday to meet with our citizens and discuss th new independent political movement recently organized at Loxley and of which mention was made in the last Courier.

The Progressive League has not yet resumed its regular Sunday afternoon meetings and the writer will take the liberty of announcing a meeting for three o'clock Sunday afternoon in the west room of the Organic School building to hear from Doctor Borst and his friends regarding the new movement and take such action, if any, as may be deemed desirable.

The Proof of the Pudding

If the plan of getting public revenue from land values created by the public, is better than that of getting it from values created by individuals and leaving other individuals to collect the publicly created values, it must show better results wherever tried, no matter upon how small a scale.

In this belief Fairhope was founded and every year demonstrates with increasing force its soundness.

No other community can offer such advantages to the land user, and the land speculator who, as such, is of the same value to society that the flea is to the dog, can be spared to the communities which favor such.

To Open Furniture Store.

I wish to announce to the public that I will within the next few days open a furniture store in the room in the Brown Block now occupied by C. J. Littlegreen.

I shall carry a good stock and solicit your patronage.

Will also do furniture repairing.

R. D. Christy.

Editor Millard of "The Iberian," New Iberia La., and a member of the committee in charge of the town water and light plant is making a strong fight against a proposed plan of leasing the system to private parties and in favor of the city retaining the management of the plant and spending the necessary money to put and keep it in a high state of efficiency.

THE LANDLESS ERA

The End of the Free Land in America and Its Meaning

(F. C. Howe in Scribner's)

The west is now inclosed. The free land has been taken up. There is now no home-stead to be had for the asking. The frontier has only an historical significance. The national domain is a thing of the past. "The public lands which now remain are chiefly arid in character," says the public land commission. The opportunity for a home which for three centuries was open to all, has finally been closed by title deeds or fraudulently appropriated by individuals and corporations in collusion with the government.

The inclosure of the free public domain terminates the greatest epoch in American history. In a big perspective it may be likened to the fall of Rome, the opening up of a new route to India by Vasco di Gama, or the discovery of America by Columbus. It marks the end of the westward drift of civilization, a drift which, with occasional interruptions, had been going on since the beginning of history. Ever since the seventeenth century the old world had a vent in America. During these centuries Europe has been relieved of its discontent by the broad, hospitable prairies of the west. America has been a hospital for of the world. The opportunity it offered has relieved the explosive elements of other lands and brought them back into harmony with life.

An undertow is now setting back upon the east. Population is crowding in upon our cities. The energetic wage-earner who for merly followed the westward trail, is now entering the trade union. Here he will find expression for the energy which formerly found an outlet in the west. It is this that explains the present industrial unrest. It is this that accounts for the political ferment.

No longer can the discontented hope to improve his fortunes in another longitude. He must remain at home, become a tenant or a wage earner.

It is this, too, that explains the coming of poverty and distress. The alternative of a home-stead in the west, which for three centuries has relieved the dispossessed of the world, is now closed forever. It is this that explains the change which has come over the spirit of America during the last ten years. And as time goes on this spirit of unrest must of necessity increase. In this sense, as has been said, America is the mirror of all history. An understanding of the evolution of our own land offers a key to an understanding of the eastern world from the beginnings of the migration of the Greek colonists out of the Peloponnesus into the western seas.

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It Worked While He Slept.

Rip Van Winkle, just awake, staggered down to the village outskirts. He hardly knew the place. What had been a swamp before he fell asleep now bore a sign with huge letters, "Terrace View Park; Villa Plots for Sale." A steam roller was at work leveling crushed stone on a street Rip had never seen before, and didn't know the name of. It was "Tulip Boulevard"—a queer name, Rip thought as he read the placard at the corner.

Getting more and more dazed Rip tottered nearer town, crossing the River Street bridge, and going up South Street to Main. Here his jaw fell three inches and his lowermost whiskers tickled his knees, for—George Washington Irving!—what was that? There was Rip's house, sure enough, a tumble-down weather-swept ruin, but still recognizable. Rip's fence was all gone, but one rotten gate-post was still standing. Bricks were missing from the chimney—but it wasn't these things that dumfounded honest Van Winkle. It was the fine "brick block" of stores on one side of his property, and the new four story "Eagle Hotel" on the other—both erected since he ducked out into the storm twenty years before, to escape the wrath of Mrs. Rip. All Main Street was changed, in fact; changed and new. There were rows of fine buildings every where. Rip felt his poverty keenly.

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The little real estate agent was talking briskly, and Rip was his sole auditor. Several hours had elapsed since the latter's return; he had made himself known after some vigorous effort, got a shave and a shine, and was now learning something to his advantage.

"Yes, my dear Mr. Van Winkle," the real estate agent was saying, "your return was a most timely one for you. Your land some time ago was selected as the site for the new bank building, but until it could be learned whether you were alive or dead, no clear title could be obtained to it. Now that you have turned up safe and sound, I am empowered to offer you the sum of twenty thousand dollars for your property.

"Twenty thousand dol—Why, the house ain't fit for kindling scarcely!" gasped the dazzled Rip.

"The house will be torn down and sold to a second-hand building contractor for about fifty cents, probably," said the real estate man. "We want the land. Property on Main Street has grown tremendously in value in the last few years and your lots are among the most desirable. Well, what do you say? Twenty thousand dollars?"

Rip rubbed his eyes, and when he replied it seemed as though he were talking to himself.

"A rich man,' he mused. "Yes, rich! And all I did to make me so was sleep. Oh, why didn't I sleep fifty years instead of 20? Then the old place might have netted me half a million.

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Britain's Tax Dodgers

The cry of spoilation which the British landowners are raising has prompted feelings of sympathy in this country among those who do not know the situation at home. But when it is learned that those who cry out are to be asked to contribute less in proportion than land owners in Canada are required to pay, sympathy changes to surprise at their continued success in dodging taxation. Large areas of land are held idle, and the owners pay virtually no taxation, the public evidently being made to believe that the holder of vacant land is a public benefactor.

It is an obvious fact that in no peaceful and legal way can a man inflict greater injury on the community in which he resides than by holding land idle. How the men pursuing such a course have managed so long to escape and delude the public is a mystery. If a man builds a house, raises a crop, or establishes a productive industry the assessor pursues him as if he were an enemy of the state, but if by the idle holding of land he prevents his fellow-citizens from doing any of these useful things he is virtually exempt. Lloyd George has arguments so plain and convincing that the people of Britain are wondering that they did not see the wisdom of his policy long ago. They are now asked to make a beginning in the introduction of a policy that will penalize the holding of idle land and lessen the burden on productive industry.

The feeble pretense that the land taxation will ultimately be shifted to the productive workers is making no headway. There is more danger in the effort to entangle the policy of land taxation with the demand for a protective tariff. The plausible arguments in favor of trade obstruction are all doing service, and the innocent are deceived as they were in Canada. Statesmen of repute do not hesitate to urge the fallacious reasoning that was exploded before they were born. It seems easier to promote the unsound theories of protection than to oppose the crushing logic of those who want the state to share in the revenues of land owners.—Toronto Globe.

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Miss Herring Meets Boston Single Taxers

My dear Mr. Gaston.

I lately asked you to give me the names of some Boston Single Taxers. I now write to say that you need not take the trouble, as I have discovered them, and am therefore happy. I attended the banquet at the Twentieth Century Club last night, in honor of Henry George, Jr., who told us, in a most charming and interesting way, of what is being done in the different countries of the world as to taxation of land values. His experiences with the men who are guiding this work in England, Germany, Russia and Japan were very significant and indicate that the people in general have no idea of the magnitude of work that is being initiated. I will not give any data, as you will have these through the regular publications. The conclusion reached by Mr. George during this trip, was expressed by him in these words. "The world is ours."

I was asked to speak about Fairhope, which you may know I did with great pleasure; and of course, told them that I hoped each would some time have the good fortune to live in Fairhope, and a great many expressed a great desire to do so. I have the pleasure of dining with Mrs. Prang tonight, where I will, I hope, hear a great deal more from Mr. George about what the nations are doing, and are going to do, with their land.

Please do not fail to see that my new address goes on the Courier list promptly. for you know I my new address goes on the Couriers. Yours very sincerely,

Alice G. Herring.

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The land from which the Cross & Co. peas were cut for putting into the silk, is already planned to use proof oats. These will be ready for pasturing in January, if weather conditions continue favorable, and after pasturing for six weeks or two months, will be ready to cut in April or May in plenty of time for two crops of cow peas next season, or a crop of corn, or sweet potatoes. Thus we can keep the ground in use all the time and by including cow peas or other legumes in the rotation and manuring will keep its fertility increasing rather than decreasing.

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A copy of the Post of Hudson, Mich., received by L. E. Ames, tells of the death of Mr. B. Wright, who with his son and the latter's wife spent last winter here. We were astonished to learn from the notice that Mr. Wright was in his eighty-fifth year. He was a very active man for such years and was planning to return to Fairhope, the coming winter. He made many friends here, who will learn with regret that they are not to see him here again.

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Upton Sinclair Coming

Mrs. Comings received word this week from Upton Sinclair, the famous Socialist, author of "The Jungle" that he would be here soon and would put his young son in the Organic School.

Death of Mrs. E M Littlefield

Mrs. E. M. Littlefield, mother of C. E. Littlefield, died on Sunday evening, October 10th at 5.30 and was buried in Fairhope Cemetery on Monday morning.

The funeral services were held at the Littlefield home and conducted by Rev. G. W. Wood, with music by a choir composed of Mesdames C. L. Mershon and Knox, and Messrs. C. L. Mershon and E. B. Gaston. Mrs. Littlefield had been in feeble health for a long time so that life was more of a burden than a pleasure to her and death was welcomed as a happy release.

Catherine Durlin was born in Pittsburg, Warren County, Pa., Feb., 2, 1828. She was married to Enos M. Littlefield on October 10, 1847, and to them were born four children, of which are living a daughter, Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, of Ottawa, Kansas, and a son Mr. C. E. Littlefield of Fairhope.

With her husband Mrs. Littlefield moved to Iowa in 1855 and settled in Annamosa, Iowa, in 1860 where they lived until the death of her husband in 1895. Mrs. Littlefield had been making her home with her son in Fairhope for the past four years.

She was a fine christian character having been a member of the Methodist church for more than fifty years, taking a prominent part in Sunday-school and all church work until failing health made this impossible.

She was a devoted wife and mother and was much loved by her associates and friends, and will be missed, by all who knew her.

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Arts and Crafts Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Arts and Crafts Society was held at the Gables on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 13.

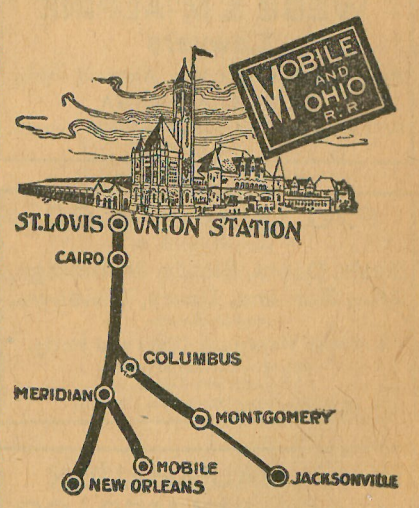
The following officers were elected.

Mrs. Comings president; Mrs. Gaston, Vice President; Mrs. Bertha Mershon, Secretary; Mrs. Almeda Mershon, Treasurer;

Miss Daphne Brown was chosen as delegate to the Fifth Thursday Club.

Mr. F. L. Brown has kindly offered the use of his kiln to the members if they should at any time have any pottery to burn.

At a previous meeting it was decided to offer to the Manual Training School, the pottery wheel which belongs to the society. Any members will have privilege to use it there, at any time they desire.



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Personal and Local

Miss Ola Powell spent from Saturday morning until Tuesday evening in Mobile, guest of Miss Eloise Cleveland.

Messrs. Hugh and Gilbert Simmers are working in Mobile now, after spending the summer here with their parents.

Mr .Ruge is having the building recently moved to the corner next his store, fitted up for his own use and will move his business into it.

Mr. C. F. Spangler, wife and baby, of Canton, Ohio, arrived on Thursday evening of last week for the winter. They are in one of Mrs. Comings cottages.

J. J. Jones, who has been on Dr. Greeno's farm, has moved into town in order to have the advantage of the school for his children. He and family are occupying the former Hail place.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish expect to winter in Fairhope and will occupy their own property, the former Frank Creswell property on Section St. They expect other friends to accompany them.

Mr. Roake, of St Paul, who with his wife spent last winter here writes that he is going to Marlin, Texas to take the baths, but if not satisfied there will pull back to Fairhope.

Father Knowles returned on Saturday evening from his tour in good health and spirits and brought with him his daughter, Mrs. Alma Sampson and her little son Rexford, who will remain until after New Year's.

Miss Frances Gaston has received word from Miss Vera Smith that herself and parents and six other families from Rockford, expect to arrive at Fairhope for the winter, early in November, and other families probably coming later.

Mr. S. A. Crissey, of Marengo Ill., who with his wife spent a portion of last winter with us writes that unless detained by something now unforeseen they will start for Fairhope again about Dec., 1st. He says. "We were very much pleased with the place and the people while there last winter."

Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor spent the week end at their summer home here and on Saturday evening invited in a number of their friends for a dance. The following were present. Misses Celina Roberts, Jessie Simmers, Frances and Leah Gaston; Messrs. Arthur and Will Dealy, Arthur Atherton and Cornie Gaston.

James Gaston of the Courier force left on Saturday evening for Wetumpka, Ala., in response to an urgent request from H. R. Golson of that city, to assist in installing and instructing his force in the use of a typograph. Mr. Golson was here a few weeks since to see the Courier's typograph and was so pleased with it that he immediately ordered one.

Mrs. Frances R. Riley arrived from Farmington Michigan, on last Friday evening and brought with her Mrs. Helen Gray and Mrs. Ed. Stevens of Farmington and her daughter Mrs. Pound and two children of Pontiac, Mich. Mrs. Riley has come to stay. All the others expect to spend the winter here and may decide to to remain. Mrs. Pound's two sons have entered the Organic School. Mrs. Riley purchased Mr. Ruge's cottage on the corner of Fairhope Avenue and School Street and is now at home in it.

The ground is being cleared and material assembled for the new hotel to be built on Mobile Avenue, just across the bridge, by Mrs. McClintock and Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Morgan joined his wife here on last evening and is actively directing operations. Mrs. Crenshaw of Mobile, will also spend the winter here with her sisters Mrs. McClintock and Mrs. Morgan and her husband will be over frequently. He has brought over his handsome driving horse and rubber-tired runabout.

Father Knowles who left Fairhope on his late trip on July 19th says that he found the heat much more oppressive in Kansas than here. The same day the Courier's weather report showed 98 degrees here, the hottest registered by our observer's thermometer, it was 108 and one-half degrees in Delphos, and there were several days that it was that or very near it. There were a couple of weeks that it reached over 100 degrees every day and most of these days it went up to 105 and 106. Within ten days corn depreciated fully 25 per cent.

Pelicans as Pets.

An esteemed subscriber of the Courier wrote the editor the following interesting letter but marked it "not for publication." We prevailed upon him to let us print it, but without his signature Ed.

Editor Courier.

I noticed in a recent issue of your paper a notice of a Pelican that was captured on your shores.

From actual experience I want to say that a wild pelican can be so tamed as to become quite a useful domestic bird.

They are the best substitute for a good watch dog that I know of.

After they are kept in captivity for awhile, they learn to readily distinguish the members of the household from stangers, and when ever strangers approach will repeatedly gve their loud and blatant "quank" until some member of the household appears. This will occur particularly during the night time and in all kinds of weather. They never seem to "sleep on duty."

The bird can also be taught to deliver the fish they catch to the master. While fish is their principal food, and they will work industriously catching them, they seem to look upon raw fresh meat or liver as a delicacy beyond compare, and will deliver a fish which they may have in their pouch any time for a very small bit of fresh meat or liver.

If you approach them when they are fishing prepared with some bits of fresh meat—a very small piece will suffice—and when you see they have a fish in their pouch, give them a bit of the meat and they will surrender the fish, or throw it on the ground, at your feet.

If you take up the fish and show them that you want and not give them any more meat until they bring you another fish, you will soon find them busy catching and trading fish for bits of meat. It requires a little patience at first, but they soon learn. Never attempt to fool them. If you do they will never forget or forgive you.

They are excellent fisherman, and it is great sport, especially for the young folks to get them busy catching fish.

Their bill is very strong and when provoked they will bite viciously and severely.

I captured many years ago by breaking its wing with a shot, one that lived and fished after this manner ten years and was the best "watchdog" ever on the place.

I have heard that a metal ring is sometimes placed around their necks immediately below the head,

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small enough to prevent them from swallowing the fish they catch, so as to secure the fish and compel them to continue fishing, but I never saw it tried.

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An Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows. Under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 1311 of the Revised Code of Alabama, a municipal tax of five mills upon each one dollar of assessed valuation is hereby levied upon all property and subjects of taxation within the municipal limits of the Town of Fairhope for the tax year commencing October 1, 1909, and ending September 30, 1910. The proceeds of said tax are to be used for the purposes of the minicipality, and the assessments upon which said tax shall be levied shall be ade by thme Town Clerk upon values as fixed by the state assessment of State and County taxes due and payable October 1, 1909. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to proceed as speedily after the passage of this ordinance to make such assessment and return same forthwith to a regular meeting of the Council for such future action as is required by law.

H S. Greene, Mayor.
P. Y. Albright, Town Clerk.

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I am the accredited agent of the Peerless Laundry for all the eastern shore from Sea-cliff down. I will call for your laundry and deliver promptly.

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Fairhope.

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Choice sites on Magnolia ave. and bay front. Well built, convenient and screened throughout. Each cottage is supplied with city water pure and soft.

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TEN ACRE PLACE CLOSE IN.

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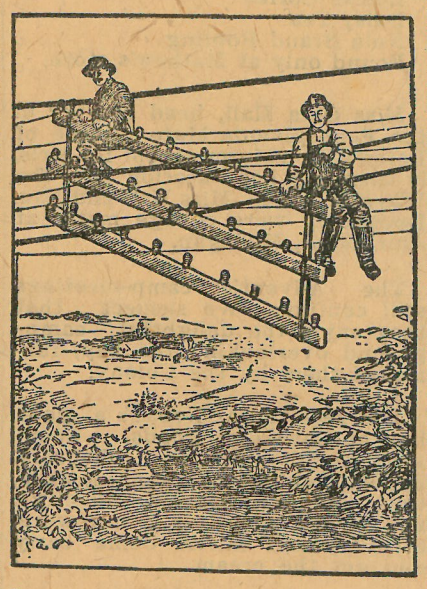
Nice place of 5 rooms, with large attic reached by easy stairs which would make two more rooms; cellar, cistern, shop, wood-house, etc x3 large lots in all 190x259, in fine cultivation and with a fine variety of fruit in bearing. Colony rent on all $27.50. Fine chance to build one or two other cottages for rent and retain most of the ground for use. Price $700
GASTON & SON.

Ten acre place close in, 5 acres cleared and in good tilth; house story and a half 14x26, detached kitchen, porch, cistern and pump.
Colony rent $12.00
Price $375.00
GASTON & SON.

WIRES STRUNG HIGH IN AIR.

Telephone Cables Suspended 700 Feet Across Valley to Avoid Flood. Waters.

It is sometimes difficult to string wires to telephone poles in the valleys of some of the rivers of California because the water carries them away during the flood season, says Popular Mechanics. This illustration shows the plan adopted to suspend the wires across 700 feet of a river valley near



Suspended Across 700 Feet of Space.

Fresno. The ordinary telephone-pole crossbars are made fast to heavy cables, and these bars carry the wires, as under ordinary circumstances. Three sets of crossbars are attached to the suspension cables in the 700-foot space.

The Real Work.

Some people have an idea that a humorist must be bubbling over with fun all the time, which idea is incorrect, of course, because a humorist cannot afford to crack jokes or tell funny stories when he needs the money they might bring to him when sold. Instead of appearing funny, therefore, he is a lugubrious sort of wretch, with big ears.

However, sometimes a humorous remark will fall from his lips—but he always sells it later on, if he's lucky.

John Kendrick Bangs was greeted by a gushing young lady not long ago: "Oh, I'm so glad to meet you," she told him. "I have wanted to ask you if it is hard work to write jokes."

"Hard work to write them?" he murmured; "not at all. The real hard work comes when one tries to think them into being."

Possibilities of the Earth.

The earth's fertile region now is 28,269,200 square miles, or 18,092,288,000 acres. One acre will be more than sufficient for the support of one person. Now those 18,092,288,000 acres ought to support at least that many humans instead of the comparative handful of 1,520,000,000, which is the number of the earth's inhabitants now. If the life of the human averages 33 years, as the statisticans claim, it means that in 100 years 54,276,864,000 and in 1,000 years 542,768,640,000 loving human forms divine—and why not also so many precious eternal souls?—could have a chance to develop the earth.

Less than 82,000,000 people, with all their mismanagement, increased the wealth of the United States by more than $27,000,000,000 in seven years. At that rate the could-be population of the earth, or about 18,000,000, ought to increase the wealth of this planet with at least $84,000,000,000,000 in 100 years.—New York World.

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Personal and Local

Charles Tam had over 100 bushels of pears on his trees this season.

Get you meals at Sunny Point restaurant.

Fresh line of candy at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges have been house-hunting and may spend the winter here.

Apples! Apples! Apples!
Mershon Merchandising Co.

"Smith the Syrup Man" expects to begin syrup-making in a little more than a week.

Quantities of fine white and speckled trout are being caught almost daily now.

We wish to thank the friends who so kindly rendered assistance during our recent bereavement.
C. E. Littlefield and family.

Something nice for breakfast? We have it, "Purina Pancake Flour."
Mershon Merch. Co.

Mr. C. E. Rice of Livermore, Ken., arrived on last Saturday and will spend a month with the Atherton family.

Texas Rust Proof Seed Oats are the only safe oats to plant. You will find them at Mershon Merchandising Company.

Edwin Robac left on Wednesday morning for Los Angeles, Calif., where he expects to find employment.

Stobie's Selfrising Pancake flour new and fresh. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mrs. F. R. Riley will go out sewing by the day. Children's clothes a specialty, both in making and repair. At Ruge cottage, Corner Fairhope Ave., and School Street.

We are getting in a quantity of Satsuma Oranges they are fine, 20 to 30 cets per dozen.
Mershon Merch. Co.

The Satsuma orange crop of Dr. Scott of Battles, is reported to present a beautiful sight and to be well worth a trip down there to see.

The ladies of Fairhope are invited to inspect the new styles in Millinery, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October, 25, 26 and 27 at Mrs. Calls.

Excelal! Excelal! Excelal! Call for them they are fine.
Mershon Merchandising Co.

We understand that Mrs. Stromberg expects to come down much earlier than usual this season and will probably spend most of the winter here.

Dr. Greeno has pecans this season on a tree of which the seed was planted by him on his place here, so you see even an old gentleman can afford to plant pecans and expect to harvest their fruit.

The Courier was in error last week in announcing the meeting of the Henry George Club with Mrs. Norton at Daphne, for tomorrow, Saturday the sixteenth. It will be Saturday of next week the 23rd.

Mr. Melville nas purchased the improvements on one of the Call-Bellangee lots on Magnolia Ave., with a transfer of lease to the same and will build a neat cottage on it at once.

George Bancroft's Satsuma orange trees are among the thriftiest on Colony land and have a nice crop of fruit on them this year. He also has quantities of kumquats and several grape-fruit on trees bearing for the first time this year.

Wm. L. Heller in a recent letter wrote very complimentarily of a talk on Fairhope made the evening before by R. F. Powell. Mr. Powell never lets opportunity pass to speak a good word for Fairhope and his heart is with us, if he is compelled to be away.

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Miss Oeta Hall, head teacher in the Pennsylvania state "House of Refuge" or reform school for girls, is spending her vacation at the Wayside Farm. Miss Hall and Mrs. Dougherty were college mates at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Adventist camp-meetings still continue. We suspect that they enjoy the delightful camp-ground overlooking the bay, furnished them by the Colony.

Just received at Robac's a good line of Christmas goods, about 150 different kinds, in toilet sets, imported chinaware, japanese ware, toys, wagons, baskets, novelty's, and games. Also axes, graniteware, crockery and shirts. Come early and get the cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Price of Michigan have been with us for more than a week and are strongly inclined to locate in the vicinity. Mr. Price is an old money reformer and radical in other ways, but we have not yet been able to convince him that he should take Colony land.

Mrs. A. G. Filcher has returned from her vacation and is now ready to resume her teaching of piano, organ and harmony at her residence, corner Magnolia Ave., and Section St. She will be pleased to see any of her old pupils and a limited number of new ones

Dr. W. W. Hunt returned this morning from a trip of about three weeks up the state. He expects to leave again soon to practice his profession of dentistry in Clark and Wilcox counties, not having found sufficient business here to justify him in remaining. The family will remain for the present, and he will be here at short intervals and will then be glad to attend to any local business. He will be here now for the following week.

Mr. Barber of Gulfport, Miss., son of our late citizen J. B. Barber, accompanied by his wife and little son, made Fairhope a flying visit coming on Wednesday evening and leaving Thursday morning. They had heard much of Fairhope from Mr. Barber senior and had planned several times to visit him during his residence here, but did not find it convenient to do so. Mrs. Barber is related to Mr. Gaston. They seemed greatly pleased with our town, finding it much beyond their expectations and promised to come again.

Rev. W. H. Mevers of Texarkana, Tex.-Ark., arrived on Wednesday evening and will remain over Sunday. He gave an interesting stereopticon illustrated lecture on Thursday evening and will preach at the church on Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Mevers made Fairhope a short visit about three years ago and has since been deeply interested in the place. His wife has also become greatly interested and he has interested a number of his friends. It is quite probable that he may secure a home here.

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Thirteen acre farm (Colony leasehold) within one and a quarter miles of postoffice. All good land 8 acres in cultivation, 5 acres under separate fence but practically cleared. House of four rooms; new barn 20 x 30, with room for ten tons of hay. A dozen young Satsuma orange trees; lot of wild persimmons in position ready for grafting to Japanese varieties.

Can be bought with 2 cows and a heifer 0 chickens 1- acre of sweet potatoes and feed enough on place. to feed stock through the winter, There is enough land if properly handled, to raise all the forage necessary for enough cows to make a good living for a family and is practically in town. Colony rent, $10 80. Price. $ 00 00.

GASTON & SON, Fairhope

Summer Temperature.

October 7–13, 1909.

Oct.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
7	71	84	73
8	70	85	73
9	67	80	72
10	70	84	74
11	59	78	66
12	59	72	59
13	50	72	60

4 clear days, 3 partly cloudy, slight rain on the 10th. Wind variable, settling northwest after the 10th.

L. F. Manly.

FINE SUBURBAN PROPERTY FOR SALE OR RENT.

FOR SALE OR RENT: Very desirable property within five minutes' walk of the postoffice Good, two-story house, 22 x 30, all ceiled. Detached kitchen, 12 x 16, two cisterns, fine grape arbor and other fruit, barn, chicken houses, etc. 7⅔ acres of ground, bout 5 acres cleared and in cultivation. Will nt very low to good tenant, or sell at a bargain. GASTON & SON.

TWO FORTY ACRE FARMS FOR SALE

All under good wire fence, small house, good barn, wagon shed, packing house, chicken houses and runs, fine bored well, some orange, fig and persimmon trees. 7 or 8 acres cleared and broken. Just two miles from center of town. Will rent for $50 a year or sell at a bargain.

40 acres owned land for sale with improvements; abour two miles from Fairhope; all under fence. 2 acres cleared, two barns (one large dairy barn) small house, well with pump, price $1100

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Speech on Constitutional Amendment

E. H. Rickarby of Mobile, will speak at the church Thursday evening on the Prohibition amendment. This lecture will be free and everybody is invite.

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For engagements or further information, address Physician in Charge.

SCHOOL NOTES

ORGAN C S HOOL

Six new pupils were enrolled this week.

Those entering were Charles and Donald Pound, Celina Roberts, Hilma Littlegreen, Milton Green, Clarence Lewis and Rexford Sampson.

The school took advantage of the beautiful fall weather and spent Wednesday in the woods. The school assembled as usual at nine o'clock and the regular work progressed until about eleven o'clock when with lunch baskets in hand the entire school except the kindergarten walked to Big Head gulley. The day was perfect and the walk just long enough to insure a fine appettite.

After a bountiful lunch under the rees the younger children played in the beautiful white sand while the older ones employed themselves in more "intellectual" ways. The abundant material for field work in geology was not entirely overlooked and the walk home along the "back road" was much enjoyed.

Several other excursions are being planned for the fine days before winter appears.

Wireless and Safety at Sea.

"Of late, too, another and powerful safeguard has come into use," writes L. Frank Tooker in an account in Century of new and old devices for navigating in fog and darkness. "If one enters the wireless telegraphy room of a transatlantic steamer he will find on the wall a rectangular chart crossed and recrossed by many black lines. Across it also runs one broader line in red ink. On the margin of the chart are marked the days of the week. It is the wireless guide for the current month; the red line gives the course of the steamer, while the many black lines crossing it indicate to the operator at what hour of each day of his passage he will probably pick up the wireless messages of other ships crossing that month. The ship, one sees at a glance, is scarcely ever out of touch with other ships through which disaster may come; and with this knowledge of constant intercommunication the feeling of security justly grows."

NICELY IMPROVED SMALL PLACE CLOSE IN.

Five acres within three-fourths mile of post-office; 4 acres cleared; house 6 rooms, 2 cisterns, 60 fruit trees, pecans, figs, persimmnos peaches, scuppernong vines, good barn, pasture fenced separate. Colony rent on land, only $7.50 a year. Price $600. Gaston & Son.

FIVE ROOM HOUSE FOR $150.00

Five room house with gallery front and side, on two lots each 66 X 132, well fenced and cleared; 7 2 yr. old orange trees, 1 bearing persimmon. 3 scuppernong vines, one bearing; chicken-house and lot. Rent of lots only $7.20. Price $150 cash. Gaston & Son.

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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.

For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc. address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

EXAMPLES OF INCREASE OF LAND VALUES

A lot in the City of Toronto, 60x90 feet in size was recently sold for $506,000. Old inhabitants say that the lot was conveyed many years ago in payment of a bill for board and laundry.

The following are the figures at which the lot was subsequently leased at the following dates.

1833 $4 per foot, $240 for 60 feet.
1854 $16 per foot, $760 " "
1875 $100 per foot, $6,000 for 60 feet
1896 $200 per foot, $12,600 " "

The advance since that time has been so great that at least $20,000 a year would be demanded for the rent of the bare land now.

Baldwin County Fair

Thr editor of the COURIER attended the Baldwin County Fair at Bay Minette on Oct., 1st and 2nd and on the latter day Dr. Slosson went up with a party in his automobile. Mr. Atherton of Fairhope was also in Bay Minette on Saturday, the closing day, and returned with the Slossons. A very creditable display of Baldwin County products was made at the fair, especially along the line of staple crops, corn, cow peas, potatoes, hay, cane, etc. The display of housewifely products, canned and preserved fruits, fancy work, quilts, etc., was also quite good. The samples of fish and fruits, displayed in big jars, preserved in Formaldehyde, were quite attractive.

Some of the Bay Minette merchants made quite creditable displays of their goods. The Sharpless Separator Co., made an interesting demonstration of its goods under the direction of Mr. Haxall, and it is to be hoped, helped to arouse interest in dairying.

The display or lack of display of live-stock and poultry was quite disappointing. There were only three head of inferior grade bovines on exhibition, a few coops of chickens and not a horse, hog or sheep.

The writer has nothing in his own observation to compare the Baldwin County Fair with except the great Iowa State Fair and of course in such a comparison it shows up very small. We appreciate however the difficulties which have had to be met in making a start and expect to see our fairs become famous within a few years.

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LAND SPECULATION RIFE IN WEST AND NORTH

Both Father Knowles and Nathaniel Mershon remark that they found land speculation rampant wherever they went, and that the chief aim of the people everywhere seemed to be to get hold of land. Some for the purpose of making homes and employing themselves upon it, others to make it the means of making others work for them.

Land both in Iowa and Kansas has been and is increasing rapidly in value, and never has the hunger of the people for land seemed so strong. Land which Mr. Knowles bought 30 years ago, for $3 an acre, would now sell readily for $75 with no exceptional changes in surrounding conditions. In his old home town of Delphos, the advance in prices is even more pronounced. In Iowa farm land any ways desirably located will bring in the neighborhood of $100 an acre; much of it $100, $125, $150. One tract of 240 acres away from any large city, Mr. Mershon mentioned as having recently sold for $200 an acre.

As a result the farmers who came early have grown rich chiefly from increased land prices, and in large numbers have either turned their farms over to their sons or rented them to others and moved to the cities and towns.

And so many good people are blinded by the pleasant results of our land policy for such as these to the wrongs and hardships it brings o others.

To their partial view the comfortable incomes and happy security for the future which increasing land values has brought them is the proper and just reward for the hard toil and deprivation of their earlier years.

They do not realize that the same system of which they are now beneficiaries was responsible for the quite unnecessary hardships against which they earlier contended nor that they have only escaped by shifting these unjust burdens to others.

Nor do they realize that just insomuch as their increased wealth and independence is due to increased land values (always of course meaning land apart from the improvements upon it) this good fortune might have been theirs, had they been the most worthless tramps or vagrants that ever vexed the soul of an industrious farmer, but retained the legal title to the land.

FAIRHOPE BEST FIELD FOR GENEROUS MEN

American towns and cities are largely indebted to the gifts of men of wealth for their parks, libraries, and other public improvements. But in many cases these came as partial restitution for unjust advantages reaped by the donors, and always an undeserved share of the benefit was reaped by those who owned the land situated to be mort advantaged by such improvements.

Fairhope has enjoyed the generosity of friends, and will, in all probability in the future years benefit more largely from such sources; but no dollar with which she may be thus blessed will be first wrung from her citizens by any undue advantage, nor will any unfairly profit from such expenditures.

The latter indeed furnishes a potent reason why Fairhope is likely to enjoy the expenditure of surplus wealth with which its holders would like to bless their fellowmen and we can see no wisdom in discouraging such a disposition on the part of friends. We would not have Fairhope soliciting donations from friends for its development or beautification, (except to free land from private speculation,) but we would welcome any such in the spirit in which they were offered and as just as legitimate contributions to the purpose for which Fairhope primarily exists--to prove by actual demonstration, the wisdom of taking land values for public use—as the time and thought given to her advancement by others here who have nothing else to give.

MR. FEL'S INTEREST UNABATED

In a letter recently received by Mr. Ring from Mr. Fels, he expressed great pleasure over his plans for helping to make Fairhope an attractive place, and evinced all of his wonted enthusiasm. Though in the thick of the fight in England for the vigor and promise of which he is in a very large degree responsible, and cooperating with the friends of the general movement elsewhere throughout the world, he retains all his interest in Fairhope as evidenced by his letter.

Mr. Fels appreciated how much of their time and energy those who have hitherto borne the brunt of the work here, have had to devote to making their livelihood, and rejoices, as we all do, that in Mr. Ring we have one, who in addition to great ability and devotion has time which he can give and is glad to give, to the advancement of Fairhope in general.

Mrs Howland's Letters

Oct. 18. I must sound a note of joy this glorious, sunny morning; for there is only one cloud in the "personal heaven": the fear that the *Public* will go down for lack of funds! I did not receive the appeal from Brother Kiefer, and for good reasons, of course; but I here offer my "mite" of help, anyway, knowing that no one of us "can be excused for doing nothing because he can do but little." Mrs. Johnson told me this morning that she reads every word of the Public, just as she does our own paper. the COURIER. So do I, and I keep the file. This Library has the *Public* gratis, thanks to Louis and Alice Thatcher Post. But how often I have thought that I *ought* to pay the subscription, and I will commence today. I thought the *Public* had 10,000 subscribers, and I was feeling easy about its fate. Surely we cannot do without the strong editorials of the Public! * * * I wish that paper might move somewhere where it costs less to live. I might suggest Fairhope, but that advice would never be considered unbiased! The brilliant editor of the Public has never believed in Fairhope: *idem est*, that we were on the right basis for success. No: not the success that "gets rich quick". What sane person—above all, what single-taxer—could imagine that possible, where our "basis" of organization is such that no member of the corporation, nor anybody else, can speculate in the land, or put one dollar of the unearned increment of the land in his own pocket. We should expect that for years our success would be mostly of a moral nature, as it has been; and in this light we are a success: we have a place that people love to live in; and all who can, come back to us, not once but repeatedly. And those who cannot do more, love to praise every good effort, every step made by any one that promises the realization of our dreams. * * * The mistake of most people who would work for the greater good, the better society, is that they expect to do this while accumulating wealth. Who but our millionaire "philanthropists" can do this? And they cannot do it very satisfactorily. What we need is the service, personally, of those who have lost the zest of personal aim, personal ambition, in any form. We have these among us; and we shall have more and more as we learn to love the simple life, and to give our thoughts, our time, our real service, to th common good. With all my heart I believe that we are on the road, sure, if slow, but with gathering force, to the better life we long for.

Oct. 19. The Progressive League not yet having resumed its sessions this fall, its usual time was given on Sunday afternoon to our good Dr. Borst of Silver Hill (he had to leave us because we were so scandalously healthy) and his new club, the "Baldwin County Independent Voters' League." Dr. Iderstine made the opening address, and answered questions as they arose. Mr. Gaston was finally elected chairman. For one, I was glad to give that club a hearing in our best place of meeting. Their move is a little step in the right direction; but I want to tell them (what I hope they know already) that any step toward political reform must be but of slight importance and "wobbly" as a step, until they rise to a conception of equal rights. * * * All our friends will rejoice that the new Library catalog is finished— the last page copied on the type-writers. And I cannot announce this really important fact without acknowledging my great indebtedness to Mrs. Edith Paula Smith. Not only has her ability as a clerk been of the utmost importance to me, also her quickness in learning all new work, her taste as an artist, her conscientiousness in doing everything required of her, but she has proved so true a friend to the Library interest in this colony, and— I add with pride and thankfulness— to me personally, that I cannot say too much in her praise. She offered to come and help me for a very reasonable compensation; and when all the little fund for the purpose was exhausted, she kept right on until the

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copying was finished, and a little longer even, that she might finish what we call in pleasantry the "corner cats," meaning the little typewritten lists for every shelf: i. e. the number and title of every book on that shelf. Mr. Gaston kindly furnished some heavy, very elegant slips of paper for the purpose. With these little lists, which will be kept always each in its place at the end of its shelf, it will be easy to "keep track" of every book's own place; and when we can find some expert type-writer to do the cards (long ago purchased by the Library Association; and long ago was the little black cabinet made for the card catalog, thanks to our ever regretted A. K. Trenholme, now in Oregon), we shall find these shelf lists of great use.

In getting the books into their permanent places we had to have more shelf room, and I had moved into the library a part of an unused case of the old library. It is rough and unpainted, but will answer until the fifth and last case is made, which should be immediately. I say "last," but I understand that it is the intention of the contributors of the works of Swedenborg to add a new case for his works, and surmount it with the bust of the author. I shall be glad to see it there. But do not our friends think that we should first have in this Single Tax library the "counterfeit presentment" of Henry George? * * * Mr. Bell the other day gave me an account of his success in growing figs, and kindly invited me to his place to see for myself; and I will do so, and give some account of it. He says, and I hear the same from Mr. Ring, that before we can raise field figs to advantage, we must learn new methods.

An Appreciative Subscriber

Dear Mr. Gaston:

I enclose a dollar for renewal of my subscription. The make-up of the latest issue of the COURIER answers perfectly to my ideas as to what constitutes the most effective propaganda sheet and at the same time afford a substantial medium of local news. Your selections of matter are all that could be desired in the way of propaganda and the local columns should be satisfactory to the most fastidious of your local residents and sojourners.

I am connected with the company whose letter-head I use and I enclose one of our four page folders which briefly sets forth our system and prospects. The rates you will see are flat regardless of distance and will average much less than half of those charged by the old companies. When we go south I am going to "lay" for the managership of Fairhope, I think we could do considerable business at the rates we offer, at least enough to enable me to take up my residence with you, though I might have to put up with a great deal smaller compensation than I can make in a larger place. Enough to live upon would be all I could hope for and that would be enough. After I should become substantially located in your midst and acclimated, socially and philosophically, the rest would take care of itself. With all of your transients and visitors from far and near and a considerable permanent population doing more or less business with the outside world, I imagine that our rates would net something like a substantial revenue return.

Fraternally,
L. P. Custer.

The Company to which Mr. Custer refers is the "Telepost" Company, and we would be certainly "dee-lighted" to have it operating in Fairhope.

We have been hearing of the Telepost for a long time but were not aware that it is actually at work in the larger cities.

In a comprehensive little circular enclosed by Custer, information is given regarding the four classes of messages handled by the company, the "telegrams," "teleposts," "teletapes" and "telecards," "Telegrams" (as ordinarily designated by that name) are sent between any two cities connected by Telepost lines at 25 words for 25 cents. "Teleposts," telegrams delivered by mail at destination, are 50 words for 25 cents and "telecards" are 10 word messages delivered by mail at destination for 10 cents.

The Company claims to be able to transmit as many messages over its four-wire trunk lines as the older companies can handle with 68 wires worked quadruplex or 136 wires duplex and to be able to extend its services to every part of the United States with less than one-tenth the capitalization of the older companies. May its lines rapidly be extended and cover the whole country.

Upton Sinclair Arrives

Mr. Upton Sinclair arrived on Tuesday evening and has taken the H. S. Walker cottage on the bay front for the winter season. He has his young son with him, whom he has placed in the Organic school and expects to devote much of his own time to literary work. In his book "The Jungle" Mr. Sinclair did a notable piece of work and while he was no doubt, disappointed that it aroused more indignation over the physical uncleanliness of the stock yards and meat-packing district than over the hideous industrial conditions under its work was done, (and is yet done, with possible slight amelioration) and to expose which was his chief purpose, it cannot but have exerted powerful influence in the latter direction.

The Organic School was the chief attraction for Mr. Sinclair, but we are sure he will find the work which is being done at Fairhope in other ways such as will appeal to his sympathies.

The Safest and Surest But Not the Fairest.

The recent statement by ex-President Roosevelt in regard to the purchasing of land for investment purposes is well worthy the consideration of every man. He is quoted as saying, "Every person who invests in well selected real estate in a growing section of a prosperous community adopts the surest and safest method of becoming independent for real estate is the basis of all wealth."

—Onlooker.

The president is quite correct. Land being "the basis of all wealth," if you can get possession of it you have the landless at your mercy and can compel them to give you a share of the wealth they produce for the privilege of producing it. This is what the fellows think who are gobbling up the iron lands, coal lands, timber lands and water powers—for they are "land" too.

Yet the late president made war upon these and through his gallant superintendent, Mr. Pinchot, did his best to block their efforts at "becoming independent" in the way he is quoted as recommending.

Is there any more reason why objection should be made to the ownership of coal, iron or timber lands, than to the rich prairie lands of the central west, capable by the application of labor of producing continuously products of vastly greater value and variety? We can see none.

Mr. Ingalls, the Chicago capitalist promoting the Eastern Shore Railroad, arrived in Mobile yesterday, accompanied by Mr. F. E. Fisher, of the Fisher Construction Co. They were met in Mobile by Dr. Greeno, of the trustees under whom the local work of securing rights of way etc. has been proceeding, and by Mr. Pilcher, who has been at this work in the field. Messrs. Ingalls and Fisher went down to Battles last evening, and are today going over the proposed route with the local people. Something of their plans will doubtless be soon definitely announced.

The Southern Workman, of Hampton, Va., for October had among its interesting and instructive contents an article entitled: "Bringing Nature Back to the City," and dealing with the work of the Vacant Lots Cultivation Society of Philadelphia. Our Mr. R. F. Powell devoted some of his best years to this society, making not only a national but an international reputation in so doing; and Mr. James H. Dix, another good Single Taxer, is now its superintendent.

Do something for somebody, somewhere,
While jogging along life's road;
Help someone to carry his burden,
And lighter will grow your load.
Do something for somebody gladly,
'Twill sweeten your every care;
In sharing the sorrows of others,
Your own are less hard to bear.

—Rev. J. S. Cutler

Another Anniversary celebration—January first—is fast approaching, and we hope as many of our friends from a distance as possible will arrange to celebrate it with us. We had a royal time last New Year's day with "The Big Four, Fels, Ring, Pastoriza and Kiefer with us and we hope to have these and others with us next time. Be making your arrangements to come.

Mr. E. G. Rickarby of Mobile, spoke on the pending constitutional amendment, at the church on Thursday evening. The address was reported to be an excellent one and listened to by a fair audience. The writer was unable to attend.

The Baldwin County exhibit in charge of Mr. James A. Carney, won fourth place at the State Fair and a cash price of $250.

Progressive League Endorses Voters League.

About 25 persons attended the meeting at the Organic School house on last Sunday afternoon, called to hear from Dr. Borst and friends regarding the independent political movement recently launched at Loxley, known as the "Independent Voter's League." Dr R. Van Iderstine of Loxley, formerly of Chicago, was the first speaker and presented the objects of the organization which he was chiefly instrumental in launching, replying to a number of questions put to him by his auditors. Dr. Borst read the constitution of the organization and commented thereon. Short speeches were also made by F. L. Brown, W. S. Baldwin, P. K. Dealy, E. B. Gaston, P. Y. Albright, A. C. Staples, Dr. C. L. Mershon and others. The movement whose chief purposes were stated in the Courier last week and which while political is not partisan, met with the approval of the meeting and a motion to organize a branch of the organization at Fairhope passed without a dissenting vote.

it was decided to call a meeting at the same place for Tuesday evening of next week, to complete such organization.

Noting that this date is in conflict with a special election of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, the writer, who was chairman of the Sunday afternoon meeting, will take the responsibility of making the date for the meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 28, instead of the 26th.

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Sample of Intensive Cultivation

Nine tons is a large yield of hay from a single acre and few would expect this yield from Bermuda grass, yet such is the case, or at least from an acre of vetch and Bermuda.

Mr. J. B. Wing who lives at Roswell, in Cobb County, has an acre of rich red land in the rear of his home. For years it has been sodded to Bermuda, and has made remarkable growth. A year or two ago he seeded it with vetch seed. Last year he cut from this acre nine tons of well cured hay. While this is a remarkable yield considering the nature and quality of the hay, yet Mr. Wing does not consider this the limit. He says if he would seed this acre to oats in the fall and cut them as hay he believes the yield can be increased to twelve or fifteen tons of hay per acre. Here is a higher standard for you, but it is not thelimit.

—Southern Cultivator.

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Are Farm Land Prices Too High?

How long will the price of farm land continue to increase? Just so long as the price of farm products continues to increase, and these prices will remain firm so long as labor finds steady and profitable employment. In no other country in the world is labor so well rewarded as here. Where prices are low, wages are, necessarily low. The man who receives liberal returns for his work can buy liberally, and can pay a fair price. There seems to be no probability that industrial conditions will be radcally changed in this country soon. The people generally are too well satisfied with them. Good markets may, therefore, be expected to continue indefinitely.

Farm lands which may be relied on to produce satisfactkory crops of grain and grass, are not selling too high. Land which with proper management will produce from 60 to 100 bushels of 50 cent corn per acre, is well worth $150 an acre, or more. There is a large amount of such lan din Kansas and adjoining states.

The sure way to increase the value o fland is to increase its productiveness. Under existing conditions, prices will take care of themselves. The days o flarge surpluses are past. Demand crowds close upon the heels of supply. Mouths are multiplying faster than food for them—Kansas Farmer.

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B. & G. Ry. & Nav. Co. Quits Boat Business

The B. & G. Ry., and Navigation Co., has withdrawn from the steamboat business on both the Alabama and Tombigbee rivers and leased its stemers to former employees, who are operating them independently of the company entirely This is the company upon one of whose steamers, the "Nettie Quill" a party of Fairhopers recently made a trip up the Alabama to Selma. Captain G. W. Quarles, who was master of the vessel on this trip is now with his associates operating the "John Quill" on the Tombigbee river, and Mr. O. F. Burke, who was our capable and obliging clerk, is with other parties in charge of the "City of Mobile" on the Alabama, from Mobile to Selma and on to Montgomery when weather permits.

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Work is well under way on the new hotel. It will be a two-story structure 64x88 including porches; and will have twelve guest rooms; beside ample dining-room parlors, etc. They hope to be in it by Christmas. Mr. Ross of Mobile, is the contractor and will use all the help he can to advantage to push it along.

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Arrangements have been made whereby Mr. A. Berglin it to do the pumping of water for the Colony system. He is connecting both his boiler with the water works pump and his pump with the water mains, so as to use either orboth as desired. As Mr. Berglin will during the winter necessarily have steam up a portion of every day and during six or eight months of the year will be running day and night, he will be able to give us better service than we could get

The enrollment in the public in any way within our reach. school which started out at 64, has increased to 81, and the Organic school has reached and enrollment of between sisty and seventy so there are nearly 150 pupils enrolled in the two schools, a retty good showing.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page have sold the Cozy Corner Cafe, and will no longer be found there to extend "the glad hand" and furnish good meals to Fairhopers or those on the way here. They will be much missed by their many friends a... patrons. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown. Mr. Page was notl ong since ordained as a Christian minister and will probably take the pastorate of some church.

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A fine rain Wednesday afternoon and night breaking the several week's dry "spell." Now is the time to get in your oats, vetch and crimnson clover, and fall gardens.

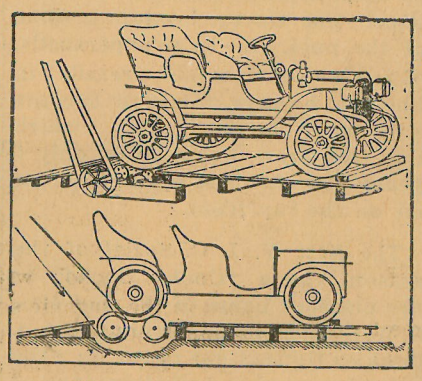
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INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

HANDY CONCRETE MIXER.

Apparatus Works Simply and Is Invaluable for Use on Small Repair Jobs.

An invention of much interest to contractors, especially those who do a great deal of small work, is the portable concrete mixer designed by a Texan. This apparatus works very simply and is invaluable for use on small operations or repair work, where it would not pay to use one of the cumbersome and expensive power machines. The mixer consists of a large iron box at either end of which are wheels, which revolve upon an axle that runs through the box and on which the latter hangs loosely. Across the front of the receptacle is a sliding bar with a slot in the outer end adapted to receive a spoke of the wheel on that side. Inside the box are bars, which act as churns as the machine is being moved to and fro and mix the concrete or whatever plastic material is in the receptacle. The whole top of the box is a lid, which fastens by hasps. The



Mixes as Wheels Revolve.

machine can be easily operated by one man, who has only to shove it about to mix the material inside.

There is, however, practically no mechanism, in the ordinary sense of the word, in the Eureka clock; such works as it has run on ball bearings large enough for a bicycle, so that the friction is almost nil.

Wireless and Safety at Sea.

"Of late, too, another and powerful safeguard has come into use," writes L. Frank Tooker in an account in Century of new and old devices for navigating in fog and darkness. "If one enters the wireless telegraphy room of a transatlantic steamer he will find on the wall a rectangular chart crossed and recrossed by many black lines. Across it also runs one broader line in red ink. On the margin of the chart are marked the days of the week. It is the wireless guide for the current month; the red line gives the course of the steamer, while the many black lines crossing it indicate to the operator at what hour of each day of his passage he will probably pick up the wireless messages of other ships crossing that month. The ship, one sees at a glance, is scarcely ever out of touch with other ships through which disaster may come; and with this knowledge of constant intercommunication the feeling of security justly grows."

SOMETHING TO FALL BACK ON.

Thoughtful Wife Had Provided Husband with a Sample.

He stood irresolutely in front of the woman's stocking counter for a few minutes, then with a determined expression on his face he elbowed his way between two women shoppers and accosted the saleslady.

"Have you any light blue stockings?" he said; "you see I—"

"Gents' furnishings, third counter to the left," drawled the girl, as she reached for a box on the upper shelf.

"No, I don't want them for myself," said the man, getting red. "You see, my wife is in the country and she wants me to get two pair of light blue silk stockings for her."

"Oh, what size?" asked the girl, with a foolish smile.

"Well, that's what I have been trying to figure out," confessed the man, growing nervous. "Don't they all come about the same size? You see, she told me the size, but I can't recall it."

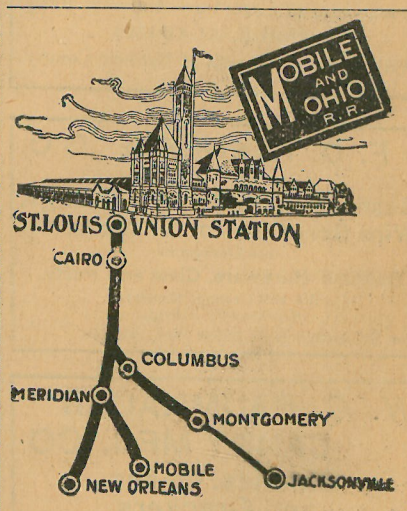
"Oh, no; they run in half sizes, from 6 to 14," giggled the girl.

"Huh," said the man; "well, I suppose I will have to do it," and he reached in his inside pocket and slowly drew out a dainty light blue stocking.

"She gave me this in case I forgot," he said, in confusion.

See Dictionary and Get Light.

The chap who patronizes cheap restaurants picks up numerous ineradicable wrong notions which he persists in repeating to such acquaintances as sit at his feet and swallow his ipse-dixits. "Now," he will spout, "everybody knows that 'rarebit' is vegetable, while 'rabbit' might be either flesh or fowl. So we have Long Island rabbit —a hare; and Long Island rarebit—of a fowl. A restaurant man is lucid if not right." But he doesn't tell where the toast, the ale, the cheese, the sauce and the baking powder come in! Nor does he tell why this delectable dish is called "Welsh." There are famous Welsh hares, the finest of hunting; but why should cheese and toast, etc., make a Welsh rabbit? Why not a Scotch rabbit? Why not a Texas rabbit? Why not a jack rabbit, the noblest animal of his race? More light, more light! This thing is hazy.



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Personal and Local

Miss Leah Gaston visited Miss Gladys Lowell in Mobile, over Sunday.

Miss Annie Pearson of Mobile, visited the Captain Roberts family from Saturday evening to Sunday evening.

Mr. W. E. Gabel of Marlow, moved to Fairhope this week onto the Barkley farm on Fairhope Ave., in section 15.

Mrs. Captain Roberts visited Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lowell in Mobile over Sunday, and the Captain was with her there Saturday night while his boat was in the city.

Mr. Fred Mathison has furnished Mershon Merchandising Co. some very nice Irish potatoes of this fall's crop. They are not ripe yet but are of good size.

Mr.O . C. Humes, the Mobile engineer employed by Mr. Ring to replat division three was over Sunday, bringing with him a rough sketch of his plan which promises to be fine. He was accompanied by Mr. E. S. Billie, a young architect making his first visit.

The cold storage department of the ice plant is being fitted up. The plant will be run night and day for a month to accumulate ice for storage and will then shut down. The amount of milk brought to the creamery has diminished during the dry weather but is expected to increase agan soon.

We mentioned the fact last week that Dr. Greeno had picked pecan nuts from a tree of which he planted the seed since he came to Fairhope. The Doctor brought in some of the nuts, fine large papershells, of a sixe which would retail in Chicago, he says, for 50 or 60 cents a pound. The seed from which this tree grew, was planted only 7 years ago the past spring, on his lot on the bay front.

The first V. I. C. Social of the season was a "Cooky Social" at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyon on Friday evening Oct 8. Cookies figured not only in the refreshments but imitation ones of brown straw-board were halved on irregular lines and the different pieces distributed among the ladies and gentlemen by which partners were found for the flinch and and other card games which constituted part of the enterainment. Spearing peanuts with a hat pin out of a dish, also amused many. A good silver collection was realized for the Club's public spirited purposes.

The following party of young people drove out to the C. O. White country home and surprised the family on last Friday evening, Misses Daphne Brown, Mabel Cardner, Irene Bell, Jessie Simmers, Frances and Leah Gaston; Messrs. Hugh Simmers, Paul Molyneux, Arthur Atherton, Ralph Jung and Cornie Gaston. The especial occasion was the birthday of Miss Clara White. The trip was made in the big trunk wagon of the Fairhope Livery behind Frank Brown's big mules. Arrived at the White home, dancing was indulged in and refreshments were served.

A new fence has been put around the Fairhope hotel property, and it is one of the best jobs of fence building ever done in Fairhope. Mr. Troup seeing to it himself. The gate which stood just opposite the south front door has been moved to the west to a point just opposite the broad steps on the west of the hotel where is to be the main entrance to the hotel instead of on the south and a gate has also put at the southwest corner of the grounds, more convenient to those who come and go by way of the steps over the bluff. The orange trees, rose bushes and other ornamentals put out by Mr. and Mrs. Troup on the hotel grounds have done well and the place presents a much more pleasing appearance than ever before.

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Nathaniel Mershon Returns

Nathaniel Mershon arrived home on Monday morning, coming over to Point Clear on the late trip Sunday evening of the Pleasure Bay, and walking up. He reports a very pleasant time except that he suffered greatly from hay fever especially when visiting in the country.

He found the heat more oppressive in Iowa than any summer since he has been south, and while he appreciated fully the rich soil of his former state and the splendid crops of corn and hay it makes, says he could not be induced to live all the year around in that climate after experiencing the climate of Alabama for nearly fourteen years.

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Letter From Dr. Reinsel

The friends of Doctor and Mrs. Reinsel of Coraopolis, Pa., who spent last winter with us, without much benefit apparent to the Doctor's health, will be glad to hear that he writes that he is better again than he has been for several years.

The following from a recent letter of Dr. Reinsel will be interesting to his friends here.

Since arriving home and previous to going last winter, we have planted and harvested about the following; wheat 110 bushels; oats, 170 bushels; corn, 300 bushels; rye, poor, 23 bushels; potatoes, 100 bushels; cabbage, heads, 400; sweet corn, bushels 50.

Then we have apples, peaches, cherries and berries of all kinds in plenty. Also last but not least my daughter planted cotton seed on or about May 4, and it has produced as fine a stalk as I ever saw, having formed about 7 cotton bolls, several well formed and filled with cotton.

We were all surprised at its effort to mature a crop and now think we could have planted two weeks sooner. We will try again.

The north will commence to look south again soon. God bless them all and Fairhope with many others.

Regards from Mrs. Reinsel and the family.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Brown entertained Dr. Borst of Silverhill and Mr. Eppinger of Loxley at dinner on Sunday.

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MEMORY OF RAINBOW TROUT.

Incident Which Seems to Prove Fish Has More Intelligence Than Is Generally Believed.

That a rainbow trout has a memory and that fish will seek medicinal waters when sick has been proved by an occurrence which would have provoked doubt were it not from the extraordinary proof attached to the incident.

Three years ago Barney McGee, one of the best-known railroad men in the west, was visiting Hot Springs, suffering from rheumatism. Several days after reaching there he was walking along the bank of the river some distance below the springs, when he noticed a small rainbow trout near the bank.

McGee watched the trout for some time, then cautiously went nearer the water. The trout looked at McGee and the railroad man stooped down and picked up the trout, the fish making but a feeble resistance. More in humor than in seriousness McGee declared that when he arrived at the hotel that the fish was suffering from the same complaint as himself, and he would put it in a bathtub and have its rheumatism driven out from its fins and tail. He did put it in warm water and for three days fed it on worms that he dug up near by. The trout seemed to recognize its benefactors, and much to the surprise of everyone, was able on the third day to flash around the tank with all the speed of a healthy fish.

Having formed an attachment for the fish, McGee decided to put it back in the river again, but before doing so secured a fine piece of silver wire, which he carefully wrapped around its tail.

A few weeks ago Mr. McGee again returned to the springs, and, taking a daily walk along the river banks, he was astonished to see a big fish within ten feet of where he stood. Mr. McGee reached down in the water and pulled it out.

It was not until he was nearing the hotel, to again do a good Samaritan act, believing the fish had rheumatism, that he saw a wire on its tail, discolored by long immesion in the water.—Boston Herald.

Admirable Alma Mater!

This incident really happened, yet the indentity of the principal actor in it is completely changed, according to the place in which the story is told. At Cambridge Prof. Whitmore tells it this way:

"Wilkins and I were waiting for a train at Onosquahami, Mich., when we joined a group of men at the window of the telegraph office, where the operator was writing bulletins of a baseball game between Harvard and Yale. A lumberman who evidently had bet on Yale was grumbling over his loss. He swore a great deal and said the New Haven players were a sandless lot of quitters. He was going to say a great deal more when a tall, husky young fellow pushed through the crowd, took him by the shoulder, and swung him around.

"'Pardon me,' he said, politely enough, though his eyes were blazing —'pardon me, but I can't stand any more of that abuse. I won't stand it! I'm an alma mater of Yale myself!"—Harper's Weekly.

Physical Culture in German Schools.

"Every public school in Germany has a gymnasium, and there are certain hours on certain days when physical culture of boys and girls of all classes and ages is gone through," said Prof. Volze, superintendent of physical culture in the public schools of Frankfort, Germany. "The physical culture instructors are paid by the city, and the halls and apparatus are also maintained by the various communities.

"Physical culture in the public schools in Germany is just as regular and necessary as arithmetic or grammar. The welfare of the nation depends more on a strong and healthy citizenry than upon a highly educated one; still better, when the two qualities can be combined, and that is the principle of the German school system.

"Swimming is also taught in the public schools, and the pupils are compelled to take their turn in the swimming pool until they are proficient in the art of swimming."

Meredith's Narrow Fame.

When the death of George Meredith was announced a group of London newspaper boys quarreled as to his identity. One held that he was an amateur champion cyclist, another maintained that he was "the boss over the biscuit firm," but they finally agreed to the argument of the third, that he was the "bloke what played in the cup final at the Crystal palace."

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Personal and Local

The Adventist camp-meeting will probably close Sunday.

Fresh line of candy at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. Bellangee has lettuce on sale now at the Mershon store.

Mr. Joe Billy was to start from Thorne, N. D., on the 19th, expecting to locate in Fairhope.

Apples! Apples! Apples!
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The material for the Melville cottage is being gotten on the ground. ingman could not get hold of any

Chicken dinner at the Wilson House every Sunday.

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Mrs. John W. Ethel left for Union, S. C. to visit her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Wagoner and to indulge in the pleasures of a grandmother for the next two weeks.

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Dr. and Mrs. Van Iderstine of Loxley were guests at dinner on Sunday of their friends the P. K. Dealys. Dr. van Iderstine came over to attend the Sunday afternoon meeting.

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The Clover Leaf Bible Class to the number of about 25, had a taffy pull at the W. E. Sweet home on Tuesday evening and had Miss Martha Ahrens entertained a jolly time.

Mr. Dyer's horse went through the Fairhope Avenue bridge a few days ago falling and bruising his knees and breaking a shaft. We understand Mr. Dyer rendered a small bill for damages to the town.

Work was begun on preparation for the foundation of the new school-house on Monday and contractor Brann is getting everything in readiness to push it through as vigorously as possible.

The ladies of Fairhope are invited to call without further notice and examine the fall styles in millinery at Mrs. Call's. Special attention will be given all callers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 25,26, and 27.

After a very unusually rainy summer, we had several weeks of the finest kind of hay making weather and now a fine rain has put the ground in splendid condition for fall planting.

The absence of Mr. James Gaston and a press of job-work has made the Courier a day late. Mr. James returned last evening after a two week's absence spent in Wetumpka, Ala., as a typograph expert.

seems to be no probability that industrial conditions will be radical-on to produce satisfactory crops such land in Kansas and adjoining value of land is to increase its pro-selves. The days of large surpluses are past. Demand crowds close

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They All Come Back

Our friend Frank L. Barber of Watertown, N. Y. who ripped us up the back last spring in a rather nasty letter, denouncing our correspondent, our paper and our county, has had a change of heart; as he now writes that he has always had a warm spot in his heart for Baldwin County, that he never enjoyed himself better in his life than during the seven months spent in this county and that he expects to come back this month as a permanent resident.

We trust that his change of heart will last and that he will become as he expects a prominent and valued citizen of the county.
—Foley Onlooker.

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SCHOOL NOTES

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The ground was broken for the new school building last Monday water has been put in and they are now working on the foundation.

Seventeen new pupils have entered school since our last report.

The following visitors have been welcomed. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. C. L. Mershon, Mrs. Berglin, Mrs. Hail Miss Manly and Mrs. Daugherty's friend, Miss Hall. All these expressed themselves much pleased with the work.

These have been absent on account of sickness, Valentine Oswalt and Henry Stapleton.
Bertha Parker.

ORGANIC CHOO

The piano so kindly donated by the Kimball Piano Co., of Chicago has arrived and has been put in the kindergarten room, where it adds very much to the pleasure of the little ones. It is a Henry F. Miller square in excellent condition and a fne toned instrument. The entire expense for bringing it from Chicago here was only $1.80 all charges being paid for us to Mobile and everythng donated from Mobile here.

New pupils are entering daily among others David Sinclaie, son of David Sinclair the well known writer who was attracted to the school by the Prospectus sent out during the summer.

Dr. Eason Holbrook of Lebanon, Ohio will address the first meeting of the Mother's Round Table on Thursday Oct. 29th at 4 o'clock at the school. The subject will be Fatigue and every one interested in children, men as well as women are invited to be present. Dr. Holbrook is a teacher as well as a physician and speaks with authority.

A paper on Organic Educaton by Mrs. Comings was read recently before the New Century Club of Utica N. J.

Dr. Leigh-Jones of Brooklyn, who will be pleasantly remenbered by many who met her last winter is greatly interested on the subject of Organic Educaton, and has a brief artcle in the Sunday issue of the New York Times of Oct. 10th

The literature class under Miss Taggart is studying Tennyson and after reading Enoch Arden prepared character sketches of Enoch and Philip which were unusually creditable. Miss Taggart brings a fine apprecation of poetry to the work and cannot fail to interest her pupils.

Fall Temperature.

October 14-20, 1909.

Oct.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
14	70	83	74
15	72	84	68
16	59	84	66
17	59	82	65
18	65	80	68
19	67	82	70
20	73	72	67

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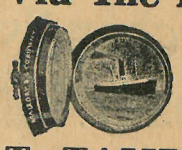
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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

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.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Colony Council Proceedings

The Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Oct. 18, with all members present.

G. W. Wood elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes read and approved of Oct. 4.

Following bills allowed:

James H. Webb Esq., legal services rendered prior to Nov. 24, 1908 and in full to date.	$25.00
Webb & McAlpine, legal services to date	10.00
Fairhope Wharf Co., freights & Whfg., w. w. cons. .60; maint. .60; tel. cons. $1.30; highways .15	2.65
G. W. Wood, salary July, Aug., Sept. $25. Postage $1.58	26 58
C. F. Littlefield making plat	$6.00
lumber used for lands and highways	1.50
J. S. Paton labor on telephone cons.	1.40
J. W. Braam, labor on tel. line con. 8.20 maint. 4.60	12.80
P. J. Creamer, 10 hrs. with team on road east side n. w. ¼ of s. e. ¼ of 17.	4.38

The resignation of L. S. Massey as engineer at water works, to take effect as soon as some one could be found to take the place was accepted and superintendent of lands and highways was directed to take up matter of securing another engineer. Also to look into the matter of wood supply for pumping.

Relinquishment by J. W. Braam of w. ½ of n. e. ¼ of s. e. ¼ of 16 was accepted.

Transfer from V. P. Gaines to Eason Holbrook of lot 1, blk 14 F. div. 2 was approved.

Transfer from Anne B. Call to Alex J. Melville, of lot 19, blk. 3, div. 1, approved.

Transfer J. E. E. Ruge to Frances R. Riley, lots 1 and 2, blk. 21, div. 4 approved.

Moved and carried that Wharf Company be requested to make a report up to Sept. 30.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

By the kindness of Mrs. Sallie R. McLean of Cincinnati we are in receipt of the August number of "Americana" a beautiful printed and illustrated monthly to which Mrs. McLean contributed a very interesting article on "The History of Slavery." "Americana" succeed "The American Historical Magazine" and is chiefly devoted to American history and genealogy.

The evil of congested wealth is not in its spending but in its getting. If we can prevent future getting without rendering just equivalent we need not worry about present accumulations.

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CREAMERY SOLVES PROBLEM

Of Making a Living From the Soil of Baldwin County

Mr. Berglin of the Fairhope Creamery, cited us the other day the case of a native farmer, with a few native cows, whose cream had averaged him at the creamery since May, $1 20 a day. This represents an income of $438 a year, beside the skim milk. This has a value of at least 50 cents a hundred more, could ordinarily be sold at the creamery for that. This would give $146 more to be added to the $438 making a total of $584, or nearly $50 a month.

As the care of this number of cows would be only an item in the work of a farm, leaving a farmer the larger part of his time for his other farming operations, these figures prove beyond dispute that a good living can be made from the soil here.

These are actual figures from the experience of a native farmer, with no previous experience in dairying, with very ordinary stock and without improved methods of feeding or care.

With better stock, and with better methods the results might be nearly if not quite doubled from the same number of cows.

The gentleman referred to has been working at one disadvantage which others should avoid. That is, he is too far away from the creamery and not having neighbors to join with him in sending in milk an excessive amount of time is wasted on the road. Were he located close to Fairhope upon some of the Colony's land and on one of the established milk routes he would be vastly better off.

In this connection we want to again commend the pluck and enterprise of Mr. Berglin in establishing the creamery here, in sticking to it against discouragements and in giving us —in connection with his present partner Mr. Anacker—by far the most complete plant in this county if not along the coast.

The establishing of such a plant, and the good prices which it has paid for butter fat is encouraging local farmers to get more cows and raise more feed for them and encouraging others to come, so the outlook for the business is now very bright.

GOOD MANAGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY.

The success of municipal ownership of public utilities is dependent, as the success of individual business, upon good management and good equipment.

In a recent issue "The Iberian," of New Iberia, La., prints an interesting letter from a gentleman who for four years has been in charge of the municipal water and lighting plant of Menasha, Wis.

This plant is now pumping an average of 500,000 gallons of water a day against a pressure of 60 pounds, at a cost of only three mills per 1000 gallons, and furnishes electric lighting for the city at proportionately low rates.

The writer says: "Our plant cost $110,000, is a paying investment and every tax payer in the city is in favor of municipal ownership."

The cost of fuel for the combined water and light plant was only $550 for a year past,

Much of the extraordinary cheapness with which this plant is operated is attributed by the writer of the article to the use of a late type of engine, about which our friend McMahon, o New Iberia, we remember, told us when in his city last spring. This is the "Diesel" engine, an internal combustion engine, using crude petroleum which is exploded n the cylinders under very heavy pressure.

Such an economy would be the putting in of a larger reservoir in our own water-works.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Oct. 26--The Henry George Club reunion at the Norton home in Daphne was every way a success. We carried our lunches. How much the host and hostess furnished beside the ample supply of tea and coffee, I do not know, but the care, labor and foresight of everything that they exemplified were not to be measured; and this is also true of all receptions in the homes of Fairhope.

We first visited a short time and then went to the State Normal School, most of us did, where we were courteously received by President Baker and all the teachers whose work I was sorry to interrupt for our short call. Now, in leaving Mrs. Norton she charged Mrs. Pilcher and Mrs. Bancroft to be sure and instruct Mr. Baker to keep me out of the Library, for that our time was limited as our club opened at ten, and that if I once got among those books it would be impossible to get me home in time for club or anything! Of course the first thing I asked to see was the library, and so Mr. Baker left that for the last. The books are kept in a fine, light, airy room of the building. It is a small collection, mostly of standard books of reference. It is the beginning of what will be, it is believed, a splendid library. I was glad of this opportunity to visit the State Normal School and hope to return for a whole day sometime when there will be time to study the class methods, that which always interests me. x x x In the Club Mrs. Norton read her paper in a fine, vibrant voice, scarcely looking at her notes, and it was a most clear and comprehensive statement of our principles and of the present alarming economic condition. We all felt that it should be printed, preferably, I think, as a little pamphlet, and I would gladly add my mite to the cost of it. Such sustained, careful studies as that should not be lost.

Among the attractions of our entertainment was a magnificent bowl of fruit punch—a fine glass bowl which must have held three or four gallons. Except on ocean liners I have never seen one so grand. It was a present to Mrs. Norton on her last birthday. While drinking the punch all over the premises, as we circulated about, we were trying to win the prize of a big cake, attractively ornamented. To one question: "What cake should farmers like?" I wrote "hoe cake and corn cake." Both were counted wrong. I was quite interested until I discovered that some of the guests in the library, were consulting a book that had a list of cakes. Mrs. Norton tried to stop them, but I do not know if she succeeded.

Coming home the sea was a little rough, the staunch little mail boat, the Irma, gave us a good tossing up so that some were a little ill. On the whole the occasion was a real success and one long to be remembered.

Not Without Honor at Home

The superior advantages which Fairhope offers in the way of schools, society, shipping facilities, local market, etc., and above all easy access to desirable land, are being recognized to a most encouraging degree by residents elsewhere in the county, who have had opportunities for personal observation. A number of families have moved into Fairhope from the nearby country recently and a number of others are contemplating the same action. To our knowledge parties at Magnolia Springs, Silverhill and Elberta are looking forward to locating here soon.

This is perhaps the most conclusive evidence that Fairhope is "making good" and that its policies are bringing results more favorable to land users than those which ordinarily prevail. People from a distance might be deceived regarding conditions here but those who are on the ground cannot be.

Liberty and Opportunity.

Opportunity means liberty, a word that sounds strange enough in these days when men of nearly all parties are crying out for more state regulation and control. But there yet remains a remnant, small now, but filled full of vital enthusiasm for the sacred cause, and these still shout for liberty. They found voice in the great demonstration held in Queen's Park last Sunday week, when four thousand people listened to the President of the English League for the Taxation of Land Values, as he laid down the true principles on which legislation should proceed. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Manchester League, now very much alive, and the members of which during the summer months have diligently sown the seeds of liberty deep into the minds of thousands of Manchester citizens. The Manchester League is bound to be a growing, and expanding force. This great industrial centre, the home and birthplace of Free Trade, will carry forward this greater reform until the time foreseen by Richard Cobden has arrived—that by ensuring freedom of production by an adequate tax on land values the present generation of Manchester men will have done more for their country than their fathers accomplished by the Anti-Corn League half-a-century or so ago.

Middleton, Eng. Guardian.

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LAND HUNGER

H. A. Bereman in Farmer's Voice

The nation is hungry for land. Ever since the Pilgrim Fathers landed on the rock-bound coast of New England the city population has increased in proportion to the rural population. At present about forty-eight per cent of our people live on farms or in small villages with farming lands and interests adjacent. For a decade there has been a great cry about keeping the country boys on the farm. The delights and allurements of the city proved more attractive to many a lonesome country lad than the steady certainty of a comfortable but perhaps not luxurious living where father and mother had been content to stay and work during their life-time. Now, all at once, a widespread movement seems to be setting in, in the opposite direction. The nation is land hungry and the cry "back to nature is heard in varying forms and phrases in the larger towns and cities.

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BACK TO THE FARM

The editor has stated before in these columns his belief that this movement from city to country is wholesome and entirely commendable. There are perhaps more city folk who need the farm than there are country boys who should be induced to remain thereon. A word to the inexperienced farm-seeker may be appropriate, and we trust pardonable from one who went through the operation of getting back to nature from a too strenuous city life and afterward returning to the city laden with experience and health. The difficulty confronting the city family who are tired of noise, dirt, unpleasant neighbors and surroundings, hurlife and other objections connected with existence in closely settled communities, is chiefly lack of knowledge concerning the business off farming. Mr. Cityman-farmer has everything to learn, from hitching up old Dobbin and greasing the axles to formaldehyding the oats. The profession of agriculture is so vast and compfex that one man may never hope to master it all. It is better to take up some specialty and learn all there is to know about it, and the same time gathering a general acquaintance with the things all farmers ought to know. There is no doubt that after a few mistakes and perhaps some loss, the average back'to-nature farmer will find his new occupation profitable if he possesses the requirements for success in this line of activity. Some of the most important of the requirements are a physical capacity for manual labor, although good business management often accomplishes great results through ability to handle men; some capital, and again it has been shown that a few hundred dollars is enough to make a start; some knowledge of the fundamental principles of growing crops and caring for live stock; enthusiasm and love for the work; and without this every enery enterprise is a failure; patience and endurance through the pioneer period, when things are being started and results seem remote and uncertain; common sense which keeps a man from making he same mistake twice; good judgment, the balance wheel in every business and defined best by the ability to do the right thing at he right time and all the time.

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A SELF-SUPPORTING HOME

As stated before, no man can ever hope to learn all there is to know about farming. In fact, the more one learns the more he finds there is to know. My recommendation to the beginner, as well as to the man of riper experience, is to establish first a self-supporting home. He should be sure of his living by being as nearly independent of the outside world as possible. He can soon grow his garden "sass" for summer and winter, raise his own supply of meat in the shape of fresh and salted pork, beef, etc., and poultry and eggs; he can almost make a complete daily ration from the products of old bossy. Fresh milk, both raw and combined with other ingredients in cooking—these furnish the farmer's table, with such additions from the grocery as sugar, flour and other staples. With three or four good cows the surplus butter may be made to pay the store bills; a flock of hens will lay nest eggs for a savings bank account; a pen full of porkers, if fed intelligently and sold when still growing, will pay off the interest on the investment. After making a self-supporting home the next concern is to devote attention to some special money crop in which the aspiring son of the soil may become master and outstrip competition by doing the thing better than anyone else.

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TRESPASS IN THE AIR

When A. Holland Forbes sailed through the air from St. Louis to Richmond the other day, he was presumably a trespasser every inch of the way, saving only when he flew over water, says the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Such decisions as there are have established pretty clearly the fact that the "column" of air above man's land is his property, indefinitely upward. Mr. Forbes flew through thousands of such columns. The trespass was technical, of course. No householder could very well allege damages. No court would punish for a single trespass which violated only ill-defined legal right, and did injury to nobody. But it has for a long time been clearly foreseen that technical trespasses were likely to be followed by real trespasses before long and that a new body of law to take care of an entirely new relation would have to be forthcoming. An incident in the baloon flights for distance in Europe the other day emphasizes this. The American aeronaut Edgar Mix, starting from Zurich, floated in the dark and mist across the Bavarian Alps and onward. His guide ropes dragged, injured trees, pulled down chimneys amid the "cries and imprecations of the natives" and later, at Konigstadt, wrought such havoc to telegraph wires as to arouse "consternation among the yelling population." Here was a man in a place where he had little right to be, whose unlawful presence did serious injury to the property of others. We take it that the town of Konigstadt and the Bavarian peasants could sue Mr. Mix and collect damages from him.

It goes without saying that the courts will open up the air as a free highway. Otherwise we might as well cut up our baloons and throw away our airships at once and be done with it. But the use of the highway must be carefully restricted in such a way as to give the land-dweller uninterrupted enjoyment of his rights, and in particular to protect his property from material damage. An aeronaut has no more right to pull down your chimney or throw a beer bottle through your henhouse than any man, and it is certain that the courts will so recognize and provide.—Meridan Star.

It may not be so sure that the courts will open the air as a free highway. All "precedent" will certainly be against it. And why should we "cut up our baloons and throw away our airships at once," if this is not done. Individuals and the public have long had to adapt themselves to private ownership of the land, and where passage across it was refused have had to pay tribute to the owner. Wherein is any essential diference, (except their physical qualities) between land and air. It will be decidedly inconvenient and expensive to have to secure by purchase the right of travel through the air over some one's land, and so it is to have to thus secure right of passage over or other use of land, but we may now take this as a matter of course, even as one of the most "sacred" of our institutions. Indeed many—and we would be surprised if the Star were not among the number—think this condition, lies at the foundation of our prosperity" and that the securing of wealth by demanding tribute for the use of land, as much the gift of nature as the air and as unchanged in form by human effort, is as legitimate and proper as to acquire it in exchange for the product of your own labor.

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THE WAY TO DO IT

Will Stimpson cut this week a couple of acres of very fine cowpeas which were planted in August. They were heavy with peas and he thinks they turned out at least a ton and a half to the acre. On this ground he first made a crop of corn, which did well. He then soon after taking off the corn cut a crop of hay, crab-grass and clover with some velvet beans planted in the corn. Then plowed it and sowed the peas.

This makes three crops off of the same land from March to October inclusive, eight months. The first crop was fertilized with manure and no other fertilizer was used.

The corn went fully 30 bushels to the acre. At present prices here it was worth about $50. At least a ton of crab-grass and clover hay was cut to the acre, worth about $15 a ton or $30. Cow pea hay is rated by the experiment stattions as equal to bran in feeding value and is worth $20 a ton. Three tons of cow-pea hay would be worth $60. This makes $140 for the three crops on the two acres or $70 an acre.

Four months of a year since the first crop was planted yet remain. Oats will be sown at once on this land, and during January and February will yield fine pasturage for the good cows—and Stimpson has them—whose milk will retail right at home among the neighbors at eight cents a quart. Why isn't this a good farming and stock country?

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"What Fairhope most needs is up-to-date intensive culture," writes Bolton Hall. And so it is but not necessarily in the way of vegetable culture as is in most people's minds when one talks of "intensive culture." The kind of intensive culture we most need now is the kind that will produce 80 to 100 bushels of corn, two bales or more of cotton, five to ten tons of hay to the acre.

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Fairhope differs from towns generally in the greater attention given to the things that are "ours" rather than "mine." The average community and person fails to fully appreciate the importance to the individual of the things which he shares with his fellows.

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If your subscription to the Courier is due and unpaid your prompt remittance will be appreciated as a personal favor and if accompanied by an additional subscription would be more than doubly appreciated.

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Make your plans to be with us on January first next for the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of Fairhope. We expect to have a fine time.

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JOS. FELS FUND OF AMERICA

By Daniel Kiefer, Chairman of The Fels' Fund Commiss on

Mr. Fels and the Motive that Inspires Him—Work of the Commission to Date and Sum Subscribed—Many Single Taxers Strangely Indifferent to This Magnificent Opportunity

When Henry George gave his idea, embodied in the pages of Progress and Poverty, to the world thirty years ago, he expressed the hope that it would attract some man of power who, by the championship of his cause, would compel universal considerations of its truths.

In Joseph Fels, the millionaire manufacturer of Philadelphia and London, this hope is fulfilled. Mr. Fels is rendering the Single Tax movement in various countries substantial financial aid and thereby imparting to it a needed stimulus.

He has offered to the Single Taxers of America the sum of $25,000 annually for five years, an equal amount to the British League and varying sums to the Single Tax organizations of Germany, Denmark, Hungary, New Zealand, the Australian States, Canada, etc. These contributions are conditioned upon the raising by the Single Taxers of these countries of an equal amount. Mr. Fels proposes to match every dollar so raised up to the stipulated sums.

In a recent interview granted by Mr. Joseph Fels to an English magazine writer, on being asked what was the real underlying reason of all this effort outside his business in support of a theory, he answered. "My reason? Beyond the fact that I believe this would be a reform which would settle most if not the whole of the problems of poverty, I have another reason. When I turn my toes up to the daisies, and go to to enrich the flowers, my money will be no help to me. I feel I had better pu tit where it will do the most good now while I have breath and a few brains left to apply it."

For several years he has been lending his aid, by voice, pen and means, to our cause in the British Isles. Largely owing to this opportune assistance the British Democracy has seen the light of a great truth and is now engaged in a tremendous struggle with privilege.

Perhaps Mr. Fels activity in England has had more to do witht he progress made on the Budget fight than would be believed, and it is because of the encouragement of this success in England that he is eager to apply similar methods here, in Canada, Australia, Switzerland—wherever there is an opportunity. The whole point and pith of his tactics is to concentrate all resources, attention and work upon the one, two, three or more spots where the conditions and the previous fighting offer the best hope of making a demonstration by the practical application of democratic princples of economics. This on the theory that one demonstration will save a hundred arguments.

The American Fels Fund Commission, appointed to raise money to duplicate the Fels Fund and to expend it in the promotion of the Single Tax, has, largely as the result of two circular letters, raised to date nearly twelve thousand dollars.

Over one thousand individuals have already contributed to the Fund and it is hoped that the third circular letter will bring responses from a still greater number.

Mr. Fels arrived at the conclusion, years since, that if modern civilization should endure, great changes in social and political life would be necessary. A thorough study of the social question brought him into agreement with Tolstoy, who said. "Henry George has indicated the next step in the progressive movement of the world. He realized that the public appropriation of ground rent and the remission of all other forms of taxation would banish involuntary poverty, minimize the ills to which humanity is subject, prolong life, bring universal peace and prepare the way for the brotherhood of man. Realizing the supreme importance of the subject, as well as what he conceived to be his own duty in the matter, his practical mind seized the opportunity which his great wealth gave him of strengthening the arms of those in all lands who are intelligently striking at the roots of privilege.

The American Fels Fund Commission, influenced by the concensus of opinion of leading Single Taxers throughout the country, has decided not to scatter the fund promiscuously but to concentrate it on states where the movement is sufficiently advanced to promise early success.

The line is being drawn between democracy and privilege. As a result the great political parties in America are disintegrating. To arouse the whole people to political action, a great moral issue is necessary. The Single Tax will supply this issue, provided the followers of Henry George can show practical results in a single state. The Fels Fund makes this possible. Therefore it seems to us the duty, as it should be the pleasure, of every Single Taxer to rally, to the extent of his ability, tohe support of this movement and the strengthening of the hands of the Commission.

The Fels Fund Commissioners feel justified in the complaint they make against the general run of American Single Taxers. With no definite statistics at hand, the belief is that there are at least fifteen to twenty thousand avowed Single Taxers in the United States and that they should only have heard from one thousand of them is the cause of their complaint. They feel that if you, reader of this, have not sent your contribution you should do so. They are not assessing anyone or dictating the amounts of their contributions. They insist that no contribution is too small to be appreciated by them. The suggestion has been frequently made to the Commission that they hire solicitors to go about drumming up funds. They do not want to do that. They believe it a waste of the contributor's money, and of their own good time. Furthermore that it is not democratic.

We have to date a little less than $12,000.00 pledged. It has been suggested that the fund be completed by estimating what would be a fair quota for each State. This seems a good plan, but we are not yet in possession of sufficient data to enable us to make a fair estimate. If the States were to contribute equal amounts, the full sum would require but little more than $500 a year each. It would seem that so small an amount ought to be raised in every State, without difficulty and if our ffriends in each would make $500 a year their minimum, the larger amounts which some of the States could easily raise would carry us

The Fels Fund Commision are in want of volunteers to perform for love of the cause the work of raising this fund, and they believe that they can meet that kind of support if they can once get it into the heads of Single Tax men and women that it is their business and not that of the Commission only. The commission believes that everyone who puts up a dollar for this fund will send with it his interest in the work, and that is what they are wanting. Considerable can be done with the money they have. They believe they can and probably will get some more big contributions, but that is the way the big political parties were financed and owned, and if money was all that was wanted they could get it. But it isn't only money they are after; it is the moral support of the work undertaken that should come with every contribution.

The Fels Fund Commission feel that if they could but impress upon Single Taxers and radicals generally how much more interested they are in the number than the size of contributions, it would the more readily be understood why they are trying to impress everyone with the importance of their responding in some amount, no matter how small.

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Is It Not Strange?

Editor Courier.

Is it not surprising that outside of the small towns of Fairhope Ala., and Arden Del., there is no place in the United States where taxes are levied honestly; where so far as possible the value of the toiler's product is left in the hands of the toiler?

Why is this so? There must be some reason why other men do not grasp our strictly honest means of raising revenue. Is it not because men's minds have become warped and stunted from long years of false teaching. Have they not become so used to hear that government can do things in a way that would land the individual pursuing the same methods in jail, that they can not see any inconsistency, or if they do see it, do not care.

the bulk of our population believe that when a man has wealth, he is a fit subject for the tax assessor to get busy with, and income and inheritance taxes are the result. Where a man improves his land by working or building upon it, he also feels the weight of the law's heavy hand.

While we are carrying out this idiotic policy, we also allow the few to take adantage of our ignorance by establishing systems of indirect taxation, where the burden of it is shifted from one to another until the crime and hardship of it all is "lost in the shuffle," and what is really a robbery, is hailed as a beneficence.

It seems to me that whether a man has wealth or not, he should not be compelled to pay one penny for the support of the government, except the government is giving him value received, that is, if he occupies no valuable land or holds no valuable franchise he should pay nothing, but where he does hold such valuable social privilege, he should pay for it and should pay it to the community that is giving him value received, rather than to a landlord whom he has to pay to keep out of his road.

This is the one proper function of government the levying and collecting of the value of land due to the growth of population. This should not be done merely because it is an easy way to acquire revenue, but because it is absolutely necessary for the establishment of justice. One other reason might be given for the existence of government and that is to prevent aggression, or in other words, for the courts and police powers to act as umpires in the Game of Life. Yours respectfully,

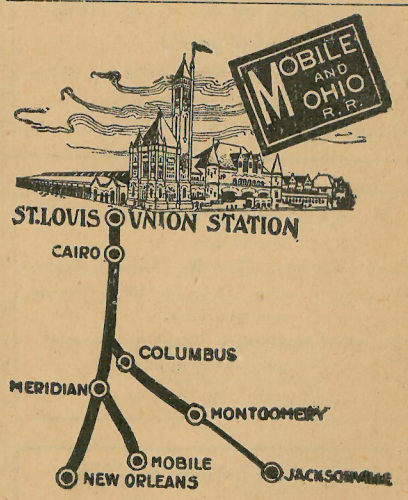
Oliver McKnight.

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From now on until the end of November will be the great oat-sowing time in this section, and the sooner they are gotten out the better—especially if wanted for winter pasture. We would especially recommend to citizens about town who have plots of ground, however small which they will not use for fall or winter gardens to sow them in oats. Their vivid green in winter will add much to the pleasing appearance of your premises, and, if you keep chickens they will enjoy them greatly.

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Miss Ola Powell is visiting friends in Mobile this week.

We are getting more and more like New York every day.

Wanted. A second-hand cook-stove. Mrs. Coutant.

The Slosson and Atherton families went to Magnolia Springs Sunday in their automobiles.

Mr. Frank Stewart was in on Monday and Tuesday looking after his property here.

With seventeen settlers, in three parties in on one steamer it looks like we are growing some.

Mr. Dyson is expecting to have his family with him soon, after several months visiting their old home in Engalnd. They were to sail on the 23rd.

Mr. C. J. Blanchard of Woodlawn, near Birmingham, spent a couple of days with us again early in the week. He gets more and more in love with Fairhope.

A handsome year book for the Women's clubs of Fairhope, Fifth Thursday, V. I. C., Henry George and Arts and Crafts, was issued from the Courier job office last week.

Mr. F. L. Horning is enjoying a visit from his brother, Mr. Christian Horning of Louisville Ky., who will spend the winter with him here and may decide to remain.

F. L. Horning is making considerable improvements at his place, "Homecroft Gardens." He has the foundation in for a front to his house which will be 30x32 feet including porches.

Mr. G. F. Thomas, wife and two children of La Pointe, Wis., who spent winter before last with us returned on Sunday morning, glad to get back and proposing to stay though they retain a beautiful home on Lake Superior and may spend the summers there.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander R. Howarth—and they had none but friends here—who parted with them with much regret when they left for England in the early summer, will learn with pleasure that they are likely to return soon. Mr. Howarth wrote the editor that they are longing for a touch of Fairhope weather and times are dull in England, and that we need not be surprised to see them returing soon.

The Fairhope Furniture Company, under charge of Mr. R. D. Christy late of Mobile, is the latest addition to our business enterprises. It has excellent quarters in the room in the Brown Block, lately occupied by Mr. Littlegreen and will carry a full and varied stock, endeavoring to fully supply the needs of the people of Fairhope and vicinity in its line. Other merchants have handled more or less furniture in the past, but we believe Fairhope has reached a point in its development where a good furniture store will pay and it will certainly be a great accommodation to our people and especially to our immigrants and winter visitors to be able to get what they need in this line at home. We wish the new house success.

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Are Farm Land Prices Too High?

How long will the price of farm land continue to increase? Just so long as the price of farm products continues to increase and these prices will remain firm so long as labor finds steady and profitable employment. In no other country in the world is labor so well rewarded as here. Where prices are low, wages are necessarily low. The man who receives liberal returns for his work can buy liberally, and can pay a fair price. There seems to be no probability that industrial conditions will be radically changed in this country soon. The people generally are too well satisfied with them. Good markets may, therefore, be expected to continue indefinitely.

Farm lands which may be relied on to produce satisfactory crops of grain and grass, are not selling too high. Land which with proper management will produce from 60 to 100 bushels of 50 cent corn per acre, is well worth $150 an acre, or more. There is a large amount of such land in Kansas and adjoining states.

The sure way to increase the value of land is to increase its productiveness. Under existing conditions, prices will take care of themselves. The days of large surplusses are past. Demand crowds close upon the heels of supply. Mouths are multiplying faster than food for them—Kansas Farmer.

Our comment upon the foregoing was omitted last week and we reprint it in connection with our observations.

The "Farmer" is a little confused or confusing. First it says land prices will increase so "long as the price of farm products tends to increase;" and then it says, the "sure way to increase the value of land is to increase its productiveness." If it had said in the second place, its "possibilities" of productiveness the two statements might have harmonized. It is a matter of common observation that land everywhere tends to increase in value because of increased possibilities of production or of profitable use, either because of discoveries of new resources inherent in it, or because of a greater demand for its products or because its relation to population or highways changes. And this without any effort whatever to actually make it more productive.

And this is the objection Single Taxers have to the present land system. It lets the mere holder of the paper title to the land reap all its increasing value and leaves the actual user no better off than before—unless he be also owner and then he profits as owner not as user. If under this system the proportion of owning-users tended to increase it would not be so bad; but the tendency is exactly to the contrary. Every census report shows a decreasing percentage of the people who are landowners.

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"The beginning of summer is a season when the women of every village and town in the country may well organize work for the preservation and creation of beauty. Streets, commons, school-yards, cemeteries, all need constant care and in many towns there are no officers who are entrusted with this duty. In fact, the men who work on the roads too often destroy beauty when they should protect it. Enlightened park commissioners now encourage the growth of bushes and small trees beside the highway at great expense; but in the country regions these very bushes are cut away, with a misdirected zeal for making things tidy.

"Ten women banded together into an association for beautifying and cleaning the town can accomplish wonders. There is a certain village where such a committee has wrought something like a miracle. They have put the sidewalks in condition by picking off the stones, cutting side drains and keeping the turf at the edge neatly clipped. Waste barrels have been set in different parts of the village, they are emptied twice a week, and relieve the streets of the hateful, wind-blown papers. The bill-board nuisance has been abated. The women have painted in a pleasant green an old covered bridge, which has been disfigured with advertisements for twenty years. They also have set up a well drained iron watering trough in place of an unsanitary wooden one.

"Finally, each one of the ten women has cultivated an attractive flower garden in front of her own house, and taken down the fence separating it from the street. Thus at one stroke they have forced the citizens to keep cows and hens off the streets and built up a healthy emulation in lawns and gardens until in June the whole village literally blossoms like a rose."

—American Civic Association.

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AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Town Council of Fairhope, Ala., as follows: It is hereby ordered that the Town Clerk shall give ten days notice by publication in a newspaper published in the Town of Fairhope that the assessment of municipal taxes for said town for the tax year commencing October 1, 1909, has been completed and that the Town Council of Fairhope will hear and determine objections to said assessment on Monday, Nov. 8, 1909, at 7.30 p. m. in the Council Chamber, at which time all parties interested may appear and make such suggestions as they see proper.

H. S. Greeno, Mayor.
P. Y. Albright, Clerk.
Oct. 25, 09.

UNANIMOUS ELECTION

Of Colony Officrs. "All Day Celebration" Approved for Approaching Anniversary

The special Colony election on Tuesday evening was about the most unanimous affair in a long time.

The offices to be filled were superintendent of industries, to fill vacancy caused by the leaving Fairhope of Mr. Trenholme, and superintendent of public services, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Johnson.

A petition had been filed with the secretary placing in nomination, Mr. Johnson for superintendent of industries and Mr. Paton for public services, and these nominees received every vote cast.

The vote was light, only 16 ballots being cast.

This business being early concluded, the secretary suggested that the members give some attention to the matter of celebration of the Colony anniversary, January first next. After some discussion a motion prevailed that. "It is the sense of this meeting that an all-day celebration be arranged for." No committees were appointed, it being the understanding that the council would appoint same at its next meeting.

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A daughter was born on Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Elza Landis of Euclid.

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Rev. L. E. Page will speak at the Christian church Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Price have rented the Mrs. Coutant cottage on Fels Ave., and Church street.

Miss Grace Hutchings has returned to her home in Battles after spending several weeks in Montevallo visiting friends.

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Mr. Wood is having his cottage ceiled and a new roof put on it Mr. Barnhart and his son are doing the work.

Carried awayfrom K. of P. fish-fry at the pavilion a narrow granite baking pan belonging to Mrs. Kile. Please leave at Courier office.

The last boulder in the street in front of Miss Herring's cottage, has been broken up and used for the concrete foundation for the new school-house.

J. B. Bingham writes from Berlin Centre Ohio, that himself, wife and son expect to start for Fairhope for the winter about November 15.

The requisite number of members for a local body of the Womans League, founded by E. G. Lewis of St.Louis, has been secured and a meeting has been called to organize.

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The following comprised a very jolly horse-back party on last Sunday afternoon. The Misses Gaston and Miss Daphne Brown and Mrs. Hodges; Messrs. Arthur Atherton, Paul Molyneux and Horace Wilson.

Moses Louselle went by on yesterday with a broad smile on his face and a nice new buggy towing beyond the old one. It was a gift from his son Eugene, who is working at Fort Morgan to his parents.

Rev. D. H. Palmer of Covington, Ind., has been engaged by the local church to preach for it for the coming year and is expected to arrive soon. A telegram of acceptance of the congregation's call was received from him this morning.

Rev. F. L. Higgins of Pretty Prairie Kans., formerly of Toronto, a minister of the New Church and a Single Taxer, expects to be in Fairhope, on Monday accompanied by his wife and to remain for perhaps a week. They have engaged rooms at "The Gables."

The regular meeting of the School Improvement Society will be on Thursday, Nov., 11 in Mrs. Sweet's school room at the church at 4 p. m. This society has important work on hand and a full attendance is hoped for.

A marked copy of a Cambridge Springs paper gives an obituary notice of Dr. J. B. Humes, father of Mrs. Ira Powell of Fairhope, which shows that he was one of the leading citizens of his city and esteemed by all. He died on Friday Oct. 22nd. Mrs. Ira Powell was the only child and she and her husband were with him during his last days.

Under the auspices of the Mother's Round Table a goodly company of ladies and several gentlemen listened last evening at the Gables to a very able lecture on "Hygiene" by Dr. Lason Holbrook, of Lebanon, Ohio. Dr. Holbrook has become deeply interested in Fairhope and secured a lot of the Colony on which she expects to build.

The Village Improvement Club had a very interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. R. F. Powell. Mrs. Bertha Mershon read an excellent paper upon "Improving Wharf Hill and Fairhope Avenue," which was fully discussed. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a pleasant time enjoyed. It was voted to request the publication of Mrs. Mershon's paper in the Courier and it will appear next week.

Mr. Joe Billy arrived on Sunday with his family of wife and nine children and a brother-in-law, from North Dakota. Mr. Billy is a Belgian, a substantial North Dakota farmer, who has tired of that cold country. He is a neighbor of Mr. Riendeau, who last spring bought the Blomquist place, just beyond Mr. Braam's and built a little house on it and then went back to his northern home to make a crop of wheat. The Billy family family went at once into Mr. Riendeau's cottage, but will probably establish themselves soon in a home of their own—we hope on Colony land. There are three stalwart grown sons in the family; all familiar with general farming and dairying and they should be good help in developing our agricultural resources.

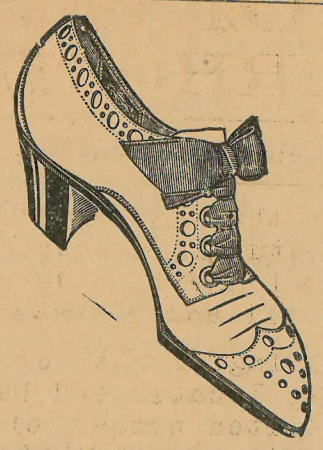
Miss Anna D. Pope of East Aurora, N. Y., was one of las. Sunday morning's arrivals. She was for some time with Elbert Hubbard's Roycrofters and later has been working there independently. She heard Mr. Powell lecture before the Roycrofters and was taken at once with his description of Fairhope. Miss Pope represents a group of workers of the socialist faith who think they should own and control jointly not only the raw materials but the machinery as well and has now in mind advising them to come to Fairhope where the Single Tax Corporation administer the land in the common interest and the way is open to any such groups, to go as much ffurther as they desire.

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SCHOOL NOTES

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

New curtains were provided for the Primary room by the School Improvement Association and were put up by Mr. Keller.

Our stove refused to draw and smoked us out so we had school out doors Monday morning. The chimney was repaired and works all right now.

Valentine Oswalt returned to school affter his sickness.

Clarence Keller is absent on account of sore eyes.

Names of those neithert ardy nor absent during the month were.

Lucile Atherton, Lavigne Berglin, Kenneth Hail, Clara Lawrence, Noland Littlegreen, Ronald Mershon, Gladys Molyneux, Lucile Troup, Belle Stapleton, Eddie Van Bavel, Johnnie Van Bendegom, Jennette Van Bendegom, Martha Ahrens, Mary Annie Hunt, Irene Lawrence, Laura Belle Troup, Norman Atherton, Arthur Gaston, Mathilda Poortstra, Lyston Gilmore, Minerva Riel.

Walter Lowell entered school Monday.

We enjoyed a visit from our friends Olive Worcester, and Annie Mae Oswalt.

Enrollment to date is 82.

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Is now open for business in the Brown Block room lately occupied by the "Cozy Corner Bakery with a well assorted stock of furniture, springs, mattresses, rugs, mattings, window shades or anything desired in that line.

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Mrs. Daniel Shepherd returned last week from her northern trip.

Fish and oysters at Littlegreen's also delivered from wagon three times a week.

Mr. Morgan and the Dealy Brothers were fishing at Fish river a couple of days this week, with good success.

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Oct.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
21	68	82	74
22	68	83	72
23	68	82	70
24	48	65	55
25	48	68	56
26	55	77	63
27	99	77	66

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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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E. B. GASTON, Secretary,

Ready to Listen to Single Tax.

EDITOR COURIER:

My observation leads me to believe that the people—the generality of them—are now ready to listen and give attention to Single Tax arguments just as soon as they can get the means established for making their political demands articulate. To this purpose the Initiative and Referendum are absolutely necessary, as matters stand in this country. Our system is government by servants, with no responsibility attached, and if you authorize a crowd of servants to run your house to suit themselves, what would you expect? It is generally and naively supposed to be representative, but that is something very different, as I could show you by describing a state where that exists. No doubt, our government was intended to be representative, but the machinery devised turned out differently.

Yours fraternally

S. TIDEMAN

Peru, Ills.

We are pleased to note that a concentrated solution of the lime-sulphur-salt wash can now be found. This is one of the most effective insecticides and fungicides so far found, but is a good deal of trouble to make for one wanting only a small quantity. The new solution needs only the addition of water in proportionate amount to make it available at any time in any quantity. This solution is the great remedy for San Jose scale which has done and is doing much damage in this vicinity. We hope one of our local merchants will order a barrel of the solution.

R. B Rushing, in Farmer's Voice, estimates the cost of silage under ordinary conditions at $1.25 to $1.50 a ton. This is in Illinois where the land is richer than here but also much more valuable. Whether he made allowance for interest on the investment in high-priced land, we do not know. But if even the figures are doubled, why is not this a magnificent dairy country with plenty of silage for feed and butter fat at 30 to 35 cents a pound?

Joseph Schuller is to come back to Fairhope and probably his wife's parents Mr. and Mrs. Zass also. Mr. Schuller has bought the old Thrall place—occupied for about a year past by Mr. Daniels. The "call" of Fairhope is something hard to resist to any one who has ever spent any length of time here.

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THE POISON-THROWING NUISANCE.

On another page Miss Pope has a timely article upon a local evil which has been brought home to several townspeople within a few days.

We refer to the throwing of poison on the streets and even in people's door-yards, to make way with their dogs.

This is no doubt the work of sheep owners, in whose eyes the only good dog is a dead dog —unless it belongs to them—and who annually destroy numbers of household pets and often unintentionally, of course, but none the less to the loss of the owners, they also destroy other valuable live-stock by this unlawful and contemptible practice of promiscuous poison-throwing.

It was this that caused the writer, when a candidate for mayor, to include in his platform the restraining of sheep, as well as hogs and goats, from running at large in the town limits. So that the sheep not being allowed to come in and tempt our dogs, there would be less excuse for sheepmen to come into our town and poison the dogs.

The offense is not only a very serious one to property and even to human life, but it is recognized as such by the statutes, which make it punishable by a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $1,000, or imprisonment in the county jail or sentence to hard labor for not more than 12 months.

There is no lack of law to cover the offense, but the problem is to catch the offenders.

As there are only two families of sheep owners in the vicinity, there is little doubt in the public mind as to who are the offenders, but so far the evidence to convict has been lacking.

We understand there is some quite direct evidence of recent acts and it is safe to say that the suspected parties will be closely watched hereafter and when a little more evidence is secured they will be promptly proceeded against. There is no lack of disposition to prosecute and any funds desired for the purpose can be easily secured.

There have been cases in the county, we are told, when, maddened by such outrages, parties have sought revenge if not redress by shooting a lot of sheep, placing them in a pile and putting on them a placard: "You kill our dogs and we will kill your sheep!".

We would regret to see such a course adopted here, for the sheep are not to blame and such destruction of valuable property would be deplorable, but unlawful and underhanded methods are very likely to provoke a resort to the same.

We are not without sympathy for the loss the sheep men suffer every year by the depredations of dogs, but we know of no reason why inoffensive dogs must be killed off to enable a few men to raise sheep profitably without taking care of them.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Nov. 1. x x x Readers of these "Letters" watched them carefully during my ever-remembered outing in 1906, and some of them will remember what I wrote during my long visit to the "Anchorage" the palatial home of my old Casa Tonti friends, the Presseys. It stands on broad, fine terraces facing Hampton Roads, with view of Historic Jamestown beyond. G. W. Pressey, the head of the family, was eighty-four years old in September and there was at the Anchorage due honor given to the anniversary. A big cake surrounded by eighty-four candles was, I think, the show piece of the occasion. Over fifty old friends and neighbors in Hammonton, N. J.—former home of the Presseys and of the Howlands, also, until 1888, date of the Mexican hegira—sent him letters and good wishes; and he returned to each one a beautiful card photograph taken Sept, 27, on his eighty-fourth birthday. I was not forgotten; and with mine came a precious autograph letter. x x x I have placed the picture on the library mantel where it is certain to attract attention. No one could believe that it is of a man of great age. There is no sign of it unless in the snowy beard and hair. x x x Mr. Pressey is a native of Maine where he had the distinction of being called the best black-smith of the state. He is a man of splendid physique, over six feet tall, in strength a giant, straight as an arrow, and with a head, Edward Howland said, of Jupiter "tonans." Hating war, he yet served in the civil war, as did our revered "Father Knowles." I say all this about Mr. Pressey because for one reason, I hope that he, with at least one other of the Pressey family, will some day visit Fairhope, in which they are interested. They are old time subscribers to the COURIER. They are reformers and alive to all the "burning questions" of the day. Mr. Pressey has taken out many patents. One of the "Pioneer Stump-Puller," a powerful and easily worked machine. It was with one of these that Mr. Howland and myself working together without help, cleared of stumps much of the ground of our Casa Tonti garden and orchard. We should have that machine here. It is not hard work to pull out the stump. That part was "fun" but the moving of the machine was real work, and also the digging around roots, etc. Perhaps the most important of Mr. Pressey's invention was the Star bicycle. He was the first to make the bicycle practical and safe; this by a revolution in the construction; putting the small wheel in front. I would like to write the biography of the whole family of Presseys and I hope I may do so yet.

The lecture before the Mother's Round Table last Thursday evening by Dr. Eason Holbrook was one of the best calculated to instruct the unscientific that I ever listened to. It was utterly simple and comprehensible to any mind, yet teaching a lesson of pure science—the late or, perhaps, latest, results of the great medical investigations of Germany. This in a simple, rural club of women with only the paraphernalia of a piece of chalk and a "wobbly" little blackboard! That little lecture must have done more to waken the unstudious mind to the fact that "the fairy tales of science" when scientifically presented, are of more absorbing interest than all the plays and games in the world. Even the fascinations of "bridge whist" must pale before them! x x x As I listened, I was studying the secret of her power to charm and instruct with every sentence, with every motion. It lies in three things: unconsciousness of self; the passion of the true teacher and the thorough mastery of her subject. As I listened I kept wishing that we might have more of such teachers in Fairhope. Imagine, then how great was my joy when I learned through our COURIER that this very instructor has "become deeply interested in Fairhope, and secured a lot from the Colony on which she expects to build."

The "Long Island Agronomist" tells of growing good crops of cow-peas, velvet beans, soy beans, etc., with little or no fertilizer on poor soils there, even on ground thrown out from the bottoms of cellars six feet deep. Yet there was a common belief there a few years ago, that the soil underneath, was "pizen soil" not on any account to be turned up to the surface. Sun and air and legumes will make good soil out of almost anything in a little while.

Colony Council Proceedings

The Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, November 1, with all members present but Mr. Johnson, President Brown in the chair.

Minutes of meeting of Oct. 18 read and approved.

Treasurer's report for October received as follows:

Received			
Rent			$180 86
Penalty			1 03
Stumpage			14 70
Telephone maint.			50
Waterworks maint.			18 85
" constr.			107 00
			322 94
On hand Oct. 1			1596 59
			1919 53
Paid			
Taxes	96 59		
Telephone maint.	27 30		
" constr.	35 39		
Waterworks maint.	67 00		
" constr.	45		
Highways	19 60		
Pstg. & printing	27 61		
Land (recording deed)	1 50		
Expenses: work on books	9 45		
Salaries	25 00		310 19
On hand Oct. 31, Water certificates	421 00		
Ass'n cert.	123 75		
Cash	1064 59		1609 34
	1919 53		1919 53

Fairhope Courier

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Does not the defeat of Tom Johnson, after his heroic, and unselfish and largely successful fight in behalf of the people make you feel a comfort in knowing that Fairhope Colony is in control of friends of the policies upon which it was founded and—will remain so?

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Somebody may tell you that Fairhope is not growing—or that it would grow faster if it were not for its policy—but the wharf receipts and the business of the steamer Fairhope both show a gain in the summer's business of 40 per cent. That is not talk. It is proof of the best kind.

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The attention of residents upon Colony land having children in the public school, is directed to the action of the Council on last Monday evening, in deciding not to pay the incidental fee for Colony pupils, during November and December, no available funds being in hand for the purpose. Parents should pay the same to the president of the school board, Mr. H. C. Oswalt.

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Frank Stephens, in a personal letter, says that Arden is doing wonderfully well, so well indeed that many New Yorkers who have visited Arden, have wished for something of the kind nearer to them and that efforts are now being made to set up another similar venture within twenty-five miles of New York City. Mr. Stephens promises the Courier a letter about Arden just as soon as he can get to it. We know our readers will await it with keen interest.

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Messrs. Ingalls and Fisher returned to Chicago on last Saturday, after looking thoroughly over the route of the proposed Eastern Shore railway. They decided that the only practicable plan is to have an all-rail route to Mobile and are having competent parties figure on the cost of bridging across the bay. The result of these calculations and the action of citizens of the Eastern Shore will determine whether or not the line will be built. Much depends upon the action of the latter. While some have shown a disposition to cooperate liberally, others have not done so, and it may be said that the situation is not satisfactory in that respect.

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Commenting on the bigness of Chicago; of the multitude of people thrown together yet individually many of them about as much alone as the lone hermit in the woods, the Onlooker man says;—

"For ourselves we would rather be where there are less people and more opportunities, less cramp and more freedom, where a man can carve his own way without being continually in the way of others and where he has the space to stretch and the time to occasionally commune with himself and nature and arrive at a conclusion of his own."

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Thanks to the kindness and enterprise of Gen. Mgr. Bryant of the Home Telephone Company, eastern shore subscribers including those connected through the Colony system were given the news of Tuesday's elections as received in Mobile, without charge.

THIS WEEK'S ELECTIONS.

Gaynor Elected in New York and Whitlock in Toledo, but Tom Jonnson Deleated in Cleveland.

Among the results of the recent city elections, of especial interest to land reformers was the defeat of Tom Johnson in Cleveland, and the election of Wm. J. Gaynor in New York and of Brand Whitlock in Toledo Ohio.

Our information at this writing is confined to the press dispatches, not always wholly reliable. According to these Baehr's plurality over Johnson is at least 4000, and practically all of the Democratic councilmen who supported Mr. Johnson's measures went to defeat with him.

The districts traversed by the three-cent fare lines instituted by Johnson went against him.

Brand Whitlock won in Toledo by about 4,500 plurality over his Republican opponent, a reduction of about 2,000 from his plurality of two years ago.

In New York City Gaynor won by about 70,000 plurality with Bannard, Republican, second and Hearst, Independent, third.

The defeat of Mr. Johnson will be greatly deplored by friends of progress throughout the world. It is a new and discouraging evidence of the great difficulty of getting the people to make an intelligent and sustained fight for their own interests, or to stand by those who fight in their behalf. Mr. Johnson is reported to have announced that he will be a candidate again two years hence.

Gaynor, in New York, is not known throughout the country as a reformer, but is vouched for by The Public as a Henry George man. He was supported by Tammany but declared on the stump that he had made and would make no pledges to any man or organization.

Another result not at all encouraging to reformers is the defeat of Francis J. Heney, the famous graft prosecutor, in San Francisco. That city if not quite "corrupt and contented" evidently does not relish so vigorous and undiscriminating an onslaught on grafters big and little as it was sure of if it elected Heney.

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STEAMER FAIRHOPE

Shows Extraordinary Increase In Business Over Summer of 1908

Gain 40 Per Cent. Prospect for Winter Equally as Encouraging

The steamer Fairhope developed a leak in her boiler last Saturday night, which will require her to be laid up ten days or two weeks while it is being repaired. The repair is not much in itself, but two-thirds the time and expense will be required in cutting away tubes to get at the weak point and replacing them afterwards.

The directors of the Improvement Company met on Monday evening and about decided to lay the boat up for the winter, rather than go to the expense of the repair this time, but a review of the past six month's business was so gratifying and the prospect of a good winter's business so encouraging, coupled with the great dismay expressed by the faithful patrons of the steamer over the prospect of her temporary withdrawal from service, that it was decided to make the repair and get the boat in commission again just as soon as possible.

It will encourage friends of Fairhope and the steamer to know that the past summer's business was far in excess of any preceding summer. The receipts during June, July and August showed an advance of just a fraction over forty per cent. over the corresponding months in 1908. Quite naturally the directors felt that a business which showed such gains, and a people who manifested such loyalty to a home institution should be taken care of. The hull and engines are in good condition and with this repair to the boiler, the steamer will no doubt continue for a long time the very excellent service she has given during the past six months.

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GREAT SPEECH OF LLOYD GEORGE.

Chancellor of British Exchequer, On Land Values Taxation Features of Pending Budget.

The following portions of a speech recently delivered by Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer of Great Britain shows how the discussions over the very moderate provisions for the taxation of land values in Great Britain are going right to the roots of the question.

The Financial Bill is through all its most troublesome stages, and it has emerged out of its forty days and forty nights in the wilderness rather strengthened and improved. We have made alterations and modifications. You cannot apply any great principles or set of principles without necessary hardships. We have done our best to meet every hard case that was presented to us—done our best and done it amidst the taunts of the very people who pressed them upon us whenever we listened to them—as I have had to do for five months—five months' hard labor.

Although we have made alterations and modifications, the bill in its main structure remains.

What is the chief charge against the Budget by its opponents? That it is an attack on industry and an attack on property. I am going to demonstrate to you that it is neither. It is very remarkable that since this attack on industry was first promulgated in the House of Commons trade has improved. It is beginning to recover from the great crash which first of all came from America, the country of high tariffs and it has improved steadily.

Only one stock has gone down badly. There has been a great slump in dukes. These used to stand rather high in the market, especially in the Tory market; but the Tory press has discovered that they are of no value. They have been making speeches recently. One specially expensive duke made a speech, and all the Tory press said. "Well, now, really, is that the sort of thing we are spending 250,000 pounds a year upon?" Because a fully equipped duke costs as much to keep up as two Dreadnoughts and they are as great a terror and they last longer.

As long as they were contented to be mere idols on their pedestals, preserving that stately silence which became their rank and intelligence all went well, and the average British citizen rather looked up to them, and said to himself. "Well, if the worst comes to the worst for this old country, we have always got the dukes to fall back on." But then came the Budget. They stepped off their perch. They have been scolding like omnibus drivers, purely because the Budget cart has knocked a little of the gilt off their old stage coach. Well, we cannot put them back again. That is the only property that has gone down badly in the market. All the rest has improved. The prospects of trade are better, and that is the result of a great agitation which describes the Budget as an attack on industry and on property.

The chief objection of the great landlords to this Budget lies in the fact that it has got valuation proposals. Why do they object to valuation. I will tell you why. It goes to the very root of all things, the land question. There has never been a public undertaking in this country, municipal, state, or industrial, there has never been an enterprise, a commercial one, but what the landlord has generally secured anything from four to forty times as much for the value of the land as its agricultural price. And when I come along and say, "Here, gentlemen, you have escaped long enough. It is your turn now." they say to me. "You are a thief, you are worse, you are an attorney—worst of all you are a Welshman" That always is the crowning epithet. Well, gentlemen, I don't apologize, and I don't mind telling you that if I could I would not. I am proud of the little land among the hills. But there is one thing I should like to say when they hurl my nationality at my head. I say to them. "You Unionists, hypocrites, pharisees; you are the people who in every peroration"—well, not in every case; they have only got one—"always talk about our being one kith and kin throughout the empire, and yet if any man dares to aspire to any position, if he does not belong to the particular nationality which you have dignified by choosing your parents from—you have no use for him." Well, they have got to stand the Welshman this time.

Landlords have no nationality. Their characteristics are cosmopolitan. This case was given to me the other day from Yorkshire of all places in the world, as it illustrates practically every tax which I propose in my Budget. If you can stand it I will tell you this story—and as I have it on the authority of the managing director of the concern—well, he is responsible. It is the story of a district in Yorkshire which four or five years ago was purely agricultural, really agricultural, receiving half its rates as agricultural land from your taxes and mine. There was not a village within four miles of it, not an industry, not a factory, not a coal mine; and some very enterprising mining investors came along and said. "We think there's coal here." They went to the landlord and said, "Will you allow us to dig for coal here?" and he said, "For a consideration of course." "Quite a trifle, only sixpence;" and he said "Certainly." So he allowed them to do it. He said, "I will only charge you sixpence a ton on all the coal that comes up." They said, "What about the surface?" "Oh, certainly, I will sell you any surface land you want for the purpose for a consideration." "Well, what do you want?" they said. "You are receiving now 1os. 6d. an acre. What will you want from us?" "Well," he said, "4 pounds an acre." Then they said to him, "We must bring workmen here, and as there are no cottages we shall have to build them, and we propose building a model village," said these mining investors. And they have built one of the most beautiful model villages in the kingdom. And they said, "Will you allow us to build a few cottages?" "Certainly," he said. "I shall want a small return—6 pounds or 10 pounds an acre." Quite moderate, and I am not holding him up to pillory him. This landlord is really a most moderate landlord. The land was at 1os. 6d., and he charges ten pounds. Well, that is only eighteen times the value of the land. I can give you cases where landlords have charged 30, 40, even 100 times the value of the land. This man has been most moderate—only 13 times its value. Then he said to them, "There is the fish pond

rather near your model village. I don't think it will be worth much afterwards, whatever it's worth now, so I think you had better take it." They said, "All right it will be rather good sport to fish either for trout or tad poles" and he said, "I am getting 1 pound for it now. I will let you have it for eighteen guineas a year, cheap." They started. They spent ha'f a million without knowing what would happen. It was a real speculation, a real risk. They took it on, speculated half a million, discovered the coal, and the landowner is getting royalties now at the rate of nearly 20,000 pounds per annum. He is getting in addition to 4 pounds per annum for every acre of land on the surface used by the colliery, 6 pounds to 10 pounds per annum per acre for all the cottages. Then he charges 4 pounds per annum for tipping rubbish and 10 pounds per annum for workmen's cottages, and he is making a good thing out of it. Now, recently, as they are prospering and getting more and more coal, in a very short time they will be paying 40,000 pounds per annum for this land for the royalties alone, the landlord never having spent a penny upon it.

Now where does my Budget come in? It comes in rather late, I admit. It ought to have come in in one of the earlier chapters; still it comes in soon enough to give the story a happy ending. When the 40,000 pounds royalty comes, 5 per cent. for the first time will come to the state. The land outside the land which nominally is agricultural land, but which is really now valuable building land, will pay a halfpenny in the pound. When it is sold we will get 20 per cent on the increase and when the landlord passes away to another sphere we shall then get the dead rent—20 per cent of the increase More than that we have an other little provision. We have considered his case thoroughly. When these cottages fall in and his heir comes and walks in for the whole of this beautiful model village—this model landlord of a model village—the state will then under this Budget say, "Very well, if you really must take all that property I think we had better get a toll of ten per cent off it." At any rate we shall be able to do something for the people who live in these cottages. We have got another little provision. He has only leased one seam of coal. They have discovered, I think, four seams. Some day the other three seams will probably be leased, and then—the five per cent only applies to existing collieries, but we have got a special provision for future collieries—we shall then ask from him not 5 per cent of the royalty but 20 per cent.

Now where is the injustice there? I have been listening to criticism for five months, and they could not point out a single injustice in it; they simply scolded at large.

We are going to sent the bill up all the taxes or none. What will the Lords do? I tell you frankly it is a matter which concerns them far more than it concerns us. The more irresponsible and feather-headed amongst them want to throw it out but what will the rest do? It will depend on the weather. There are some who are not fair weather sailors, and they will go on; but poor Lord Lansdowne with his creaky old ship and his mutinous crew! There he is; he has got to sail through the narrows with one eye on the forecastle. It does not depend on him. It will probably depend in the first place on the country. The most important gentleman in the business is not Lord Lansdowne with all his adroit management of the House of Lords, not even Mr. Balfour with his invaluable services to his party; the real sailing master is Sir Arthur Achland-Hood, the Chief Whip of the Tory party, and that Ancient Mariner is engaged at the present moment trying to decide whether it is safe to shoot the albatross.—He will probably not discover it until too late. But still this is the great Constitutional party, and if there is one thing more than another better established about the British Constitution it is this, that the Commons and the Commons alone have the complete control of supply and ways and means. And what our fathers established through centuries of struggle and strife, even of bloodshed, we are not going to be traitors to.

Who talks about ordering and meddling with the Constitution? The constitutional party—the great constitutional party!—As long as the Constitution gave rank and possession and power it was not to be interfered with; as long as it secured even their sports from intrusion and made interference with them a crime; as long as the Constitution enforced royalties and ground rents, and fees and premiums, and fines, and all the black retinue and exaction; as long as it showered writs, and summonses, and injunctions, and distresses, and warrants to enforce them, then the Constitution was inviolare. It was sacred; it was something that was put in the same category as religion that no man ought to touch, and something that the chivalry of the nation ought to range in defense of. But the moment the Constitution looks round, the moment the Constitution begins to discover that there are millions of people outside the park gates who need attention then the Constitution is to be torn to pieces.

Let them realize what they are doing. They are forcing a revolution But the Lords may decree a revolution which the people will direct. If they begin, issues will be raised that they little dream of. Questions will be asked which are now whispered in humble voices, and answers will be demanded then with authority. The question will be asked why five hundred men ordinary men chosen accidentally from among the unemployed should over-ride the judgment—the deliberate judgment—of millions of people who are engaged in the industry which makes the wealth of the country. That is one question.

Another will be, who ordained that a few should have the land of Britain as a perquisite; who made ten thousand people owners of the soil and the rest of us trespassers in the land of our birth? Who is responsbile for the scheme of things whereby one man is engaged through life in grinding labor to win a bare and precarious subsistence for himself, and when at the end of his days he claims at the hands of the community he served a poor pension of eightpence a day, he can only get it through a revolution; and another man who does not toil receives every hour of the day, every hour of the night, whilst he slumbers, more than his poor neighbor receives in a whole year of toil?

Where did the table of that law come from? Whose finger inscribed it? These are the questions that will be asked. The answers are charged with peril for the order of things the Peers represent, but they are fraught with rare and refreshing fruit for the parched lips of the multitude who have been treading the dusty road along which the people have marched through the dark ages which are now emerging into the light.

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COLONY RENTS TOO LOW.

The Colony Council did not take any action upon the rent appraisment for 1910 at its meetings this week, but from the remarks made upon the subject in general, it is evident that the members of the Council generally feel that some advance in rents is absolutely necessary, not only to keep pace with the actual increasing value of the land but to provide the means for the Corporation to meet the obligations it assumes under its contracts for its lessees.

It must be obvious to anyone that the Corporation must get enough from its rents to pay its state and county taxes and meet its necessary local expenses, at least, or "go out of business."

It should also be apparent that the Colony's lots or lands are worth annually at least the amount that the average holder would have, if it were not for the Colony's policy to pay for the benefits he enjoys.

With this in mind at the Wednesday evening meeting a block was taken, in which practically every lot was improved, and with a fair average of improvements for the locality and its present development.

It was found that the taxes which the Colony assumed the payment of for the lessees just about equalled the 1909 rents against the improved lots leaving not a dollar for the taxes upon the lots themselves, pumping water, furnishing telephones, bathing privileges, schools, or for necessary expenses of administration of Colony affairs. Every one of the lots taken into this account was connected with the water mains one had a telephone. There just happened to be not a poll or road tax or incidental school fee to be paid—not an "average" condition by any means, in that respect. If to the taxes for these lessees, were added the actual cost of pumping water and of the telephone it would bring the actual cost to the Colony per average lessee up to nearly double the average rent—and still leave nothing for administration and for other benefits to the lessee.

Any reasonable person should see that such a condition cannot be permitted to continue.

Now as to the value of these same lots as shown by actual demand for them, and by a comparison with prices at which lots not so desirable are held here outside the Colony and in other communities under as near the same condition as can be found. The least investigation will show that the rents are nowhere near five per cent. of the reasonable value of the lots under ordinary conditions.

There are numerous inquiries for lots in the locality and none to be had and one gentleman who has recently secured nearby, a lot by transfer, says he would consider it cheap at twice the rent now charged against it. Such facts as these the Council is considering and must consider, and such situations it must meet in the proper way if it is to be loyal to the principle upon which Fairhope is founded and to the interests of the community. And such facts the people themselves must consider.

It is a "business proposition" to both Colony and lessee, to the former primarily as to whether it shall receive at least as much as it is by contract required to pay out. To the latter whether he shall for the the sake of saving a few dollars of individual rent, lose his share of the large sum which might be realized for the common benefit if each paid proportionately more.

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REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

To The Hon. Saml. B. Brown, Judge of the 13th. Judicial Circuit.

We, the Grand Jury duly empanelled for the Fall Term of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, 1909 respectfully beg leave to file this our report of proceedings had in our deliberations.

We have examined 122 witnesses in 68 preferments and have found 29 true bills, which we return herewith.

We have carefully examined the books, vouchers and reports of the various county officers as required by law under the charge of the court and find them apparently correct, well kept in good condition.

Our examination of the treasurer's office shows the condition of the county treasury as follows.

Balance on hand in Road Fund	3156.45
Balance on hand in Building Fund	1918.57
Balance on hand in Bridge Fund	450.00
Balance General Fine & Forfeiture Fund	670.08
Balance Special Fine & Forfeiture Fund	99.22
Total	6294.30

Less $2051.66 overpaid on General Fund.

There are outstanding registered warrants against the Bridge Fund for more than the amount as shown in said fund.

We have carefully examined all of the bonds of officials and find them all to be with good and sufficient sureties.

We find the condition of the Court House to be good and sanitary, we find that many needed improvements have been made to the Court House and Grounds but recommend that the Grounds be leveled and kept in better condition.

We suggest that a gate be put at the southeast corner of Court House lot as this seems to be a thoroughfare and persons are in the habit of climbing over the fence at that point.

We find the jail in good condition and well kept but we do not think it is sufficient In size for the keeping of the number of inmates now in the same, we recommend that the County Commissioners either enlarge said jail or build a modern jail whenever the financial condition of the Treasury will warrant the same.

We recommend that necessary filing cases be purchased dor the County Tax Assessor for filing assessment books, as they will be destroyed under the present system of keeping them scattered on tables.

We recommend the discharge of Will Smith and Will Collins as we have found no indictment against them.

We call attention of the Court to the condition of Bill Gates now in jail against whom no bill has been found and recommend that he either be sent to the asylum or discharged.

We take pleasure in reporting that very few frivolous cases have been brought up before us at this term.

We call the attention of the Court to the fact that there is wide spread and well-founded complaint against the present precinct divisions of the county, as a large majority of the citizens of the county are put to great and serious inconvenience in meeting the appointments of the Assessor and Collector under the present law, we recommend that the county be redistricted so as to give the greatest number the greatest convenience and that the voting boxes be placed in the centers of the greatest population wherever practicable and suggest that the Assessor and Collector make two rounds as heretofore instead of one as required by law, and attend at each voting place in each precinct for the convenience of the people whose servants they are.

Thanking your Honor for your able and lucid charge as to our duties, the officers for their uniform courtesy, and the special solicitor Frank S. Stone for his able assistance, and having fin

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Personal and Local

J. C. Porter was made happy on Monday evening by the coming of his wife and daughter.

Miss Gladys Lowell visited Miss Celina Roberts from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Emmet Shepherd who is working in Mobile visited his parents here from Saturday evening to Monday morning.

A number of young people went on a "possum hunt" on Saturday night and were very successful, capturing two possums and a wild pig.

Mrs. Dyson and children returned on Monday evening from their extended visit with her parents in England.

W. S. Baldwin and Bruno Van Bavel of Fairhope local of the Farmer's Educational and Co-operative Union attended a meeting of the county union, at Stockton on Monday and Tuesday of last week and report a fine meeting. Mr. Baldwin also visited his son and family in Mobile over a couple of nights and attended a meeting of the F. E. & C. U. of Mobile county at Semmes, Ala.

Rev. H. W. Fancher, of Mobile, came over on Monday evening, expecting to deliver an address in favor of the pending constitutional amendment, but by some one's oversight, word of his meeting did not reach Fairhope until he did, and there was no meeting. Mr. Fancher however is billed to speak tomorrow at 3 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Higgins, of Pretty Prairie, Kans., arrived on Sunday morning and are at "The Gables," where they will remain over next Sunday. Mr. Higgins is a minister of the New Church, and spoke at Mrs. Towner's on 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

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HOW TO IMPROVE FAIRHOPE AVENUE.

Paper read by Mrs. Bertha Mershon, before the Village Improvement Club.

Any one walking or driving up Fairhope Avenue can readily see many ways in which it might be improved, and it no doubt is a discredit to Fairhope to have its main street almost the worst street in town. At least it has been said to be the worst. Of course this can easily be accounted for, it being the most traveled. However this being true, it should be made and kept, if possible, the best and most attractive, as more people see and use it.

Then too, a great many people get their first impression of Fairhope, as they pass up Fairhope Ave., and as we all know, "the first impression is the most lasting;" so we should set about to do that which will make the first impression good.

The first and easiest proposition would perhaps be, for each resident to see that his property is at its best. Some have indeed, made great improvement, as new fences, fresh painting of houses etc. but there is still need of more such work. If each one would keep his yard free of tall weeds and clear of all trash and rubbish, this would indeed, be a great help, not only to the town but to each individual. And too, if each one would look for and keep in good shape, the walks in front of his property, it would be a great saving of time and effort on the part of those who have the general welfare of the town at heart.

Now presuming we have our yards, fences, etc., looking well; the next step perhaps would be the grading of the street. So much hauling has been done, especially during the rainy season, that great ruts have been worn in the street, and this makes it most uncomfortable when driving unless at a snail's pace.

The sidewalks too, are not to be forgotten. We all realize that the heavy rains wash the sand so, that little gullies and ditches are formed, which makes it difficult, and unsafe walking, especially at night without street lights.

On a recent visit to Selma, a place of about 15,000 we found many of their walks, no other than of clay or sand, but they were made about the width of a board or cement walk, probably a little wider, and the dirt was held in place at the outer edge by an up-right board. Whether this would be advisable here, is the question. It certainly would, if it could be done, make a much better showing, and be much more comfortable to the foot passenger.

Right here we must not forget that there has been some complaint about the loose papers along the street. At one time we had the waste paper baskets I believe, but what the boys did not destroy, the storm of 1906 did. However the streets were more respectable as long as there was some place to deposit the papers.

That which would beautify the avenue most, especially in years to come and we should not look to our own interest alone, would be a row of nice shade trees on either side of the street. While in Selma we were admiring the beautiful big shade trees and some one remarked: "Won't Fairhope look bare?" So I think this or similar remarks perhaps, are made by strangers, especially our winter tourists. The trees, if they are planted now, would of course make but little showing for several years, but we would know that in time, our streets would be as beautiful as any. Though they would do us but little service now, it would show the people that we have tried at least and would silence the question so often asked. "Why don't you set out shade trees." 'Tis true we tried this once, but I understand the trees that were set out were but scrub-oak, consequently those that did not die, have not given us much shade.

Street lamps, or electric lights would be another great benefit. One dislikes to always carry a lantern when going out in the evening, and even if one does, it does not answer the purpose that street lamps would, for then the entire street would be lighted, and not just the little space around one, which the rays of light from the lantern can penetrate, and because of the unlighted streets and the unevenness of the walks, a great many people remain in their homes, thereby denying themselves of the pleasures that the evenings afford. This should not be, and we should set to work to do something before our winter visitors come.

The foot of Fairhope Avenue has always been a source of discomfort to the most of people, because as we all know, it takes a great deal of steam, as it were, to climb the clay hill. But let me say, that to all who went up the Alabama river a few weeks ago, that hill is as nothing, in comparison with the bluffs, stony and perilous, which we saw at the different landings, up which passengers climbed and up which freight was carried with much difficulty. A great deal of improvement has been made on our clay hill, the past few years, and until we are able to have an electric car line built for passengers and freight, we will try to be content.

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by laying cement walks around and through it, and if a desirable person could be found to care for it properly, flower beds placed here and there in an attractive way, rustic seats also for comfort of the people, would add very much to the impression which new comers would get of our little "city" on first arrival. Then

Go to work in our city
There's plenty to do,
The streets surely need it
May the workers not be few.

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Miss Pope Discussess Local Danger.

Editor Courier;

In the short time that I have been in Fairhope I haveseen much to praise and very little to criticise, but one thing has come to my notice that it seems to me is immediate matter for public agitation. I refer to the scattering of poisoned food in your streets. In the few days since I have been here a number of pets have suffered a death so agonizing that in Massachusetts the matter would have been immediately taken up by the Society for Prevention of cruelty to Animals. But what is more important, the mercy of Providence has preserved some of your children from the same fate. The way a small child puts everything it can pick up, especially things which appear edible, in its mouth is a matter of common knowledge.

Valuable cattle are also at large and liable to be poisoned.

I certainly could not advise any one having small children to come to Fairhope until this danger is abated and a community that permits it is certainly not more than half civilized.

Vagrant dogs should not be permitted at large anywhere but they should be impounded and disposed of mercifully.

Hoping that something may be done immediately to prevent your streets being further sown with poison, I am,

Very truly yours.
Anna Dickinson Pope.
Fairhope, November 3rd.

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Minutes of V. I. C. Meeting

The regular meeting of the V. I. C. was held with the president, Mrs. Powell on the afternoon of Oct. 28th with fair attendance. The committee on wire and posts for gully fence given more time. The committee on Year Book reported it about ready for distribution.

The committee on learning ways for stopping the wash of the gully on Fairhope Avenue reported the most feasible plan heard of so far, was to build a cement wall across the gully for a barricade and stop the wash. It was thought to be a slow but sure process.

Mrs. Bertha Mershon read a very interesting paper which brought out quite a little discussion, after which lunch was served.

Mrs. Bancroft, Sec.

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Notes of Organic Education

The C. M. C. of Organic Education is planning a course of three entertainments to be given in November, December and January. The November meeting will be a violin recital by Miss Nellie Slosson assisted by Mr. Simmers and will be given on Thanksgiving night.

Rabbi Moses of Mobile will lecture and Prof. Brutkiewitz who has been spending the summer in Fairhope and has become greatly interested in the Organic School will have charge of a musicale. Dates and programs will be announced as soon as arranged.

The first meeting of the season of the Mother's Round Table at the Gables on Thursday evening was well attended and all were delighted with Dr. Holbrook's talk on "Fatigue."

Dr. Holbrook is a graduate physician and for this winter has been engaged by the bishop of the diocese to give lectures at the convents of the diocese on "Pedagogy." The lecture commenced with a simple but comprehensive discussion of the physiological character of the nervous system. From this, was shown the change that excessive physical or mental work produced, and the detrimental efforts of a strain sufficiently prolonged to produce fatigue.

Dr. Holbrook pointed out the dangers of long hours of confinement in school, of work unsuited to the development and insufficient play or exercise. She dwelt especially upon the value to the state of every child of the present, for in them would lie the hope of the future. The need of not overburdening a child, with music lessons or outside work, in addition to the school was urged upon the mothers. She commended the athletic work done at the Organic school, as well as the gardening.

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Magazine Subscriptions Solicited

At the recent meeting of the American Woman's League it was decided that the first and most important work to be done is the securing of additional members and magazine subscriptions.

It will be a great help if all who are subscribing for magazines will do so through the League. All applications for membership and subscriptions for any magazine published in the U. S. may be handed to Mrs. Comings the latter to be applied upon memberships not yet completed.

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Personal and Local

Mrs. Eugene Wilson is visiting her mother-in-law here for a few

New Fall Irish potatoes. Home grown. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Somerville spent last Sunday at Fairhope.

If you want a good meal you can get it at the Wilson House.

Miss Lizzie Littlegreen visited her folks here over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Hunnel returned on Monday evening from her visit north.

Meals, bread and pies at Sunny Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyson and family have moved into the Mrs. Otto cottage on Section street.

Don't forget that we serve soda water here rain or shine. Hot or cold Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mrs. Lucy Stapleton of Mobile has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Marone Dolive, here.

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Miss Eloise Cleveland of Mobile visited Miss Ola Powell from Saturday evening to Sunday evening.

Fish and oysters at Littlegreen's also delivered from wagon three times a week.

The Ladies Aid Society will give supper at the parsonage on next Tuesday evening beginning at 5.30 o'clock.

Fresh line of high-grade candy at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mrs. H F. Ring rejoned Mr. Ring here on Sunday, he meeting her in Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Somerville of Mobile were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. McClintock over Sunday.

Heinz Olives, pickles, Mandalay sauce, Mustard dressing, etc. Fresh and new. Mershon Merchandising Company.

Bay Minette reported a light frost on Oct. 26. There has been nothing of the kind yet along the coast.

The Brutkiewitz family have returned to Mobile after spending a couple of months here. They will probably return next summer.

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Dr. Borst and family are reported as about to move to Robertsdale and into the L. S. Sanford place, one of the nicest residences in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mershon and Mr. L. E. Page are attending this week, at Selma, the annual convention of the Christian churches in Alabama.

Rev. F. L. Higgins will preach in Woodmen hall, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been on the sick list, though Mrs. Johnson has been able to keep up with her work at the (Oganic School.

The regular meeting of the School Improvement Society will be on Thursday, Nov. 11, in Mrs. Sweet's school room at the church at 4 p. m. This society has important work on hand and a full attendance is hoped for.

No finer weather was ever known any where at any time, than we have had for the past month and are still having.

Miss Pope has rented one of the Kimball cottages on Fels Ave., for six months and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will occupy it with her.

It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mann will spend the winter here and they may purchase a cottage having sold theirs to the Organic school.

The next social of the V. I. C. will be at the pleasant Beckner home "Bellview" and will be an "Observation Party" under direction of Mrs. Beckner. It will be on Friday night of next week.

Hon. Harry Pillans, of Mobile, will speak in Woodmen Hall tonight on the constitutional amendment. Mr. Pillans is an able man, a neighbor, having a summer home at Daphne and should have a good hearing.

At the recent meeting of the National Organization of the Associated Clubs of Domestic Science held in Chicago Mrs. Comings was unanimously elected a Vice President or head of the Organization in Alabama.

R. E. Green returned to Mobile this morning where he will be employed in a barber shop and has sold his equipment to Geo. E. Nelson, one of Fairhope's well-known young men who will continue the business at the same place.

Arrangements were made yesterday and reported to the Courier by telephone, for a joint debate at Fairhope tomorrow upon the constitutional amendment between Rev. H. W. Fancher, pastor of the Palmetto St. Baptist Church of Mobile and Mr. E. Q. Norton of Daphne.

This debate will be held in Woodmen Hall over Mershon's store, beginning at 2;30 p. m. The same gentlemen debated the question at Daphne on Tuesday evening and a very interesting time was the result.

There will be a meeting of the Library Association on Thursday evening Nov. 11 at 7.30 o'clock at The Gables. There will be a short program and a social time to which everyone is invited. Members are requested to come prepared to pay their dues. New members are solicited. Dues $1.00 per annum.

Tuesday was Miss Leah Gaston's sixteenth birthday and a group of her young friends observed the occasion by surprising her, and spending a jolly evening with her at her home. The other members of the family were of course advised and suitable arrangements were made for the entertainment of the party.

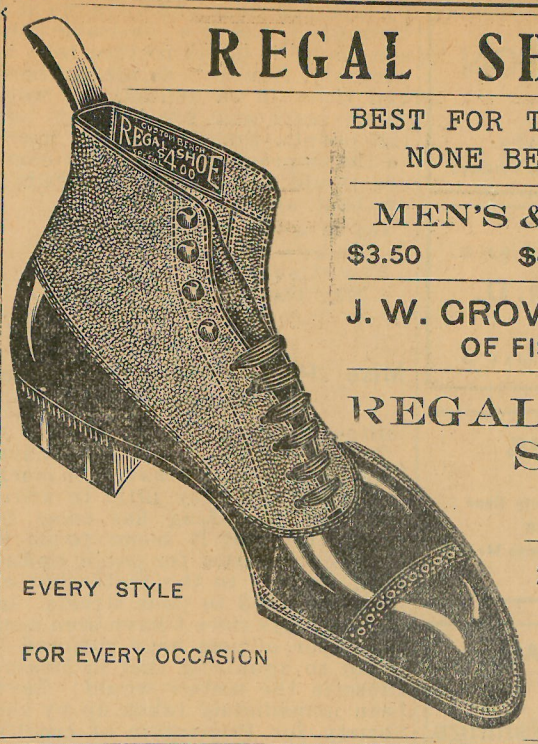
The neighbors and friends of the Dealy's were greatly distressed to hear that Mrs. Dealy, who has had such a series of misfortunes fell down the porch steps at her home on last Monday evening breaking her arm and severely bruising her head and chest. It is feared that she is injured internally.

Miss Grace Hutchings, assisted by her parents and Mrs. Hodges entertained a party of Battles and Fairhope young people at the Beach Hotel, Battles, on last Saturday evening. Dancing and hallow'een games were indulges in and delicious refreshments served. The house was very attractively decorated for the occasion.

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Under the auspices of the School Improvement Association, a delightful and well-attended social was held at the W. E. Sweet home on last Friday evening. The pleasant rooms were thronged all evening. The younger generation was especially in evidence and the writer heard several remarks by recent comers upon the number of pretty young ladies and misses and stalwart young men which Fairhope can boast. Pie, cake, coffee and homemade candy were sold for the benefit of the Association's purposes, and several nickles and dimes were also beguiled for fortunes which were told by Miss Taggart, and by a grab-bag presided over by Mrs. Ames. There were also vocal solos, by the Messrs. Dealy, Mr. Pilcher and Dr. Sheldon, Mrs. Pilcher accompanying and a piano solo by Miss Jessie Simmers. A very neat sum was realized.



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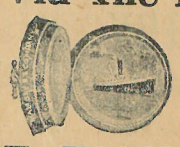
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REPORT OF GRAND JURY

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ished our labors we respectfully ask to be discharged.

B. F. Feist, Foreman Grand Jury.

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Additional Council Proceedings

On Wednesday evening the Council met as per adjournment, with all members present but J. F. Johnson.

Bill of F. L. Brown for lumber etc., allowed as follows.

Transferred from Library account	$4 45
Dept. Lands & Highways, schute by livery stable	11.86
For rep. to gully bridge	1.29
For rep. to road by water w.	3.32
For 310 6 inch tile	9.30
For bath-house steps	3.23

Mr. Bancroft, Supt. Lands and Highways reported amount of land conveyed to town for streets at 39 acres.

For public school site 2 acres.

For Organic School 10 acres.

Report accepted.

Transfer from M. V. Mathews to Jos. Schuller of s. w. 1-4 of n. w. 1-4 of s.e. 1-4 and s.e. 1-4 of n.e. 1-4 of s. w. 1-4 of 16 was approved.

Matter of rents discussed in a general way, but no motions made.

Adjournment to Tuesday evening, Nov. 9.

All action by unanimous vote.

THE FURNITURE STORE

Is now open for business in the Brown Block room lately occupied by the "Cozy Corner Bakery with a well assorted stock of furniture, springs, mattresses, rugs, mattings, window shades or anything desired in that line.

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Fall Temperature.

October 21-27, 1909.

Oct.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
28	60	80	67
29	56	76	62
30	56	78	66
31	62	75	66
Nov 1	62	82	73
2	70	81	70
3	58	76	64

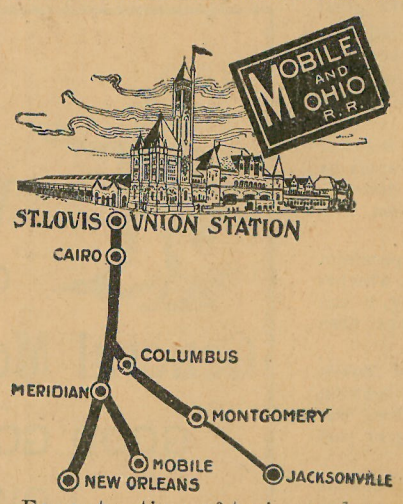
Four clear days, 3 part cloudy with rain on 2nd. Nov. Wind mostly south and east.

L. F. Manly.

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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.

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Council Proceedings.

(Continued from 1st page.)

Following bills allowed:

E. B. Gaston, printing notices of special election and ballots for same	$1.75
postage in Oct. 9	.99
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Home Telephone Co , telephone supplies (subject to correction by Mr. Braam)	10.00
Fairhope School Board, incidental fee for 58 pupils resident on Colony land for October	28 00
L. Barnhart, work on water constr.	3 50
Wm. Stimpson, services as per bill on w. w. construction	7.50
Services as per bill on w. w. main t.	5 05
21 cords slabs and 7½ cords fat wood Aug. 1 to Oct. 20	39.75

Report of E W. Jefferson of collecting $3 for use of locked bath-rooms on Sundays and doing work to amount of $2.50 in rebuilding steps at men's bathhouse and cleaning bathhouses 3 times received, and his proposition to let collections balance his work approved.

It was moved and carried that on account of insuffcient funds the incidental fee for children in the public school be not paid for Nov. and Dec.

Application for membership of Alex J. Melville received and referred to committee composed of Bancroft, Kile and Paton, committee reported recommending the acceptance of application and same was accepted.

Superintendent of public services directed to lay up boiler at water works not now in use, and see that property is in shape and protected from depredations at pump-house, procuring a lock chest in which to keep tools.

Superintendent of public services directed to procure a gauge to show at pump house the stage of water in the tank.

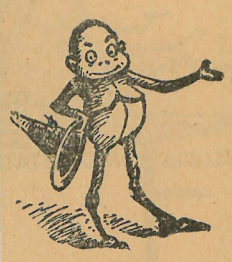
Communication received from John P. Lowell and others requesting the building of a bathing wharf at or near the foot of Fels Ave. in connection with which residents in that vicinity might build their own bath-houses. Matter referred to a committee composed of Stimpson, Ring and Gaston.

Matter of proposal of V. I. C. to put seats in park was referred to superintendent of lands and highways with power to act.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday night to take up rent appraisement for 1910.

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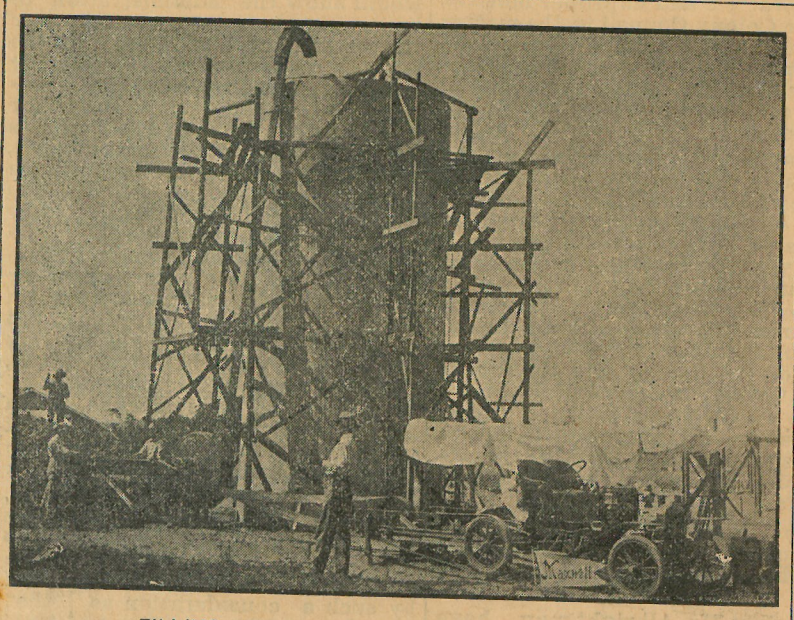
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FILLING NEW SILO ON CROSS and CO.'S FARM.

Our picture shows the new silo just completed by Cross & Co., on their Fairhope farm, and which they filled with cow-pea silage even before they got the staging away from it. It also shows Mr. Ring's Maxwell runabout as connected up with the ensilage cutter for cutting the silage, which work it did finely. Mr. Ring himself stands in the foreground. The building of this silo and the opening of the Cross & Co. dairy farm is expected to mark a new era in the agricultural development of Fairhope, and it is hoped will stimulate similar efforts by others.

The silo is of style of construction new in this section being of reenforced concrete made by applying the concrete mortar to a form of expanded metal, reinforced by vertical ribs, and shaped to the desired curve. The silo is 12 x 33 ft. with a capacity of 65 tons We just called the farm up by phone and are informed that the silage is keeping perfectly. Also that Mrs. Cross will leave Saturday for Texas, where she will purchase the cows for the farm. These will be thoroughbred Jerseys for which it is expected to pay $100 to $125 apiece. The fine barn will be ready when they get here.

TRUE GREATNESS

True greatness lies in conq'ring self,
In treading down the foes within,
And rising strong like Christ to help
To banish all the forms of sin.

True greatness crowns the brow of him
Who scatters kindness 'long his way;
And makes the hearts of fellow-men
More brave and noble day by day.

True greatness sits upon the throne
Of woman's heart, and there holds sway
As regal monarch in the home—
However humble be her way.

Self-sacrifice is greatness' gem
That sparkles on and on thru time,
The brightest in our diadem
That crowns our life with wreaths sublime.

Don't faint if life seems all in vain,
For God in ways we know not how,
Transforms life's deeds from loss to gain,
And crowns with stars the humblest brow.

MRS. CORA MAXON KNOX.
In "New Age."

TOM JOHNSON AND HIS FUTURE

It will be hard for many of Tom L. Johnson's friends to refrain from congratulating him on his defeat. Some of them greatly doubted the wisdom of his entering a fifth campaign. They believed they detected signs of popular weariness in Cleveland and they thought he should not risk turning this into resentment.

Mr. Johnson had won his fight anyhow or as much of it as the people of Cleveland had taken an interest in. He had never got them to see his own vision. All they saw was the 3-cent fare and the control of the traction monopoly. When they got these or found themselves in the way of getting them they were ready to lie down and take a long rest. A sense of gratitude toward the man who had helped them to what they had so eagerly desired and for which he had to fight so bitterly in the face of appalling discouragements of course did not trouble them. They had used him and when they were through it was the most natural thing in the world for them to pitch him out into the junk heap.

He will not stay there, however. He already declares his candidacy for the office in 1911. Meanwhile he may be expected to continue his campaign of education and it is hoped by many of his friends that he will move out of the comparatively narrow sphere within which he has lately revolved into that larger one where he would encounter few if any rivals for the leadership of the great radical host which has long kept him in plain view.

There are many ardent Johnson men over the country who feel that the time is about ripe for some such revolutionary step here as that taken by Lloyd George in Great Britain. Land monopoly is scarcely less a factor in degrading our social conditions than it is in the United Kingdom. And if the Liberal party can revive its waning cause and throw its enemies into a panic by a proposal to tax the unearned increment into the public treasury because it belongs there and not in the pocket of the landlord, there is no reason why the same proposal made here would not produce a like result. And who better than Tom L. Johnson could assume in the United States the role which Lloyd George is playing across the water? Who better than he is fitted to lead the unprivileged hosts against the very citadel of paivilege?—Democrat, Johnstown Pa.

BALDWIN WINS FIRST PRIZE

WITH ITS AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

Places County First in Agricultural and Educational Matters

The capture of the thousand dollars, first prize for county agricultural display to state fair, Montgomery, put this county in lead in agricultural as well as educational matters, as it will be remembered that Wm. Slaughter of Stockton took first honors at the Alabama University and Gray Stelzenmuller of Point Clear first at the Auburn Polytechnic Institute.

This is considered exceptional owing to the recent development of the county and it now only remains for the county to build up its live stock and poultry, which can be easily accomplished, to put it in the lead all around.

Culman county first last year came second with a prize of $300. Montgomery county took the third prize of $200 and Chilton county received the fourth prize of $100.--Onlooker.

IMPORTANCE OF WATER TRANSPORTATION

Some who are otherwise greatly pleased with Fairhope hesitate on locating here because we do not have railroad connection. We tell them without hesitation, that with the growth of this section, we are certain to have a railroad within a few years. Then we will have rail and water transportation both, whereas interior points can never have the latter.

The Onlooker, in its last issue, discloses a disadvantage of being at a non-competitive point on a railroad.

According to the Onlooker points on the Bay Minette and Fort Morgan road are having to pay a rate of 49 cents a hundred on seed potatoes, which are delivered to Mobile at 27 cents. And manure, which is hauled from St. Louis to Mobile and points between there and New Orleans for $16 a car, costs $40 to the Baldwin county points.

The "Long Island Agronomist" tells of growing good crops of cow-peas, velvet beans, soy beans, etc., with little or no fertilizer on poor soils there, even on ground thrown out from the bottoms of cellars six feet deep. Yet there was a common belief there a few years ago, that the soil underneath, was "pizen soil" not on any account to be turned up to the surface. Sun and air and legumes will make good soil out of almost anything in a little while.

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The editor of this paper has not hitherto taken a position upon the proposed amendment to the constitution of this state, to be voted upon Nov. 29th. He confesses to some difficulty in reaching a clear conviction as to his duty in the matter.

With a strong feeling against the evils of intemperance and a conviction that the saloon, as commonly known, is not productive of good to individuals or the community, he has yet had a repugnance to methods for remedying the evils of intemperance which infringe the "law of equal freedom" by denying to many individuals the moderate use of mild beverages, whose possible injury even to themselves, is and may well be disputed and which certainly does not in any way invade the rights of their fellow men.

Furthermore he has had some exceptional opportunities for observing the great cost to the people and the very unsatisfactory results, of attempts to prohibit the doing of acts which are fully believed by many good people to be perfectly within their rights, as they have hitherto been recognized by the law to be, and which both parties to the doing of are alike interested in concealing.

With these conflicting feelings as regard to the prohibition question itself and feeling, as most people probably did at the outset, and many speakers on the amendment side are now strenuously endeavoring to make appear that the only question involved was "prohibition or no prohibition" "saloon or no saloon" it is not strange that we found a decision upon the question difficult.

It may be confessed too, that the idea of being subjected to the unwarranted charge of being "in favor of the saloon and against the home," to which all who for any reason oppose the amendment, are by some advocates of it subjected and of being misunderstood by and perhaps grieving some friends, who look upon liquor as the world's greatest evil and absolute prohibition as the only remedy added to the difficulty. The writer has never however allowed such considerations to prevent his taking his stand where reason and conscience dictated. And, having given careful consideration to the arguments for and against the amendment we are compelled to array ourselves on the side of those opposed to it.

We cannot here go as fully into our reasons for our position as we would like, but will present them as briefly as we can, first giving the proposed amendment in full, which one recent speaker in Fairhope quite unfairly charged opponents of it to be unwilling to do.

The Proposed Amendment

"Section 1. The manufacture, sale and keeping for sale alcoholic and malt liquors and other intoxicating beverages shall be forever prohibited in this state, but alcohol may be sold for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes, and wine for sacramental purposes under such regulations as the legislature may have prescribed or may hereafter prescribe.

"Section 2. Nothing in the constitution of Alabama shall be construed to prevent the legislature under the police power from designating places where such liquors may not be stored or kept."

We oppose this amendment

Because, as stated, it violates what we hold to be the fundamental law of human association, to which all constitutions and statutes should conform. that "every man has freedom to do as he wills, provided he does not infringe the equal freedom of any other man."

Because it would forbid the "manufacture. sale or keeping for sale" for medicinal purposes, of whisky, brandy or wine.

Because it would forbid the making of wines, cordials, or other liquors containing alcohol, in the home for home use, either as beverages or medicines.

Because it makes an unjust and illogical discrimination between the use of wine for medicine or for a home beverage and its use for sacramental purposes. If wine is so great an evil as to justify its absolute prohibition even for medical purposes, how ridiculous to use it as a sacrament.

Because there is serious question if it would not prevent the legal making of alcohol. to be used as fuel or for lighting purposes, even when rendered undrinkable after manufacture, which must be looked to as one solution of the fuel and light question.

Because section 2, taken in connection with sec. 1, and contemporaneous legislation, would give the power and indicates the intention to make the keeping of liquors even in the home, for domestic purposes, unlawful and provide for its discovery and condemnation by search.

We oppose it because nothing in the history of temperance legislation, in our observation, justifies hope of the good results from such extreme legislation, that its advocates cherish.

Because its very stringency beyond necessity or reason, will defeat its purposes by weakening that respect for law without which its effective enforcement is impossible.

We further oppose it because the time set for the vote upon it, only a few days away from the date when thousands of now disfranchised voters, might qualify themselves to vote upon it is not fair.

Because its advocates seek to force support of it, by unfairly charging the issue to be "saloon or no saloon," when there is now state wide prohibition, by the most stringent statutes in force in any state.

These are some of the reasons why we feel it a duty to oppose the amendment.

We would like to add that while we object to unfair campaign methods of those advocating the amendment, we equally object to unfair methods of its opponents.

We particularly disclaim any sympathy with the talk about Rev. Brooks Lawrence leader of the Anti-Saloon League as a "visitor from Ohio" and all efforts to arouse religious or sectional prejudice, in the campaign.

We are equally opposed to trying to make an issue out of the alleged political ambitions of Gov. Comer or anybody else. They are perfectly entitled to their ambitions if they have any and to further them, if they desire by support of measures which meet their own approval and they believe to be favored by the people.

Furthermore we are particularly opposed to the attacks upon Governor Comer and the recent legislatures, which evidence a lack of appreciation of the gallant fight they have made to protect the people from railway and other corporate extortion. And this calls to mind another objection to the amendment campaign at this time which is that it forces the attention of the people to and divides them into hostile camps over an issue of minor importance, distracting their attention from other evils more important—even to the cause of temperance in our opinion—such as the questions of suffrage and economic justice.

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AN UNFAIR EDITOR.

In the November number of the Eastern Shore, the editor, Mr. P. Y. Albright, referred to the recent change made with regard to the pumping of water for the Colony water-works, imputing bad business practice and improper motives to the Colony Council in the matter and also unfair dealing to a former manager of the Fairhope Improvement Co., with regard to the contract for furnishing water to the steamer Fairhope.

Assuming the possession by the editor of the Eastern Shore of that sense of honor and fair play otherwise universal among editors so far as we have observed, and which gladly gives reasonable space for explanation or reply to one who feels himself unjustly accused, the editor of this paper offered the editor of the Eastern Shore, in behalf of the Colony and its Executive Council a respectful statement which it was believed would, in the eyes of fair-minded readers of his paper, clear them of the aspersions cast upon them by the article referred to.

The article was returned with the statement. "You had better publish that in your paper, I don-t care to."

Possibly Mr. Albright may have thought himself relieved from any obligation in honor to publish the article because the writer was also the publisher of a paper. But others will see, we are sure, that as probably very few readers of the Courier are also readers of the Eastern Shore, the publication of a reply in the one will by no means, remedy the injury of an unfair publication in the other.

We regret to say that this is not the only instance of unfairness and of disregard of the ethics of the editorial profession, chargeable to the Editor of the Eastern Shore.

Several months ago. referring to some parties supposed to be disappointed in Fairhope, he stated that these parties had met Mr. Gaston and Mr. Powell in New York and said; "They all say that Gaston and Powell misrepresented conditions at Fairhope to them."

We tendered the editor of the Eastern Shore a very respectful article in which we alleged possession of written statements from 2 or 3 of the parties referred to, saying that they had not said and did not say that either Mr. Powell or Mr. Gaston had ever misrepresented Fairhope to them at New York or elsewhere, and challenged the production of a statement from either party as to misrepresentations made by us.

To the tender of this statement we received the same reply as to the tender of our recent statement.

As this might be said to be a purely personal matter we "let it pass" at the time. It has never been the practice of this paper to notice personal attacks upon its editor, but when the principles of the Colony or the good faith of its management is questioned we have felt it a duty to reply.

The article tendered the editor of the Eastern Shore follows.

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Editor Eastern Shore.

An article in your last issue entitled "The Water Wagon" did the Fairhope Colony an injustice which it would be quite uncharitable to suppose was intended, especially, as you are a member of the organization, and in behalf of the Colony and its "management" I submit the following statement of facts and kindly ask that you give the same space in your next issue.

The cost of wood has not been estimated by the management at $10 a month at any recent time, and has in fact, averaged over $15 for the last six months, and during the last three months considerably more than that. Furthermore, while Mr. Massey had been pumping for $15 a month, he had refused to pump longer for less than $25 a month. Obviously it is not fair to compare what the Colony is now paying the ice plant with what it had payed Mr. Massey in the past, but what Mr. Massey demanded for further pumping. This would show the "administration" to be saving the lessees money over the present cost of wood plus the price demanded by Mr. Massey for pumping, beside which the ice-plant is using its own boiler for the pumping, holding the Colony's boiler in reserve for emergencies, thus saving it something more in wear and tear of boiler. The Colony Council also was in duty bound to take into account the question of efficiency, and felt, I am sure, that the ice company being so conveniently situated, with a plant in operation every day and some of the the time night and day right along side the water plant, and Mr. Berglin having [illegible] connection at his residence, could give more efficient service than a gentleman living more than a mile from the plant and without a telephone.

I can hardly believe that any one but yourself, would imagine so honorable a body of men as the Colony Council would be influenced by such a consideration as that Mr. Massey was "suspected of having voted for Greeno for mayor several years ago." But the fact is that Doctor Greeno, in conversation with the writer since your article was published, claimed, and no doubt correctly, that Mr. Berglin also, was one of his original supporters for the mayoralty. Furthermore the writer himself voted for the Doctor for mayor a year ago and advised his election without opposition in his paper. I would furthermore direct your reader's attention to the fact that having kept Mr. Massey in the position of pumper, for about eighteen months immediately following the time when he was "suspected of having voted for Dr. Greeno," and during that time increased his compensation from $11 to $15, it is hardly conceivable that the Council would a year and a half later discriminate against him on that account.

If Mr. Massey be correctly reported as to his statement regarding the amount of water used by the steamer Fairhope, I am not advised of any steps taken by him to ascertain the amount used with any accuracy, but even if this statement be true might it not be reasonably construed to be a case where "hindsight was better than foresight" instead of a deliberate attempt to drive an unfair bargain? Furthermore, would the fact that an individual or a corporation made a bargain which was not to its advantage, justify it in breaking a contract duly entered into and for which the full compensation agreed upon had been paid in advance by the other party? Still further, the line to the pierhead does not alone accommodatet he steamer, but furnishes pure drinking water for the large number of people daily using the pierhead, not only for the purpose of taking the boats, but for fishing and recreation, and also furnishes fire protection to valuable property there.

I might pertinently observe still further, that purely as a matter of business, the Colony could well afford to furnish water absolutely free to the steamer which has done such an immeasurable service

in furnishing superior transportation facilities to its people, and is so important a factor in the upbuilding of the town, and that without having paid a dollar in dividends to those whose money is invested in her.

Trusting you will in the interest of "fair play" give this space in your next issue that your readers may have an opportunity to "hear the other side," which would not otherwise be possible, I am

Yours Truly,
E. B. Gaston.

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MRS. HOWLAN D'S LETTERS.

November 9—For years in preparing these Letters I have determined that in the very next one I would give our readers some account of a prophecy of Edward Howland published in the Westminster Review of January 1871. That number is preserved in our Fairhope Public Library, and I hope that the following extracts from it will create the desire to take out the book and read the whole article and possibly criticise it in the Courier.

Beginning with the statement that the invention of the railway marks the beginning of a new era in the world's progress as did the invention of the printing press In the past, he continues. "The one made possible the universal circulation of ideas; the other provided the means for the circulation of men; and, great as has been the railway's influence in developing the activity of modern life, there is no question but that we have seen only the beginning of the effects it is destined to produce.

"An advance in the system of circulation indicates invarlably, In the animal world, a more perfect organization of life x x x From the polyp up to man the increasing perfection of the circulatory system marks the increasing activity of life, the more perfect interdependence of the various parts of the organism, x x x an increasing ability to dominate natural surroundings. In the advancing complexity of modern civilization, the increasing perfection of its system of circulation offers an analogy to this law of animal life. Or rather the analogy is complete, since the same law applies to both. From the savage who lives without any interest in the rest of the world, tion of society with its iron roads wandering through the trackless forests, up to the present condition of society with its iron roads like arteries carrying the material for social life where it is called for, with its telegraphs extending like a network of nerves, bearing intelligence to the centers of all that affects the parts, the history of the increasing perfection of the roads is the history of its perfection of organization and its consequent increasing activity of life. The importance then of the railway can hardly be overestimated and its future is a subject for serious consideration. x x x At the discovery of America, the new world with its fabulous wealth, its new conditions of society x x x offered a fresh field for the energy and enterprise of the restless conquistadores of the time. Society then was based on the sword, and war was the occupation which gave full scope to the restless schemers who needed the excitement of conquest for the development of their energies. In our modern times the energy and enterprise of the world finds its scope in commerce, and in the United States the railway offers the most fascinating field for the exercise of these qualities, since the prizes of wealth and power to be gained by the successful manager are greater and more practical than even politics can offer."—The article goes on to show the different management of the railway in European countries where, except

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in England, they are not entrusted to private enterprise and cannot become the prize of competitive speculators. x x x "In the United States the development of the railway has been entrusted to private hands and already it has become a power which influences the political and financial policies of the government, and threatens to make them both entirely subservient to its interests".

The article shows that these enormous corporations have been aided in many instances by separate states by money or by loan of the state's credit, and by the government which has granted millions upon millions of acres of the public lands to them. x x x "So profitable has been this kind of land speculation that projected railways asking for over 200,000,000 of acres were before Congress during the session of 1869-70. x x x That the railway should be in the hands of private corporations is of itself enough to excite the fear of those who know how dangerous monopolies are to the democratic system. But when in addition to controlling the means of transportation the land itself comes to be the property of private corporations, the danger for democracy becomes immediate and pressing.

"History repeats itself. x x x The United States is rapidly entering a new feudal age, in which industry pays its tribute to commerce as in former times it did to the sword. The despotism of this feudalism is as certain as was the other, though the means for enforcing it are more subtle and complex."

It is too bad to mutilate a fine study of an important question, and it has cost real pain. If we had our Progressive League it might be read to the members, but the League meets no more in any regular way for the want of a hall. I wonder if Woodman's hall could not be obtained for the Sunday afternoon meetings. It is a vital error to let the Progressive League die out.

The weather continues ideal, and still the roses bloom and the masses of crysanthemums as perfect as perfect can be, are in the height of their bloom. The lovely cosmos the zinnia, the star jasmine and many wild flowers are with us, though we cannot expect frost to hold off much longer for November is nearly half gone. x x x I wish I had time to mention some of the nice people who have "come to stay." Miss Dickinson Pope, from Massachusetts expects to do great things for the socialists who are waiting for her report. She is cram full of energy and hope and interest in broad fields of thought and withal a pleasant lady and one of the most original I have ever met.

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The Full Mission of the Gospel.

Zealous Christians are often heard to define the preacher's work as that of "preaching the gospel and saving souls," and insist that anything so profane as politics or economics must not be dragged into the pulpit." But the "gospel" is good tidings of a better life now as well as the promise of eternal existence. Since in order to save a soul, it must be done while the soul is occupying a body, it seems a little strange that the preacher should be urged to ignore the condition of the body occupied by the soul which he wishes to save.

Since soundness wholeness and beauty and sweetness of body give the spirit such a tremendous impulse toward perfection, why should not unsoundness of body, unwholesomeness of life and habitation be quite as great obstacles to be overcome by the preacher as the sinfulness of deceit or covetousness.

Since equality of opportunity is so essential to individual development, why should not land speculation, which defrauds the individual and takes for private use that which belongs to the common fund, resulting in unwholesomeness of life and habitation, why should not land speculation come under the righteous preachers condemnation quite as fully and unmistakably as the saloon or gambling hall? Is it because they do not see, or are they devoting their energies to the destruction of only a few forms of evil, preferring to ignore other forms fully as powerful, even though more subtle.

M. L. J.

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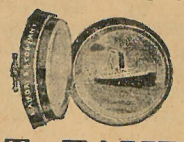
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Personal and Local

E. M. Kellers' are enjoying the following from their garden, cucumbers, peas, new potatoes, turnips, radishes and rutabegas.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, of Water Hole, on Fish River, were in town a few days ago, and are looking forward to moving into Fairhope soon.

Mr. Ruge has moved his business into the building recently moved by him to the corner next door to the building hitherto occupied and the latter is occupied by George Nelson as a barber shop.

At a meeting of the Summerdale citizens addressed by Doctors Borst and Van Iderstine recently, it was unanimously decided to organize a branch of the Independent Voters League and one was at once organized with fourteen members.

Mr. Keller received word from his father, Joseph Keller that he is sick at his daughter's in Kansas, and not able to return home, he has visited in Idaho and Seattle and was on his return trip and got as far as Arkansas City and took ill of heart and stomach trouble.

Albert von Kelterborn and his wife, (who was Miss Vander Wall) have moved into the Miss Herring cottage on Magnolia Avenue. Mr. von Kelterborn is an expert painter and decorator and has the contracts for painting a number of new buildings. He is now doing the new Slosson house.

Mr. Joe Billy and family of North Dakota, who arrived a couple of weeks ago and went into the Riendeau house pending a decision as to whether they would locate in Fairhope or near Summerdale where Mr. Billy had bargained for land and made a payment upon it before leaving North Dakota, finally decided to do th e latter, and have moved out there.

C. A. Johnson, an old Swedish cheese-maker and agricultural expert, who has been living near Mifflin, back in the county, for some time, became so much pleased with Fairhope on a visit, that he sent for his wife to join him, and they decided to locate here and made a bargain for the former Dr. Gibbon's place, into which they will move soon. Mr. Johnson is thoroughly familiar with the making of not only American but Sweitzer and other cheeses. He has been in touch with Mr. Berglin and it is very likely that Mr. Berglin will put him in charge of some cheese-making in connection with the creamery.

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H. F. Ring received from Mr. Fels the other day, some copies of big posters gotten out by our fellow land reformers in Great Britain In the present campaign for taxation of land values. One big four sheet poster, about 5x10 feet, was put up on the blank side of the Fairhope Pharmacy, by permission of Dr. Mershon, as a reminder to local people of what their brethern abroad are doing. It bore boldly displayed, the following words.

"Wake up! London, the Landowners, the Millionaires, the Monopolists, are Combining Against the People's Budget! Shall Those Who Own the Land Own the People? Answer in Hyde Park, Saturday, July 24, Procession from Thames Embankment at 4.30."

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When you see a town containing one or two mansions and a lot of hovels—shun it, as you may depend on it that the wealth of that place is not properly distributed.
—Onlooker.

TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERS ASSESSMENT

Action Deferred Until Further Information of Powers of Council is Secured

The Town Council met on Monday evening to hear objections to the assessment of town taxes for the year beginning October first, the same having been compiled from the assessment for state and county purposes, by the clerk as provided by law.

There were only three of the five councilmen present, Messrs. Nichols, Pilcher, and Sweet, and few appeared interested in the matter in hand. Messrs. Stimpson, Troup and Gaston appointed by the Colony Council, to look after its interests were present, Mr. Gaston acting as spokesman.

Mr. Gaston asked a ruling as to the power the council considered it had with regard to the assessment, whether it extended only to the correction of clerical errors, or adjustments where property had changed hands or been manifestly changed in character since the assessment, or whether the Council might reduce assessments it thought too high, and raise others which it might be convinced were too low. The Mayor confessed that he was not fully posted upon the matter, and suggested that he was going to the city the following day and thought it would be well for him to consult Mr. Rickarby, the Council's attorney as to its powers. With this understanding the Council adjourned the hearing until the next regular meeting, Monday evening Nov. 22.

With the consent of the Council Mr. Gaston however, presented some claims for deductions which his committee would make, that the same might be under consideration by the Council. The first of these was for a reduction in the assessment on account of 39 acres conveyed to the town for street purposes, since the assessment was made. The Mayor remarked that the town did not recognize the conveyance, to which Mr. Gaston replied that while this was true, the town claimed the land in question and more independent of the conveyance and should not therefore tax the Colony upon it.

Asked what the land was assessed for per acre, Mr. Gaston stated that the Colony's town site property has been returned at an average of about $50 an acre, including rough land and gullies, etc., with good building land, and to the Mayor's intimation that it was a very low return, Mr. Gaston said that might be, but so was Alderman Nichols' return, Alderman Coleman's return, Mr. Swift's Mr. Oswalt's and many others; and that what the Colony stood for was a fairly equalized assessment.

Attention was also called to the fact that the library was assessed, whereas the present code exempts all libraries, except professional ones. It was also claimed that not only should the books themselves be exempted but the building in which they were housed, and especially as the library was a free public library, everybody in town whether on Colony land or not, called upon to contribute anything to its support.

Objection was also made to the assessment, which it was alleged was not in reality an assessment at all giving the description of the property assessed, but simply a memorandum of the footings of the assessments against individuals, so that were it held that the Council had the right to object to valuations as being too low and the council to increase them on satisfactory showing, the so-called assessment book did not give the

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information as to acreage of land, and other objects of taxation which would be necessary for either individual taxpayers or the Council to act intelligently upon any assessments.

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Inequality of Fortunes Too Great

Great fortunes have become so common in this country that a man died the other day able to bequeath a fortune of about sixty million of dollars, of whom very few of his fellow-citizens throughout the country had ever even heard. This sum would equal the entire earnings of 1,000 men working every day except Sunday, for 130 years, at $1.50 a day, making no allowance for sickness, for living expenses, holidays or lost time from any cause. Or, assuming that this wealth has been accumulated by the devisee during 30 years of active business life, it would mean the equivalent of the total income of 3,250 such workmen during the same time. And this of course makes no account of the large expenditures of the party in question during the thirty years, during which time he is reported to have given away other large sums for charity. The gentleman seems to have been quite charitably inclined, having given away by will about $25,000,000 of his fortune for educational and charitable purposes, in addition to the sums given during his lifetime, but can any such enormous discrepancy in rewards, be justified by any fair estimate of the value of the services rendered? Is it not beyond question that such disproportionate reward must be the result, not of superior service rendered, but of unnatural and unjust conditions of which the beneficiary was able by superior cunning and the ignorance of his fellow-citizens to avail himself?

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Death From Natural Causes

The Daily Chronicle of October 20th, reported the following case.

A Shoreditch inquest was last week postponed owing to the non-appearance of a witness, a Mrs. Adams, and the Coroner intimated that the woman would be fined 20s., and would have to attend on the adjournment. Mrs. Adams yesterday attended, and it was explained that she was in such a state of poverty that she had "not a rag to wear," and had to borrow what she now wore, the owner waiting at home for their return. The inquest was on the body of Mrs. Adam's daughter, who suffering from consumption, worked until she was completly exhausted, dying three days after her admission to the hospital.

The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

In such cases as this the abuse of language is too revolting. To apply the word "natural" to the causes or conditions responsible for such a death is too great a perversion of truth to endure. These fine legal distinctions between death caused by the administration of a large number of doses which is carried on every minute of the day and night in our East-Ends, will not hold before the Jury of the people. In the interests of truth, juries should in all similar cases substitute the formula. "Death from Parlimentary causes."
Land Values, London.

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Most of those who are wrestling with the problem of unemployment in Great Britain are willng to consider every imaginable thing rather than the one perfectly obvious thing which needs to be done. That problem is not peculiar to Great Britain. It is presented in a more or less acute form in allcivilized countries and it is all due to one efficient cause, namely, the barring of men from the natural opportunities for self-employment. No one ever heard of an Indian being out of work. No negro slave ever faced the horrors of unemployment. For Indian and negro always had the land open to them; and the Indian got all he produced while the negro got at least enough of what he produced to feed, clothe and shelter him. The solution of the problem of unemployment is simple enough. It is necessary only to make it unprofitable to hold valuable land out of use—and that is what Lloyd George proposes to do.
—Johnstown Democrat.

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Personal and Local

The Ladies Aid Society gave an excellent supper at the parsonage on Tuesday evening.

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Mr. Fred Prinzing of Chicago, arrived on Wednesday evening and went at once to quarters occupied by him last winter with Mrs. Mathison. He says he has come to stay.

Fish and oysters at Littlegreen's also delivered from wagon three times a week.

Regular meeting of the Henry George club with Mrs. M. H. Brown Saturday of next week, Nov. 20. Paper by Mrs. Howland "Henry George and the Duke of Argyle."

Day board only $4 a week. Meals 25 cents each at Sunny Point Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyons returned on Thursday evening from Mobile, after spending about ten days there visiting their son and family and looking after properties they have there.

If you want to make some money in Fairhope buy the Fairhope Livery Stable. It's for sale. See Ira Powell Proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slosson have arrived from Illinois for the winter and are at home in their own nice new house on Bay View Avenue.

Buy your candy, toilet articles, stationary and cigars at the Fairhope Pharmacy.

Charles Wilson got back on Monday evening from a trip of several weeks up the state most of it spent in and about Birmingham. He was considerably improved in health by the trip, but glad to get home again.

New Graham Flour now in Mershon Merchandising Co.

Mr. Ring wrenched his wrist on Wednesday evening in cranking his auto. He thought at first, it was only a sprain, but an examination by Dr. Mershon disclosed a slight fracture of one of the bones and it has been giving him much pain.

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The Clover Leaf Bible Class had a business meeting at Mrs. W. E. Sweet's on Monday evening, and after its business had been transacted had a pleasant social time and its members were served with refreshments by the hostess.

Buy your bread, cakes and pies at the Wilson House—This is the place to get Devil's Food Cake.

Captain E. C. Dougherty, father of Mr. Ned Dougherty of "Wayside Farm," left for his home at Washington D. C. this morning, after a pleasant visit with his son and family. Captain Dougherty has been employed for many years in the Treasury Department.

Good jersey cow for sale apply t f. Courier office.

Friday evening Nov. 19, the Henry George club will hold its first evening meeting of the season, with Mrs. Bertha Mershon. Address by Mrs. Comings on "The New Thought," music in charge of Mrs. Pilcher, refreshments, silver offering.

A lot of the Fairhope young people enjoyed a delightful evening at the Cross farm home on last evening. The big trunk wagon of the Fairhope Livery took the party out. Games of various kinds were played, fortunes told by Mrs. Cross and Miss Taggart, and dancing was enjoyed on the wide gallery by those devoted to the art terpsichore. Delicious refreshments were served.

Messrs. Lyndon and Norman Wheeler, brothers of our popular merchant, Dewey Wheeler, arrived on Monday morning from Cummington Mass., to make their home here. Mr. Lyndon Wheeler spent some time with us before and is familiar with conditions here but it is Mr. Norman's first vislt. Mr. Lyndon is a first-class watch, clock and jewelry repairer and will establish himself in that llne at an early date.

At the request of several the Courier announces a meeting at the Organic school building on Sunday at 3 p. m. to revive the Progressive League, which owing to absence of those in office at the end of last season has been without authority on the part of anyone to call a meeting. Mr. Paton, who was at the last meeting requestedt o be prepared to open the fall programs, is prepared to do so, with a paper upon the subject "Should Single Taxers and Socialists Unite?"

Local Fairhope of the Socialist Party will hold a meeting with Miss Pope at her home on Fels Avenue on Sunday afternoon, November fourteenth, at half past two in the afternoon. The second of the lessons in elementary Socialism prepared by the Rand School of New York for the Socialist press will be read and discussed. Everyone interested is cordially invited to be present.

Ira Powell returned on Wednesday evening from Cambridge Springs, Penn., where he was called by the death of his wife's father, Dr. Humes, one of the leading citizens of that city. The friends of Mr. Powell will hear with regret that he has decided to close out his interests here and go into business at Cambridge Springs, in fact has already embarked in business there—but will be glad to know that his prospects there are very bright. He has purchased a successful coal and feed business. Mr. Powell advertises in this issue his livery business here for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mershon returned on Saturday evening from their attendance upon the annual meeting of the Christian church at Selma. They had an exceedingly pleasant time, but on the way home Mr. Mershon was taken quite ill, he was sure because of oysters eaten in Mobile. Hewas confined to his home for two or three days after his return. While on the trip, they also visited Marion Ala., where Mr. Ralph Mershon is attending Marion Institute, and found him well and progressing nicely in his studies.

Plans for the course of entertainments to be given by the C. M. C. of Organic Education are nearly completed and tickets will be on sale next week. Miss Nellie Slosson will give a violin recital assisted by Mr. J. K. Simmers, Basso on Thanksgiving night. Rabbi Moses of Mobile will deliver his lecture on "The Hall of Fame" on Thursday Dec. 9. The date for the concert in January under the direction of Prof. Brutkiewitz will be announced later. Course tickets 50 cents, single admission 25 cts.

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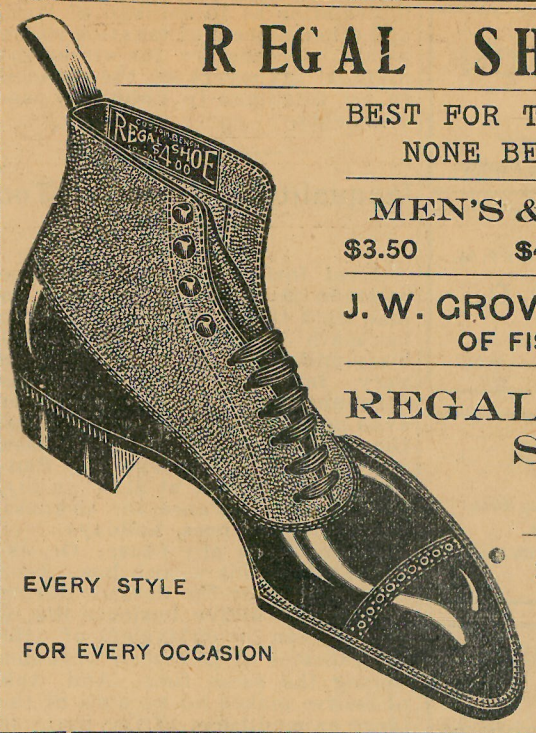
School Improvement Social at Euclid.

On Tuesday before Thanksgiving the 23rd, the ladies of the Euclid school district will giver a social at the school house. There will be refreshments of various and sundry kinds, and an interesting musical and literary program, probably followed by dancing. The attendance of Fairhope friends will be greatly appreciated by the ladies.

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Thanksgiving Dinner by School Improvement Ass'n.

The School Improvement Association decided on yesterday to give a Thanksgiving dinner at the Church for the benefit of the new school house.



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SCHOOL NOTES

PUBLIC SCHOOL

We observed Library Day on Friday Nov., 5, by singing, recitations and readings. The pupils were requested to donate books for the library. Several interesting volumes were thus secured. We now have a set of 12 volumes of the American Encyclopaedic Dictionary and sixty-three other books.

In the Primary room the children enjoyed telling stories that had been read to them and thus were impressed with the value of books.

Our enrollment at present is 50 in Mrs. Sweet's room and 36 in Miss Clements'.

Lillie, Willie and Stephen Fulfort moved to Barnwell.

Curtis Littlegreen is sick with fever.

The scholars were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Higgins as visitorsl ast week.

Ferris Riel, Reporter.

ORGANIC SCHOOL

A visit from Mrs. North of Mobile was one of the interesting happenings at our school this week. Mrs. Roberts accompanied her. Mrs. North is an experienced teacher of domestic science and a most progressive thinker. She has followed educational development with enthusiasm and is in full est sympathy with the most advanced ideals both economic and educational. She will open her school of domestic science in Mobile in a week or two.

Mrs. Daugherty with her guest Miss Hall of Philadelphia, also favored us with a call.

The roof on the Manual Training building is almost completed and it is hoped that class work will soon be begun.

A basket ball ground and tennis court are in preparation, and much pleasure is afforded by the outdoor gymnasium.

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"The plan is fine, to lease under conditions Fairhope offers, and not, as elsewhere, put all money out on the purchase of land." So writes T. G. Barker of New Jersey, on receipt of a letter and literature explaining the Fairhope plan.

Why We Oppose the Amendment

The opponents of the amendment will continue the work of overcoming the erroneous impressions created by the amenders in Baldwin county up to the day of the election. Among the speakers to be heard late this week and early next week will be Hon. Joseph Norville of Mobile and Hon. Sam C. Jenkins of Bay Minette.

These two members of the present Alabama legislature will meet the people at Plash's store on Nov. 12, at 11 a. m., and on that evening they will address the citizens of Palmetto Beach. On the following day, Saturday, they will speak to the voters of Bon Secour.

On Monday the 15th, they will speak at Foley, 10 o'clock, a. m. at Summerdale, 2 p. m.; at Robertsdale, 7 p. m.

On Tuesday the 16th they will address the citizens of Silver hill 10 a. m.; of Marlow, 3 p. m. and of Zundel's 7 p. m.

Messrs. Norville and Jenkins will conclude their tour of Southern Baldwin county with speeches at Battles at 10 a. m., Wednesday; at Fairhope, 2.30 p. m.

Hon. Joseph H. Norville is a native of South Baldwin county and is a Mobile Bar pilot. He has represented the city of Mobile in the Council and the County in the legislature. Mr. Norville is in earnest in his opposition to the amendment and is a very forcible speaker.

Hon. Sam C. Jenkins has long represented the county of Baldwin in both the state senate and the house of representatives and is one of the most logical, common sense talkers in the state.

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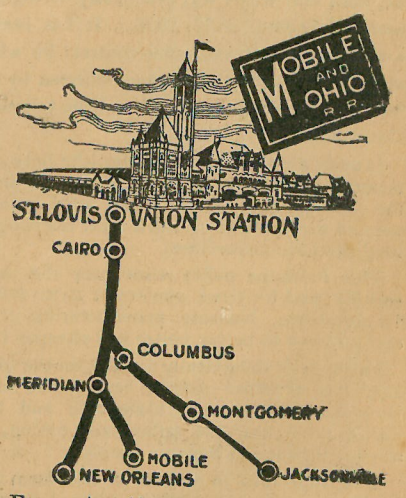
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Henry George re-asserted the proposition that "all men are equally entitled to the use of the earth," and proposed to secure that right to all by requiring those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name 'Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 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 that wharf 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

IMPORTERS SAVE THOUSANDS

New York, Nov. 1.—Although three oversea ships beat the United States government out of something like $300,000 by hurrying into ports with tons of French champagne which came in under the old minimum tariff rate which expired at midnight, the wine dealers here announced today that the price of the sparkling fluid would be increased on account of the new tariff, so that the consumer will not be benefitted by the race.

Of course. Why should the importers give the people the benefit of their saving, when they have voluntarily through their congress put up the tariff bars to prevent any more champagne being brought in so cheaply? Of course, however, had the tariff been reduced, and anybody been free to import at the reduced rate, even the stocks on hand imported at the higher rate would have had to be reduced in price to meet competition of that imported at the new rate. And yet many people do not see that the method of raising federal revenue costs them anything, and still believe that "the foreigner pays the tax." Were champagne the only thing affected by tariffs, the most of us might have very little concern, but champagne is only one of hundreds of articles tariff affected and many of them necessaries of life and comfort and all alike affected.

The Publisher to His Friends.

Remember that the reform publisher must have the co-operation of friends of the reforms he advocates, in getting his paper into the hands of the people, in order to accomplish all the good he might do. Try and get your friends to read and subscribe for the COURIER. A little money spent in subscribing for it for some of your friends will be money well spent. And remember that the calls on the publisher are especially heavy at holiday time and the closing of the year; and if you have received notice of the expiration of your own subscription, please remit promptly.

Progress on School Buildings.

The foundation of the new public school building—and a good one it is—has been completed and the first floor joists placed in position and covered with the false floor. Contractor Brann received his concrete block machine early in the week and has a crew in charge of Mr. Dyson now at work turning out blocks.

The roof is going on the Organic School manual training building and the floor is also being laid.

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COURIER'S POSITION ON AMENDMENT APPROVED

The editor's statement regarding the proposed constitutional amendment. in last week's COURIER has received many appreciative notices and been given considerable publicity throughout the state.

Both the Register and Item of Mobile published the article in full and the Register said editorially:

"In many respects the most thoughtful, and to our mind, the most fair decision in the matter of what position should be assumed with regard to the issue now before the people, came to us in an editorial in a country weekly, the Fairhope Courier, edited and published by Mr. Ernest B Gaston, one of the leading men in that Colony of independent thinkers who follow, as far as is practicable under our state laws, the teachings of the late Henry George.

"The editor proceeds to set forth the reasons for his opposition, first quoting the text of the amendment. These reasons are such as have suggested themselves to others who have formed opinion against support of the amendment. but are particularly well stated, and, therefore, deserve space."

"We thank Mr. Gaston for his contribution to the public discussion, and beg to commend what he has to say to the consideration of all thoughtful persons."

The editor of the Register approved the Courier's position of disapproval of the attacks upon Rev. Brooks Lawrence and efforts to arouse religious or sectional prejudice, though dissenting from our views regarding Governor Comer.

(See other comment on next page)

FEWER COWS MORE MONEY

Kansas Farmer, gives a very instructive illustrated page article on "Fewer Cows—More Money." A table is given of the performance of 34 cows, each cow being credited with the value of the butter fat she produced, and charged with the cost of her feed. The 34 cows made a profit in a year over and above the amount charged for feed of $76 63 But if the poorest 15 cows had been disposed of the profit would have been $162.77. He would actually have made $86.14 more from the 19 cows, than he did from the 34. Of course, this is not counting any gain from skim milk or for the advantage of having a home market for his feed and keeping up the fertility of his land. But the important point is the difference in profit producing capacity of different cows.

According to Kansas Farmer, the same condition exists to a greater or less degree in practically all herds.

Concluding the Farmer says:

"Few, if any, herds tested by this department but contained cows of the lowest fourth that produce only 133 pounds fat. Nearly every herd also has some good cows producing over 300 pounds fat. The dairyman should have a profitable standard and raise this each year, selling all cows that fall below the standard. This is easily done and it requires much less energy to weed out the poor cows than it does to continue to milk them. Generally speaking no dairyman can afford to keep a cow that will not average 220 pounds fat per year."

Grand Junction's Charter

Although Grand Junction is a little city, whose claim is more in the beauty of its immediate and surrounding natural scenery than in its commercial or industrial importance, it will now doubtless succeed in holding for a time the interest of the rest of the country, because of its new and unique charter, the features of which have already been made public. The terms of this instrument seem to give the electors the largest possible opportunity for the exercise of a choice of municipal officials, If the first election is not emphatic enough they can repeat it until there is no longer room for doubt of the popular preference.

Though this charter is different from any other charter previously formulated, it contains about all the radical provisions of previous instruments. It has borrowed the commission idea from Galveston and Des Moines, and has grafted upon it the initiative and referendum which have developed so extensively in the far west, with the recall from Los Angeles, and a few original touches of the city's own. Franchises are to be made profitable. No chances are taken on net profits, but the tax is to be laid upon gross receipts and 3 per cent is by no means a trifling exaction. The people seem to have the long end of the lever and if they do not rule righteously it will be their own fault.—Boston Transcript.

Budget Passes House of Commons

The famous English budget with its land values taxation clauses, passed the House of Commons, on the fourth by a vote of 379 to 149.

The bill now goes to the House of Lords, and recent press reports seem to foreshadow its rejection by that body.

Lord Lansdowne leader of the opposition to the ministry, gave formal notice on Tuesday that he would move for the rejection of the budget bill when it comes up next Monday.

As the unionist peers hold the same commanding position in the Upper House as do the radicals in the House of Commons, this announcement is taken to seal the fate of the budget and assure a general election in January.

The contest over the budget has already stirred England as it has not been stirred in many years, but should the Lords pursue the revolutionary course of vetoing it, and a general election result it is safe to say that the excitement hitherto will seem tame beside that which will be aroused.

Chancellor Lloyd-George and his able lieutenants in charge of the budget fight have plainly shown that they are determined to press the fight for the land value taxation clauses before the people if need be and that they will not hesitate to make a fight upon the Lords themselves if they block the way.

It will be a great fight and we hope the press of the United States will wake up to its importance not only to England but to the world and give us more full news of it than they have hitherto.

HOW DID HE GET IT?

One Minnesota lumberman, T. B. Walker, now has investments of about $10,000,000 in timber lands in northeastern California. It is interesting to know how an empire of enormously valuable pine lands passed out of public into private ownership. The government gave the title to actual settlers for a nominal charge. For many years it was the practice of people of all classes to file on these lands, comply technically with requirements of residence and then turn the property over to Mr. Walker's agents. It is not claimed that Mr. Walker engaged these people to secure title to the land. He merely let it be understood through his numerous purchases that he was willing to pay enough for such claims to make them worth securing. Settler after settler took title, sold to the lumber king, and passed on. Others learned of the easy way of picking up a few hundred dollars and came in and performed the same service. The result of a campaign of a few years is the ownership by one man of a great area of fine timber that will add tens of millions to his fortune. The government has received only a pittance for its property, and the people, who once owned it all, will pay in enhanced prices for lumber for the carelessness of their law makers in allowing these great resources to slip through the public fingers.—Nebraska State Journal.

SPECIAL EDITION CITRONELLE CALL

The Citronelle Call of last week, was a special edition devoted especially to the agricultural resources of Citronelle and vicinity and was gotten out under the auspices of the Citronelle Business Men's Association. In addition to the usual four pages of home matter, the Call carried four pages more consisting mostly of special articles by farmers residing near Citronelle, devoted to different lines of agriculture and giving their personal experiences.

Copies of the number may be had for the asking and as the conditions of soil, climate, etc., are substantially the same at Citronelle as at Fairhope, we suggest that those interested send for copies, addressing either the Call, or the Citronelle Business Men's Association.

There were 81,000 applications filed for 10,000 Government claims covering over two million acres of land up in the Northwest. A blindfolded girl drew the lucky numbers that determined who should own the land, and yet the Government has legislated against lotteries. All such are illegal except when it comes to the distribution of land.—Bakersfield Californian.

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How the West has Developed

Five years ago it was freely predicted that land values in the west had reached their height, but they are 20 to 40 per cent higher now than then. This has led to the decision of farms. The families of the first comers are grown. The second generation has come to the fore, and is taking part in the business of the communities. They have grown up with the country and know what it can produce, and just how valuable it is for the purpose of production and for a home, says C. M. Harger, editor Abilene, Kansas, Reflector, in the Atlantic Magazine.

Here and there is one who declares that the expansion of prices and incoming of immigration is beyond the limits of business safety. It is pointed out that land is selling in places for prices in excess of any possibility of paying interest from the products of the fields. But there are other things that make land valuable and desirable besides wheat and corn. Conveniences of life, health and neighborliness add to the value of the farm. When the buyer comes to even newer lands he finds schools established, rural telephone lines, and free rural delivery. He discovers that churches are many and social organizations of a pleasant sort numerous. In short, he finds that the communities out on the high plains are not very different from those in the Ohio Valley except that there are some vacation delights impossible unless a five hundred mile jorney is taken For the lake and the river must find compensation in the sunshine and the prairies, with the probability that he will make a larger income, propotionately, on his capital than he could have done done farther east.—Kansas Farmer.

Everybody takes it for granted you see, that land should increase in value, because of better roads, schools, churches and social advantages. So it is at Fairhope. The only difference is that in Kansas and elsewhere, the increase goes to the profit of the owners while at Fairhope it is collected and disbursed for the benefit of the users. But that it must increase because of these changing conditions is due to inexhorable law.

The sooner people at Fairhope see this and that only good to all follows recognition of this law and compliance with justice by taking for the pubiic, the increased values primarily due to the public, the quicker will Fairhope furnish the object lesson of the benefits of this system, which is her main reason for existence and the greater be the benefits to her people.

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Courier's Position on Amendment Approved

S. E. Gooding of Vinegar Bend Alabama writes in part: "I want to compliment you on your strong editoriai on the amendment. It suits my views to a "t." Mr. Gooding shared our views fully in regard to the attacks by anti-amenders on Governor Comer.

Mr. W. H. Bryant, of Mobile, writes.

"I read your article on the Constitutional Amendment in the Courier of the 12th inst, and I wishto compliment you on the very able manner you have expressed your views. It is the best article I have read touching this matter and fully covers the objections of myself and others who are not "Whiskey heads" as the Amendis's so unfairly designate opponents to the Amendment." 0

A gentleman recently arrived from Illinois, a man of the highest moral character and an ardent long time prohibitionist, whose name we do not use, not because of any request not to do so, but because we did not ask his permission; called at the office to express his approval, and to say from the standpoint of a prohibitionist that such extreme measures had proven an injury to the prohibition cause in Illinois, where there was much reason to believe that the liquor interests themselves had encouraged them, in order to arouse public sentiment against the law.

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Heney Defeats Heney

We are glad of assurance received through the columns of the San Francisco Star, than which we know of no better atuhority on the Pacific coast, that the defeat of Francis J. Heney for district attorney in San Francisco is not to be taken as an evidence of weakening on the part of the people of that city in the fight against municipal corruption. Said the Star\

The defeat of Francis J. Heney for District Attorney was not due to "apathy" of the voters, nor to lack of campaign funds, nor to a "deficient moral sense" in the community. He was not defeated by the political machine of the Amalgamated Villainies, nor by an alliance between the various kinds of crooks in this city—for there is not a majority of crooks in San Francisco. He was not defeated by the "indifference of the voters to a great moral issue," for if there was any moral issue involved, Heney himself lost sight of it at the beginning of the campaign.

Heney was defeated by Francis J. Heney.

The people of San Francisco have defeated Heney not because they are "opposed to equality before the law"—to which they are not opposed—but because they are opposed to private prosecutions, because they are opposed to gumshoe government coupled with despicable espionage, because they oppose prosecutions and attempts to convict accused persons in manner and by methods contrary to law, because they oppose trial by malice as substitute for trial by law, and because they do not want as their District Attorney a man who shows malice by proclaiming from public platforms and in the public press that he intends to send this and the other man to prision—even before an indictment has been brought against the person accused."

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Among the most enthusiastic of Fairhope's recent visitors are Mr. and Mrs. Bromley, of Denver, who have been at the Fairhope Hotel for couple of weeks. They have been at many places on the Southern coast in years past, but think the claims of Fairhope surpass those of any other place they have visited. The strenuousness of life in the altitude of Denver, causes many people to seek lower altitudes and a milder climate during the winter months, and Mr. and Mrs. Bromley are writing their friends and urging them to come to Fairhope.

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FROM BAD TO WORSE

Report on Labor Conditions in England

Washington, Nov. 9.—Labor conditions in Great Britain are going from bad to worse, judging from the report of John L. Griffiths, consul general at London, to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Wages are being lowered and the hours of work are decreasing, while an alarmingly large increase in the number of those who are registered as unemployed is giving grave concern.

Last year during the entire twelve months the wages of 464,000 persons were reduced because of the bad times. In the six months of 1909, from January to June, or or just half the time, 1,081,273 were compelled to submit to reductions in their earnings.

The gravity of the situation is vividly set forth by the statistics of the unemployed, prepared and compiled by the British Government. These show that in the first three days of registration in London last month 2,500 more persons applied for work than in the corresponding three days of October, 1908.

There is at present a bill before Parliament, drawn by the trades boards which, if it becomes a law, will authorize the Board of Trade to establish a minimum rate of wage in all trades where there is satisfactory proof that the scale of wages paid is unusually low or unfair to the workers.

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DAIRYING AND STOCK RAISING PROFITABLE

Of all lines of profitable industry that of stock raising and dairying is best substantiated by actual experience. From earliest time of settlement more or less stock has been raised. With unlimited area of range, stock was allowed to roam the woods, picking their living the year around, without proper care or attention. Little or no concern was given to breeding, and the results obtained by these methods showed little promise of the possibilities in store, as recently demonstrated. Not many years ago it was generally believed that cattle could not attain the weight and size here as in the north. It was also asserted that a milk cow could not produce the milk or butter here as in the north. The country was held responsible for these defects. That the grade of stock and the lack of attention given it were responsible, is now fullly confirmed. A few dairies already established in this section have surprised even their most sanguine advocates. The per cent of butter fat obtained from the milk is equal to that of the famous grass regions of the Mississippi valley, while the cost of producing the milk is less, for two reasons, viz, cheaper land, and less food required for winter. Add to this great advantage the high priced market close at hand. Mobile imports annually about a quarter of a million dollars' worth of butter, averaging at wholesale about 30 cents a pound. This market and this price, or an even better one, is open to the producer of butter here. That grazing and forage crops grow here every month in the year gives the dairy and stockman a great advantage over those of the north, the appended statements fully confirm.

"I have made a business of raising poultry in Citronelle for the past five years. My flock varies from three hundred laying hens to one thousand chicks and hens during the growing season. My experience is that hens lay better here than in the north. They get growing green crops during the whole year. I market my eggs in Mobile at average prices of twenty-five cents per dozen. My hens averaged ten dozen eggs last year. The market for fresh eggs in Mobile has not in my experience been over supplied." (Signed) H. Schleuterbusch.

"I am now farming forty-five acres at Russel, Ala., three miles south of Citronelle. For fourteen years before coming here I was farming in South Dakota. That farming can be made more profitable here than in the north is beyond question. I never fail in getting two and three crops a year from the same field. Corn, hay or some forage crops and oats can be raised within the twelve months on the same acreage, and yields compare favorably with results in the north. Cattle and hogs grow and fatten as well here as up there, and can be raised at far less expense. I have fig, pear, paper shell pecans, persimmon, oranges and apple trees, all in bearing, thrifty and full of fruit. I am satisfied that fruits will prove a profitable industry in this country." (Signed) H. Riedemann.

—Citronelle Call.

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Fire at Fairhope Hotel

The ringing of the fire-bell brought the fire department and pretty nearly the whole town, to the Fairhope Hotel on Thursday afternoon, but the fire which caused the alarm, was in check before the fire fighting apparatus could get there.

The occupants of the house were serenely unconscious of the danger but fortunately Miss Mary Gabel, who was driving on the road by the park saw the blaze and whipping up her horse gave the alarm to the house. The fire had then eaten through the roof and was blazing freely. There was plenty of water convenient and a few bucketsful applied by Mr. Troup at close quarters checked the blaze until more help arrived.

It was an uncomfortably narrow escape.

The small loss was covered by insurance

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Messrs. U. L. Riendeau and F. X. Duchesneau and wives, of Thorne, N. Dakota, arr,ived on Monday evening and will probably spend the winter here. Indeed they look forward to having homes in the south and are much pleased with Fairhope. Mr. Riendeau had made a contract for the purchase of land back in the country, before learning of Fairhope, but after readngi the Courier for several monthsc, is inclined to simply give up his purchased land, forfeiting if need be, what he has paid upon it, and locate in Fairhope.

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Hons. S. C. Jenkins of Bay Minette and J. H. Norville, now of Mobile, but many years a resident of Baldwin County, spoke against the amendment at Fairhope on Wednesday, at 2.30. Despite the fact that the meeting was during business and work hours and at a very busy time at Fairhope, there was a very fair audience of men, largely voters. Both gentlemen made eloquent and effective speeches, that of Mr. Jenkins being especially so.

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We understand that Henry Rodemacher sold his farm north of town this week to Ben Mackey, Belden, for the comfortable sum of $110 an acre. But somehow $110 an acre dosen't sound strange now in this portion of the state.

—Coleridge, (Neb.) Blade.

CORN MAN ENTHUSIASTIC

New Slogan Announced By State Commissioner

Specimens of Grain Growing Entered By Alabama Farmers Show Some Really Remarkable General Results

Commissioner of Agriculture J. A. Wilkinson has uttered an epigrammatic admonition to Alabama farmers.

"Make corn," he says. "If you can't make it one way, make it another. But make corn. That's the main thing."

The Commissioner is harassed at times by the debate as to the virtues of one method or the other of corn growing. The debate grows personal some times, and corn growing methods have become an issue of significance in Alabama.

"We are advocating no method," the Commissioner says. "What the department wants is to create an interest in agriculture, and to better the quality and quantity of Alabama farm products."

About $1,650 in prizes will be distributed by the State for the best corn, oats and potatoes raised by Alabama farmers. Samples of the products are being received daily by the officials of the Department, and the judging will be done during the latter part of November by W. F. Wilkinson, Chief Clerk of the State Department of Agriculture, J. A. Duggar, Professor of Agriculture at Auburn, and a competent farmer to be named by these two men.

Remarkable specimens of farm products have been entered in the competition by farmers. Corn has been raised in amounts from thirty to 140 bushels to the acre, oats from sixty to 150 bushels, potatoes from 250 to 350 bushels to each acre.

The hay and other crops have not been reported fully, but a bulletin will be issued before the month is out, giving the results of the year's competitions. Commissioner Wilkinson sanguinely expects some world beaters.

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The Duty of Teachers of Righteousness

When speculative prices are asked for land, the poor man with a family who should set himself to work to support his famill, is forced to swell he crowd of job seekers in the city. He offers his labor at a reduced price, thus forcing down wages, and occupies the tenement, where he and his family soon become submerged in the bad air, filth and disease found in all slums. He becomes discouraged, his children are deprived of light and air and health and joy and childhood. His family life is destroyed. How shall the preacher "save his soul?" But there is no law to prevent speculative prices of anld, so the speculator has done no wrong in helping to destroy that family.

Is it not the duty of every teacher and preacher of righteousness, to cry aloud from the housetops, on the street corners, from the pulpit in season and out of season, until a law is made which shall prevent such wrongs? What is righteousness but right living, right relationships among men.

Surely the preacher and teacher of righteousness cannot see men turned from their divine heritage the earth, and forced into the soul destroying slum, without a word of protest.

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Charity offers that family a few old clothes and a Thanksgiving dinner, and some churches will try to find work for some of the children. But WHY not see the first cause of the tragedy? Why not make it possible for that man and millions more like him, to take his family into the country where they can live as human beings were intended to live? Why urge him to a better life when every avenue to a better life is blocked by speculative land values. Surely since the work of the gospel is to save souls, it is also the work of the preacher to make it possible for the soul to "see God."

M. L. J.

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Good News From Florida

The editor has just received word from our friends the Cliftons, who started the cannery factory here, but were obliged to give up because of insufficient capital and seek employment in Florida, that thay have disposed of an interest in their property here to a Mr. and Mrs. Gomm, with whom they are now associated at Fort Myers Fla., and who will go in with them to develop their property and establish a canning industry here on a considerable scale.

Mr. Clifton writes.

"Mr. and Mrs. Gomm are well known throughout al. of Lee county, Forida, as most excellent people and in my opinion, their linking themselves with Fairhope and its policies is fortunate indeed. We will now set out all of our ten acres in pear trees for canning purposes and take up more Colony land for vegetables, also for canning. Fairhope will be our home as soon as arrangements can be made. Mr. and Mrs. Gomm have the means to carry on the canning business on a large scale."

Mr. Gomm writes also. "I am in earnest sympathy with your Single Tax principles.

Much disappointment was felt when Mr. and Mrs. Clifton left last spring, for though they were hampered by lack of capital, their little venture in the canning business had given much encouragement to many who had planned to bring them much more stuff to can this season.

All will be glad to hear that they they are to return "with reinforcements" of the kind needed.

With a good cannery added to our good creamery we will be on the high road to industrial prosperity.

Will Stimpson left at the Courier office a sample of very fine rutabagas he has this fall. The two left weigh together about eight pounds. He says he has six rows 350 ft. long of them, and they were grown wholly with stable manure

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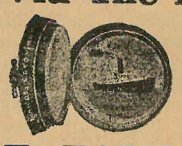
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Rev. Page Accepts Call

Rev. L. E. Page has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Christian church, at Hartselle, Ala., and he and Mrs. Page will leave for their new field of work next week. They are most excellent people for whom Fairhope feels a sincere interest because of their residence here and their continued friendship and interest while away and we trust their life and labors in the new field will be as pleasant to them and as satisfactory to their co-workers as they might hope for.

Notice

Notice is hereby given, that the Court of County Commissioners in pursuance of a resolution made at November Term of said Court, and in accordance with section 340 of the Political Code of Alabama, will convene three months after date, or as soon thereafter, as practicable for the purpose of establishing changing or abolishing the several precincts of Baldwin County and the places of voting therein or the boundary lines thereof, as the convenience of the voters of such precincts may in their judgment require.

Witness my hand, as Clerk of said Board, this 4th day of November A. D. 1909.

J. H. H. SMITH,
Judge of Probate, and Presiding Judge of the Court of County Commissioners.

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Montgomery merchants and manufacturers continue very much stirred up over the question of Mobile river transportation. The city is putting in a fine municlpal wharf and warehouses and a subscription of $50,000 is being raised to put a new barge line on the river.

Notice to Sand Users

At a meeting of the Colony Council on last evening, Thursday November 18 it was voted to hereafter make a charge of 10 cents a one-horse load, and 20 cents a two horse load, for common sand, taken from the Colony land, and 20 cents per one horse load, 40 cents per two horse load, for white sand or gravel. Further that no digging in or endangering of banks shall be allowed. Also that all persons hereafter taking sand from Colony land without permission shall be prosecuted.

By Order of Council
E. B. Gaston, Sec.

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BALDWIN COUNTY WINS AT PENSACOLA

Captures First Prize for Best Collective Exhibit at the Fair—Magnolia Farms Also a Winner

Pensacola, Fla., November 11. – (Special) Baldwin county captured the first prize for the best collective county exhibit at the Tri-County Fair to-day, the display being an excellent one of farm and garden products. It was practically the same that took first prize at the Alabama State Fair, with a number of additions. The prize awarded was $500. Escambia county took second prize and Santa Rosa county third. For individual farm exhibits the Magnolia farm of Baldwin won first prize, H. Koehler of Baldwin second and the Arcadia farms of Santa Rosa third money.

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Here They Come

Settlers and winter visitors are now arriving "freely."

On Friday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith and daughter Miss Vera, of Rockford Ill., who spent last winter with us, returned, bringing with them Mr. and Mrs. M. Steward, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brush, and Mr. and Mrs. James Agnew and daughter, all of whom expect to spend the winter here, and have gone into Nichols' cottages at "Forestdale."

On the same evening Major and Mrs. J. F. Whittle, another couple of our esteemed last winter's visitors, arrived from Wheaton, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. Whittle's sister, Mrs. De Main. Before their arrival Major Whittle closed a deal for the Hatch-Barber property on Fels Ave., into which they went at once.

On Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith and little daughter, of Dwight, Kansas, arrived coming over on the early morning trip of the Carney. Mr. Smith is an ardent Single Taxer of long standing, and really looks forward to making a home here in the near future. He is an influential member of the society of Friends or Quakers, and there are prospects of quite a number of Friends locating here if they decide to do so.

R. F. Powell returned on Monday evening from his several month's stay at Buffalo, where he was in charge of an extensive vacant lot garden work. He brought with him Mr and Mrs. Galbraith and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Askin and one child of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and four children of Niagara Falls, Ont., and Mrs. Trueman of Rochester, N. Y. The above mentioned families came with the idea of making homes here. Mrs. Trueman came only for the winter. She spent a winter with us eight years ago. She expects her husband to join her here before Christmas for a stay of a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs Trueman are well known in Single Tax circles.

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As To the Poll Tax

The Montgomery Journal laments the fact that over 130,000 or about fifty per cent of the voters of the state have willfully and deliberately disfranchised themselves either by not paying at all, or not paying in time, the poll tax of $1.50, and asks who can tell us why, especially as the fund goes to the schools which is a good cause.

The Alabama law makers have fallen into the habit of, whenever they pass an act which is inequitable to whitewash it by having the revenue derived therefrom go to the schools.

The poll tax was made non-cumpulsory and specific in date of payment, according to members of the constitutional convention, for the sole purpose of disfranchising the negro is forgetful and seldom the negro is forgetful and seldom has money, that is, if he has the money he is yet liable to overlook the fact that his poll tax must be paid prior to February first of each year. They however, made the sad mistake of not figuring on the fact that many of the whites have the same kind of a "forgettery" and lack of "funds."

Also, that there are many men who refuse to contribute to a fund that aids others without their paying their share.—Onlooker.

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Good Work of Newspapers

If the people of any community were as loyal to the interests of their town or city as the newspapers, says the Springfield Ohio, News, what a splendid competition this country would see.

But they are not. Nor is any considerable part of the people. Nor are all the business men or the manufacturers. That towns succeeds just in proportion to the zeal with which its leading citizens back up the patriotism of its newspapers.

The true newspaper devotes columns and pages of space to boosting the city in which it is published. The most loyal and devoted boosters of any city are found in its newspaper offices.

In many cities the editors have an uphill task and a lonesome one. There are times when the most devoted newspaper man will lose faith in the value of publicity. But honest publicity never fails, and in the end honest and enthusiastic devotion to a city's interest will awaken sufficient spirit among the people actually to accomplish things—Western Publisher.

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MRS. HOWLAND'S LETTERS

The brilliant editor of the Mirror, William Marion Reedy, has a leader in the last number November 5, that will delight the friends of Mr. Fels who hates praise as "Satan hates holy water." We have therefore to repress our admiration for his work. The Mirror is not so circumscribed. Let me quote from his leader headed "The World's One Philanthropist."

Charity does little good. What the people need is justice. I am aware that pending the establishment of justice there are many who cannot wait. Them, charity may help some, but never much permanently. x x x A great deal of money given to philanthropic ends in these days is wasted upon the symptoms, not upon the disease of poverty and wretchedness. The one man in the world who seems to have the right sort of philanthropy is Joseph Fels the Naptha millionaire of Philadelphia and London. He is devoting his wealth to the propaganda of a philosophy which has for its end the restoration to the people of the opportunity to get along in the world. He does not aim first to educate the people, or to make people pious. His idea is that if men were made truly free of poverty they would seek education and they would become as we say, "good." Give a man a decent living, a decent home, decent clothes and he will be decent all through. This isn't socialist doctrine, either, for the Rev. S. David Phelan of the St. Louis Watchman, a 'frumious' opponent of Socialism and exponent of Roman Catholocism, expressed this very thought the other day in a sermon to an organization of Roman Catholic women. Mr. Fels has established funds in England, Australia, Denmark and the United States for the propagation of the Henry George remedy for poverty.

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"Of all the world's philanthropists, Joseph Fels of Philadelphia and London is the only one who knows what he is driving at and is driving in the only way to obtain his purpose. All the others, by their efforts are no more effective than a soap-and-sugar poultice on a wooden leg."

November 15. x x x The Progressive League met yesterday in the usual place, the new part of the Organic Schoolhouse. I was unavoidably absent; but all say that it was of the best we have had. Miss Anna Dickinson Pope, our new socialist, read a much appreciated paper. The spirit of the meeting was to have a better union between the Single Taxers and Socialists. (By the way, I am not going to make two words any more of "Singletaxer." The growth of English consists largely in combining words as the Germans do, though less wildly.) Surely we should remember that people can work harmoniously together, though of widely different creeds and principles. How? By working instead of talking. x x x I walked to the gate with a caller just as my neighbor, Mr. Kile passed on the way home from the League. Mrs. Pilcher also came up and we stood and talked a few minutes. I asked Mr. Kile if he spoke at the League, and he replied, "O, I made a rattling good speech!" We laughed heartily at this for Mr. Kile is a very grave man. One of the ladies assured us that it was no joke; that he did make an excellent address.

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Acting on the suggestion of the State Library Association the Organic School on last Friday observed "Library Day" several visitors were present and the afternoon was spent in the discussion of books and authors. Practically all the older pupils are patrons of the town library and could give brief revews of books they had recently read. The interest taken in the regular school work was also evident. Miss Daphne Brown who has been studying Tennyson told the story of Launcelot and Elaine. Margaret Gould reread a story she had written as class work. The class that is reading Silas Marner was especially entertained by Miss Taggart's talk on George Eliot Miss Caldwell discussed the childhood of Charles Dickens. The little folks varied the program with music and recitations. A Dutch song by the little Misses Koopman and recitations by Eleanor Coutant and Clifford Earnest Johnson were much applauded.

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The timber has been pretty well cleared from the four acre tract south of the Howarth cottage, which the Colony set aside for an athletic park. It ought to be smoothed up and put in good shape for ball and foot ball playing. A fine quarter mile tract could also be laid out on it, without interfering with its use as a ball ground. It is a beautiful laying piece of ground for the purpose and very convenient to town. It is also near enough to the public school grounds—only two blocks away—so that it can be used by the school boys as a playground.

Fairhope boys are talking base ball and foot ball. There are plenty of "huskies" here to get up good teams, but Fairhope is such a busy place, they find it hard to get the time for practice.

Owing to a statement made last Sunday at the Progressive League meeting, that the present owner of the property in which the League meetings have hitherto been held, was not willing that the meetings should be continued there, no arrangement was made for further meetings. The report that the room was not available for the League, was however erroneous, and the Courier has been requested to announce that a meeting will be held there at the usual hour next Sunday, to arrange for regular meetings. Miss A. A. Chapman will review the "Balanced Land Tenure" theories of Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw.

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We hope the next legislature of Alabama will be composed of more farmers and workingmen than lawyers and that they will repeal half the laws of the state now on the statute books, simplify those that are left and enact no more laws. We now have too many laws and too little enforcement of what laws we have.—Unionist.

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Personal and Local

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Our former townsman and Single Taxer, Ed. S. Ross was in town from Saturday evening to Monday morning.

Day board only $4 a week. Meals 25 cents each at Sunny Point Rest.

Dr. W. W. Hunt is home from up the state this week, but will leave next week to probably remain until Christmas.

A fresh supply of "Resolvogen" on hand. Dr. Sheldon.

Mrs. Crenshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan of Mobile, visited Mrs. McClintock and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan over Sunday.

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The Riendeaus and Deshaneaus, of North Dakota have taken Mr Kile's cottage at the top of the hill for the winter.

Fish and oysters at Littlegreen's also delivered from wagon three times a week.

Oats sown October 24th, just after our former rain are coming finely and will be ready for pasturing within a short time.

New supply of Puffed Wheat Mershon Merchandising Company.

Mr. L. L. Rush who has been in Fairhope many times as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman spent Sunday at The Gables.

New Graham Flour now in Mershon Merchandising Co.

Capt. A. M. Fasig and wife of Mechanicsburg Pa., are at The Gables. The Capt. was recommended here for rheumatism and if the climate proves favorable will spend the winter.

Good jersey cow for sale apply t f. Courier office.

We overlooked noting the return of Mrs. Watkins, who has been back for a couple of weeks. She was delighted to get back and is as enthusiastic over Fairhope as ever.

We now have a nice line of Pocket Cutlery, goods fully guaranteed. Mershon Merchandising Co.

A basket-ball ground, and tennis court have been fitted up at the C. M. College grounds and the young ladies are enjoying basket ball there almost every evening.

If you want to make some money in Fairhope buy the Fairhope Livery Stable. It's for sale. See Ira Powell Proprietor.

Road overseer George Lawrence has done some good and much needed work on Fairhope Avenue east of the bridge. The new road machine was made use of on it and did excellent work Mr. Lawrence says.

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Rev. Palmer will preach at the Church Sunday morning and even- at the usual hours and an especial invitation is extended the townspeople and visitors to come out and hear and meet him.

Go to A. Robac for bed comforts, blankets, sweaters, wool hosiery, winter underwear, 1500 yards of flannelettes, dress goods, ginghams, etc., winter, caps, 10 cents and up, furs, fascinators, cloaks, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilkes and daughter Evelyn, of Terra Haute, Ind., were in town with Dr. Borst, looking at his property here with a view to purchasing it, and seemed well pleased.

Lyndon Wheeler has purchased of the Improvement Company the old shop building on Section street and has moved it to the lot just south where the planing mill stood and will make a tasty dwelling out of it.

FOR SALE! At my place, Lumber, mostly one inch stuff and planed on one side; carefully piled and well seasoned. C. L. Coleman.

Rev. D. H. Palmer, the new pastor of the Christian Church arrived on Thursday evening with his wife and 2 children from Covington, Ind. They are at present at the Wilson House, but will make their home in the parsonage as soon as their goods arrive.

What's the matter with Dad's bread at the Wilson House.

Will Stimpson had a schooner arrive this morning with 70, shingles, which are being unloaded on wharf number two. He is also looking for a schooner load of lath in a day or two.

Miss Burke and Miss Mills of Chicago—or vicinity, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler who spent a portion of last winter here, have rented the lower floor of the Slosson home, the Slossons moving into the up-stairs rooms—though they expect to move into the new house across the street, when it is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are with us again having moved into the same Kimball cottage which they occupied when here two years ago.

A fine rain on Tuesday night, did much good, but brought in its wake a cold north wind, giving us the coolest weather of the season so far. There was a light frost except near the bay.

Our summer residents from Mobile have been obliged to go back to the city because of school and business, but many of them make a practice of coming over every nice Sunday and enjoying their homes here by the sea. Among these are the Misses Knott, the Lacy's, Baumhauers, Batchelors and Kellys. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Somerville also come over almost every Sunday.

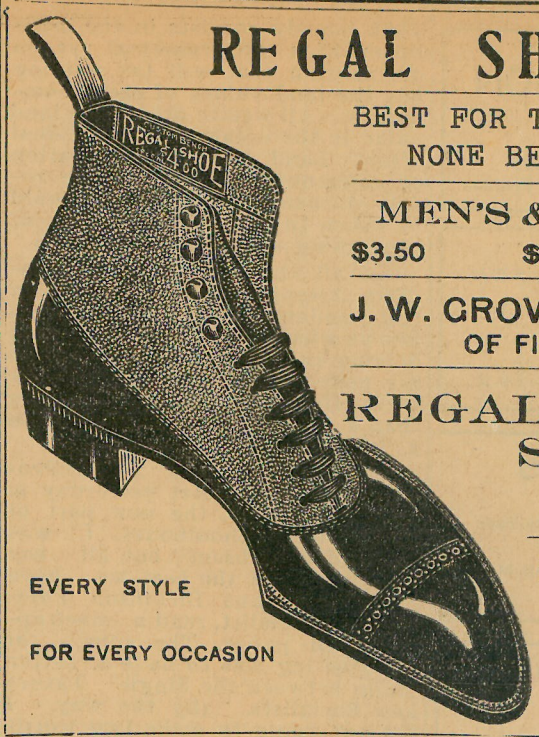
The Socialist Local will meet with Miss Pope at the Felix Leonard House at half-past two on Sunday afternoon. Lesson Two of the study course in Socialism. The Economics of Socialism, will be read and discussed and there will be readings from Socialist writers Any of the Comrades having copies of the books suggested for collateral reading are requested to bring them. Anyone interested is cordially invited to be present.

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School Improvement Social at Euclid.

On Tuesday before Thanksgiving the 23rd, the ladies of the Euclid school district will giver a social at the school house. There will be refreshments of various and sundry kinds, and an interesting musical and literary program, probably followed by dancing. The attendance of Fairhope friends will be greatly appreciated by the ladies.

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SCHOOL NOTES

ORGANIC SCHOOL

The date of the first concert in the Course of Entertainments given by the school has, on account of the Thanksgiving service in the church been changed from Thursday the 25th to Friday the 26th. Tickets are now on sale by the pupils of the school. Course tickets 50 cents. Single admission 25 cents.

New pupils are entering. The Manual Training and Domestic Science departments begin work on Monday. Those desiring should make application at once.

The following have registered at the Fairhope Hotel during the last week. E. C. Dougherty, Wash. D. C., Richard Bettner; M. Steward and wife, Frank H. Brush and wife, R. W. Smith wife and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Agnew and daughter of Rockford, Ill; Ed. S. Ross, New York; J. M. Davis and wife, Chicago; Jno. W. Marston and Frank Fisher Mobile; A M. Van Dreel, Magnolia Springs; N. A. Morse, Atlanta; S. C. Jenkins, Bay Minette; J. H. Norville, Mobile; Mr. and Mrs. Bromley, Denver Col., Mr. and Mrs. Golbraith and Mr and Mrs. Askin, and children of Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and four children, of Niagara Falls, Ont., and Mrs. Trueman of Rochester, N. Y.

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Pleasant Social at Beckner Home

A most pleasant affair was the Village Improvement Club social at the Beckner home on Friday evening of last week. The spacious rooms of this home, one of the pleasantest and best appointed in the town were thronged. The affair was given the title of an "Observation Party." A slip of paper bearing the names of about forty familiar objects or phrases was given each person present, and the attention of all directed to the large dining table upon which were displayed objects which it was the task of each to fit to the titles on the paper handed him. Some of the questions were easy, but the guesses on others occasioned a great deal of merriment. Prizes were given to the successful contestants, Miss Marjorie Pilcher getting first prize, an artistic candlestick, Mrs. Bancroft, second prize, a small book, and Mrs Porter the "booby prize." Refreshments were served and a liberal offering was taken up for the Clubs public purposes- After most of tee guests had departed a group of the young people remained and enjoyed themselves with games until a late hour. The date it happened was also that of the fourth anniversary of the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Beckner and their daughter to Fairhope to make their home.

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Th anksg ving Dinner by Schoo Improvement Ass'n.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving dinner at the church on Thanksgiving day. The ladies of the School Improvement Society have the matter in charge which means that you will get a good dinner and that good use for your good will be made of the money you pay for it. Take your dinner with the ladies.

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Thanks of Mr. and Mrs. Tru p

Editor Courier. We wish through your columns, to extend our most sincere thanks to the fire department and the citizens generally who turned out so promptly and rendered such valiant assistance when our property was endangered by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Troup.

L. B. Bingham, wife and young son, and Mrs. C. C. Bouman of Berlin Centre, O., and Mr. C. C. Lovelock of Ellsworth. O., arrived on last evening and registered at the Wilson House. They expect to spend a month here and perhaps longer.

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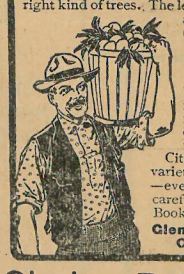
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The closing rally of the campaign at Fairhope from the side of those opposed to the amendment will be held on next Saturday evening when Hon. James H. Webb of Mobile will address the people..

Mr. Webb needs no introduction to the people of Fairhope or Baldwin county. He is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the state and a man of the highest personal character and every voter in particular should hear him upon the important question to be decided on Monday, Nov. 29.

Further announcement of the place and hours of meeting will no doubt be made by means of posters.

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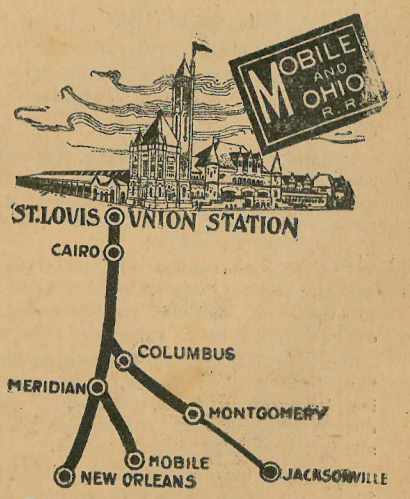
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Fairhope, to outward appearance, is like other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the casual observer; but it is unique among the towns of this or any land.

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 re-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 those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name 'Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 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 that wharf 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 is easily shown to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores schools, ice-plant and creamery, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

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AS TO BIRTHRIGHT, HERITAGE AND ROBBERY

"We have a right to the proper use of both forest and the fuel during our life time, but we should not dispose of the birthright of our children."—THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

x x x

"Who made ten thousand persons owners of the soil, and all the rest trespassers in the land of their birth?" LLOYD GEORGE IN ENGLISH HOUSE OF LORDS.

x x x

"Why not make short work of the matter any way? For this robbery is not like the robbery of a horse or a sum of money, that ceases with the act. It is a fresh and continuous robbery, that goes on every day and every hour."—HENRY GEORGE.

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The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." * * * "Moreover, the profit of the earth is for all."—BIBLE

x x x

"When the people shall fully realize this eternal truth, that the profit (use value) of the earth is the continuous lifetime birthright of all, then, and not until then, will we "Make short work of the matter."—F. G. LOCKWOOD Leavenworth, Kansas.

From New York comes the statement that a new high record for net earnings will be made by the L. & N. Railroad this year. The total net earnings up to the end of the accounting period considered, were $4,410,267 this year against $3 665, 292 in 1908 and $3,215,851 in 1907 for the same period. It does not appear from these figures that the so-called "oppressive and extreme" railway legislation of Alabama is injuring the railroads very much.

"The profit of the earth is for all," says the scriptures. Some of the enormous amount of time devoted to hair-splitting analyses of points of doctrinal difference might well be given to a study of just what these words mean. What can they mean other than that all men have an equal right to draw from the earth, by their labor, the things necessary to satisfy human wants; or that the value of land, arising from the demand for it of all, belongs to all.

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For The Public

From out a thousand years of gloom and night
A Fury leaped, and lo! the saddening sight.
He bleeding lies and still,—a Child of Light.

Brave soul, thy life has not been lived in vain
The dart that hushed the music in thy brain
Has torn a link from blind Oppression's chain.

And will they see while cold in death he lies,
Inured so long to darkness? Will they rise
A people free, from this new sacrifice?

Shall vengeance strike the weak and puny boy
Men call a king—he but Oppression's toy?
Nay, 'tis the Hell of Hate men should destroy!

Cold-blooded murder! yet the world can wait:
Meet not the blindness of its hate with hate;
Love yet shall build the pillars of the state.

Here in this land of freedom young and strong,
We hail you hero in the war with wrong;
Grant you the martyr's crown, the victor's song.

Dwight Marven.

BALDWIN FIRST AGAIN

Captures First Prize at Tri-County Fair, Pensacola

While Baldwin county was an easy winner at the Tri-County Fair, it was not owing to the fact that Escambia and Santa Rosa counties did not have good exhibits, but rather that Baldwin had such an exceptionally large and diversified display as to be almost in a class by itself.

In fact, President Yonge of the Southern States Lumber company said: "Baldwin county's display should be enumerated as I doubt if there is another county in the world that could show such a multiplicity of products of uniformly good specimens, including almost everything grown in the temperate and tropical zones."

Escambia county which took second money had a very neat and artistic display, while Sana Rosa showed up very well in third place.

The live stock and hogs shown were good specimens though limited in number but the poultry display would do credit to any section of the United States both in variety of fowls and condition of birds.

Charles Their of Elberta won first prize on Irish potatoes and Mike Kassisan of Lillian second.

Mrs. Chas. Their of Elberta won first on white bureau cover and third on colored center piece.

Mrs. O. C. Hall of Bay Minette got second on white center piece.

Mrs. August Deckinger second on a yard of knit lace.

Mrs. W. H. Byrne second on home cap.

Miss Ellen Slosson of Fairhope first on collection of raffia.

James A. Carney of Carney took second on cane syrup.

Mr. Olsen of Summerdale got first on best farm mare and colt, and best colt, and second on farm mare.

—Onlooker.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP MAINTAINED

On Tuesday of last week the voters of the city of New Iberia, voted on a proposition to lease the Municipal electric light and water plant and decided against it by a vote of 62 to 67.

A proposition submitted at the same time for a two-mill tax for the maintenance of the system lost by 54 for to 135 against of persons, and $61,219.15 of property assessed for to $554,578,20 against; there seeming to be a law in that state under which both persons and property vote on such propositions.

At first thought the inference would be that the people favored retaining their plant but were opposed to paying the amount necessary to maintain it, it seems however that many if not most of the strongest advocates of municipal ownership voted against the tax proposition because it did not sufficiently provide for the needs of the plant, and favor other measures for putting it in shape to render efficient and satisfactory service.

The "Iberian" which made a gallant fight against the proposition to lease the plant, and whose editor is a Single Taxer, said last week:

"The people have spoken. The Iberian represented the people; or, the people supported the views advocated by the Iberian—either that you please. We are proud of the fact and honestly believe that the people have preserved to themselves a valuable asset. Even though municipal ownership may have a hard task ahead, the converting some of our friends to a belief in it, yet the effort is so promising of public weal that it is worthy of the undertaking. The result of Tuesday's election, we trust, will operate as an inspiration to all those who believe in Municipal ownership and lead to a concert of action that will bring about better conditions in and better results from the people's light and water plant."

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

At the Town Council meeting on Monday evening a communication was read from the town attorney, in regard to the authority of the Council as to the assessment of taxes, the same being to the effect that the Council was limited to the assessment as made by the county for the preceding year, as to valuations. The mayor also stated that the attorney advised that the town assessment must be a transcript of the county assessor's book giving the facts as therein contained as to subjects of taxation, etc.

The town clerk's assessment, not giving these facts was not a valid assessment and should be done over again. A motion prevailed that the clerk go to Bay Minette again and make the assessment as required by law.

A list of a number of names of those who had not paid their road tax for the past year was read and the clerk stated that he had compiled a list of those subject to road duty for the ensuing year, numbering 88.

Other action taken by the Council was the passage of a motion to take over the fire-fighting apparatus and pay the indebtedness against same amounting to about $8; the appointment of Alderman Nichols a committee to ascertain and report the cost of an extension ladder for the department, and an agreement to have the corner stone of the new school-house laid with Masonic ceremonies on Tuesday December second.

HOW THE SOUTH GROWS

The recent bulletin of the bureau of statistics giving a comparative analysis of the commerce of the ports of the United States, shows that the exports of merchandise through the gulf ports increased from $194,000,000 to $410,000,000 in ten years, which is 112 per cent while the increase in the Atlantic ports was but 12 per cent in the same period. There is no question but that the south is to show the greatest development of any portion of the United States during the next ten years.

Probate Judge Smith has received a check from the company which bonded Tax-Collector Cooper for the sum alleged by the county to have been embezzled by him. It will be remembered that Mr. Cooper claimed that his office was burglarized. Few however believed the claim. and the grand jury indicted him. The bonding company made every effort to establish the claim of robbery, which would have relieved it of the necessity of making good the amount, but was unable to do so. Cooper's death saved expense in prosecuting the case against him and the bonding company's check will come in very handy.

Wm. L Wuest, of Covington, Ky., who with his wife and little son spent last winter at the Fairhope Hotel, renewing his subscription to the Courier says: "I would as soon be without my daily paper as to be without yours. I look for it every week and no matter how busy I am, I read it through. We think a great deal of Fairhope, for we are sure it was the place that saved our boy's life; and as the winter approaches, it is a relief to know that if he has a recurrence of his attack we know where to go. We love Fairhope and its people."

One of the permanent obstacles to the growth and improvement of cities is the man who buys land and holds it for a rise. The public policy in taxation should discriminate against keeping lots vacant, and not, as it does, against improvement.—New York World.

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The Wright Company, in which the famous Wright brothers of aeroplane fame will be associated with such capitalists as August Belmont and Theodore Shonts and others almost as equally well known, has been organized to "manufacture, sell and operate air ships." A factory will be located at Dayton Ohio, the home of the Wrights and general offices maintained in New York. With the addition of abundant capital to the inventive genius and practical experience of the Wrights, the commercial development and mechanical perfection of aeroplanes may be expected in the near future.

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A practical test of the monorail car, invention of Louis Brennan, in which stability is secured by gyroscope wheels, was recently made in London, with a car forty feet long and ten feet wide, which more than met the expectations of the inventor. The new invention is expected to revolutionize rail transportation by decreasing the cost of road beds and increasing speed and safety. The principle of gyroscopic stability may be also of tremendous importance in aerial navigation. At present the necessary weight of the gyroscope wheels has not been ascertained. In the recent tests in London the weight and speed of the wheels seemed to be conceded to be far beyond the margin of necessity.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

One of the most interesting little sheets that comes to our Library table is the Liberator of New Zealand. The last issue, September, at least the last that has reached me, is unusually interesting. The leading editorial introduces Tom L. Johnson's most significant letter in San Francisco Star of last July, and reflects wisely upon the scope of the present reform movement. It says:—"Mr. Fels is a Jew, and it is a fact that quite a number of the most energetic Single Taxers also belong to that ancient people of the 'Promised Land.' The truth proclaimed by Henry George has appealed to them as a gospel of righteousness. They no longer claim a corner of the planet for a favored tribe, but the planet itself for the whole human race—an infinitely grander ideal."—Another most valuable paper is "After Fifty years," signed R. A. H. The writer goes back to England for a farewell visit after living fifty years in New Zealand. I will quote a few words of the paper:

"After fifty years of unprecented triumphs in all the arts of industry, the industrial masses find their means of supplying their wants more precarious and unsatfactory than ever. When I left England in 1858 there was much poverty but there was more hopefulness. The untrodden lands of America and Australia offered an apparently unlimited field for the industry and energy of all who were willing to expatriate themselves. It is not so now. Everywhere the land is held for the sake of the tribute it can now, or may hereafter, extort from labour; a tribute so heavy that shiploads of frugal Italians are returning from the states to the semi-starvation of their native land, I saw a steamer load of them at Gibralter. They could not get a living in America."

He goes on to describe the discontent among the people. He attended a meeting in Exeter Hall where Josiah Wedgwood, M. P. was present. He is the Wedgwood of the famous pottery, but more interesting to Fairhopers as a fervent Single Taxer, President of the English League for Taxation of Land Values. The chairman was a genial old Anglican clergyman, a "straight Singletaxer," the Rev. Stewart Headlam. x x x I must give one more quotation from the writer: "It is very strange that the workers and their Socialist Leaders are unable to realize that monopoly is absolutely their only enemy, and that the little finger of the land monopolist is greater than the loins of all the other monopolies put together."

November 23rd.—The afternoon meeting of the Woman's Henry George Club, held at Mrs. Frank Brown's was delightful except for one drawback. It was my turn to present a paper, and I chose for a theme Henry George and the Duke of Argyll. I had called up Mr. and Mrs. Ring on the telephone to make sure they would be there, telling the latter that he should be present in order to help me out. They were both there and would have been, no doubt, had I not asked them, for they are devoted to Fairhope.—Long before the time for my reading I discovered that I had left behind the copy of The Land Question that I had used in preparing my paper. This was bad enough, but when Mrs. Brown looked for her copy of that work and found it was an earlier edition and did not contain either "The Prophet of San Francisco" nor the reply "The Reduction to Absurdity." I was unconsolable; not that any one tried to console me, as they certainly would had they known how mortified I was at my lapse of memory. On my way home I met a member who has a paper to prepare for the January meeting; and when I told her of my fiasco, she was delighted—not at my failure, but because she saw in it a possible escape from her January task; but I assured I would never dare face the club again with any screed of mine —That night I saw that circle of disappointed faces in dreamland; but for a moment only; the next a gigantic, whirling potter's wheel came between them and me! The incongruity of dreams is not always so easily explained as in this case. Just before call to order, we had gone in a body, by invitation, to see the pressed-brick, and the pottery making over the way in Mr. Brown's saw mill building. The brick, three at a time, came out smooth and perfect from the machine which seemed to do all the skillful part of the work. It was different with the potter. He performed the whole art of jug making, his whole paraphernalia being a "chunk" of wet clay, a table, a wire, a primitive weighing contrivance, a piece of wood for a scraper, a horizontal whirling tablet or "wheel" and his two dexterous hands! Under those hands the lump of wet clay that he dropped on the wheel began to rise in a column, shape its shoulders, narrow its neck and then form its mouth! A perfect gallon jug wanting a handle only, which he supplied when he had made a second jug. I supposed that the few minutes waiting was required that the clay might harden a little. Anyhow, he fashioned a second jug, and then made a handle and set it on the first one which immediately assumed the saucy air of perfection and, despising its humble origin, claimed to be a "self made" JUG!

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The work on the new public school building did not stop for Thanksgiving. A crew put in the day turning out blocks for the building. A big lot of blocks has been accumulated and are racked up on the yard, being "cured" ready for laying, in which process they are wet thoroughly three times a day, for which a hose connected with the Colony waterworks comes in extremely handy. One corner of the building has been run up four or five blocks high, giving an idea of how the wall is going to look. Rockfaced blocks will be laid to the top of the first story windows and from there up, there will be paneled corners and smooth-faced blocks, which it is expected will make a very pretty effect.

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Just what was anticipated by those who urged the establishment of the water-works—that those who made improvements along the line of the mains would connect with the water system, paying their $50 for a connection, rather than put in a well or cistern— is occurring every few days now. Some of those who already had good wells or cisterns did not feel the need of the water-works, but almost all of the new improvers see that it is much better to pay their $50 toward the public system, which gives them water under pressure and fire protection than to spend it on a much less satisfactory plant of their own. The number of consumers has reached a point however, when a further addition to the plant in the form of a larger and more elevated reservoir, is very much needed.

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Colonel Edward Daniels sent his sister, Mrs. Dyer, a barrel of his fine Virginia apples and pears and the editor was remembered with a portion of the bounty. They were very fine.

The Budget Fight

HAS CENTER OF STAGE IN ENGLAND. BUDGET TO BE REJECTED BUT LORD ROSEBERRY GIVES WARNING

The contest over Lloyd-George's famous "Budget Against Poverty" increases in interest.

The Budget is now before the law and as foreshadowed last week Lord Lansdowne promptly moved its rejection and there seems little doubt but that thhis action will be taken.

There are not lacking however, peers to warn their fellow-members of the hereditary house against this action, among them the famous Liberal, Lord Roseberry. He strenuously objected to the land taxation clauses of the Budget but warned the Lords against rejecting it and counselled letting it go into effect and predicted that a little later, when it had failed to produce the good effects claimed, but on the contrary had brought all sorts of grevious results, it would be easy to remedy it by appeal to the people.

The discussion brought the peers out in force. Peers who had never attended a parliamentary session in their lives were present.

Every man entitled to a seat in the aristocratic chamber of Englands national legislature, unless so old or ill that it would have been suicidal for him to leave his bed, was on hand to fight for his land, wealth, his privileges and his right to a permanent place among the lawmakers of the land.

And the people are equally as aroused. Crowds gathered outside the chamber and jeered or cheered the peers as they passed in. They cheered again and again as some haughty aristocaat was held up at the door, because neyer having exercised his prerogatives before he was unknown to the doorkeepers and his right had to be verified. They sang "Rule Brittania" until the interior of the chamber rang with the echo.

The veteran editor of the Middleton, Guardian, straight out Single Taxer, ridicules the idea that the rejection of the bill by the Lords means necessarily a general election in January. He says the Commons is under no obligation to let the peers dictate when an appeal shall be made to the people. The people have already spoken, he says. They have given a mandate to the Commons for land values taxation and want to see no more of them until they have fulfillled the duty given them to do. The Lords have no right to interfere in revenue matters and if they assume such right the Commons should pay no attention to them but go on and put their legislation into effect.

Well might Lord Roseberry say as he did; "This is the greatest political moment in the lifetime of any man born since 1832."

We are glad to see that United States newspapers have at last

awakened measurably to the importance of this contest and are giving much fuller reports of it than hitherto.

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SCHOOL NOTES

ORGANIC SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Day was appropriately observed at the school. Miss Muth and Miss Slosson combined and the time passed pleasantly with story telling, music and a lunch.

The older pupils discussed the origin and present need of the day—gave a brief account of the books they were reading and Miss Taggart told them the story of the Fiery Cross of St. Andrew. How in olden times in Scotland the swiftest runners with burning cross in hand went from place to place arousing the people and warning them of danger.

A large poster with picture of runner, cross in hand recently received from London was hung on the wall showing how the emblem is being used now in London to arouse the people to action in the conflict now on over land values.

Work began this week in the Manual Training Department. The room is very attractive and Mr. Johnson is now ready to receive all pupils of suitable age, boys or girls. The only charge for those living on Colony land is an incidental fee of $2 for material and for those off Colony land a tuition additional of $1.50 per month. This however entitles them to all the regular work of the school.

The Domestic Science Dept. is also ready for work in the same building in charge of Miss Ola Powell.

There will be an informal reception in this department on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., to which everybody is invited and visitors will also be welcome in all the departments of the school.

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The Folly of Taxing Wealth.

The abolition of taxes on products which is now shifted on the consumer, would cheapen what the poor man buys, which would be equivalent to raising his wages, for a man is not paid in reality for his products till he gets an equivalent of some other person's products. Money does not pay. It, like land, is not wealth. It represents wealht—is an order on others for wealth or services. We take money, not to keep, but to part with. Land is not wealth, but the source ofall wealth. Wealth is the products of Labor on Land. Free access to is not wealth. It represents wealth free land men could produce their own capital, a form of wealth. The laborer now looks to two masters—the capitalist and the landlord but with the landlord eliminated he could produce his own capital and employ himself, Even the capitalist is subservient to the landlord He who owns the land, owns the people.

To tax wealth acts as a fine on industry and checks its production. One can hold land idle in the city or country and as population increases his land advances in value, while, if he improves it, he is taxed or fined for it. If the tax was all on land values he would improve it and give men employment in order to get an income to pay his taxes. Cities would grow up compactly and as a matter of Municipal economy the Single Tax on Land Values would be a great saving for street pavings, sidewalks, sewerage, fire and water departments, and police and lighting would not be extended so far into the suburbs. The congested tenement house districts the source of pestilence and crime, would be relieved, for more houses would be built and landlords would bid for tenants instead of tenants bidding for houses. Rents of houses would come down, but the real value of land would raise if any thing, but the annual value as tax would go to all and the poor man, who built a home on free land would pay the rent, as tax and be paying it to himself—for he would get the good of it instead of, as now, paying a rent into a landlord's pocket, and then paying the tax besides on what he buys, which has been shifted onto him.

—J. C. Barnes, Arcola, Ill.

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Thanksgiving at Fairhope.

The ladies of the School Improvement Society served a splendid Thanksgiving dinner at the church yesterday for the benefit of the school improvement fund. The enlarged room in the rear of the church where Mrs. Sweet now teaches is well adapted for the purpose.

Not as many dinners were served we think, as on some former Thanksgivings, still the ladies expect we understand to clear about $40. A considerable amount of donated provisions were disposed of and helped to swell the receipts.

The day was absolutely perfect, clear and sunshiny, warm enough for the butterflies to be on the wing, and equally comfortable indoors and out and yet with an Autumn coolness which was invigorating.

In the evening Rev. Palmer, the new pastor preached an excellent Thanksgiving sermon.

And at the pavilion on the beach an exceedingly pleasant fancy dress ball, was enjoyed by a large company.

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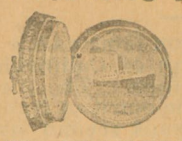
Fatal Affray at Barnwell

One of the worst affrays in the history of Baldwin county occurred on last Saturday evening at the home of a Mr. Nelson near Barnwell, about eight miles below Fairhope, where a dance was being held.

The Pierce and McKenzie families, between which there had been bad feelings for some time were in attendance and an altercation started between them which resulted in the fatal shooting of Mack McKenzie by Herbert Pierce, and the killing of Bert Pierce by three or four of the McKenzie boys with fence pickets. Several others were injured before the fight could be stopped.

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From Special Edition Citronelle Call

H. P. Pelton living west of Citronelle, a very practical farmer and a succesful man, says he finds some difficulty in growing profitably all field crops as yet, not because they can not be grown in abundance and at a very low cost, but because they are not produced extensively enough to be handled and marketed in large quantities. This condition was true in the early farming history of every section of the country. Mr. Pelton has just harvested two hundred and fifty bushels of corn from six acres, which he says is of very good quality and will grade No 2 in any market. This crop cost him $11.75 per acre to grow, figuring $2.50 per day for man and team in raising. At the present market price this corn would sell for about $35.70 per acre. In addition there is growing on the same ground a fine lot of cow peas, easily worth $15 per acre for hay. They are worth $6.00 per acre for hog pasture, besides being nitrogen gatherers and will build up the land to the value of three or four dollars per acre. He can make pork here at a cost of three to three and a half cents per pound, but advises that it should be raised in carload lots, as the town demand will not consume all that might be raised in the neighborhood. Mr.Pelton says he is not an authority on fruits, but thinks that those who understand that business could make a success of some varieties. He has had no experience in dairying. He believes that if a home market for cash could be established for all products of the farm, dairy, etc., that it would be but a few years until there would be a steady flow of farm products going into Citronelle that would aggregate thousands of dollars every month. He says we are living in a land that could literally be made to "flow with milk and honey," when these little details are all arranged. There is, of course, a cash market for all products for those who wish to ship, but Mr. Pelton's idea is to develop it right here in Citronelle, which will surely be done as the town grows and progresses.

L. Reeves, who lives west of Citronelle, says, "I came to Citronelle eight years ago from Plain Co., Ill., where I was in the dairy business. During these eight years I have been farming and dairying here. I have under cultivation fifty acres. In farming my crops have been early cruck, and cotton, cats, forage crops and sweet potatoes. I get two and three crops a year on the same ground. On the average I have made more to the acre here than on land in the north. I have raised over a bale of cotton to the acre, fifty bushels of corn, three hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, and of hay from one to three tons per acre. My dairy experience is more satisfactory here than in the north. The cost of keeping stock here is lessened by the winter pasture, the fact that less of the food product is used up in keeping warm, and the results are fully as good, both as regards growth and fattening, and milk and butter qualities. Hogs can be raised here at less than half what it costs in Illinois. Good stock matures here as well as anywhere and by putting in crops that the hogs harvest themselves, the cost of care is reduced to the minimum. For a cattle and hog country I know none better."

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Dr. H. O. Dodge and wife of Boulder Colo., arrived on Tuesday evening and will probably spend the winter. Dr. Dodge is a brother of Mrs. Edwin Willard, of Waukegan, Ill., who spent most of last winter here and accompanied them—in fact it was largely through Mrs. Willard that the Dodges came. They have spent several winters previous at Ocean Springs, Miss. The Dodges are also friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bromley, who have been at the Fairhope House for some weeks and whose good report of Fairhope helped to decide them to come here.

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Pasadena's Public Ownership

By Edward P. E. Troy

Pasadena has won fame as one of the most charming of California's many beautiful cities. The enterprise and public spirit of its citizens cause it to rank second only to Los Angeles among the cities of the south. A liberal public expenditure early brought to it thousands seeking those municipal services that increase the comfort and security of home life.

The United States Census Bureau, reports that, in 1903, Pasadena expended $22.43 per capita of its population of permanent improvement of highwways and sanitation. This sum exceeded that of any of the 370 cities in the United States between 8,000 and 25,000 population. Repairs and maintenance of streets and sewers, lighting of streets and other matters of highway and sanitation cost $6.41 per capita. This was exceeded only by two other cities, and was more than twice as much as any of the others reported. The $9.75 per capita outlay for land and buildings for school purposes was from two to ten times greater than any of the 370 cities. Teachers' salaries cost $6.39 per capita. This exceeded the other California cities from ten to fifty per cent, and was from two to ten times more than any other American city.

Chief among the enterprises of Pasadena that have aided domestic and commercial economy is the municipal lighting plant. Prior to 1904, the Edison Company which monopolizes the lighting field in the southern part of California, furnished the city with light and power. The street lights were very dim. City officials refused to pay the bill, asserting that but half the current necessary was supplied. Later a bond issue of $125,000 for a municipal plant was approved of by by popular vote. The company enjoined the sale of the bonds. A direct tax of $52,000 was then levied, with which the construction of the plant was commenced. The Edison Company used every means to hamper the municipal work. It is asserted that manufacturers were threatened with the withdrawal of its patronage if they sold any electrical appliances to the city.

Mr. C. W. Koiner was made general manager of the plant in March, 1908. His energy, ability and faithful service to the city has caused its electrical works to make a phenomenal record. The Edison Company formerly charged the residents of Pasadena fifteen cents per kilowatt for current. The highest rate of the municipal plant is eight cents. Wherever the city's wires run, the company reduces its rate to three and five cents. In Los Angeles, the same Edison Co., is charging nine cents straight to consumers. In San Francisco, although the company's annual receipts exceed $2,500,000, its maximum rate is nine cents. Before a consumer in the latter city can get as low a rate as eight cents, his monthly bill must exceed $3. Notwithstanding "cut throat" competition, Pasadena just closed its first year of commercial lighting with over 1,000 consumers. The people are loyal to their plant.

Pasadena has expended $312,775 on its plant. The street lighting is nearly three times greater than that supplied by the company, and the citizens are satisfied with its quality. The municipal plant charges the city $60 per year for each arc light. The company charged one-third more. In San Francisco, the company charges $117 for the same service. Mr. Koiner gives much credit to Electrical Engineer E. F. Scattergood, who has charge of the electrical development of Los Angeles' great water plant, for the assistance and advice he has given him in the conduct of the works. He advises that Mr. Scattergood is in sympathy with municipal ownership, is not tied to any corporation, and has the courage of his convictions. Because of these qualities, and his sterling integrity, Mr. Koiner believes that Mr. Scattergood is the best expert for cities contemplating the construction of municipal electrical works to employ as their adviser

Testing municipal ownership in Pasadena by a comparison of the cost of operation, with the cost of operation of private plants in other parts of California, gives remarkable proof of the ability of Mr. Koiner and the success of the plant. The annual report to the City Council shows that .323 gallon of fuel oil were consumed for each kilowatt generated. The reports to his company to the chief electrical engineer of the United Railroads of San Francisco show that a plant of that company consumes .350 gallon of fuel oil for each kilowatt generated. Thus, a 3.500 kilowatt plant of the railroad company consumes over eight per cent more oil per kilowatt than this small 500 kilowatt municipal plant!

The total output for the year of Pasadena's plant was 1,125,791 kilowatts, and the gross cost was 1 85 cents per kilowatt. The San Francisco Gas and Electric Company last year generated more than 50 000,000 kilowatts Its annual statement to the Board of Supervisors gives the cost as 3 668 cents per kilowatt. Although this private company generates forty-four times as much current, yet it reports the cost to be one hundred per cent greater per kilowatt than does Pasadena's small municipal plant. Could any stronger proof be given of the superior efficiency of municipal ownership?

In San Francisco, the officials of the street railway and lighting companies are under indictment, charged with bribing Supervisors for the grant to them of franchises and fixing high rates. The service given by both of these utilities in this city is unsatisfactory. Cars are few in number, overcrowded, filthy, and killing more people than any other street railway in the world. The lighting is poor, low in voltage, unreliable, and the charges are excessive.

In Pasadena, the city officials and Manager Koiner have just had from the people a splendid tribute of confidence. The bond issue of $150,000 for the improvement of the plant was approved by a favorable vote of seven to one! The municipal plant is operated for the purpose of giving the best service to the city and the people, at the lowest possible rate. The charge is just enough to pay for operation, maintenance, provide for interest on bonds, and a sinking fund for their payment, and a depreciation fund. There is no interest or dividend to be paid on watered stock and bonds, and of bribery, corruption or graft of public or company officials to be provided for—San Francisco Star.

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Closing Rally of Anti Amenders

The closing rally of the campaign at Fairhope from the side of those opposed to the amendment will be held on next Saturday evening when Hon. James H. Webb of Mobile will address ghe people..

Mr. Webb needs no introduction to the people of Fairhope or Baldwin county. He is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the state and a man of the highest personal character and every voter in particular should hear him upon the important question to be decided on Monday, Nov. 29.

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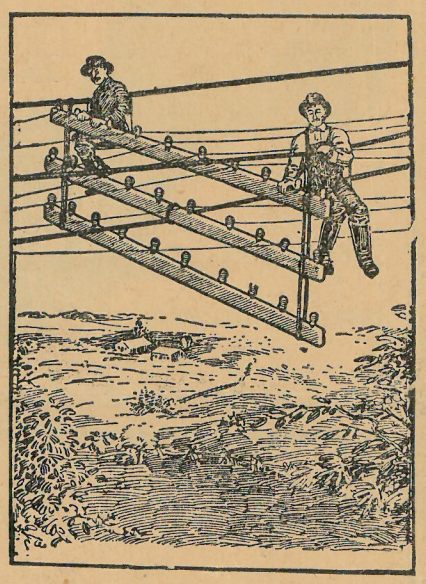
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Telephone Cables Suspended 700 Feet Across Valley to Avoid Flood. Waters.

It is sometimes difficult to string wires to telephone poles in the valleys of some of the rivers of California because the water carries them away during the flood season, says Popular Mechanics. This illustration shows the plan adopted to suspend the wires across 700 feet of a river valley near



Suspended Across 700 Feet of Space.

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SOMETHING TO FALL BACK ON.

Thoughtful Wife Had Provided Husband with a Sample.

He stood irresolutely in front of the woman's stocking counter for a few minutes, then with a determined expression on his face he elbowed his way between two women shoppers and accosted the saleslady.

"Have you any light blue stockings?" he said; "you see I—"

"Gents' furnishings, third counter to the left," drawled the girl, as she reached for a box on the upper shelf.

"No, I don't want them for myself," said the man, getting red. "You see, my wife is in the country and she wants me to get two pair of light blue silk stockings for her."

"Oh, what size?" asked the girl, with a foolish smile.

"Well, that's what I have been trying to figure out," confessed the man, growing nervous. "Don't they all come about the same size? You see, she told me the size, but I can't recall it."

"Oh, no; they run in half sizes, from 6 to 14," giggled the girl.

"Huh," said the man; "well, I suppose I will have to do it," and he reached in his inside pocket and slowly drew out a dainty light blue stocking.

"She gave me this in case I forgot," he said, in confusion.

Woman's Rights.

'Madam, do you believe in woman's rights?" asked the man standing in the car.

"I do," she replied shortly.

"Excuse me," he went on. "I am but an ignorant male seeking light. May I ask you if you construe these rights to include the privilege of spreading your really becoming skirts over three seats?"

Thereupon she condensed herself, he took a seat and conversation flagged.

A Wedding Hint.

The tall girl smiled in some embarrassment.

"Have you any second-hand shoes?" she said to the shoe clerk.

"But, miss—" he remonstrated.

No. no; you misunderstand," said she. "I don't mean to wear. I just mean old shoes, too worn for use, that customers have left with you. You see, there's a wedding up at our house to-morrow and we want something to throw at the bride and groom."

"I see," said the clerk.

He rummaged in a black hole, and drew forth an armful of dilapidated footwear. The girl selected some threes, twos, and ones.

"These will do. Thanks ever so much," she said, and so departed.

"Big-footed people are always working that on us," said the clerk afterward. "That girl wears eights. She couldn't very well throw such mud-scows at the bride, so she chose some little and dainty shoes here—ones and twos. Oh, yes, it's an old trick with the big-footed."

Foolish Christians.

Dr. Parkhurst, in an address in Brooklyn, condemned those who wrangle over religious tenets of no importance.

"Such people," he said, "give Christianity a bad name. He must have been brought up among such people, the little Brooklyn boy who on being asked to define the word 'heathen,' said:

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Personal and Local

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Mrs. P. F. Lacy, of Mobile, has bought the Williams cottage on Magnolia Av. as an investment.

A fresh supply of "Resolvogen" on hand. Dr. Sheldon.

Miss Eloise Cleveland of Mobile is visiting Miss Ola Powell.

New Graham Flour now in Mershon Merchandising Co.

Miss Gooding has gone to Vinegar Bend to visit her brotner and his wife.

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Mr. Danenhower and family have moved from the Howarth cottage into the D. S. Brown cottage.

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Mrs. Gass and daughter Mena spent Sunday here at their summer cottage.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mann again have a cottage in Fairhope They have bought the Mrs. Philbrook cottage on Section Street.

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Mrs. McClintock and Mrs. Morgan spent a couple of days in Mobile this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw.

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Mrs. Edwin Willard of Waukegan, Ill., who spent the larger part of last winter here returned on Tuesday evening and will probably remain throughout this winter.

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Rev. and Mrs. Breckenridge arrived on Wednesday evening in time to take Thanksgiving dinner at the church with their many friends here.

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The Clover Leaf Bible Class met at Mrs. Sweet's on Monday night and after the business was transacted a very pleasant social time was had.

Marion Smith is fixing up the little bulding recently used by Mccarthy fot his shoe repair shop, and he and hs wife and little daugter wll occupy it.

The J. K. Simmers family have returned to Mobile after spending five or six months here. Miss Jessie who was very popular will be greatly missed.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a bazar at the church on Dec. 14, at which will be on sale many articles suitable for Holiday gifts. A ten cent lunch will also be served.

Ira Powell has returned to his present home at Cambridge Springs Penn., without making a sale of his livery business here, which he left in charge of Mr. R. F. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Sextus Smith of Mobile, who spent the past summer with us, and others enjoyed a delightful house party in one of Capt. Nichols' cottages over Sunday.

Dr. Clara Atkinson returned on Friday evenng from her extended visit at her former home, Des Moines, Iowa. She had a delightful time but as winter approached she felt the need of getting back to her southern home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, of Scranton, Iowa, returned on Saturday evening to spend the winter with us. They hope to have some of their friends to whom they have preached the advantages of Fairhope come also.

Mr. A. D. Riendeau, brother of the Mr. Riendeau who was here last spring and bought the Blomquist arrived a few days ago wtih his family from North Dakota. They are at present in the brother's place but will, no doubt, get into a place of their own soon.

Mr. C. H. Moorman and family from Mentone Ala., have moved into Cottage Content for the winter. Mr. Moorman is State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. with headquarters in Birmingham, but will be with the family from time to time.

Our population continues to swell in the "good old way." Another daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Bendegom, (their ninth living child.) Early Wednesday morning and only a few hours later a son, the first, was born to Mr. and Mrs. "Nick" Johnson. Babies and mothers are doing well.

H. F. Ring is never happier than when having all the children his automobile will hold out for a ride. On Thanksgiving he took bunch after bunch out for a spin and the little ones enjoyed it hugely. Mr. Ring also delights in taking his friends and visitors out to see the country, especially the Cross and Ring farm. No doubt when the road is put in better shape he will enjoy it more.

The Henry George Club had a very well attended and enjoyable evening social at the pretty home of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Mershon on last Friday evening. Mrs. Comings presented an excellent short paper on "The New Thought," Miss Nellie Slosson rendered an excellent violin solo and Miss Frances Gaston sang twice, Mrs. Pilcher accompanying both on the piano. Refreshments were served and a delightful social time enjoyed.

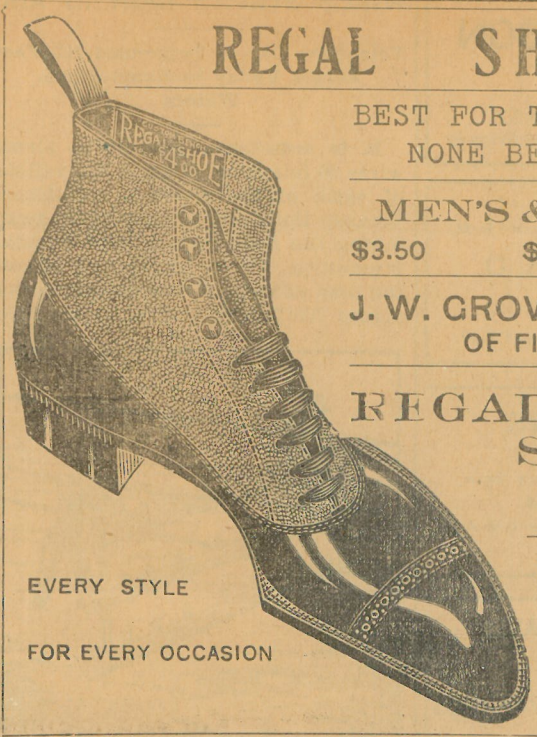
The contractor is pushing along the work on the new hotel building with all possible speed. The building occupies a beautiful site and seems to be admirably planned for its intended purpose and all who know Mrs. McClintock and her sister Mrs. Morgan and her husband, are sure that they will make it an exceedingly popular place with the visiting public.

A Mr. Johnson of Mobile, a construction man, was in town this week and is seriously considering taking some Colony lots and putting up some nice block cottages for rent. He is very much pleased with the Colony policy and with the town.

Herman, the little ten year old son of Reese Wainwright, colored, was accidentally shot while out with his brothers hunting on yesterday. It seems the little fellow had been wanting very much to shoot the gun but had been refused by the older boys. When all sat down to rest for a little while leaving the gun muzzle up, against a log, he got hold of it and drawing it toward him by the muzzle said, "Now I'll shoot," when it was discharged. The load went through his body tearing out his heart and killngi him instantly.

The following have registered at the Wilson House during the past week, C. S. Whipple, Youpon; W. R. Belcher, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Sextus Smith, Mobile; Mrs. M. M. Smith, Mobile; Miss Susan Smith, Mobile; Miss M. A. Warren, Mobile; Mrs. Ridgeway, Mobile;;Mrs. F. H. Scales, New York; W. D. Horn, Mobile, D. H. Palmer, wife and two children; R. E. Green, Mobile;; M. Calias, Dr. Sheldon, Mrs. Thomas, Dr. H. O. Dodge, Boulder, Colo.; Frank Stewart, Jno. Bliss, Loxley; Mrs. H. O. Dodge, Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Willard, Waukegan Ill.; J. M. Robertson, Raleigh, N. C.; J. Pitterman, Silver Hill; P. Skacle, Mexico; Mr. Christian, P. C. Bowman, Mobile; E. P. Moore, Mobile; J. M. Verneuelle, Mobile.

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For engagements or further information, address Physician in Charge.

Delights of Automobiling.

Dr. Mershon and the editor went to Bay Minette on last Saturday. They left about 11 a. m. expecting to be back by about 6 or 7 in the evening, but they didn't count on several things that happened to the automobile.

The first 20 miles was made in fine style but then the motor began to give trouble and gave more trouble the further they went. Bay Minette was reached about dusk, too late to make the return trip that night. An early start was made the next morning, but more troubles developed and Fairhope was not reached until about 4 o'clock Sunday evening. Then the last four miles was made with the auto "in tow" of Tom Denton's buggy.

An auto is a good deal like the little girl, "When she was good she was very very good, but when she was bad she was horrid."

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LOST

At some late reunion, I think, a linen hankerchief with "drawn work" in three of the corners and the letter "H" in the fourth. It was the work and gift of a very dear friend and is highly valued by the loser, Marie Howland.

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WHY GO TO MOBILE FOR YOUR FURNITURE?

There is a good furniture store in Brown Block room lately occupied by the "Cozy Corner Bakery" which has a well assorted stock of furniture, springs, mattresses, rugs, matting, window shades or anything desired in that line, as cheap as you can get them from Mobile

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Mrs. Frank D. Troup, Prop.

Mr. Johnson, the cheese-maker, has moved over with his wife from Elberta. He did not however close the deal for the William's cottage, reported in last issue, but he and his wife have taken rooms in the Berglin home, for the present.

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Rev. Palmer and family are now at home in the parsonage.

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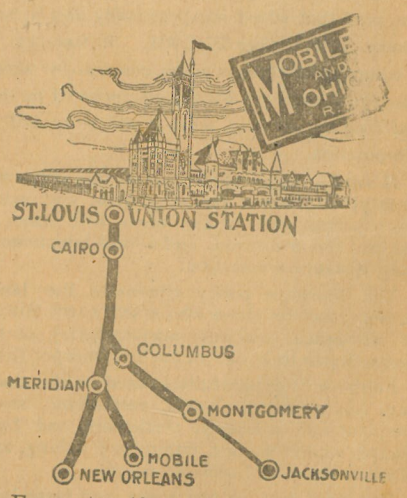
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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

Fairhope, to outward appearance, is like other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the casual observer; but it is 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 re-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 those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name 'Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 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 that wharf 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 is easily shown to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores schools, ice-plant and creamery, 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 to settlers, without purchase price, on the colony's favorable terms.

For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc. address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary

WHARF BUSINESS GROWING.

No. 2 Being Used.

From Mr. Patterson we get figures regarding the wharf business up to date this year as compared with last year, which indicate that the year will show a gain of at least 20 per cent over last year's. This rate of increase, a continuance of which is much more indicated now than at this time last year, would mean a doubling of the wharf income in four years. As this increasing income is accruing to the joint benefit of those residing upon Fairhope Colony lands—just at present in the way of repaying the indebtedness incurred in building the wharf, but within a year or a little more to be going into the Colony treasury to be expended for the common benefit, and as no other people along the shore thus share in the business they give its wharf owners, is not this a special reason for thanksgiving on the part of Fairhope colonists?

Says A. G. Vredenburg, of Fairhope and the Courier: "I appreciate the steadily maintained high tone of the paper, the well selected materials of news and economic instruction, its broad tolerance. And I never lay it down after reading without wishing I were in Fairhope too. We visit the homes of relatives, with which are many pleasant associations, but no community or town seems so much like 'home' to me as Fairhope."

Marion Smith, on his way hither made the acquaintance of a gentleman in the railway mail service on a southbound route out of Chicago. Fairhope was mentioned in their conversation and the mail agent asked the population and was greatly surprised to hear it rated at only about 500 or 600. He said he supposed from the mail it had out of Chicago, that it was a place of 5,000; which shows that ours is a reading and writing public.

Wharf No. 2 has been proving its value recently. Practically all of the material for the new hotel has been brought over it, beside which Mr. Stimpson has been bringing in quantities of shingles and lath and others have been making use of it. We have not yet put it to use for bringing manure over it, for which it was primarily designed, but that will come in time.

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See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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ADVANTAGES OF SOUTH ARE RECOGNIZED.

"Go South, Young man" was the slogan of the National Farmer's Congress at Raleigh, N. C., attended by a thousand delegates from all parts of the country. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson was present and participated in the business of the convention. He expressed the opinion that the south is making the most rapid advance in agricultural development today of any part of the country.

Asked the question whether the farm lands of the South can be made as productive as the rich lands of the Northwest, which sell for $150 an acre, Mr. Wilson said: "Why, of course, What's the hinderance? But the Southern farmer must quit sending his cotton seed meal over the world to enrich other lands. He must use this rich fertilizer himself. The South has produced this year the heaviest corn crop it has ever grown. This increase is due to the demonstration work of this department. Our campaign of education is finally producing results. The next step will be for the farmer of the South, to grow his own hogs, and make his own meat from his own corn. Dr. Knapp has prepared a circular showing them how to do this. We have circulated 50,000 copies of these, and I have authority today to print 60,000 more.

"The farming industry in the South is picking up. Right now more progress is being made in the South in improving farming conditions than in any other section of the country.

"Anybody who says the farm lands of the South are played out does not know what he is talking about. The run-down farming lands can be brought back to their original state and made as fertile as ever. There has already been a wonderful improvement in the condition of some Southern lands. First it will be necessary to rotate crops and make pastures. Eliminate the cattle tick and feed the cotton seed meal of the South to the cattle, and the Southern farmer will grow twice or three times as much cotton to the acre as he does now. And this ratio of increased productiveness will apply to all crops. The southern farmer does not fully appreciate the situation, and he will not until he finally begins to double and treble his present crops on the same acreage."

The Kumquat is proving one of the most valuable fruits for this section. The tree--or shrub, it can hardly be called a tree—comes into bearing early, is hardy, exceedingly prolific, with its glossy evergreen foliage very attractive even without its fruit and when loaded with its beautiful golden fruit is indeed handsome. Experience is showing too, that the fruit has other uses than simply being eaten out of hand. It makes delicious jelly and aiso nice preserves.

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SINGLE TAX PRINCIPLE IN ALABAMA STATUTES.

A good application of the principle of taxing land values, is that common in the statutes of almost all states, including Alabama, which authorizes cities and towns to improve streets and charge the cost in whole or part, to the abutting property.

The Alabama statutes give liberal powers to municipal corporations in this respect, and the law authorizing such improvements and their assessment against the property abutting on streets so improved uses this language: "to the extent of the increased value of such property by reason of the special benefits derived from such improvements."

Here is the Single Tax principle for you, stated and already embodied in the statutes of our own state. It only needs further extension, so as to take not only increased values created by an improvement to abutting streets to pay for the same, but to meet all other expenditures which add to the value of property and "to the extent of the increased value of such property" thereby.

The logic justifying the present provision indisputably justifies its extension as indicated and it should be our mission to press it home on every opportune occasion.

The power to apply this principle to street improvement is possessed fully by the town of Fairhope, and in the opinion of the Courier the time is near, if not at hand, when it should be made use of.

It is true that the application of this plan by towns under the statute, implies bond issues to be repaid with interest, during future years; and some are inclined to condemn all bond issues. The Courier has been inclined to oppose bond issues, or any form of town indebtedness, for other purposes than the acquiring of public utilities, which would be in themselves revenue producing properties; but on further consideration we can see that the increased advantage of having the use of the improvements while paying for them, may materially outweigh the interest cost. Thus, a permanent street improvement, for instance, might save annually much more in the way of patchwork, which would otherwise be having constantly to be done, than the interest on the money required to make the road free from necessity for constant patching, to say nothing of the great advantage of the use of the better road, the stimulus to improvement and settlement it would give and the increased taxable values to follow.

Borrowing through the Town has the advantage that the obligations given are free from taxation, municipal, county or state, and the lowest rate of interest can be thus obtained.

We hope that before another election occurs, a voting precinct will be established with box at Fairhope, so that Fairhope voters will be able to vote at home.

"DETROITERS ARE SMUGS" SAYS BISHOP WILLIAMS.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 26.—That Americans are afflcted with moral color-blindness, that Detroiters are smugs and that the other ministers entirely missed the point in the true Thanksgiving day services, are a few things Bishop Williams of the Episcopal diocese left his hearers to cogitate over today.

Detroit isn't used to being called smugs and is still blinking at the things the Bishop said. While he was decrying, the attitude that puts material gain over spiritual progress, nearly every Detroit minister was holding forth on how thankful the world should be for peace and material prosperity.

We Detroiters," he said, have a peculiar defect of vision, characteristic, which I might call congenital moral color-blindness. We cannot discriminate between bigness and greatness.

"In fact, bigness, in our eyes, eclipses greatness. We call New York and Chicago great cities. But are they? We talk of our growing population. How many souls, living souls, do we number among us? We talk of a man's worth. Do we mean his moral value, his service to the community, his influence over his fellow men? No. We invariably translate his worth into material means.

"We put things above men. With us, success covers a multitude of sins. Physical prosperity is not an unexpected blessing. We have an adage—'in Detroit life is worth living'—that smacks of smugness and unthinking optimism, of civic conceit rather than civic pride of conscience, a conceit which paralyzes effort rather than inspires it."

The Incidence of Land Value Taxation

All political economists agree that the land-value tax cannot be shifted from landlord to tenant.

It requires no agument to convince one that the tax on vacant land cannot be shifted. And most of the land in the United States is vacant. If it were taxed according to its value regardless of improvemeuts, this vacant land would be thrown on the market. Thousands would go on this cheap land, thus relieving the congestion in the labor market, raising wages, and enabling all to secure homes of their own

—A. Freeland, in The Public.

A. C. Sittig, of College Park, Md., where the Maryland Agricultural College is located, says a number of the coilege students who took meals at his table, became much interested in Fairhope through reading the Courier, which was always left on the reading table. This is a hint to other Courier readers to place their paper where it may interest others.

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AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

People of Alabama Decisively Reject Proposed Amendment To the Constitution.

The proposed amendment to the constitution of Alabama was defeated by the decisive vote of at least 25,000 votes in a total of 125,000, the largest vote ever cast in the state it is claimed.

Only five counties were carried for the amendment.

Various are the opinions expressed as to the significance of the vote. A few interpret it as a serious reverse to the cause of prohibition.

So far as we have read thoughtful, conservative editors of the state do not take this view.

They consider it only a rebuke to impracticable extremists.

Both the Mobile Register and the Montgomery Advertiser, leading conservative newspapers of the state, take this view of it, neither expects or wants to see a return to conditions prevailing before the recent prohibition legislation was enacted, but favor such restrictions as the friends of temperance can be so fairly united upon as to insure their reasonable enforcement.

Both of these able journals however, in our opinion are mistaken in thinking the result a decided verdict against "Comer and radicalism." The Advertiser indeed, puts this aspect of the matter to the front and says, "Most distinctly, it means a protest by a strong majority of voters against a continuance of the regime of radicalism which has prevailed in Alabama, for five years," proceeding to charge this to the political ambitions of Governor Comer.

We hope and believe that the Advertiser is wrong.

There were two false issues, injected into the campaign; on the part of the Amenders, that of "saloon or no saloon," and on the part of the antis that of "Comer and Comerism."

In our opinion the great mass of the people ignored both of these false issues and simply voted their conviction upon the wisdom or unwisdom of putting the particular amendment proposed into the state constitution.

Those who think the people of this state are not still determined to have fair treatment from the public service corporations, which exist only by their sufferance, will get just such a rude awakening in our opinion, as those who thought the sentiment against intemperance would support them in the extreme measures they proposed.

The submission of the constitutional amendment was a fine example of direct legislation. It was not a question of party, or persons, or a platform embodying many and varied issues but a clean-cut expression of opinion on a specific question. Such opportunity should be at all times open to the people, either by act of the legislation or petition of a reasonable number of voters.

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TO WHOM DOES IT BELONG?

EDITOR COURIER:

Mr. A. came to Fairhope fifteen years ago. He purchased five acres of land at five dollars an acre, hired it cleared for ten dollars per acre, fenced it at a cost of twenty five dollars, built a comfortable cottage upon it and settled himself and family in a quiet home

He put more money into his home than anywhere else, for he had an income from other sources and was not obliged to get his living off of the five acres. Consequently he furnished his home in the most comfortable modern way, and put out an orchard on a part of the five acre tract and left the rest for pasture land for his cow and family driving horse.

He considered the price, five dollars an acre, quite sufficient for the land, as he was one of the first arrivals and was denied the advantages derived from residence in a larger community.

For fifteen years he lived on his five acres happily employed with his garden, fruits and family. Time proved that he had chosen wisely in selecting the eastern shore of Mobile Bay as a place to build a home, for many people were likewise attracted by the beauty of the site, and soon a thriving village grew up about him.

After a time he disposed of his driving horse and cow and so had little use for his five acres save the part occupied by his garden and fruit.

A few days ago a stranger came to Fairhope and after due deliberation decide to locate permanently. He was greatly attracted by Mr. A's site and suggested that Mr. A. relinquish one acre, on which he also might build a home.

Mr. A replied that he would gladly do so if the stranger were willing to pay his price which he affirmed was the ordinary market value of land in the locality. Then Mr. A informed the stranger that one acre without improvements would cost but five hundred dollars, whereas if fencing, fruit trees or any other improvements were included a higher price would be demanded. Now the land cost Mr. A fifteen years ago just five dollars per acre, with clearing ten dollars and the taxes during the fifteen years were really an insignificant item. Mr. A had not expended his own labor nor paid for the labor of others upon the acre, other than the fifteen dollars included in purchase price and clearing. What caused the tremendous increase in valuation of that acre? Certainly not the efforts of Mr. A. What then? The climate? But the climate was here fifteen years ago when Mr. A bought the tract at five dollars per acre and considered that he was paying all it was worth.

What then has produced this wonderful value? Surely all must agree that it is the growth of Fairhope and nothing but the growth in population that has increased Mr. A's acre in value from five to five hundred dollars! Now a fundamental principle in economics is that the producer owns the thing he produces.

Now since Mr. A did not produce that increase in value, and since the population of Fairhope did produce it, to whom does the increase belong?

Of course the stranger bought the acre and paid Mr. A five hundred dollars of his hard earned money, and Mr. A added the five hundred to his bank account, and said to himself, "I have made $495 clear money without an effort." Now where is there a man who believes in righteousness, who will say that Mr. A earned that increase? If he did not earn it, who did? Does it not belong to those who earned it? Who will say that what one earns does not belong to him? If this is true of an individual, is it not also true of society?

If the community of Fairhope earned that increase why should it not belong to the community?

"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

Is it not as wrong to withold from the community that which belongs to it, as it is to withhold from an individual that which he has earned? M. L. J.

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Only 129 of 900 qualified electors voted in the election at New Iberia, La., on the proposition to amend the city charter to allow the selling or leasing of the town's water and light plant, noted in our last issue. This was a very poor showing indeed of the interest on the part of the taxpayers in so important a matter. And, as the 129 were divided 62 to 67, the City Council was perhaps justified in deciding as it did, that the result of the election was not an expression of the will of the majority of the qualified electors. The result of this decision will no doubt, however be to leave the matter just where it was.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

December 1st.—Miss Herring writes: I was forcibly reminded of Fairhope this morning when passing a florists, I saw some cape jessamine blossoms. I rushed in thinking that I must have some for 'auld lang syne,' but as they were seventy-five cents each, I concluded to wait till I get back to Fairhope where I can have an armful for the picking." x x x She says of Henry George Junior whom she had the great good fortune to meet at Mrs. Prang's, "He is a charming story-teller and amused us all greatly by the odd and funny things he had found in his travels as well as the more serious. x x x I believe I had forgotten to tell you of the Schindlers whom you knew in Fairhope. Mrs. Schindler is very pleasant indeed. Her daughter Jessie, is a beautiful, sweet girl. She has since gone back to college where she has one year more before getting her degree. Helen who came to Fairhope shortly before the family left. Miss Herring says she has seen her several times but always when they were in a hurry to go somewhere and as yet she had not had a chance to talk with her about her Social Settlement work to which she is devoting her time. Donald and Dorothy, the twins have grown way out of sight. Donald is a young man. Dorothy is quite an artist and has done some unusually good portrait drawing. Mrs. Schindler also showed me a substantial, well-made Mission table, which they use in the sitting room, that Dorothy made when studying manual training. And while she was showing me this, little John brought me a candlestick and some other things in clay modeling that were exceedingly good. You remember him as a dear little fellow five or six years old. x x x Mrs. Schindler loves Fairhope as well as I do and often speaks of her desire to be with the friends she made during her residence there. x x x I like her more and more as I know her better." x x x Indeed we all have pleasant memories of the Schindlers, I, especially, for their generous donations of good books to our Library. Not a library day passes that I do not handle some book bearing her name as donor, for they left without much preparation and did not take many of their new books.

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Lords Reject Budget

The House of Lords on November 30th rejected by a vote of 350 to 75, the budget which previously passed the house of Commons by a very large majority, thus bringing about a situation unprecedented in the history of living Englishmen.

In his closing speech the Earl of Crewe characterized the rejection of the budget would be a violation of long established usage. It was an unreformed house of lords that rejected the budget.

The position of the Liberal ministers in the house of lords, he declared, was becoming almost impossible and concluding he said:

"It may be when the new parliament meets we will be sitting where you sit now; it may be that we will still be sitting here. In either case we must, after the action you are taking tonight, set ourselves to obtain guarantees, not the old guarantees sanctioned by the course of time and enforced by accommodation between the two houses, but if necessary, and if there is no other way, guarantees fenced about and guarded by the force of statutes which will prevent indiscriminate destruction of our legislation, of which your work tonight is the climax and the crown."

At this writing, Thursday, the second, the course of the house of commons, in the situation has not been declared.

Dec. 3. The Commons has, by a vote of 394 to 134, declared "that the action of the house of lords in refusing to pass into law the financial provisions made by the chamber for the expenses of the year was a breach of the constitution and a usurpation of the rights of the house of commons."

Lessons of the Campaign.

ED. COURIER:

Now that the election is past, we may well consider matters which came up during the discussion and are of great importance aside from their bearing on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the state. The COURIER of November 19 contained a sentence from the Unionist which is well worth repeating: "We hope the next legislature of Alabama will be composed of more farmers and workingmen than lawyers, and that they will repeal half the laws of the state now on the statute books, simplify those that are left, and enact no more laws."

We have too many laws, and they are too complicated- Objection to the Fuller bill on that ground is valid. No statute ought to be so long and complicated, however important it may be. It has been said—and not without truth—that a citizen needs more wisdom to steer clear of violating such laws than the legislators showed in enacting them. The Constitution ought to be short and simple. Montague R. Leverson's pamphlet on Constitution Making ought to be widely studied, and then a new Constitution drawn up. Dr. Leverson was a lawyer thirty-five years before he became a physician, but cared more for the people's welfare than for the selfish interests of his profession. He fully sympathized with the policy advocated in the above quotation from the Unionist. If the state should pay him twenty-five or fifty thousand dollars to re-write the Constitution and laws, it would be money well spent—economical too; for much more than that amount would soon be saved in the resulting economy of administration.

While he was in California, he revised the code of that state, reducing it to one hundred and twenty-five short sections. The lawyers saw that with the laws so simplified, every man could be his own lawyer to an extent that would cut down their fees. They called the bill for adopting his code, "a bill to abolish attorneys," and fought it in the legislature till they defeated it. California then had a code of 2,500 sections; New York, one of 3,000 sections. Alabama now beats them both The present code of this state has 7,900 sections.

The Constitution could be greatly simplified by introducing the referendum. Many of the provisions are intended to guard against improper action by the legislature. Let the people vote on acts of the legislature, as well as amendments to the constitution; as they do now in Oregon and South Dakota. Then much that is in the Constitution will not be needed. In that case, the two houses will not be needed. One will be enough, the people taking the place of the other. Then the whole people will become the legislature, and ca elect United States senators, without amending the Constitution of the United States.

The state elections ought all to be in whar are now "off years." The state can never get due consideration when it is overshadowed by federal politics. Let the alternate years be devoted to state issues, without federal complications. Then there will be no off years, but intelligent citizens will be alert every year; and "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The argument against submitting the amendment this year is not so valid against that action as it is against the poll tax.

G. W. Wood.

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Colony Council Proceedings

Tuesday evening, Nov. 30.

All members present. Mr. Melville elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes approved of meetings of Nov. 15 and 18.

In consideration of the fact that contractor for public school building had been assured by officer of Corporation that there would be no charge for common sand for building, it was moved and carried that no charge be made for common sand for this building.

Superintendent Public Services reported complaint of contractor for public school against charge of $10 for water for construction of same. It was moved and carried that in judgment of Council charge was reasonable and should stand.

Superintendent Lands and Highways, reported on lots asked for by Mrs. George Cain, that there was little timber of value, except three small cedar trees, for which he was willing to pay a dollar. Offer of Mr. Bancroft was accepted and application of Mrs. Cain for lots 7 & 8, block 15, div. 2, accepted subject to usual conditions.

Transfer from O. J. Brown to Lovilla Gomm of his interest in Clifton-Brown tract, north quarter of s. e. 1-4 of n. e. 1-4 of 17 was approved, subject to usual conditions.

Transfer from Lenora Curtis to Rolland Curtis, of lot 6, blk. 3, div. 1, approved, subject to payment of payments due to date on water connection and rent.

Transfer from S. D. Yarnelle to Electra W. Yarnelle, of east 1-2 of n. e. 1-4 of s. e. 1-4 of sec. 16, was approved, subject to usual conditions.

Moved and carried that certificates for payments to wharf No. 2, be received for rent or other obligations to Corporation.

Secretary reported letter from Judge Smith saying that records of County Commissioners do not show any public road established on south line of Colony land in sec. 18. It was moved and carried that all action heretofore taken looking to establishment of a road on this line be withdrawn for present.

Motion prevailed that lot 14, block 8, div. 1, and Corporation ground in rear thereof, (being a strip 66 ft. wide, on north side of public school site) be tendered the town of Fairhope as a street, subject to payment of appraised value of improvements, and on condition that the town secure the opening of same through Section Street.

Secretary reported a probable applicant for e. 1-2 of lot 4, and w. 1-2 of lot 5, blk. 2, div. 1, (surrendered by C. K. Brown) and asked that a price be set upon the improvements. On motion same was set at $15.

Proposition presented from R. Purvis, of Montrose, to buy cross ties on Corporation land, at 5 cts. each stumpage. Referred to Supt. Lands and Highways, with power to act.

Motion prevailed that same rule be applied to getting wood or timber from Corporation land as to getting sand and gravel without permission.

Committee on taxation of Corporation property was directed to see what provisions there are, if any, for exemption from taxation by the state of land set aside for growth of timber, and provide for taking advantage of same.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. Mc Clintock be requested to hold up on the matter of sewer and cess pool for the hotel and a committee be appointed to confer with her and the town and Improvement Co., to see if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made for the use of present sewer.

Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Powell, Paton and Stimpson.

Following bills allowed:

R. E. Curtis, work in w. w. department maint.	$ .60
L. S. Massey, extra for pumping after contract expired, maint.	2.25
E. B. Gaston, 1,000 letter heads	3.50

Frank D. Troup for superintending work about park $3.00 offset by stumpage of wood cut.

All action by unanimous vote. Adjourned to Thursday evening. Dec. 2.

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Fine Musical Program

One of the choicest musical programs ever presented a Fairhope audience, was that at the Organic School building on last Friday evening.

It was a violin recital by Miss Nellie Slosson assisted by Mr. J. K. Simmers, basso, both great favorites with Fairhope audiences.

Miss Slosson's numbers were "Echoes," de Beriot; "Melody in F," Rubenstein; "Cinquantaine," May; "Mazurka," Wieniawski; "Ninth Concerto," de Beriot; "Allegro Maestoso-Adagio," Rondo. While her playing has often before charmed Fairhope audiences, it was the general verdict that on this occasion Miss Slosson surpassed all her previous efforts.

On a like plane of excellence was Mrs. Comings accompanying on the piano—the fine square piano, the gift to the school of the Kimballs, the famous music house of Chicago.

Mr. Simmers' numbers, the titles of which were not furnished us, were also greatly enjoyed. He possesses a rich deep bass voice, and his control of it is perfect. His accompaniments by his daughter Jessie were also perfect.

The performers were recipients of hearty congratulations at the close.

Opening of Domestic Science Department

The Domestic Science Department of the Organic School opened ment opened on yesterday afternoon, with a well-attended reception, about seventy-five cups of tea being served. Many complimentary expressions were heard regarding the equipment provided by Miss Ola Powell, instructor in this department, and who has worked diligently to raise the money to provide the equipment and also to cover her own salary, so that the department would not be a charge upon the school.

While not enough has yet been raised Miss Powell is still at work among her friends, and she has asked the Courier to extend her thanks to all the contributors who have so kindly given to this cause.

The kitchen with its new equipment presided over by Miss Powell in her uniform of white presented a most attractive picture and almost made the editor feel like taking a course in Domestic Science himself.

On the occasion of the opening Mrs. Johnson, principal of the Organic School, gave a short talk on this important science and its relation to Organic development, after which light refreshments were served to all.

The department has very pleasant quarters in the new manual training building and Miss Powell possesses every qualification to make it popular and its work effective Those desiring to enter this department should be present next Wednesday, Dec. 8, between two and four p. m.

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Christian Church Services.

Services at the Christian church on Sunday as follows.

Bible school 9.45 a. m.
Preaching 10.45 a. m.
Communion following
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Where the frost king rules with high-hand—
Where the landlord loves to roam,
And the poor man has no home;
While I shiver, cough and sneeze,
In the stead of health and ease,
Fondly speed my thoughts away
(And they linger there each day)
To the Southland with its flowers,
Singing birds, and pleasant bowers
To the land where home and health
Shorn of pomp or need of wealth,
Is the gift of Mother Earth
To her children of true worth.

To the North, my native Northland,
I will give a goodby gladhand;
Cease the fruitless toil and strife
Of the best years of my life,
Where like neighbor, brother, sire,
To get clothng, food and fire
For the long, long winter drear,
I toiled the balance of the year.
I'll take my family and friends—
Take them where the Gulf breeze blends
With the perfume of the trees,
And the air from milder seas--
Blessings strewn by God's own hand
In that favored, "Promised Land."
Alabama.

Lines written by A. J. Kempton, Nevada, Ohio, May 1, 1908.

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URGES FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO HIGH FOOD PRICES

Charles Sprague Smith Declares Armour's Figures Show Excessive Profits

New York, Nov. 26—Charles Sprague Smith, head of the people's institute, is demanding a federal investigation into the advanced price of foodstuffs. To back up his demand, he shows the figures reported to New York stock exchange by Armour & Co., which shows that for the year ending October 26, the immense packing house made 35 per cent on its capital stock. These figures, Smith declares, have been kept secret, but when Armour & Co., desired to have its bonds listed on the stock exchange, it became necessary to make them public.

Smith declares the figures show that, after paying taxes, interest and every expense, Armour & Co., cleared $17,127,924, or 35 per cent on its $20,000,000 capital. According to Smith, Armour & Co., have declared that the high price of meats was due to the law of supply and demand and not to excessive profits. Smith asserts the figures prove that excessive profits actually keep up the price.

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Tax Dodging

In view of Leslie M. Shaw's recent declaration that tax dodging can not be prevented by law, a statement recently made by L. G. Powers, chief statistician of the census bureau at Washington, is interesting. Mr. Powers thinks that there is no just method of assessing taxes—a view that will have the endorsement of almost everyone who has given the subject much thought—Woman's National Daily.

That the dodging of taxes, as at present assessed, is practically not preventable, is generally agreed upon by those who have given most thought to the matter And this of itself should be a sufficient ground for the rejection of present methods of assessment. But when also such an authority as the gentleman cited feels justified in saying that "there is no just method of assessing taxes" it would certainly seem that patriotic men should seriously address themselves to the problem of taxation and see if they cannot find a system by which taxes cen be justly assessed and their "dodging" prevented.

The tax on land values is the only tax which meets these requirements. It deals with values which are most easily ascertained, which justly belong to the public because created by the public, and whose collection is most easily and certainly provided for.

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LACK PHYSIQUE OF GERMANS

Englishmen Much Inferior in Stature To Their Rivals, Says London Newspaper

Ten millions of our people inhabit dwellings inferior to the kennels provided for the hounds in a well-managed hunt. The results of living in dwellings unfit for human habitation and the prevalence of a dietary scale from which English n eat, bread and milk are excluded, are fatal to successful rivalry with a virile and healthy race where agriculture is fostered for strategic reasons.

Having spent hours in watching the arrival of the early morning trains in Berlin and Hamburg, I am appalled with the contrast between the vigorous and well-set-up broad-chested and healthy looking clerks, brawny shopmen and stalwart laborers on the other side of the North sea, and the champagne-shouldered, cow-hocked, pigeon-chested, lack-luster trainfuls of men of the same classes landed at Liverpool street, Victoria and Charing Cross.—London World.

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Our present low tax on land values enables some people to buy up and hold out of use many useful lots and many acres of fairly good land, which makes it very difficult for a man of small means to get possession of a lot or a few acres of land, this forces him to become a tenant of one man and a servant of another. The Single Tax would discourage all people from buying any more land than they need for their own immediate use; unused lots and lands would thus be almost free and in waiting for some one to take it up and use it, This would bring about a union of Land and Labor, a uniting of the "Landless man with the "Manless Land."

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London Crowd Adapts Land Hymn to Tune of "Marching Through Georgia."

By William T. Stead

Special Cable to The Examiner

London Nov. 25.—The House of Lords adjourned this evening in the densest fog which has this year settled over London. The House of Commons adjourned two hours before. Outside the House of Parliament a crowd of 5,000 persons were assembled "to let the lords hear the people sing the land song."

The intention was good, but improvised choruses sung by the multitude are seldom inspiring. The song, which you will hear more of this Christmas, is set to the air of "Marching Through Georgia." The first verse and chorus follow.

Sound the blast for freedom, boys,
and send it far and wide.
March along to victory, for God is on our side.
While the voice of nature thunders o'er the rising tide
God made the land for the people!
The land, the land, 'twas God who gave the land;
The land, the land, the ground on which we stand!
Why should we be beggars with the the ballot in our hand?
God gave the land to the people!

God may have made the land for the people, but He little heeds that at least a third of it is held by 600 individuals who are wrecking the budget.

At the entrance to the House of Lords corridor stands a picture of Charles 1. hoisting the royal standard at Nottingham when he began his war upon Parliament. It is symbolic and prophetic of the fate of those who go about breaking up the work of the House of Commons. The picture shows the challenge. Seven years later Charles paid the loser's forfeit on the scaffold. But the warning was thrown away on the peers.

Hopes were entertained on Wednesday afternoon after Lord Roseberry s speech that the peers were melting. Lord Rothschild predicts that day afternoon after Lord Roseberspeech that the peers were melting in their attitude toward the budget? The mood speedily vanished.

LLord Rothschild predicts that London will not return a single Liberal to Parliament. Joseph Chamberlain, although paralyzed in body, prophesies that tariff reform will sweep the country. Lord Milner, the sinister figure, and the maker of the Boer War, counts upon victory before the people.

Lord Balfour of Burliegh to-day bluntly warned the peers of their folly. The Bishop of Hereford, with the fervor of a Hebrew seer, lifted up his eloquent voice in protest.L ord Northampton, one of the few great London landlords who is a stout Liberal, declared their action is warring upon the budget was breeding Socialists.

Ground on which oats have been sown for any length of time now presents a beautiful green appearance in most pleasing contrast to that left bare. Oats which the writer had sown on October 24th, are now more than six inches tall, and covering the ground thickly. Our cows were turned on them a little while on Sunday last, just a month and four days after sowing.

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Sunday was another of those perfect fall days of which we have had such a succession. Many of the towns people and visitors were out riding or walking and a lot of the summer people were over for the day. The crowd over on the steamers was almost like the "Good old summer time" and made Purser Watros of the Fairhope fairly gnash his teeth that his boat was not in commission.

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Not only did Baldwin county distinguish herself and secure advertising of very great value, by winning first prizes at Montgomery and Pensacola for her exhibit of agricultural and other products, but reports come from many sources of the great impression made by her display in charge of A. F. Hutchings at Chicago.

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The deal between Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Thomas for the former's property did not go through.

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Personal and Local

Will Call was home for Thanksgiving and over Sunday.

See Littlegreen for hauling and moving.

Miss Lois Slosson visited friends and relatives in Mobile, a portion of last week.

Day board only $4 a week. Meals 25 cents each at Sunny Point Rest.

Note the morning service at the Christian church is now at 10.45 instead of 11 o'clock.

Get your Cream Puffs at the Wilson bakery.

Miss Lelia Dacovich of Mobile, visited Miss Ola Powell several days this week.

Hot drinks at the Fairhope Pharmacy. The best ever.

Mrs. H. B. Slaughter of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Greeno.

Chicken dinner at the Wilson House every Sunday.

Rabbi Moses on "The Hall of Fame" in Organic School lecture course, next week.

Eight good cows for sale
C. J. Tiffany, Fairhope.

Our typograph gave us a little trouble last week and caused the paper to be a day or two late.

Hear Rabbi Moses, next Thursday evening at Organic School.

A number of comfortable benches have been scattered about through "Knoll Park" and are much appreciated.

Typewriter paper at Courier office.

The first story window frames of the public school building have been placed and the walls are going up rapidly now.

Typewriter paper 8 1-2 x 11 and 8 1-2 x 13, at Courier office.

Miss Jessie Simmers who came over with her father last Friday evening remained over Sunday the guest of the Gaston family.

A fresh supply of "Resolvogen" on hand. Dr. Sheldon.

The bazar of the Ladies Aid Society which was announced for the 14th has been postponed until the 18th.

Good jersey cow for sale apply t f. Courier office.

Lost on Sunday last a gold stick pin with large gold ore setting. Finder please return to Paul Molyneux at Fairhope Pharmacy and receive reward.

We now have a nice line of Pocket Cutlery, goods fully guaranteed. Mershon Merch. Co.

G. F. Thomas has bought the Parrish property on Section St., formerly the Frank Creswell property and the family have moved into it.

FOR SALE;—One fine Jersey cow.
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tf Point Clear.

The steamer Fairhope's repairs will be completed in a very few days and she will be back on her usual run, where she will be welcomed by her loyal patrons.

"Lone Oak" Sweet potatoes cannot be beaten—sold by Mershon Merchandising Co,

Mrs. Captain Nichols returned on Monday from a several week's stay at her former home Montgomery and where she still has property interests.

The members of the Clover Leaf Bible Class, and a number of their friends, spent a very pleasant evening at Mrs. W. E. Sweet's home on Monday.

Now is the time to buy a roaster to roast your Christmas turkey in, only 50 cents but worth more.
Mershon Merchandsing Co.

The regular monthly meeting of School Improvement Society will be held on next Thursday afternoon, at four o'clock, in Mrs. Sweet's class-room in the rear of the church.

Buy a trading card good for $5 in trade at our store and it only costs you $4.75, 25cents saved is 25 cents earned. Its yours for the asking.
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The fire department was called to the rear cottage of "The Gables" on Wednesday morning, where it was feared that fire had started in the wall alongside the chimney, but its services were not needed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Corbett, of Gowanda, N. Y., arrived on Friday evening of last week for the winter. Mr. Corbett spent a winter with us a few winters ago and made many friends who were glad to see him back again.

Air tight heaters are the best heating stoves for this climate. We have them, and we bought them to sell. Your next. Mershon Merchandising Company

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sumner arrived last evening from their northern home at Geneva, Ohio, to occupy their cottage "Winterhaven" for the winter. They are always welcome.

Charlie Wilson left this week for Morgantown, W. Va., where he secured through Frank Creswell, the position of foreman of the picture frame department of the company for which Mr. Creswell works.

The basket-ball teams of young ladies the "Reds" and "Greens" are improving rapidly from frequent practice on the Organic School grounds, and are beginning to think of challenging some other team for a game.

One hundred and eighty-five dollars, has been paid by persons residing off of Single Tax Corporation land on subscription toward the new public school building and complying with its offer the Corporation has paid four times as much or $740 for the purpose.

Mr. Lee Wilson, of Des Moines, a brother of Charles Wilson is visiting the Wilsons of Wilson's House.

Two or three adult boarders wanted at the Felix-Leonard House. Near the bay. Modern conveniences and New England housekeeping. Eight to ten dollars weekly.

The next number in the Organic School course of entertainments, will be a lecture by Rabbi Moses, of Mobile, on Thursday of next week. His subject will be "The Hall of Fame." Mr. Moses is recognized as one of the ablest young men of the south, and his lecture is sure to be a literary treat. Especial arrangements for comfortable seating of those attending will be made and a large audience is hoped for.

Mr. Joe Billy, the North Dakota man, who thought some of locating at Fairhope, but finally decided to go over on the railroad where he had bought some land, making a payment on it before he had left North Dakota, was over Sunday, and took Mr. Riendeau, who has also made a payment on some land over there, back with him. Mr. Billy is putting up a store at Summerdale or Robertsdale.

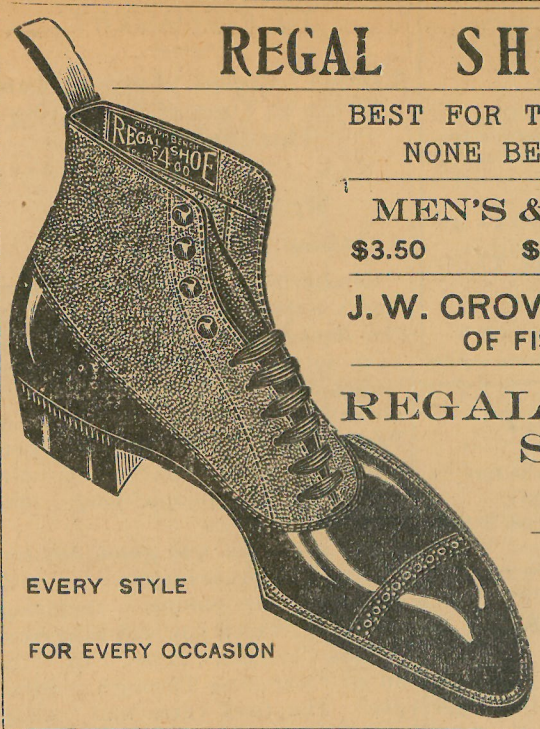
There will be a meeting of the American's Woman's League on Wednesday Dec. 8th. at 7.30 p. m. at the Gables. A constitution will be adopted and officers elected preparatory to applying for a charter. All who are interested are invited to attend.

J. E. Sutherland of Cairo, Ills., Mrs. N. E. Austin of New Orleans, Col. Embree of Lockport, Ill, and C. A. Eldridge and wife and Mr. Aubrey Boyles of Mobile, registered at The Gables on Sunday

"Bessie Carey Todd" won first prize among Jerseys, at Alabama State Fair, for cow giving most milk in 24 hours, her yield being 36 lbs. 12 oz. She is owned at Bates Farm, Hamburg, Ala. Engsigna 4th's daughter owned by T. W. Riddle, of East Lake, Ala., won second prize with 27 lbs., 2 oz.

A number of persons arrived from Rockford, Ill., on Wednesday evening whose names we have not learned.

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Largest Ear of Corn

What is said to be the biggest and the most perfect ear of its size in the world was raised by A. L. Plummer of Camp township, nine miles east of Des Moines. The mammoth ear is nineteen inches long, eleven and a half inches in circumference and weighs about 4 pounds. The average ear of corn is from ten to eleven inches long and weighs about one pound. The Plummer ear is perfect except for the tip, which extends beyond the grains about an inch. It is now on display in the Utica Clothing store window.

During its growth the ear was forced. It was raised in an enclosure with several other stalks. The tassels on the stalk holding the big ear were cut off together with the sprouts, thus forcing all of the nutrition into the ear. It was watered with water of luke warm temperature and the pollen necessary to generate the germ in the grains was taken from another stalk.—Evening Tribune, Des Moines.

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H. A. Foster, formerly pastor of the Christian church of St. Paul Minn., and for several years past a practicing attorney in Indiana visited Fairhope last Sunday.

When pastor at St. Paul, Dr. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mrs. G. H. Knox, then Miss Cora Maxon, were among his flock and upon their insistence he kindly consented to speak at the local church on Sunday evening, much to the pleasure of a large audience. On Wednesday evening he came again with his wife and daughter. Mr. Foster desires to come south to live and is planning to practice his profession in Mobile; but with the presence of so many old friends in Fairhope, added to its other charms, it is not strange that he and his wife and daughter have fallen greatly in love with Fairhope and would like to have a home here. We hope this may be arranged.

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This is December third. We had a glorious rain night before last followed by a slight change to lower temperature, but not a norther as we may expect often after a rain at this season, and today is one of those absolutely perfect days of which we believe we are blessed with more here than almost anywhere else on earth. Flowers are blooming freely, oranges, kumquats and a few Japanese persimmons are still on the trees, the butterflies are still with us and winter gardens are growing finely. What a glorious climate we have anyway.

The editor's family is indebted to E. T. Molyneux, of "Lone Oak" farm for some extra fine sweet potatoes, the product of his farm.

Cross and Company Stock Arrives.

The Cross and Co. herd of thoroughbred Jerseys, which Mrs. Cross went to Texas to buy, arrived in Mobile on last Saturday and were brought over, 18 head in all, on the Carney on Sunday morning.

Every animal is registered in the Jersey herd book and all tested for tuberculosis and for percentage of butter fat, none going below 5 per cent and one having a record of 8 per cent. The bunch is headed by the bull "Houston," whose sire was once bid in by Wm. Rockefeller on auction in New York for $7500. The bringing of this lot of thoroughbred stock to Baldwin County is not only a great thing for Fairhope but for the county.

Amendment Campaign Closes

The campaign for and against the amendment was closed on last Saturday evening by a joint discussion between Messrs. James H. Webb and Aubrey Boyles, both attorneys of Mobile.

The discussion was in the best of temper, both of the speakers acquitted themselves ably and received about equal applause from the audience.

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Concrete House for Rent or Sale

We offer for sale at a bargain and on very easy terms, or for rent partly furnished, the Howarth concrete block cottage on Church St. This is one of the nicest little properties in Fairhope. There are four rooms, cistern at back door, several nice fig trees and some other fruit; on two nice lots, making a fine garden spot. —Gaston and Son.

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THE FURNITURE STORE

In the Brown Block, has in a lot of new goods, including some sanitary cots and will have in soon a lot of suitable goods for Christmas presents.

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Fall Temperature.

Nov. 25, to Dec. 1, 1909.

Nov.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
25	44	66	55
26	48	69	58
27	52	78	63
28	52	75	59
29	46	72	59
30	56	75	60
Dec. 1	54	72	67

Six clear days, 1 partly cloudy, with hard rain on Dec. 1. Very slight winds till Nov. 30th and Dec 1, then southeast.

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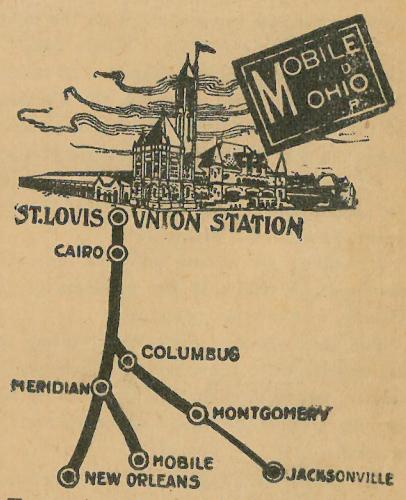
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Fairhope, to outward appearance, is like other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the casual observer; but it is unique among the towns of this or any land.

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 re-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 those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 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 that wharf 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 is easily shown to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores schools, ice-plant and creamery, 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 to settlers, without purchase price, on the colony's favorable terms.

For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc. address

E. B. GASTON, Secretary

CORNER STONE LAYING.

Public School Corner Stone to be Laid on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 1 P. M.

Great Day for Fairhope.

The corner stone of the new Public School building will be laid with Masonic ceremonies on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 1 o'clock p. m. It is expected that a number of prominent Masons from Mobile will be present, including Messrs. J. H. Webb, E. G. Rickarby, U. S. Attorney W H. Ambrecht, J. D. and A. D. Bloch, and others. The Grand Master of the state is also expected to be present.

This date has been selected because it is the only one which will allow friends in Mobile to come over and return the same day.

Colony Council Proceedings.

Synopsis of business transacted at meetings of November 15 and 18.

Bills allowed:

Barney Cavanagh Hardware Co., coil wire for telephone,	$ 4.15
C. S. Jacobs, by H. Creswell, Agt. for improvements taken for streets as per report of arbitration com.	61.50
Colony to remove fence in rear or allow Mr. Creswell to do so at its expense.	
H. Creswell for moving fence as provided in foregoing	1.50
Mrs. Philbrook for one-fifth acre clearing taken for Bancroft street.	3.00

Transfer from Mrs. Philbrook to S. S. and Mary E. Mann of north 53 feet of lots 1 and 10, blk. 8, div. 4 was approved.

Motion prevailed that parties who have placed leases on record must see to cancellation or transfer of same before transfers will be approved.

Application of Lyndon Wheeler for lot 3, block 9, div. 1, accepted.

A charge of $10 made to contractor for public school building for use of water for same.

Mr. Paton to make a copy of town assessment for information of Council.

Charges decided upon for sand and gravel as follows: common sand ten cents a one horse load, twenty cents a two horse load, white sand or gravel 20 cents a one-horse load, 40 cents two horse load, no digging into or endangering of banks to be permitted in getting same and parties taking sand or gravel from lands of Colony without permission to be prosecuted according to the law.



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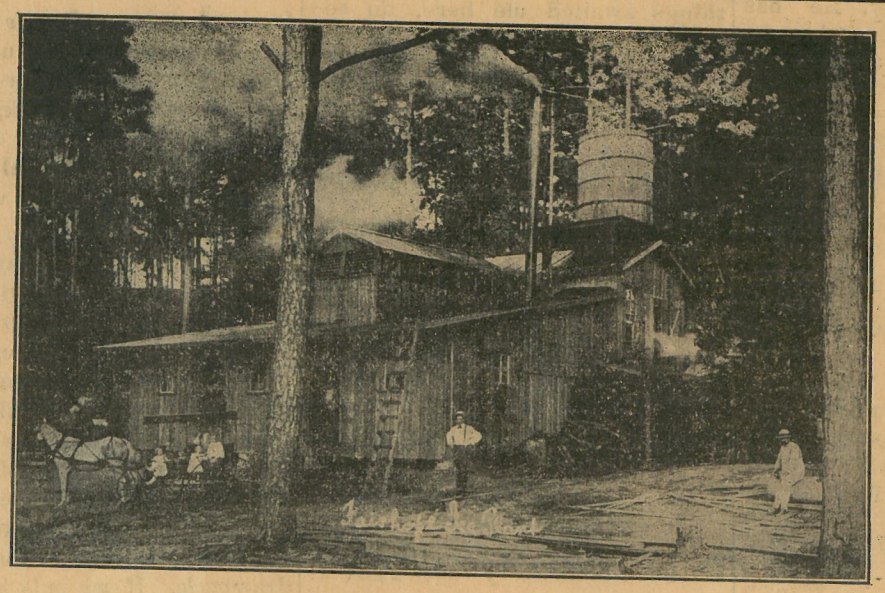
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Marie Howland

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Devoted to the Single Tax and its practical application by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation
See Last Page for Condensed Statement Regarding Fairhope Single Tax Colony.

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FAIRHOPE'S ICE PLANT AND CREAMERY

Our picture this week represents one of the most important additions of the year just closing to the industrial development of Fairhope. It is a very complete ice and creamery plant, and while just now we are not feeling the need of ice very much, of course there is a very large portion of the year when it is a prime consideration; and the creamery is in demand all the year round. Indeed, we generally consider it one of the most important institutions of our town.

LAND VALUES BOOMING

A friend writes from Minneapolis, Minnesota that there is very great development in that section but that farm land values have doubled, trebled and even quadrupled within the past few years. So it goes. Actual development—house and factory building and all industrial progress, would benefit everybody, but up jumps the price of land, to more than keep pace with it, and the fellows who do the actual work are no better off than before, if as well off.

BENEFICIARIES OF IMPROVE D TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

The Montgomery Advertiser champions strongly the project for the proposed boat line on the Alabama river in the interest of Alabama's capital city.

"Water transportation," says the Advertiser rightly, "is one of the live issues of the day and Montgomery has attracted the attention of the whole country by its determined efforts to utilize this free highway given to her as a blessed heritage and kept in navigable condition by the government without cost to Alabama."

Asserting that it is a "mistaken idea to suppose that the proposed boat line will benefit only a few," the Advertiser says: "It means the attraction of capital, factories, and more nhabitants to the city—it means enhanced values of real estate, more demand for homes and business houses; it means more business for the merchants and larger bank deposits."

All of which is quite true, and all should help, if necessary, to get the improved transportation facility.

But of the classes mentioned by the Advertiser which will benefit by the boat line, every class but one, will benefit only by giving benefits in return. New homes and business houses demanded by increased business, will have to be built by some one. Merchants will have to increase their stocks and work harder or employ more help to profit by increased trade. Bankers will have to provide additional capital and also employ additional help.

One class only will profit without expenditure of capital or labor, from the new boat line or anything else done by the enterprising people of Montgomery to improve business conditions or make residence desirable there. That class, of course, is the owners of the real estate, which will be enhanced in value thereby. They need do nothing toward the boat line, nor invest a dollar nor give a moment's thought to it. They may be in Montgomery, in New York, London or Kamchatka without effect upon the benefit they will receive.

The Advertiser asks "why the real estate dealers and owners, the merchants and cotton buyers, the capitalists and bankers, should hesitate about lending their financial assistance to an enterprise which means so much for their own good?"

Perhaps the Advertiser put real estate dealers and owners first because it recognized them as benefitting in a special sense, but referring to the merchants who had taken the initiative in the matter it said "they form the business backbone of the city," which is true of the merchants everywhere. They give usually long hours and concentrated attention to their work. They incur heavy risks, are besought constantly and usually respond liberally to all sorts of appeals, for church, charity and public purposes, beside paying far more than their share of taxation. But they are strangely blind, perhaps partly because they are so busy, to the unearned, undeserved, wealth they are helping to bestow upon those who own the land of their cities.

INTERESTED IN GOOD ROADS

Messrs. Ring and Cross are exceedingly interested in the good roads question and not only propose to have some good roads for themselves, but to show by example how easy it is to have them. They made a stretch of about a fifth mile on the farm last week with a plow and split-log drag which they say did not cost over $3. They are also having the stumps taken out of the quarter mile stretch of public road from the Koopman place to the Braam corner and intend to put that in shape. Mr. Ring thinks that road could be put in first class shape clear into town for not to exceed $200 and that then by the use of the split-log drag occasionally, it can be kept in condition at a trifling expense.

There is nothing so potent as a good example. It is the Fairhope idea to teach by example and we expect when these enterprising gentlemen have made their "exhibition" stretch of road the people on this road beyond and on all other roads leading into Fairhope, will be clamoring for like improvement of their roads.

LAW MAY REACH RICH.

It really looks as though there may be prospect of submitting some of the rich criminals, to the actual penalties of the law, which fall with such celerity and certainty usually on the poor man. Judge Calhoun at Austin, Texas, overruled all exceptions of the counsel of H. Clay Pierce of the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., (a branch of or affiliated with Standard Oil) to the proceedings wherein he was sought to be tried in the Texas Courts for perjury in previous cases against him. And the United States Supreme Court has denied the petition of Charles W. Morse, the New York banker for a writ of certiorari against the decision of a New York court, sentencing him to fifteen years imprisonment in a Federal prison. Morse, it will be remembered, has been out on bail and was reported to have "made" several millions in a few months.

Miss Hazel Williams, who "grew up" to attractive young womanhood at Fairhope, now with her mother at Los Angeles, Cal., (where, it is rumored she has not ceased to be homesick for Fairhope) wrote the editor for literature about the Single Tax and Fairhope, for an article she had been requested to write on the subject in her school work. We took pleasure in complying with her request.

Fairhope Courier

ERNEST B. GASTON, Editor and Pub.
MARIE HOWLAND, Associate Editor.

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Fairhope Policy Discourages Land Speculation

That the Fairhope policy is having a depressing effect upon land speculation in this vicinity is strongly indicated by some recent movements of property here.

One desirably located property on owned land, sold for fully twenty-five per cent less than its cost, or than it could be duplicated for today, with a lot, adjacent to others which are held at $300 to $500 thrown in. At the same time two properties on Colony land have sold to our knowledge, one for every dollar of its cost, and the other for what we consider a very good valuation in its present condition. Here we find improvements on owned land selling for a much less percentage of their cost or real value than improvements on Colony land and the land thrown in.

There is no doubt but that a few sales of unimproved or little improved land have been made at prices which have afforded a nice margin to the seller, but we have never known a case where one such purchaser has built upon his lot and been able to realize a margin on his total investment.

This is not because of any unfair or unkind discrimination on the part of Colonists against non-colonists in any way, but is simply the natural working out of the principle upon which the Fairhope Colony was founded; that land values should be taken for the benefit of the public which creates them. The Colony lessee shares in the increasing value of all of the Colony land and the benefits accruing on this account to the lot user are so apparent that there is only now and then one who fails to grasp the idea fully or who is made to believe that the Colony is likely to fail or rents to become oppressive who will consider a proposition to purchase land at all. And where one does do this he generally comes to regret it.

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Rabbi Moses Lectures

The brilliant young Jewish Rabbi, A. G. Moses, lectured under the auspices of the Comings Memorial College of Organic Education at the college building last evening on the subject of "The Hall of Fame." The room was well filled and the lecture was much enjoyed. "The Hall of Fame," to which the speaker referred, was that established at New York City, by the inspiration of Chancellor McCrackan and the generosity of Miss Helen Gould, and which designs to appropriately perpetuate the fame of such American citizens as are deemed worthy by a committee of other distinguished citizens, and only after death and time have brought their life and achievements into proper perspective.

The eloquent young Jew drew many inspiring lessons from the characters of those thus immortalized up to the present time.

When paying tribute to the great educator, Horace Mann, he also referred in very complimentary terms to the work of Mrs. Johnson of the Organic school, who spoke before the Teacher's Institute in Mobile, this fall, as he also did and expressed his sympathy with the school, in much, at least, of that for which it stood.

Mr. Moses was a guest of The Gables during his stay. He has promised to come again, when he can remain longer to study Fairhope policies and conditions.

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There has been no announcement by the committee on anniversary program, of its plans for the celebration, but there will be no fear on the part of any interested but that a good time will be enjoyed on that occasion. The prospect is not good for Mr. Fels being with us, on account of his great interest in the budget fight in England and the general election which will come in January; but others of our appreciated non-resident friends will probably be with us. It is hoped that all such friends who can will do so.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

December 4th. One of Fairhope's best friends has showed me today such an interesting correspondence that I have begged his permission to print it. A very dear friend had written him, setting forth a scheme for a benevolent land speculation in which the benevolently inclined would clear one hundred per cent on their investment, but would at the same time provide a large number of small families home sites on much better terms than such places can be secured elsewhere.

I am sending the letter of the friend and its answer, hoping that the chief will find room for the letter as well as for its answer. The letter is very important as showing what Godin called the "moralization of capital.' The work of Joseph Fels in England, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark and this country, and many others, probably, for there is no end to his labor for the education and upbuilding of the victims of monopoly, is a leaven that is fermenting the moral force of the world. No longer can the intelligent rich, enjoy the luxuries that their wealth gives them as they did while they believed that there was no help; that the wretched we had to have always with us. Rich viands have not the old savor when little ones are begging at their doors for bread; nor are their soft beds and warm houses so enjoyable for they are haunted by the horrors of the homeless and of the dwellers of the slums.

We cannot give space for the letter which led to the response to which Mrs. Howland refers, but we give below most of the answer to it. Mrs. Howland did not give the name of the writer but his letter is a good one and he should have the credit of it. R. F. Powell was the writer. —Editor Courier.

Dear ————————

Your query, "why did I do it? etc. is easily answered. If you knew what kind of place this is, and the kind of weather we are enjoying: bright warm sunshine by day, and clear starlit skies by night, with no millionaire neighbors on the one side, and no hungry, ragged, poverty stricken wretched people on the other. Lots of roses in the gardens, and plenty of time to gather and enjoy them; knowing that all these, and dozens of other good things awaited me here, do you think it treason to fly from the chilly winds, the snow and sleet and slippery streets, full of people, half clad, and often crazy with fear of poverty, or so rich they will not speak to their next door neighbors? But I had better alter my tune, as I wish to come back to Buffalo next Spring with the robins, and if I say all I know I might find the gates closed.

Your land scheme looks as if it would work out all right for the fellows on the inside, and would perhaps be as good, or even a little better for the poor Polish victims, than some others that they are sure to come up against, but I see such evil conditions everywhere I go (except when I come to Fairhope where land speculations have been knocked higher than Gilderoy's kite) that I can't say much for even so good a land scheme as you have thought out.

There is no such thing as "benevolent landlordism" that will yield even 6 per cent much less 100 per cent. We can never relieve the poor devils of the toil stained garments and wrinkled brows through selling them land, even if it is cheap.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof" and belongs of right as much to one as to another, and should be as free to all mankind as is the air, the sunshine and the rain. That is the policy here. All the land you want you can have without having to buy it. You must pay the full rental value each year for all that you hold, regardless of the use you put it to: but this rent is paid to the community, and is expended for the common benefit: so one really get the land for nothing, and pays the rent to himself.

Up to 1895 I was never too busy, too tired or too hungry to puzzle over such problems as your scheme presents, but when I came to see the horrible iniquity of all land speculations, I dropped the whole bunch, and have never been able to get interested in any of them since.

We want the earth, we want it all,
We want the whole terrestrial ball,
We want it for the human race
We want it now, this year of Grace

Get some rich friend, some humanitarian to buy 10,000 acres of land near Buffalo, and open it up to the Polish people, or anybody else, on the Fairhope plan, and you will do humanity and yourself a service far beyond the ken of even the wisest of our very wise men (of this day and time.)

You graphically describe the sluggish conditions in Buffalo when the first Polish settlers came. "Bobtail cars on Main street to Cold Springs; on Broadway to Emslie, and busses on Seneca as far as Hydraulics" etc. What a wonderful improvement since, yet poverty in Buffalo has been intensified, and misery, and crime multiplied. Hundreds of remedial laws have been passed, and thousands of people have spent their lives and money freely in a vain endeavor to change this tide; but it continues to rise and must rise until we remove the cause. Fairhope is blazing the way. The trail is necessarily small, and many may find it difficult to follow, but not so difficult as it was before Fairhope's day.

Come this way dear brother, come this way if you wish to find that happy hunting ground that Christ taught his followers to pray for, when he told them to pray for a kingdom here on earth like unto the one called heaven. This heaven on earth is in the process of construction, but we are short on angels as dwellers herein. Want of harmony among the people is our greatest drawback. If we only had enough love in our hearts one for the other to do unto them as we would like to be done by, a speedy idea of the Christ idea could be quickly attained.

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Coming from Scotland.

W. M. Turnbull writes from Glasgow, Scotland in regard to two friends who expect to come to the United States soon and who by his advice will come to Fairhope and investigate it first. They expect to go into stock-raising and dairying. Mr Turnbull himself hopes to come to Fairhope about June next.

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We regret very much that Mr. Koopman and his family have practically decided to leave for Holland at an early date. The Koopmans are Hollanders, who went to South Africa, and after the conquest of that country by the English came to this country and to Fairhope. It is but natural that they should feel the call of the "Mother country" and of relatives and friends there, and Mr. Koopman has a fine position offered him, in charge of a large farm. We are very much inclined to think however, that, as has been the case with some other of our colonists who have returned to their former homes after some years absence they will not be so pleased as they anticipate.

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Major Whittle on renewing his subscription to the Courier today, subscribed also for a couple of absent members of his family, making a Christmas gift of the paper for a year to them as well as an appreciated one to the publisher. We commend his example.

ADDRESS OF F. S. T. C. COUNCIL TO LESSEES.

FAIRHOPE ALABAMA, DEC. 10.

To lessees of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.

Friends:—The undersigned, as the Executive Council of the Corporation, charged by the constitution with the duty of so doing, have, at sundry meetings during the last month, given careful consideration to the matter of the appraisal of rents for the ensuing year.

In this task we have taken into consideration every fact available which would help us to arrive at a proper and just decision; such as prices at which similar land has changed hands or is being held in the vicinity, or in other communities of approximately the same size and development under the conditions ordinarily prevailing. We have also taken such opportunities as we had to get the opinions of disinterested persons familiar with land values elsewhere. Further, we have taken blocks or areas, in different parts of the community and calculated the cost to the Corporation of the average lessee, not the value in our opinion of the benefits enjoyed by the lessee but the sums paid out on his account by the Corporation, such as taxes paid on improvements, and personal property, road tax, poll tax, water, 'phones, and tuition, etc. And in making these calculations we did not charge to each lessee the cost of these things which he might enjoy but perhaps did not, but only took into account such as were actually rendered, distributing their cost over the whole number of lots taken into account, and ascertaining the average cost per lessee of the same.

Nor did we consider the saving to the lessee of the interest upon the sum he would but for the Corporation and its policy have to invest in the land, which is an item alone equal to the average lessee, of more than his entire rent; while he would in addition, have all the other things we took into account to pay for —if he enjoyed them.

Every such calculation proved to us that present rents were much too low.

In one block in the business section, its cost to the Corporation proved to be 40 per cent above the rents actually paid by the lessees. And in a purely residence section, a quarter of a mile away, and very modestly improved, almost exactly the same condition prevailed.

In each of these cases and in others, a comparison of these costs with a 5 per cent assessment on the fairest estimate we were able to make of the value of the ground under ordinary conditions, (the rental value of land being generally considered by economists at one-twentieth of its selling value) showed that such an assessment would cover all the costs we figured and leave a substantial margin over to provide other public services and advantages.

These calculations were enlightening and convincing to us. And we feel that could our fellow lessees be brought to consider them fairly and with a disposition not to let the little increase they might be individually called upon to pay, blind them to the very much more important thing to them, the increased benefits they might enjoy from the expenditure for the common benefit of the fund to be created by like payments from their fellow lessees, they would not only see as we have that rents are out of proportion to benefits enjoyed, but be eager that they should be raised so that they might enjoy the greater advantages thus and thus only to be secured.

As a result of these our investigations we are convinced that at least a general raise of 25 per cent should be made in rents within the municipal limits, and outside of 15 per cent. Such a raise in land values we may say is further clearly indicated by the increase in business over Fairhope Wharf, which, as all our business with the outside world is done over it, is one of the very best indications or measures of increasing population and prosperity.

Some of us believe that a larger raise ought to be made and that it would be to the interest of the lessees that it should be made, for mind you, the lessees are the sole beneficiaries of the rent fund, not a dollar of it going in any form of special privilege to any one else, the salaries of Corporation officers not even having been increased in years, though their duties have necessarily increased.

Such a raise is the least which will in our opinion, permit the Corporation to continue to do for the lessees, what it has been its policy and practice to do.

Before going to the expense of printing a rent list which might be valueless because of a rejection by the lessees and our fellow-members of the Corporation, of our views in this matter and that we might have the benefit of the views of the lessees as to any inequities existing in relative valuations, we have decided to call the lessees together, and do hereby issue a call for the presence of all lessees at the Organic School on Tuesday evening December 14, 1909, at 7.30 to consider our proposals for raises as herein stated and equalization of any inequalities that may seem to them to exist

Sincerely yours,
G. M. BANCROFT
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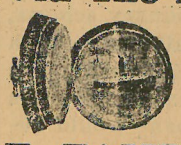
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Arbitration Society Meets

The Fairhope Arbitration Society held its regular monthly meeting at W. W. Kile's on Tuesday evening the seventh of December with the largest attendance there has been since its organization.

The membership is now upwards of seventy, eight new members being added at this meeting. The society has eleven dollars in its treasury and no debts. After the reading of the minutes of the November meeting, the report of the treasurer and other routine business, Justice Coleman entertained the audience with an account of the Oneida community of New York, which has been the means of maintaining peace and harmony in that society for more than half a century. Mr. Coleman suggested that the same plan might be made effective in Fairhope.

After the address, which was well received by the audience, the society adjourned to meet Tuesday vening January 4, 1908.

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TEACHER'S EXAMINATION

Attention is hereby called to the changes in the Examination Law for teachers. Instead of two examinations a year, held on the first Mondays in January and July, the amended law provides for three examinations to be held on the third Mondays in December, April and July.

The next examination will be held at Bay Minette (Court House) beginning December 20th at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Those desiring to take the examination must be present at that hour.

Applicants will supply themselves with Legal Cap paper, pens, ink, pencils, etc. Respectfully,

J. S. Lambert, Co. Supt. Ed'n.

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Judge R. L. Maupin of Mobile, has concluded this week, through Gaston and Son, a purchase of the Rev. Hill property on the Colony's bay front. Mr. Maupin is a leading citizen of Mobile, who, with his daughter, Mrs. Shawhan spent some time at Fairhope this summer and fell victims to its charms Mr. Maupin will make considerable improvements to the property before the opening of the summer season.

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Mr. Axil Johnson a young concrete contractor of Mobile has been doing some work for Cross and Company during the past week and has made an application for the fine lot between Littlefields and the Wolf cottages on which he expects to build a nice concrete building soon.

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THE BUDGET AND THE LANDLORD'S CHARITY

Daniel Kiefer sends the Courier a report of an interview with an Englishman, regarding the budget, recently appearing in the Cincinnati Times-Star. The gentleman, a Mr. John C. Whittard said in part, as quoted:

"I do not object so much to the increase in the taxation of death duties that the new budget provides for," he said, "because I think the dead feel taxation of their wealth less than anybody. But I do object to the socialistic and single tax features of the budget. It is a coincidence that, while the leading American Single-Taxer was named George, we should also have a man of that name in our government who intends to induce Britain to take at least the first steps in the direction of Single Tax. The appropriation by the English government of part of the so-called unearned increment of land, as proposed by the Lloyd-George budget, is a keenly revolutionary scheme, and the plan also calls for high taxation of incomes, increasing as the income increases. Under this budget the government would relieve me annually of six per cent of my income, in addition to the other taxes I should have to pay.

"The wealthy and middle classes should be found virtually a unit in opposing this measure, if it comes to an election. Of course, there are some exceptions, such as Lloyd-George, for example. While many of the poor may be expected to vote for the bill, I do do not think that even they are revolutionary enough to make such a big and sudden alteration in England's conservative government. The poor must also take this into consideration: Many wealthy Englishmen are generous and philanthropical and support hospitals and other charitable institutions. But they only have a certain amount of money they can devote to such purposes. If the budget is passed and these men are required to pay exceptionally high and burdensome taxes they will have to cut off their contributions to charity. Many have declared they would have to do this."

The gentleman is quite right in characterizing the budget as revolutionary, and he was not the first to note the coincidence that a man by the name of George was taking the lead in the effort to induce Britain to take at least the first steps in the direction of applying the great principle set forth so clearly by that other George whose disciples are to be found active in all civilized lands today.

It is quite amusing to see Mr. Whittard's solicitude lest the fund from which the wealthy of England indulge their philanthropic tendencies should be disturbed.

We hope and believe that the hitherto objects of their philanthrophy see that this fund has been to a very large degree taken first from the people through special privilege—especially in the form of unearned increment of land—and have fully determined to take it by law for the use of the public which creates it, rather than depend upon a tithe of it being redistributed in the form of a spasmodic and patronizing charity. For that is what the land value tax clauses of the budget mean.

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Strawberries in December

E. W. Jefferson sent into the Courier office on Wednesday a few splendid ripe strawberries from his Excelsior vines, and says if we could only have a few days of nice warm weather he would have many of them. Of course we are likely at any time to have frosts which will at any time put them out of business, though last year Mr. Jefferson was selling berries daily about Christmas and New Years.

Mr. Horning also brought in some of his fine Excelsiors. He has a large patch and will have quantities soon if the weather continues favorable.

Later: We have had heavy frost even ice, on two or three mornings now and the strawberries will be, of course set back indefinitely.

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The McLeans Return

Mr. C. F. McLean, wife and daughter Miss Louise arrived on Tuesday evening, receiving a cordial welcome back from Mr. and Mrs. Troup of the Fairhope Hotel, whose guests they are this winter as they were last, and the many other friends they made here. They are among the most loyal of Fairhope's friends and we hope to induce them to have a home of their own here.

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In a letter from Mr. Clifton to Wm. Gray, the former asks Mr. Gray to set out all the pear cuttings he can conveniently handle, to be put out later on the Clifton ten acres for growing pears for canning. He says of Mr. Gomm who as reported in the Courier has recently purchased an interest in the Clifton place and will be associated with Mr. Clifton in the canning business: "He is an expert gardener and orchardist and a first-class man to work for. He will give you lots of work if you want it when we come. The idea is to have canning there and here, but most of our time will be there. Most of our ten acres will be set out in pears and everything will be for canning purposes and which will take up all of our time. I am now canning string beans, several thousand cans of them and in about two weeks will start on tomatoes and put up about ten thousand cans. Mr. Gomm, is a man that don't stand back for tools. He has everthing that is needed both for farm and cannery. It is a beautiful sight to look over this big orange and grape fruit grove and see the trees loaded to the 'gunwales' with golden fruit.'

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The Fundamental Wrong

The fundamental wrong in human society, today, lies in the existing relation of men to the soil. The Almighty Creator of the universe, did not intend that his gifts should be the exclusive, private property of a few of his creatures and the multitude denied their free use. Restore to all men their natural right to the free use of land, and you have solved the problem of the ages—the problem of poverty in the midst of abounding wealth.

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Colony Council Proceedings

December 2.

Special Meeting of Council. All members present. G. W. Wood elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of Nov. 15 and 18.

Following bills allowed:

Home Telephone Co., tel. supplies,	$ 7.38
American Supply Co., water-works supplies	33.32
E. B. Gaston, pstg. in Nov.	.94

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Hanson be credited on her rent the amount of taxes remitted on account of charity.

Secretary and Superintendent of public services directed to prepare tickets to be sold entitling buyers to get sand and wood.

Balance of session devoted to consideration of rent appraisement but no motions made. Adjourned to Dec. 4. All action by unanimous vote.

Dec. 4, 1909

Special adjourned meeting of Council. All members present but J. F. Johnson, G. W. Wood acting as chairman pro tem.

Transfer of Mrs. Curtis Burton to Rolland E. Curtis, of 5 acres in s. e. 1-4 of n. e. 1-4 of 17, approved subject to usual rule.

Transfer of Wm. C. Gibbons, to Mrs. P. F. Lacy of lot 100x279 ft. 350 ft. east of Section street, approved subject to usual conditions.

Motion prevailed to increase rents within municipal limits 25 per cent.

Colony Council met in regular session on Monday evening, Dec. 6, with all members present but Mr. Bancroft.

Mr. Wood elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes read and approved of Dec. 2 and 4.

Treasurer's report for November received as follows:

Receipts

Rent		$ 160.98
Penalty		2.86
Stumpage		6.85
Telephone maint.		19.00
Waterworks construc.		83.50
Sand		.30
		279.99
On hand Nov. 1,		1609.34
		1885.33

Disbursements

Taxes	80.23	
Telephone (Cons. $11.40 maint. 18)	29.30	
Waterworks construc.	11.00	
maint.	44.80	
Highways	81.50	
Public School building	480.00	
pupils	28.00	
Salaries	50.00	
Pstg. & print ing	4.32	
Attorney's fees	35.00	
Drawing plat	6.00	
		850.25
		1035.08
On hand Nov 30 water cert.	421 00	
Ass'n "	110.00	
cash	504.08	
	1035.08	

Motion prevailed to increase rents outside of municipal limits 15 per cent.

Following address to lessees agreed upon. (Printed elsewhere)

Messrs. Ring, Melville and Paton and Mesdames Comings and Johnson appointed a committe on anniversary celebration.

Application of Iberville Historical Society of Mobile, for permission to search in knoll for relics, referred to Council by Mayor Greeno, was granted subject to supervision of Supt. Lands and Highways.

Mrs. Mc Clintock granted permission to use portion of the park near her property, for a tennis court, subject to approval of Supt. Lands and Highways.

Supt. of Public Services directed to demand from A. J. Wolf payment for a connection made with one of his houses and not paid for and notify him that if same was not paid in 30 days the water will be shut off of the premises through which the unauthorized connection was made.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

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The Organic School now has a good tennis court on which games are played every evening.

Order your Christmas dinner at the Wilson House.

Work on the new school-house has to stop every few days for lack of material.

See Littlegreen for hauling and moving.

We will soon have another auto in town, Mr. White who has purchased the Dr. Borst place, having one on the way.

Order your cakes and pies for the Holidays at the Wilson House.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis on Wednesday night. Mother and child are both doing well.

We have a fine line of toilet articles—try us. Fairhope Pharmacy.

Mr. Frank Brush, one of the recent comers from Rockford, Ill., has rented the Mrs. Wolf—former Lancaster cottage on Section St.

Good jersey cow for sale appfy t f. Courier office.

Mr. Horning has the frame up for his new house at the "Homecroft Gardens."

Day board only $4 a week. Meals 25 cents each at Sunny Point Rest.

Mrs. T. T. Jones of Geneva, O., a friend of the Sumners, arrived on Sunday morning and has rooms in the Bellangee-Atherton cottage.

Colony membership for sale at a large discount.
J. A. Hagstrom, Fairhope.

Nice fresh line of candy in boxes and in bulk at Fairhope Pharmacy.

Remember the laying of the corner stone of the new school building, Sunday at one o'clock, under auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

Buy a box of stationary for her Christmas present. Put up in nice Holiday boxes. Fairhope Pharmacy.

Town Clerk Albright, has completed the assessment of property for town taxation and has issued notices to tax payers to call and settle.

For rent two rooms, furnished for light house-keeping, on Bay View avenue, just south of Fairhope Avenue. R. D. Christy.

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Our former resident and still lessee of the Colony, M. M. Cope, arrived from Flatwood, Ala., last evening. We have not learned how long he expects to remain.

I will be in Fairhope 13th inst. until January 1st. 1909.
W. W. Hunt.

Mr. John Bowen, will address the Progressive League on next Sunday. His subject willl be "Taxation of the Home, with Epitome of Socialism." The meeting will be in the Organic School building at 3 P.M. and all are invited to attend.

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Mr. David Howatt and his bride, of Arlington, N. J., arrived on the third and are spending their honeymoon in the Miss Herring cottage. Mr. Howatt is Mr. Sinclair's secretary.

Just received at Robacs, a new lot of Christmas goods, in toys, toilet, shaving and smoking sets, glasware, china, 200 pounds of fine candies.

Go to Rathjes variety Store for groceries, dry goods, and holiday goods. Photo postal cards half price.

Mrs. Call will have on display next week, imported china, belts, brooches, collars, scarfs, and many novelties suitable for Christmas gifts.

The bazar of the Ladies Aid Society which was announced for the 14th has been postponed until the 18th.

Air tight heaters are the best heating stoves for this climate. We have them, and we bought them to sell. Your next. Mershon Merchandising Company

Two or three adult boarders wanted at the Felix-Leonard House. Near the bay. Modern conveniences and New England housekeeping. Eight to ten dollars weekly.

Martin Cleve arrived from Conneticut on Thursday evening, expecting to make his home here. He is an old gentleman, a pensioner, one of a kind for whom there is no doubt on the pary of any that Fairhope is one of the best places in the world. He is a New Church man and was cordially welcomed by local New Church people.

Note the morning service at the Christian church is now at 10.45 instead of 11 o'clock.

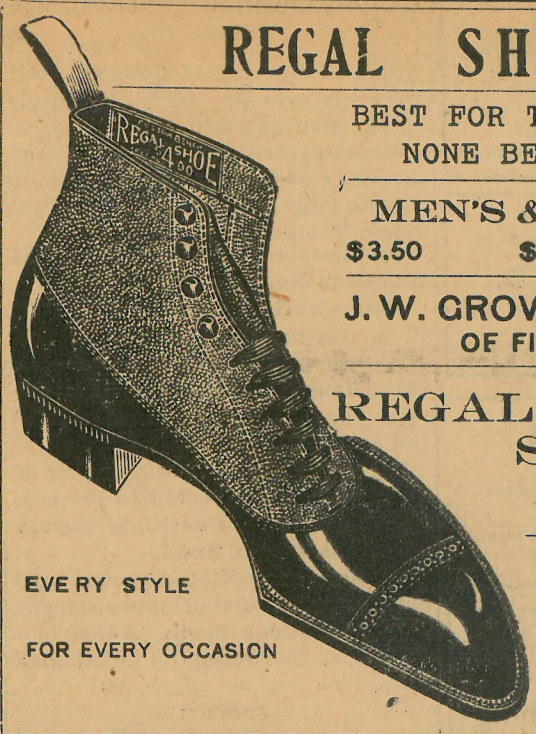
The following have registered at the Wilson House during the past week: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Patterson, Chicopee Falls, Mass.; Mr. Bligh, Tenn.; W. M. Jardine, R. M. Fraley, W. E. Wilson, Marlow, Ala.; Daniel Ross Spaukie, chicago; Marc and E. L. Molyneux, Lone Oak Farm; T. R. Kulicke, F. A. Otto, Bert Bajkor, Silver Hill, Ala.; J. A. McAveron, St Louis, C. C. Crutcher, John P. Lowell, C. E. Parson, A. M. Anderson, Mobile, Ala.; M. M. and George F. Marshall Chicopee Falls Mass.; Geo. Sheppard, Elgin Ill.

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Mr. L. G. White wife and son, arrived on Sunday evening from Homer, Ill., and on Tuesday concluded a purchase of the Dr. Borst nice suburban place into which they will move as soon as their goods arrive and which they will further improve. They have been readers of the Courier for some time, have become much interested in Fairhope and its policies and we are sure, will make a very desirable addition to our citizenship.

The regular monthly meeting of the Henry George Club, will be with Mrs. Howland, at the Library on Saturday of next week. Mrs. L. A. Powell will read from "The Beast and the Jungle." There will be no evening meeting of the club in December.

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Marine News

The Steamer Fairhope's repairs drag and it now appears that it will be the middle of next week before she will be out.

The steamer Lucile has been withdrawn from service. It is reported that she was losing money every day.

The Carney now stops only at Fairhope and Daphne, leaving the intermediate points dependent solely upon the Irma. However the Irma has been giving just as good service as it is possible for a boat of her size to give. Since being lengthened as she was last winter, she is a roomy little boat being able to handle large freights and her gasoline engine seems always ready for business.

The sloop "Viking" Capt. P. A. Olsen, made a trip to Mobile last Saturday and brought over a number of barrels of gasoline, for Mershon Merchandising Co, and other local parties landing them on "Wharf No. 2."

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THE FURNITURE STORE

In the Brown Block, has in a lot of new goods, including some sanitary cots and will have in soon a lot of suitable goods for Christmas presents.

Pay Your Poll Tax

Rememberthat your poll tax can now be paid and that it must be paid before February first next, or you will be unable to vote at any election during 1910. Don't put off paying it but "do it now." You do not know how badly you may want to vote on some question to arise.

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SCHOOL NOTES

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thanksgiving time was remembered in the Primary room by appropriate recitations, songs, and exercises and a tiny pumpkin pie for each pupil. A number of parents and friends were present and enjoyed the occasion.

Roll of Honor for November: Sadie Lowell, Noland Littlegreen, Kenneth Hail, John Van Bendegom, Clara Mathews, Geniveive Houston, Gladys Molyneux, Lavigne Berglin, Leah Gaston, Oget Olsen, Bertha Parker, Ferris Riel, Jacob Van Bendegom, Harris Oswalt, Martha Ahrens, Helen Call, Mary Annie Hunt, Theresa Oswalt, Minerva Riel, Ruth Toft, Norman Atherton, Fred Olsen, Walter Roberts and Neil Van Bendegom.

Julia Cherry has returned from Opelika and entered school. We now have ninety enrolled.

Mrs. Sweet's pupils are preparing a short Christmas program.

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Christian Church Services.

Services at the Christian church on Sunday as follows.

Bible school 9.45 a. m.
Preaching 10.45 a. m.
Communion following
Senior Endeavor 6.30 p. m.
Preaching 7 30 p. m.

All cordially invited to all services.

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Fall Temperature.

Dec. 2, to Dec. 7, 1909.

Nov.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
2	62	---	63
3	54	70	58
4	52	73	63
5	63	68	64
6	56	67	64
7	62	65	47
Dec. 1	33	54	43

Three clear days, 3 partly cloudy, one cloudy, with rain on three days wind southeast, then north on the 7th, and the mercury went down to 32 that night. L. F. Manly.

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Concrete House for Rent or Sale

We offer for sale at a bargain and on very easy terms, or for rent partly furnished, the Howarth concrete block cottage on Church St. This is one of the nicest little properties in Fairhope. There are four rooms, cistern at back door, several nice fig trees and some other fruit; on two nice lots, making a fine garden spot. —Gaston and Son.

Our good friend W. C. Hoopes, of Maryland, renewing his usubscription says. "I would not feel like I had all that was coming to me, if I did not get the Courier every week." "I am just as deeply interested" he says, "in all the doings at home as ever, and you can rest assured I am going to be there and in and of it just as soon as I can. I talk Fairhope up whenever there is an opportunity. I am very much interested in the Cross and Co., venture. I certainly hope they can "make good' and believe they can." Mr. Hoopes himself is a farmer and dairy man and in charge of some of the finest prize winning dairy cattle in the east.

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The ladies of the School Improvement Society have decided to have a social and watch meeting at the church on New Years Eve., at which refreshments will be served for the benefit of the school fund.

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BALDWIN'S DIPSLAY AT LAND CONGRESS.

Attracts Much Attention.

"While not the largest, Baldwin county's exhibit is the most diversified and attractive display at the big land congress in Chicago and is receiving the most attention from the large crowds in attendence." Writes Paul T. Mueller who is one of the Elberta Colony directors, in a long, interesting letter to the editor.

After telling of the artistic manner in which the displays in general are gotten up he continues.

"Baldwin county's display is attracting the most attention owing to the fact that in it are displayed more different products of the land than in all the other displays combined and the attendants are kept busy answering the constant flow of questions.

The attendence has averaged about 20,000 daily."

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Mr. B. Greenbaum who has been in New York working for several months at his trade of painter, returned on Thursday to spend the winter here with his family. His partner Mr. Pogany will also return soon.

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The Bell Telephone Company has been putting in a new cable and cable box for its central office here and making some other improvements made necessary by increasing business. Mr. Charles Wilson of the Company's Mobile force, is assisting in the work.

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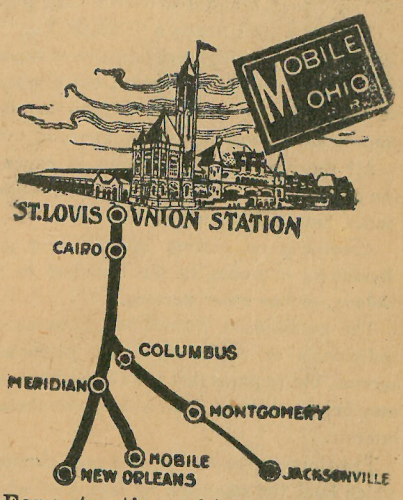
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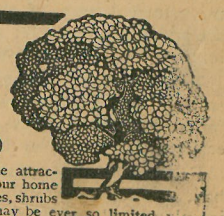
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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

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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 re-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 those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 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 that wharf 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 is easily shown to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores schools, ice-plant and creamery, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

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DAPHNE STATE NORMAL COLLEGE

South Alabama's Educational Institution Advancing Rapidly

The first term of the third session of the Normal School at Daphne has closed with an attendance increased over the first term of last year of 20 per cent. The management are much elated over this increase as it is an index to that permanent growth upon which the school has entered.

The Student body is made up of young men and women who are seeking to prepare themselves for teaching and those preparing to enter the Universities or other higher schools. An excellent moral tone pervades the school and this is considered as essential or more so that mental attainments.

One of the best evidences of the high character of the work done at this institution is the recognition which that work secures at higher schools. President Baker has lately received a letter from Dr. C. C. Thach, President of Auburn Polytechnic Institute, saying that graduates from the Academic Department of the Daphne School would be admitted to the Sophomore year in that institution. This is surely very complimentary but a visit to the classes of the Normal would convince one that it is deserved

Manual Training is being introduced into the school this year and a large room has been fitted up with benches for shop-work. Prof. Hopkins, a graduate of the Berea Kentucky Training School has charge of this work. Manual Training in appropriate form is being introduced into every grade of the school. This is in line with up-to date ideas, the modern thought being that the mind is trained as much through the skillful use of the hand as by any other means.

The Lecture Course, a feature which was very successful last year, will this year consist of five numbers, the first of which will be the well-known reader and impersonator, Omar V. Fowler, on Dec. 20. Later will come the celebrated Kenneth Bruce, traveler and lecturer, who will give an illustrated lecture on "Bonnie Scotland." Rabbi Moses of Mobile will also appear on the course with a lecture "The American Hall of Fame." Later Miss McLendon, director of music in the College will give an entertainment assisted by Mrs. J. W. McGowan of Mobile. And one of the best atiractions will be a theatrical, "Scenes from Shakespeare,s Plays," given by the Shakespeare students of the school, under the direction of Miss Maude Rosson, the English teacher.

Taken altogether there is every reason to be proud of the rapid advancement of the College at Daphne. The teachers of the school, who are working hard for the success of every department, should be congratulated upon the results they are accomplishing.



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CORNER STONE LAID

Corner Stone of Fairhope's Fine New Public School Building Laid With Appropriate Ceremony

"Man proposes but the weather disposes," to paraphrase an old saying. Elaborate preparations had been made for the laying of the corner stone of Fairhope's new public school building on last Sunday. The Masonic fraternity was to have chief direction of the ceremonies and it was planned to have a number of Masons of high degree attend from Mobile and participate. But an all day rain compelled the abandonment of this program, and, as the work on the building had reached a point where it was necessary that the corner stone should be placed, a hastily arranged program was prepared and the stone laid on Monday afternoon.

The weather was not as congenial as is its wont here. The rain had ceased and the sun shone, but the air was decidedly cool.

Soon after the appointed hour the audience, composed of the school children and their teachers and a large number of the townspeople and visitors, assembled within the walls of the new building, was called to order by Mayor H. S. Greeno. The Divine blessing was invoked by Rev. D. M. Breckenridge. The Mayor followed with a short address in which he paid tribute to the American public school system. He dwelt upon the importance to the community and especially to the rising generation of the new building. He said it was a large undertaking for a community of this size to put up so fine an edifice and it would be a strain upon its financial resources to meet the obligations made necessary but, the advantages accruing would amply justify all needed effort and sacrifice.

The Mayor was followed by Mr. H. C. Oswalt, president of the Board of Education of the town of Fairhope and who had been permanently identified with the public school here from its beginning. Mr. Oswalt sketched in an interesting way the history of the Fairhope public school from its insignificant beginning in a little 12x15 single room building with shutters for windows and a "stick and dirt" fire-place for winter heat, which stood out near John I. Gables, antedating the settlement at Fairhope, and the successive advancing steps, up to the present time.

Chairman Greeno then called upon Rev. Palmer, the new pastor of the Christian church who made a few appropriate remarks.

Coming then to the laying of the corner stone, Mr. Oswalt read a list of the articles which, safely enclosed in a neat tin box, he deposited in the cavity in the stone, there perchance, many years hence to be found should untoward accident cause the demolition of the building or—what is much more likely in our opinion—that it will be outgrown and be demolished to make way for a larger and finer one or possibly a fine business structure, while the school follows a retreating residential movement to a new location.

The following are the articles placed in the corner stone cavity:

An ornamental pen scroll giving the date of incorporation of the town of Fairhope; names of mayor, aldermen and other town officers; names of officers and members of the board of education; names of teachers in the public school at this date; names of officers of the School Improvement Association.

By-laws and names of members of Greeno Lodge, No. 598 A. F. and A. M.

By-laws of Fairhope Lodge No. 278, Knights of Pythias.

Constitution and by-laws of the Woodmen of the World.

Constitution and names of officers of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. Current issues of Fairhope Courier and Eastern Shore.

During the exercises, "America" was sung by the audience, the Fairhope church choir leading and "Alabama" and "Dixie" rendered by the school children and as the stone was set in its place the choir sang "How Firm a Foundation."

The stone is a nicely polished one, the work of Mr. J. K. Simmers of Mobile and Fairhope, and bears the following inscription.

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Mrs. Howland's Letters

December 12—A long rainy day. No one has called but the oysterman who comes nearly every day. As he was counting them out, one hundred for a dollar—I reflected on the calm, quiet life of that bi-valve! Divested of organs for seeing, hearing, even of locomotion, how restful must be his existence down in the cool, quiet mud! Some of our people who never have time for the least thing except work, might envy him his peaceful days and nights. I say divested of organs of hearing, etc. But how do I know? Some learned conchologist may have discovered that the oyster has so nice a sense of hearing that he enjoys symphonies hidden from our grosser senses! We ought to be modest before the promises of science. The Literary Digest and other journals give graphic accounts of the triumphs of the "ultra-microscope" which makes visible objects much too small for the ordinary microscope. A dispatch from Paris to the London Daily express says: "A wonderful combination of microscope and the cinematograph was shown at the French Academy of Science today by Prof. Dastre on behalf of M. Comandon, the inventor. The apparatus takes 32 pictures a second and enlarges objects to 20,000 times their size. A flea thus enlarged would be bigger than a house.—One of the series of pictures shown, was of a drop of blood taken from a rabbit into which sleeping sickness microbes had been injected. It was curious to see the microbes—which looked about a foot long—separating the red and white corpuscles of the blood—It was extraordinary to see these tiny organisms fighting with their enemies in the blood, and it was a little startling. M. Comandon showed pictures of fever microbes and the microbes of other diseases, struggling with the corpuscles of the blood, and showed how these microbes forced their way into our organisms."

One microbe "went into a red corpuscle and staid there." The writer does not show what was his special business there, but we can understand that millions upon millions of microbes doing this twenty four hours in the day might cause fearful and fatal diseases.

x x x But we are digressing. Where were we "at," anyway? Ah, yes; at this quiet, rainy day which I meant to devote until the corner stone laying at one p. m. to putting my letters in order. For you must know that I cannot destroy letters—not even business letters until subject and writer are both forgotten; then I use them for kindling. But my precious, friendly letters I must preserve. I have been evolving a system that would reduce every one to order. The evolution is still progressing, and the first effect is to put most letters where I cannot find them any better than I could in the ample pigeon holes of my big desk! Some friend (I shall not tell his name,) having received from some source a "stack" of portfolios, gave me five of them. That was some years ago. Thus far they have served mostly to "lose" everything entrusted to them; but now, with more time I have evolved a system. Five of these portfolios labeled in their order: "Answered; "Unanswered; Business only; Precious;" the fifth is of different construction and serves for papers, etc., in traveling. Each of them have compartments alphabetized, and I believe that I shall henceforth save the time I lose in hunting for papers and letters. I shall report later. This loss of time has made me think seriously of adopting the system of a friend, a really great man, by the way. He puts all letters as they come into a big bag, and when the time comes for answering takes out any one at random and answers it. To be sure, by this method it often happens that pressing business has to wait on the un-pressing, but he knows where all his letters are! and to a certainty whether they are or are not answered. If they are in that bag they are unanswered. The more I think of it the more I am attracted to the system. It is prodigiously simple! while my huge desk with its twenty-seven receptacles, pigeon holes, drawers and cabinets, is a vexation of spirit. Things will get into wrong places. They just jump out of one place into another! That was Mr. Howland's way of consoling me when things had to be hunted for in that huge desk.

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LAND VALUES TAXATION IN BERLIN

Stephen Burnett writing from Berlin for the Hearst News Service says.

"Recognition of the justice of taxation of the increased and unearned value of urban property owing to favorable circumstances, has spread so far in Berlin that it is now generally thought that the proposals for a tax of the kind, just submitted to the city fathers for consideration, will be all but unanimously accepted.

"The proposals are to levy a tax of 1 per cent. on unearned increment up to $500, the tax thereafter rising to 4 per cent. on an increment of $10,000 and to 5 per cent, on any increment beyond. The increment is to be calculated on the difference between the original cost price and the auction price. If it amounts to more than 10 per cent. of the cost price, increased taxes will be imposed, the scale rising rapidly when the increment is more than 100 per cent of the cost price.

It is true the proposed tax was rejected by a majority of 119 to 2 votes in the corporation of 1907 but great changes were made in it, and in the spring of the year following it was accepted in principle by the same corporation by 65 votes against 44.

"The tax is no new thing. It was introduced first by the imperial government in 1898 for Kiaostschau to put a check on land speculation in that German possession, and has since been adopted not only in large towns like Frankfort, Cologne, Breslau and Dortmund, but by over 100 Prussian communes.

These places have seen the necessity of raising funds for the new burdens Germany's modern social policy, including as it does the erection of school buildings, hospitals and charitable institutions of many kinds, imperatively demands; and not withstanding the opposition of property owners, Berlin is now about to yield to the pressure of the same necessity.

"It is interesting to see a principle that has caused and is causing so much controversy in England thus at a gallop winning its way to recognition as a sound principle of state, communal and urban finance in Germany."

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Tempting Farmers to Wrong Policy.

Farmers of the west have long been urged to buy more land, to raise more crops to buy more land. They are now coming to see that this is a wrong policy and that intensive cultivation brings more dollars because it brings more crops and makes it possible for the farmer to attend to those he plants on the smaller area.—Kansas Farmer.

It is a wrong policy; but as long as money is to be made by the mere by its use—farmers will be slow to adopt the policy of smalier holding of land—often more than farms and higher culture. We should cease putting temptation in their way.

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THE GENTLE ART OF TAXING FARMERS

As Told in Dialogue Between Senators Aldrich and Dolliver

Mr. Dolliver. It will interest most people to know that the gum boots in which the farmers of America are wading around in the snows of winter are lined usually with wool, and that when a box of them appears at a port of the United States they are not troubled by the 30 per cent duty on manufactures of rubber. Why? Because they are otherwise provided for. How? This law which we refuse even to look at with a view of correcting errors and absurdities, transfers this merchandise bodily to paragraphs intended to protect woolen clothing, and we see a fine vaudeville sketch of a pair of rubber boots being solemnly weighed up in the custom houses of the United States and asses at 44 cents a pound and 60 per cent ad valorem as wearing apparel composed in whole or in part of wool.

Mr. Aldrich. Mr. President does the senator mean to state that any such importations have ever been made and that any such duties have ever been charged.

Mr. Dolliver. Certainly no such importations have ever been made. This is now, I take it, for the purpose of making that everlastingly certain. Certainly nobody would ever start on an enterprise like that.

Mr. Aldrich. Mr. President, rubber boots are cheaper in the United States than in any other country in the world.

Mr. Dolliver. Then why is there an increase from 30 to 35 per cent on manufactures of rubber?

Mr. Aldrich. Because manufactures of rubber include—

Mr. Dolliver. If they are cheaper in the United States than any where else, I intend to move to put them on the free list.

Mr. Aldrich. There are many other manufactures of rubber besides rubber boots.

Mr. Dolliver. I will single out the boots and move to put them on the free list. I am on the side of the citizens who sometimes have to walk in the mud to polls to vote the Republican ticket in Iowa.

Mr. Aldrich. We have automobile tires made of rubber—a great quantity of them.

Mr. Dolliver. It would not require very much sagacity to separate an automobile tire from an ordinary gum boot. Besides, automobile tires seem to be down on this bill in the metal schedule at 45 per cent. Reprinted from the Congressional Record in Everybody's Magazine.

OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME

Editor Courier.

There are obstacles to the introduction of the Singie Tax, which I have not yet seen discussed; and I think that discussion of them will assist the cause somewhat.

For instance there is a man living up north whom we will call A. He has just finished paying for his farm of 40 acres. The price he has paid was $4,000; just $100 per acre. The building and other improvements are worth one-half of this sum; the bare land is therefore worth $2,000.

There is also a man named B living in a certain city who has bought a house and lot and has just finished paying for it. The price he has paid was $3,000. The house and other improvements are worth $1,500.

C lives on a farm which he has rented and on which he pays a rental of $5 per acre; which is less than the interest on A's purchase price. D lives in a rented house in the city.

A and B are opposed to the Single Tax for these reasons; they have paid for their property a sum which if placed out at interest would bring them as much or more interest as they would have to pay for the rent of the property they are occupying. In other words, they have paid a perpetual rent to the original holders of their property of practically the same amount as C and D are paying to their lessors. If the Single Tax were to go into operation today, they would hereafter be obliged to pay the full rental value of the land they occupy, and C and D would be obliged to pay no more than that. But, A and B, having all ready paid rent for all eternity, would therefore pay twice as much as C and D would. Again, A and B are thrifty people, which C and D are not; and instead of being rewarded for their thrift they would be fined for it. Furthermore, it cannot be said that A and B are monopolizing more than their share of the earth's surface; for the average farm in this country is considerably larger than 40 acres, and one town lot is perhaps not more than the just share of one family.

There is another individual E living in the same neighborhood with A who has only paid one-half of the purchase price or $2,000. The unpaid balance is payable in annual installments and interest is to be paid on the unpaid balance annually. Now, the interest which he pays on the unpaid principal added to the interest which he would get on that portion of the principal which he has already paid —if he could put it out at interest —would equal the rent which he would have to pay on a farm like his, if he leased it. Therefore, when he has made his last payment he also will have paid a perpetual rent on his place. In like manner, another person F lives in a city and has paid one half of the purchase price of his property. His case is like that of E and both cases are really the same as those of A and B, but in a different form.

E and F are opposed to the Single Tax for the same reasons that A and B are opposed to it.

Besides the cases mentioned there are other people who have paid varying portions of the purchase price of their property; but their cases, as those of E and F, reduce to the same terms as the cases of A and B. All of these cases, taken together form a formidable opposition.

There is another person G, who owns 10 acres of land and has paid for it some years ago. The value of his land has risen since he bought it, so that the price he paid for it does not represent a perpetual tax as in the cases mentioned. In the latter cases, Single Tax, being just adopted, stops the increase in speculative value of the land, but it cannot prevent G from enjoying the rise in values which took place befor its adoption He has profited by unjust economic conditions, for a rise in land values is accompanied by denser population, the growth of towns, better local markets, better transportation facilities, etc. These advantages G may be assumed to have enjoyed. If the rise in land values has been considerable it may be assumed that he has received in return, advantages of greater value than the original investment. G, therefore has no claim on society, and the full rental value of his land may justly be demanded from him.

Corresponding to the case of G there is also the case of H who lives in a city and whose conditions are just like those of G. The same arguments apply to his case.

Let us further consider the case of I who has paid for his farm of 40 acres more than 12 years ago, but the value of his land has only increased so much as to repay the interest on his investment. He is, however, supposed to have been getting this interest out of the use of the land, and therefore the increment must be applied on the principal. Interest compounded at the rate of six per cent. for twelve years equals the principle and therefore he has received back his principal.

The same argument applies to holders of city lots.

If A, B, E, F and C had owned more than a fair share of the earth's surface, the arguments advanced above on their behalf would still apply to 40 acres of their holdings or to one of their lots, provided, of course, that they reside in this country. The balance held, over and above that quantity, would be held to the detriment of society thus causing poverty with all its attending evils and crimes, and therefore the reasoning would not apply to this excess.

It would be well if our Single Tax program would concede so much to cases A, B, E and F and to other cases practically the same, that they would be placed on an equal footing with C and D, when the system is introduced into this country their taxes could remain as they will be at that time, such a period as shall be deemed enough to allow the increased advantages brought by the new order to renumerate them for their loss. Or, their taxes could begin at a low point and increase at a gradual rate until the full rental value is reached. Of course, if the lands of A, B and C have increased in value since their purchase, this in-

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crement should be considered in classifying their cases.

In this way their opposition may be overcome and the new order may be attained generations earlier than would otherwise be the case. J. W. Braam.

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FAIRHOPE'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

To Be Appropriately Celebrated New Year's Evening. Reception During the Afternoon and Supper at 6 O'clock, Followed by Interesting Program

The Public is Invited.

The committee on celebration of Fairhope's fifteenth anniversary, January 1, 1910, has arranged for a reception in the new manual training building of the Organic School from two to five o'clock, in the afternoon, and a supper at six o'clock in the main Organic school building, to be followed by the usual interesting program of toasts and music.

The afternoon reception will not be in any sense a formal affair but simply an occasion for general greetings and sociability. The members of the Corporation are expected to be present and assist in receiving and a general invitation is extended to the public to attend. Simple refreshments, consisting only of coffee and wafers will be served. Interest will probably be added to this occasion by basket-ball and tennis games, and other athletic sports on the school grounds.

The supper to be served at 6 o'clock will be a substantial repast, to be served by Mrs. Wilson of the Wilson House whose reputation is guarantee that it will be satisfactory.

On the program following the supper there will be, unless the committee is disappointed by declinations not anticipated, responses to toasts by H. F. Ring, Upton Sinclair, Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Mr. (or Mrs.)Mc Lean, John P. Lowell, Mayor Greeno, Mr. Trueman of Rochester, N. Y., Mr. Pastoriza, of Houston, Tex., and the usual annual history by the secretary. It is hoped also to hear from other friends from a distance of whose presence the committee is not yet advised and from whom, at the early hour at which the function begins, there will probably be plenty of time to hear. Letters of greeting from others unable to attend will also be read. A popular feature of many past anniversaries, music by messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink will be enjoyed. Mr. Gaston will sing and other musical numbers are being arranged.

For the occasion—and for the convenience of the Organic school in the future—the fixed partitions between the hall through the center of the main building and the school rooms on either side are to be taken out (to be replaced by movable panels.)

This will give a banquet hall 24 x 74 feet, with another room at right angles from the center, 24 x 36, which will afford far better facilities than ever enjoyed before on a like occasion.

The committee expects to be able to seat about 250 and particularly requests the Courier to announce that to avoid confusion, delay and dissatisfaction heretofore experienced only so many tickets will be sold as persons can be provided with seats at one serving. The tickets will be numbered; the preference in seats given in the order of purchase of tickets and no second table will be set.

Tickets may be had of G. W. Wood, treasurer of the Corporation and are now on sale. The price is 50 cents.

As before stated, a general invitation is extended to the public to attend both afternoon reception and evening supper and program.

No other invitations will be issued locally.

New Years Day being on Saturday the Steamer Fairhope will not return to Mobile as usual at 5.30 p. m. but will be held until ten o'clock in order to give the boat's officers and those desiring to attend from Mobile opportunity to do so and get back the same night.

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FIRE IN FAIRHOPE

Fire destroyed the barn of Mr. Powell on the lot north of the house on Tuenday afternoon between one and two p. m. The fire fighting apparatus was promptly on the scene and plenty of willing hands to render any assistance possible, but it was at once seen that it was impossible to save the building and attention was turned to saving those near by.

The water pressure was insufficient to accomplish anything in the way of throwing water through the hose on the fire but it furnished abundance of water to be used in pails for drenching the roofs and sides of exposed buildings of which there were two within thirty feet; one the barn of Mr. Berglin full of hay. Good work was done in saving these buildings and even a pile of fodder which Mr. Powell had within only a few feet of the barn building was saved by the use of one of the chemicals of the fire department.

We understand the fire resulted from an attempt of Mr. Galbraith, a recent comer from Philadelphia to burn out chicken mites, which infested the barn. The mites went but so did the barn.

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10	30	55	48
11	47	60	62
12	62	---	60
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Good One on E. G. Lewis

One of our subscribers Mrs. Catherine Cope Seldon, sends the following clipped from Printers Ink:

"They tell a rather interesting story about E. G. Lewis, the famous St Louis publisher. Several years ago, when he was first building up University City, he obtained an option on an adjacent plot of ground at $1,000 per acre. Hard times pinched immediately thereafter, and he forfeited it. As soon as times grew a little better he again went to Boston to see the lady who owned the lot, and this time, to his astonishment. she wanted $10,000 an acre. To the inquiry why this increase, she replied, most sweetly, "Because of the improvements which have been made all around it!"

"As Mr. Lewis had himself made the improvements which he was now asked to pay for in enhanced value, it is not to be wondered that Mr. Lewis' editorials in the Woman's National Daily sound a bit Henry Georgey."

It is a very good illustration of how landlords profit by the efforts of others.

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MAYOR TINCTURED WITH SINGLE TAX VIRUS

From Johnstown Democrat

When Gen. Bird W. Spencer was chosen for mayor of Passaic some time ago, having beaten Mayor Low for the nomination, the Single Tax men of that growing New Jersey town were disappointed. They felt as though a step backward had been taken. But it turns out that General Spencer is if anything more inclined toward land value taxation than his predecessor, who had done a good deal along Henry George lines. In an interview in the Passaic News General Spencer is quoted as saying.

"Oh, when it comes to taxing the land, I'm a Single Taxer. Now, look here. We are standing in front of the People's bank, in which I happen to be interested. The land, the bare land, is taxed $7,500 a lot. That's because we have put up on it a bank building of which we are rather proud. Right above there is a precisely similar plot with a ramschackle old building on it, a building that is a nuisance to us all, and the land is only assessed $2,500 a lot. Don't you see the inequality? The justification that this land on which the People's bank stands brings in revenue and the land just above doesn't bring in much revenue, is all nonsense. I'll tell you what we have got to do. We've got to go all over the situation and parcel out the land fairly and assess it equally. Let us get the values up; personally I'd like to see them 'way up' say 90 per cent of the true value. When it comes to the improvements I don't care what is done so long as the assessments on improvements are as low as possible. Improvements are a benefit not a detriment."

Degrading the Newspaper Profession

Col. Henry Watterson the veteran newspaper man at a reception in his honor recently by the members of the National Press Club at Washington, spoke thus of the personal relation of the newspaper toward the public.

"Pretending to be the especial defenders of liberty, we are becoming the invaders of private right," he said. "No household seems any longer safe against intrusion. Our reporters are being turned into detectives. As surely as this be not checked we shall grow to be the objects of fear and hatred instead of trust and respect.

"Some one ought to organize an intelligent and definite movement toward the bettering of what has reached alarming proportions. I say this in your interest as well as the interest of the public and the profession, for I am sure that you are gentlemen and want to be considered so, whereas the work you are often set to do is the reverse of gentlemanly. It subjects you to aversion and contempt—brings you and a high and mighty calling into disrepute—by confusing the purpose and functions of the newspaper with those of the police and the scavenger, I have been proud of that calling all my life, and when I go to my account I want to see a clean and honored flag flying from the masthead."

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There's a Difference

Many persons who come to St. Andrews Bay seeking a home or a business location, are prone to complain that the prices asked for real estate are entirely too high; but the Buoy notices that whenever one of these complainants finally purchases a site, they at once become possessed of a feeling that there is a brilliant future before the St. Andrews Bay country and their possessions at once increase in value, and they reason, of course, that they are entitled to any prospective valuation, as well as the old-timers who have been waiting and hoping for lo, these many years.—St. Andrews (Fla.) Buoy.

We have never known one "seeking a home or a business location" in Fairhope to complain of high rentals charged by the Colony. But, contrary to the rule at St. Andrews Bay, when they get them, they do not think they grow more valuable—at any rate when it is a matter of fixing the rental on them.

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London Daily News on English Lords

The London News talks thus uncomplimentarily of the English lords, who, by rejecting the budget, have brought on the "greatest tempest of oratory" which ever swept over the United Kingdom in the language of another journal.

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high Roman fashion about the English peer. He shows his wounds to the populace for money like any beggar. His tongue is the vernacular of the stable yard. His nobility is that of a Japanese trader. His appetites are sharp and coarse, his temper ragged, his language shrill, his venom ugly. There is nothing of the impassibility of the Greek gentleman about him, and he is as far from the Christion as from the pagan ideal. Charity is to dry up and the poor are to go hungry because he is taxed; the weak are to be coerced into taking over his burdens; the state is to be launched into chaos and civil strife so that he may remain exempt from the demands made upon his fellows. This, or something like this, is the noble lord as he has painted himself before his countrymen during the last few months—a melancholy vision of selfishness, spite and undignified puerility.

"The noble lord is what he is because his ideal of himself is to be an inferior Tammany boss. The Tammany boss is a squire of the slums. He does little kindnesses to his friends, finds them jobs, gives them an occasional dollar—all, of course, out of their own money. In return he asks for political power and the right to make his pile out of it. The noble lord's social ideal is pretty much the same. He gives sup and blankets, he distributes grouse, he gives his tenants a dinner. In return he asks for no more than the right to run England, free trade in slums, sinecures for his family, and taxes for all outside the circle of the elect. Probably he never pictures his ideal to himself quite as coarsely as this; that is because he is an inferior Tammany boss. The Tammany boss is not born to, but makes his position. The Tammany boss may be a scoundrel, but he a human sort of a scoundrel. He is at grips with reality, and he understands and feels with common humanity.

"He can flatter himself that he is a noble and generous patron when he offers to buy the government of England for a hundred of coals, a bargain which would have shocked Shylock. He can persuade himself that it is the purest patriotism to make the poor pay his taxes, that it is the finest chivalry to vent his anger upon an unoffending hospital, that it is the rankest conservatism to smash the constitution. These are meannesses and blunders of which a Tammany boss would not be guilty for the Tammany boss knows the men with whom he deals."

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Mr. Charlemagne Clark, of Detroit, arrived on Sunday and is at The Gables for an indefinite stay. Mr. Clark has been a reader of the Courier for several years and visited Fairhope 3 years ago this coming spring.

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The "Fairhope Dramatic Club" is preparing for a big minstrel performance to be given about February first, or as soon as the new hall in the public school building is ready for use. The Dealy brothers will be the bright particular stars of the aggregation but they will be assisted by a lot of the other bright young people of the town and there is no doubt but that the entertainment they will give will be an event.

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Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. McClintock spent Saturday and Sunday in Mobile with their sister, Mrs. Crenshaw and her husband.

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The enrollment in the public and Organic schools in now up to about 170 pupils quite a school attendance for a small town.

Best Christmas dinner in town will be served at the Wilson House. Put in your order at once.

R. H. Meyers, of Chicago, a friend of Mr. H. S. Boutelle, and who was here with him once before, is at the Wilson House.

For rent two rooms, furnished for light house-keeping, on Bay View avenue, just south of Fairhope Avenue. R. D. Christy.

Messrs. M. M. and George F. Marshall, of Chicopee Falls, Mass., arrived on Wednesday of last week to spend their second winter with us. Their friend Mr. Geo. Sheppard of Elgin, Ill., accompanied them.

Buy a trading card good for $5 in trade at our store and it only costs you $4.75, 25cents saved is 25 cents earned. Its yours for the asking.
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The Colony Council held a short special session on last Saturday and approved two transfers of Fairhope property; Henry Borst of 6.7 A. to J. G. White and C. E. Hill of lot on the bay front to R. L. Maupin.

Two or three adult boarders wanted at the Felix-Leonard House. Near the bay. Modern conveniences and New England housekeeping. Eight to ten dollars weekly.

A jolly party of Fairhope young people enjoyed a "hay-ride" on Friday night out to the pleasant C. O. White home, about six miles from Fairhope, dancing and games being indulged in and refreshments served.

Private family will room and board during winter two persons who will room together. Two ladies or a gentleman and his wife preferred. Price $5.50 per week. Inquire at Courier office.

Aunt Mary's Nest Eggs are the eggs that will save your barn but kill the mites and lice, 50 cents per package, and we will give you a nice Kitchen Cabinet, absolutely free to you. Come in we will show you. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Misses Vera Smith and Olive Agnew, of "Forestdale," gave a very pleasant dance last evening to about six couples, in the spacious parlors of the Nichol's home, which were beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe.

The regular monthly meeting of the Henry George Club, will be with Mrs. Howland, at the Library on Saturday at 3 p. m. Mrs. L. A. Powell will read from "The Beast and the Jungle." There will be no evening meeting of the club in December.

Mr. J. N. Mathews a cousin of M. V. Mathews, arrived with his family early in the month from up the state with intention of making a home here. They are in the Howarth cottage.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brown of San Antonio Texas, are recent arrivals and have rented the Fairhope Hotel cottage for the winter.

Mr. O. S. Lyford, vice-president of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, who with his sister-in-law, Miss Thyng, was at the Fairhope Hotel some time last winter has written Mr. Troup that they expect to be there again in January.

The School Improvement Society will hold a box social and watch meeting in the rear room of the church on New Year's eve, the proceedings to be for the benefit of the public school. Ladies are invited to come and bring boxes with lunches for two, and the gentlemen to come and purchase the same.

Mr. Simmers came over from Mobile last Friday evening to assist in preparing the musical numbers for the elaborate corner-stone-laying exercises which were planned for Sunday but had to be abandoned on account of rain. He remained over Sunday and on Saturday evening delighted the people at "The Gables" with a number of violin selections.

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Mayor Greeno went to Bay Minette on Tuesday to appear before the County Commissioners in regard to the portion of the road and bridge tax collected within the municipal limits, which, under the law is to be turned over to the municipality.

The probate judge was about to hand a check to the Doctor, for the amount when attention was called to some technicality, which cause the check to be withheld for reference of the matter to the county's attorney. The Doctor thinks there is no doubt, however of the money being received. It amounts to something over $130, which is required to be expended solely for roads and bridges. With 88 road hands paying four dollars each, this will bring the total sum available for roads and bridges during the ensuing year up to nearly $500, with which a good deal ought to be done.

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Miss Margaret J. Bilz of Mich., a National Lecturer and Organizer for the W. C. T. U. and an old friend and co-worker of Mrs. Comings is a guest at the Gables.

Miss Bilz has with her a fine collection of Christmas, New Year and Birthday postals (25 cents per doz.) which she is selling to help support a missionary in Japan. These can be seen at The Gables or Miss Bilz will be glad to call upon any one wishing to see them.

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Margaret Dyson has applied for a lease of the lot on Fairhope Avenue, just west of Dr. Sheldon's office, surrendered before his death by C. K. Brown. This application was made after the Colony Council's notice of a 25 per cent raise in rentals.

The rent was burdensome on Mr Brown, who was using the ground only for agricultural or gardening purposes, but to the Dysons, who want it for a home and for a site for Mr. Dyson's concrete business, it does not seem unreasonable at all.

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Council and Lessees Meet.

"Standing room only" was the condition early at the meeting of lessees called by the Colony Council last Tuesday evening to consider its proposed 25 per cent increase in rent for 1910.

Many as were the interested lessees however, it is probable there were as many visitors and young people, who usually find such an ent, he being in Bay Minetted on

A proposition at the beginning that the meeting might be adjourned, to allow the mayor to be present, he being in Bay Minette on town business, was voted down.

The question of the assessment was then freely discussed, the discussion being participated in by Messrs. Baldwin, Wolf, Bellangee, Wood., Brown, Ring, Melville, Gaston, Hagstrom, Stimpson, Albright and others.

Following the remarks of Mr. Gaston a motion was made to adjourn, which carried by a large majority without any expression of opinion having been made by the lessees on the proposed raise, other than by those who spoke.

The writer voted against the motion to adjourn, as the hour was early, and thinking, there were others desiring to be heard, but the motion was not debatable and, as stated carried by a large majority.

The force of the motion, under the circumstances, would seem equivalent to a decision to leave the matter to the Council.

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Town Council Meeting

The Town Council met on Monday evening, with all councilmen present but Captain Nichols.

A few bills were allowed. Town warrants held by Wm. Stimpson and F. L. Horning were ordered paid with accrued interest.

The resignation of G. W. Lawrence was accepted, with thanks for services rendered, and C. J. Littlegreen was unanimously elected Marshal in his stead.

The Clerk reported completion of the assessment as per resolution of the Council, and same was approved, except as to assessment of Farhiope Single Tax Corporation. Mr. Gaston was present in behalf of the Corporation renewing the objections previously made, to assessment of ground deeded for streets and school-house site, and to that upon the library. He was requested to make his points in writing for submission to town attorney.

An ordinance providing for the imposition of license taxes was read and the Council voted to invite all citizens to a meeting on next Monday evening for the consideration of the same.

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The following is from the People's Friend," a bright socialist weekly, at Rogers Ark.

"J. S. Burnham and wife left this week for Fairhope Alabama, where they will spend the winter. Fairhope is a Single Tax Colony founded on the ideas of Henry George. This is not Mr. Burnham's first winter in Fairhope. He says that a large number of the people are socialists, and that they are intelligent above the average and very pleasant people and that every man in the Colony can make a speech. If socialists are such characters as Roosevelt says they are, we are surprised that a strict Methodist like Mr. Burnham would be caught spending his winters among such people. If we had a profound respect for Roosevelt's truthfulness we would have Mr. and Mrs. Burnham brought up before the meeting and straightened out.

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Woman's League Meets.

The American Woman's League elected the following officers at a meeting last week.

Mrs. Bemis, president; Mrs. Bessie Call, vice president; Mrs. Grace Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Comings treasurer. Mrs. Comings is also the Local Representative. Mrs. Call feeling unable to attend to the duties of the office resigned and at a meeting held on Wednesday evening Mr. Staples was elected in her place.

It was decided to secure the lot north of Mr. Powells on Church St. for a Chapter House which will be built in the near future, only one more completed membership being necessary before application can be made for same.

Magazine subscriptions are solicited from everybody as that is the present need to complete memberships. Also to pay for improvements on the lot as a membership was taken in payment.

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Notice to Non-Resident

State of Alabama
Baldwin County.

The City Bank and Trust Company of Mobile, Ala. A corporation

vs.

Joseph Schulier

Before P. Y. Albright, Justice of the Peace.

Whereas the City Bank and Trust Company of Mobile, Ala., by their agent G. A. Tonsmeire as plaintiff in the above cause, has obtained an attachment issued by me P. Y. Albright, a Justice of the Peace for said State and County, on the 11 day of December $ 1909, and returnable before me on the 12th day of January 1910 at Fairhope in said state and county against the estate of Joseph Schuller, defendant for the recovery of $the sum of $67.00 therein, and whereas said attachment has been executed by E. D. Brann, constable for Baldwin county by levying on the following as the property of the said Joseph Schuller, vis: a two room frame building, a small detached one room frame building, a small detached one room frame building, one well, fence, clearing and outbuildings situated on ground leased from the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, described as follows; the s. e. 1-4 of n. e. 1-4 of s. w. 1-4, and s. w. 1-4 of n. w. 1-4 of s. e. 1-4 of Section 16, Twp. 16, South Range 2 East, Baldwin County, Ala.

And whereas it appears that the said Joseph Schuller is a non-resident of this state, and his present residence is in St Louis, Mo., now therefore the said Joseph Schuller is hereby notified of said attachment and the levy thereon as aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 11 day of December 1099.

P. Y. Albright,
Justice of the Peace.

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Closing Exercises of Organic School

The Organic School will close its work for the holiday vacation next Wednesday and Thursday.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the kindergarten class will give its closing exercises. On Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock will occur the athletic field day exercises consisting of basketball and tennis games and various apparatus.

On Thursday afternoon the exercises of the Life Class will occur and on Thursday evening the Academy will give recitations from Dicken's Christmas Carol, with appropriate exercises.

The public is invited to all thees exercises.

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The Steamer Fairhope resumed her place in the direct service between Fairhope and Mobile on last evening and her return was hailed with delight by her loyal patrons. She now leaves Fairhope at 7.15 a. m., instead of 7, but the leaving time at Mobile will be 3 o'clock as heretofore.

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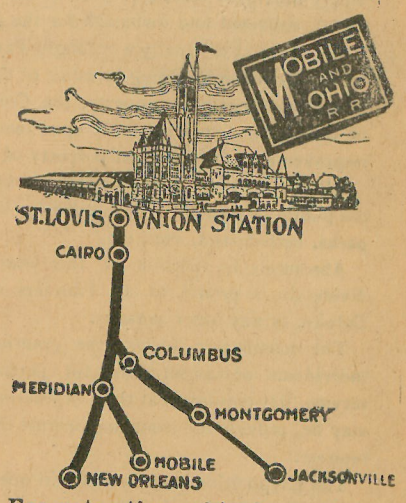
Owing to advice of physicians that the wife should try a change of climate, we are authorized to offer a ten acre place close in, which would give a party with a little money an excellent opening. There are ten acres of Colony land, 7½ acres cleared; house story and a half main part 14x26 with ell 14x16, and one story kitchen 11x20; barn 14x16 with good loft; granary and corn crib, wagon shed 12x16, and three chicken houses. There is an excellent well; four fine bearing fig trees, 20 young fig trees, 6 bearing satsuma orange trees, 6 not yet in bearing, 1 lemon, 60 grape vines in bearing, fine scuppernong arbor with 3 vines, 6 mulberries, 3 pecan trees, within a half mile of postoffice. Colony rent only $12. Fine place to keep a few cows and sell milk in town. Plenty of free range adjoining the land.

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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 re-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 those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 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 that wharf 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 is easily shown to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores schools, ice-plant and creamery, blacksmith and butcher shops, doctors, churches, fine bathing and fishing, and exceptionally intelligent and sociable people.

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E. B. GASTON, Secretary

EXTRAORDINARY CORN CROP

J. F. Batts of Garner, N. C. tells in the Memphis Commercial-Appeal of how he raised 226 2-3 bushels of shelled corn on one acre of poor North Carolina land, described as "stiff, dark sandy upland top soil twelve inches, with ten inches of yellow clay subsoil."

Mr. Garner tells thus of the method by which he grew this extraordinary crop.

"I followed last year's wheat crop with cow peas, cutting about three tons of vines. On the twelfth of March, 1909, I began special cultivation for my corn crop, with a heavy application of cow stable manure. March 15 I broke the land twelve inches deep' a one horse Dixie turning plow following, plowing at a depth of six inches—which left the land broken to a depth of eighteen inches. The land was harrowed with a smoothing harrow the same day. On April 9 I plowed cross-wise to the first plowing and made another generous application of fertilizer on April 15, using 800 pounds of acid and 2,000 pounds of cotton seed meal, which was broadcasted.

"The corn was planted April 17, the seed being dropped about eight inches apart, three gains to the hill, and about three inches deep. I used three gallons of my seed, which is known hereabouts as Batt's Prolific Four-Ear Corn, and which my neighbors have been using for several years.

"The seasons were fairly favorable and I cultivated constantly. The wind blew the corn down several times, but it was so vigorous that it straightened up perfectly. When the harvest time came I had the finest field of corn ever seen about here—18,000 or 19,000 stalks on the acre, all growing full and rank, and loaded with good and perfect ears.".

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"In a year or two I intend to beat this record. My land is in much better condition and I have learned some things of value. I will break the land earlier, and will put more vegetable matter in the soil, and of course I am sticking to my policy of using prepared seed as well as prepared land."

The Interstate Commerce Commission has held the rates charged by the L. & N. R. R. on certain classes of freight between New Orleans and Mobile and Pensacola, to be unjust and unreasonable. In the decision the commission held that the former rates had been in effect substantially unchanged for over twenty years and there was no evidence that they were not compensatory.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

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x x x Later. A delightful day of reading the magazines and papers. I gave some time also to the Jungle which I am in duty bound to read, for the talented author is here in our midst I believe that he has sequestered himself here to write a drama. I hope he will not model scene or character after those in the Jungle, for of all books that may be called "awful," this Jungle takes the lead. I am at the 155th page and thus far I have had to stop to recover strength to go on; for I am determined to read it through; though, I fear there are serious exaggerations in it, at least. For example, that women and children work all the ten hour day throughout the winter in basements without any fire. We all know that the mercury in Chicago goes to zero and far below that, and for days at a time in that "City of Dreadful Night." Women and children would die of cold, I doubt if men could endure it. How is this friend Sinclair? I have been told that the Jungle is not romance, but reality. x x x The delineation of the character. of Jurgis, thus far, I regard as masterly. The others appear to me to be far less natural But I must remember that I am only at the 155th page, and there are 258 more unread.

Make arrangements to attend the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation on January first.

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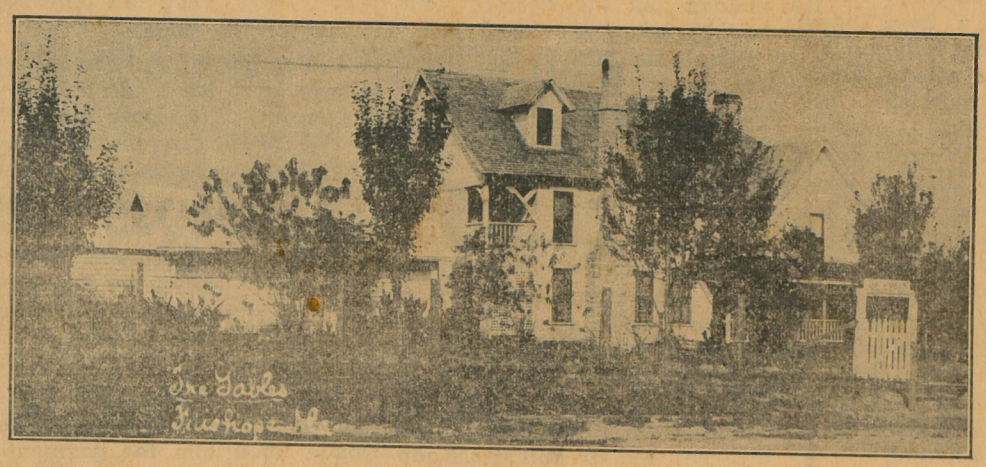
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THE LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE

Lies in Pushing the Application of Our Principles Along Lines on Which Their Soundness is Already Appreciated

In his interesting letter in this issue Mr. Buell emphasizes the point brought out in a recent issue of the Courier, that the laws of Alabama provide a clear cut application of the Single Tax principle, in the power given municipalities to improve highways and charge he cost of the same to the abutting property.

He asks: "Why can't the people of Fairhope avail themselves of the Alabama law and beautify the town with good streets and sidewalks, with clean boulevards from sidewalk to curb, all paid for in this way?',

They can and they should—all in due time—suiting their undertakings to the conditions prevailing from time to time. Obviously in a community the size of this, brick or asphalt pavements from curb to curb are out of the question; but a proper grading of principal streets and covering them with something more wear-resisting than earth, is an improvement suited to present needs and the enhanced value of the land abutting on the streets because of the improvement would readily cover the expense.

This is a line along which we hope to see action taken in Fairhope in the near future.

It is a line also along which lies, in our opinion, the path of least resistance to further application of the principle of putting the cost of public improvements where it belongs—upon those who benefit thereby. The present provisions are excellent as far as they go, and no reasonable argument can be advanced why the same principle should not be carried further.

The law now provides that drainage and sewage districts may be established and the cost of sewage and drainage systems distributed over the property benefitted.

Can any reason be given why the cost of water mains to carry pure water into a locality should not as properly be charged up to the property benefitted thereby, as the cost of carrying away surplus surface water or sewage?

And why should not the same principle which municipalities are allowed to pursue, be extended to counties or commissioner's districts, by which county roads could be opened and improved and charged either to the abutting property—or preferably by an extension of the rule applied to drainage or sewerage districts, the cost distributed over all the property within a given distance of the road? Here is a plan by which fine trunk roads at least between all important points in the county, could be established without heavy burden upon anybody.

A little study of existing laws will find, sometimes in unexpected places, applications of fundamental principles like this, accepted by everybody and taken as a matter of course. If we can show where common sense and the common good, call for further extensions of a principle already accepted and in force, our battle is already half won.

THE VALUE OF LOCATION

The writer took a transfer last week from M. M. Cope, of a couple of lots held by him in the hollow on the north side of Magnolia Ave., The rental charged on these lots is now $7.20 and with a 25 per cent raise will be $9. We intend to use them only for cow pasture. They are low, without any desirable building spot on them—and we question if they are not rated too high, as compared with good building lots near by—but we consider them worth the rent to us simply for pasturing purposes, because of the convenience of their location. They will raise no more grass than land a little farther out, which we could rent for a fifth, a tenth, or a twentieth the rent charged on these, but the location makes them worth the difference to us. If they go up too high for cow pasture which they no doubt will in a few years, we will simply release them to some one who can make a higher use of them, and to whom the higher rent will probably seem cheap.

APPROVES COURIER EDITORIAL

Editor Courier:

I was much interested in your editorial in the last Courier on the statute of Alabama providing for the assessment of the cost of street improvements against the benefitted property.

Here in St. Paul we have had that system for many years—in fact ever since the late Chas. A. Pisllbury, the great miller and a very good practical Single Taxer, when a member of the state legislature secured the passage of an amendment to our state constitution providing for such assessmea ts.

In St. Paul, and in most of the cities of Minnesota the entire cost of all street making is paid for in that way.

The opening and grading of streets, the laying of sidewalks, the cost of sewers, water mains, curb and gutter, paving, grading and sodding and tree planting of boulevards, even the cost of street sprinkling—all are paid for by a special assessment, against the benefitted lots in proportion to the value of the betterment. And all except water mains are paid for right on the spot, as soon as the work is done. I think that is the way it ought to be; for the lot owner gets the benefit immediately and ought to pay cash the same as he would pay for a meal ticket or a suit of clothes.

As to water mains, we pay one tenth each year for ten years, and the result is favorable to speculation.

Land for parks is acquired in the same way, and the cost of improving and beautifying is assessed on the benefitted owners.

Swamp lands in various parts of the state are drained and the cost assessed in the same manner.

The cost of country roads is paid for in this way and many other public works where the beneficiaries can readily be ascertained.

Of course in all such assessments no account whatever is taken of the improvements. The plan is carried out on the strictest of Single Tax principles.

Why can't the people of Fairhope avail themselves of the Alabama law and beautify the town with good streets and sidewalks, with clean boulevards from sidewalk to curb all paid for in this way?

Sincerely yours,

St. Paul, Minn. C. J. Buell.

Make arrangements to attend the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation on January first.

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Merry Ghristmas

The Courier extends the compliments of the season to its many loyal and deeply appreciated subscribers.

It would express the hope that the occasion would be one of unalloyed pleasure to you were it not for the conviction that readers of this paper cannot but feel at such times for those who are the victims of unjust social conditions which they are powerless to remedy.

If however, you are doing what lays in your power to help remedy those conditions we know of none who more deserve happiness.

Let us all hope that each succeeding Christmas will bring a better understanding of the right relations of men toward each other, and the means for securing the same, and let us work to that end.

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Fairhope Anniversary Celebration.

Remember the arrangements for celebrating Fairhope's fifteenth anniversary on New Year's day. An informal reception in the Manual Training building of the Organic school from one o'clock on and a supper at six o'clock in the main building with program of toasts and music following.

On the program as arranged are H. F. Ring, Upton Sinclair, Mayor Greeno, Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Mr. (or Mrs.) Mc Lean, Mr. Trueman of Rochester, N. Y. and J. J. Pastoriza of Houston, Tex. It is also expected to have Mr. Fels and Daniel Kiefer and other distingushed friends of the Colony from abroad and to hear from them.

Tickets to the supper are fifty cents and may be had of G. W. Wood.

The committee expects to be able to seat about 250 at one time and particularly requests the Courier to announce that to avoid confusion, delay and dissatisfaction heretofore experienced, only so many tickets will be sold as persons can be provided with seats at one serving. The tickets will be numbered; the preference in seats given in the order of purchase of tickets and no second table will be set.

A general invitation is extended to attend both afternoon reception and evening supper and program.

No other invitation will be issued locally.

New Year's Day being on Saturday the Steamer Fairhope will not return to Mobile as usual at 5.30 p. m. but will be held until ten o'clock, in order to give the boat's officers and those desiring to attend from Mobile, opportunity to do so and get back the same night.

MEETING TO CONSIDER LICENSES POSTPONED TO JANUARY THIRD

In spite of it being a busy season and an extremely cold night—for this climate—a number of citizens gathered in Woodmen Hall last Monday evening on the invitation of the Town Council to come out and express their views on the propostiion to impose license taxes.

Alderman Pilcher stated that he had not appreciated when the date was set for the meeting that it would fall at such a busy time that it would be almost impossible for the merchants to attend, and moved that the meeting be adjourned for one week. A suggestion that the date be made two weeks ahead so as to throw it after the holiday season, met with his approval, and the motion being put carried unanimously.

The Mobile and Ohio railroad has recently issued a very handsome little booklet entitled "Mobile, Citronelle, Bay Shore." It contains a great deal of interesting information about Mobile and this section. Fairhope is mentioned among winter resorts in the vicinity of Mobile, along with Citronelle, Spring Hill, Bayou La Batre, Coden and Magnolia Springs as the "stirring Fairhope Single Tax Colony, where increasing numbers of Northern and Western visitors have learned to spend the winter." We presume Mr. Jno. M. Beall, the general passenger agent of the M. & O. at St. Louis, would be glad to send a copy to anyone requesting it.

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It was reported that the vote of about 125,000 for and against the amendment was the largest ever cast in the state. We thought with wholesale disfranchisement of voters by the poll tax clause of the new constitution that this could hardly be possible, and it seems that it was not correct. The "Chronicle" of Rockford, shows the error of the statement and that in 1892 Cleveland received 150,000 votes and the Weaver and Harrison tickets 95,000 making a total of nearly 250,000 votes or twice as many as were polled at the late election. That was 17 years ago and the population of the state has no doubt greatly increased, yet, under our infamous poll tax law, there are only half as many voters.

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Mr. Fels Probably Coming.

Word has been received through Fels & Co., Philadelphia, of Mr. Joseph Fels' intended sailing from London on the 18th—last Saturday—and arrival in Philadelphia the 24th or 25th. While not authorized to say so, we feel that this means that Mr. Fels will be with us on January first to help celebrate our fifteenth anniversary. This will add very much to the interest and pleasure of the occasion.

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Concrete Silo and Cow Pea Silage O. K.

We are informed that the cow-pea silage in the Cross & Co., concrete silo has kept perfectly. It is being fed regularly now to the stock and is eaten greedily by them. There was fear on the part of some that the concrete silo would not keep silage perfectly, but it proves perfectly satisfactory which all interested will be glad to know.

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Public School Closes

The Public School closed its fall term on last Friday.

Miss Clements assisted by her high-school girls, entertained her pupils with a luncheon on Friday afternoon and was herself surprised by being presented with a very handsome dish by her pupils.

Mrs. Sweet's classes gave an interesting Christmas program, a number of the parents and friends being in attendance.

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Marion Smith, concluded a purchase this week of the Koopman twenty acre farm—(improvement on Colony land.) Mr. and Mrs. Koopman and children expect to leave soon after the first of the year for their former home in Holland. It is a matter of general regret that Mr. and Mrs. Koopman and their interesting children are to leave. They have been good friends of the Colony and continue so, and who knows but they may some day come back to us, as so many others have done. Their successors are also true blue Single Taxers who have come to Fairhope primarily because of their interest in the Colony policy and whom we are sure can be relied upon to help maintain it.

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The price of land in the interior of the county where land speculators are getting in their usual work, has gone up to $400 for 5 acres, or $80 an acre, according to a report which reaches us from a distant friend in receipt of a prospectus.

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M. G. Brink of Washington, pleasantly remembered from a visit a few years since renewing his subscription says. "Though absent in person I am with you in thought and good wishes and abundant hope for the cause."

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Renewing his subscription, Axel Larson of Point Clear, one of the Courier's appreciated subscribers for many years sends his wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and successful New Year, which is heartily reciprocated.

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We understand that Messrs. Marmaduke Dyson and Axil Johnson will be associated in the concrete construction business and will establish their plant on the lot recently secured on Fairhope Ave., just west of Dr. Sheldon's office. Both are practical and hustling young men and they should make a strong team.

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Colony Council Proceedings

The Colony Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening (postponed by agreement from Monday evening on account of meeting called by Town Council for consideration of license matter.)

All members were present but Mr. Stimpson. Mr. Powell elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes read and approved of regular meeting of Dec. 6, and special meeting of Dec. 11.

Mrs. Coutant and Mrs. Comings appeared before the Council as a committee from the local chapter of the American Woman's League, stating that the chapter had arranged to secure lot 8, blk. 8, div. 1, the n. w. corner of the Powell tract and requested a deed for the same.

It was moved and carried that the request for a deed be not granted, but a lease made if desired, for the unexpired portion of the 99 year term of present lessee, Mrs. Powell.

The committee also requested remission of rent upon the lot for 1910, but no action was taken thereon, the sentiment of the Council evidently being adverse to the proposition.

A. J. Wolf appeared before the Council in regard to the demand made upon him for payment for another water connection. Mr. Wolf stated that his three connections were made by agreement of the committee in charge of water works at the time and read a letter from F. W. Rose, then clerk of the water committee, substantiating his statement.

It was moved and carried that in the light of the facts appearing the charge for a third connection of Mr. Wolf be withdrawn.

The suggestion of Mr. Wood treasurer, that arrangements be made with Laurence Tilson at Bayside Cafe to collect tickets for sand and gravel, for a commission of 20 per cent, was by motion approved; Tilson also to report any persons getting sand without authorization.

The following transfers of land were approved.

P. Y. Albright to J. W. Gilmore of lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and e. 1-2 of lots 5 and 12, blk. 9, div. 3.

M. M. Cope to J. E. Gaston, of lot 10, blk. 4 and lot 1, block 5, div. 1, together with use at pleasure of the Council of Church street lying between same, with understanding that no right to compensation for improvements shall accrue by possession of the said street.

Application of Axil Johnson for lot 4, blk. 2, div. 2. granted.

Surrender by Fairhope Improvement Co., of s. 42 ft. of e. 55 ft. of lot 5, blk. 7, div. 1, was approved.

It was reported to the Council that the ground could probably be secured for the continuance of the street proposed by the Council at a previous meeting to be opened through from Church street to School street, on the north side of the public school lot and the secretary was instructed to present the matter to the Town Council and urge the importance of opening this street while the opportunity offered.

Adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening, Dec. 28. All action by unanimous vote.

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Fairhope Hotel Notes

The author of these notes from the Fairhope Hotel hestitates a little to write again for the Courier, because she begins to have the horrible suspicion that as far as Fairhope weather is concerned she is a first-class hoodoo. When last year we came down in January and there followed the most severe "Norther' of ten years, everybody said "If only you had come down in December you would have found such lovely weather." "Therefore we came in December and arrived as the first week was drawing to a close and lo and behold! a "Norther" or a souther or a blizzard, or a Cook-Peary breath from the North Pole, or whatever else you may call i., followed swiftly on our path across Mobile Bay, and ice and freezing temperature have made us wonder when we must come down to get that lovely early winter weather! Now if any one does not come to the conclusion that the writer is the hoodoo please bring proofs. We are primed for debate to prove the contention.

Mr. Troup has been able to eliminate the last trace of thaf threatened conflagration—after the insurance man had his inning—and every one is now at liberty to await the coming of Santa Claus. He is surely coming to decorate the tree in the parlor and to hang on all the gifts because he has received several letters bidding him do so. Fred M. McLean is coming from Meridian where he is superintending the construction of the immense new round house of the N. O. & N. E. R. R. but of course the writer of this must leave it to the editor to comment on that fact. However she is going to add that he is a Single Taxer all the way through and at Fairhope as well as elsewhere.

S. R. McL.

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Rememberthat your poll tax can now be paid and that it must be paid before February first next, or you will be unable to vote at any election during 1910. Don't put off paying it but "do it now." You do not know how badly you may want to vote on some question to arise.

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F. G. Lockwood who will be remembered by many sends a Merry Christmas to all his Fairhope friends. He is now in Leavenworth Kans.

The School Improvement Society will hold a box social and watch meeting in the rear room of the church on New Year's eve, the proceedings to be for the benefit of the public school. Ladies are invited to come and bring boxes with lunches for two, and the gentlemen to come and purchase the same.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of the Rockford contingent, who were called back to their home a week ago last Sunday by the serious illness of a daughter, found her dead when they arrived and will hardly return this winter.

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Political Announcement

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the Office of Probate Judge of Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic party. J. H. H. Smith.

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"Turkeys go from 6,000 to 14,000 in this firm's output, nutmegs from five to 18 tons, raisins from 2,000 to 9,000 boxes and cigars from 1,000 to 3,000 boxes.

"Wines and spirits, which are popular Christmas gifts, sell 50 per cent. better than in any other month. I know a man who sold $225,000 worth of whisky last December as against an average of $125,000 for the other months of the year."

A Way We Have at Christmas.

She looked at the little man archly.

"Hubby," she said, "do you know you are beginning to grow rather handsome?"

"It's a way I have," he answered, "as Christmas draws near."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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22	30	50	---

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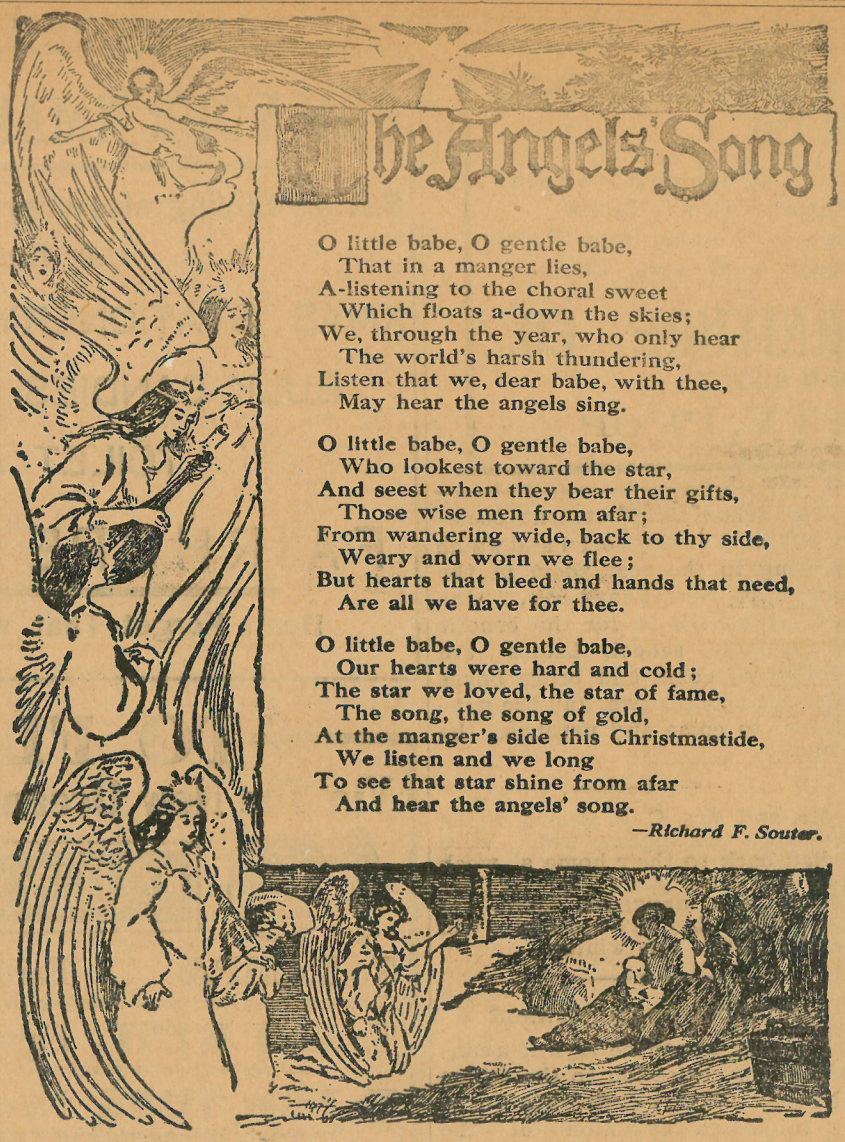
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O little babe, O gentle babe,
That in a manger lies,
A-listening to the choral sweet
Which floats a-down the skies;
We, through the year, who only hear
The world's harsh thundering,
Listen that we, dear babe, with thee,
May hear the angels sing.

O little babe, O gentle babe,
Who lookest toward the star,
And seest when they bear their gifts,
Those wise men from afar;
From wandering wide, back to thy side,
Weary and worn we flee;
But hearts that bleed and hands that need,
Are all we have for thee.

O little babe, O gentle babe,
Our hearts were hard and cold;
The star we loved, the star of fame,
The song, the song of gold,
At the manger's side this Christmastide,
We listen and we long
To see that star shine from afar
And hear the angels' song.

—*Richard F. Souter.*

CHRISTMAS COMING

HOW THE HOLIDAY IS REGARDED BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

It Depends Entirely on One's Viewpoint as to What the Day Brings to Each—The Child and Pater Differ.



CHRISTMAS is coming!" shouts the schoolboy, flinging his cap in the air. "Turkey and pudding! Mince pie, jolly pantomimes, and parties! Hurrah for Christmas!"

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"Christmas is coming," says the draper. "Turn one of our showrooms into a toy bazar and get out the list of tickets required for the New Year's sale. What a good job Christmas has not followed in the steps of other old institutions. Thank goodness for Christmas!"

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"Christmas is coming," murmurs the employe of the latter. "Hours of extra unpaid labor; bullying, sweating, hurry scurry to catch the train, then heigo! for home and holidays. If it only came quicker and stayed longer we should say 'Welcome Christmas.'"



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"Christmas is coming," says busy mother. "There's the pudding, cakes and mincemeat to make. And the shopping there is to do! Presents for the little ones' stockings, not forgetting something warm for father to wear, and some new curtains to make the house look gay. Christmas is coming—the busiest time of all the year—and the happiest."



"Christmas is coming," muses the child, gazing dreamily into the fire. "I wonder what Santa Claus will bring me this year? Let's see, I've written out 'doll,' 'perambulator,' and 'picture book,' and all three pieces of paper went up the chimney all right—though I'm not quite sure whether I spelt 'perambulator' just right. Still, Santa Claus will understand. Oh! I do hope he'll be quick and come. Dear old Father Christmas!"

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"Dear, indeed!" echoes Pater. "Thank goodness he does only come once a year, for I should soon find myself in the bankruptcy court were he a frequent visitor. No wonder the abbreviation of the word 'Christmas' starts with 'X,' for it is the period of the 'ex's.' The young folk may hang their stockings, but I say hang Christmas!"



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"Christmas is coming," reflects the errand boy as he fixes the sprig of mistletoe to his cap. "I must be on my best behavior for the next few days, no loitering on my errands, no back-answers when I'm grumbled at, then great shall be the number of my Christmas boxes."

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"Christmas is coming," sneers the dyspeptic. "The time for over-feeding and drunkenness, cheap sentiment and evergreens. Turkey and mincemeat! Ugh! the combination makes me shudder. How thankful I shall be when Christmas is gone!"



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Christmas is coming." She murmurs the word as she stoops reverently over a tiny pair of shoes, a little white frock and blue sash, lying in a sacred corner of the

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drawer. Many Christmases ago these shoes pattered lightly hither and thither under a pair of eager, restless feet, that ribbon encircled a fairy form that danced in and out helping and hindering in a thousand ways the numerous preparations for Yule-tide. A film of tears suddenly spreads over mother's eyes as she shuts the drawer and turns sharply away. Cruel Christmas! when you bring such memories as this for your gift.



Christmas Crackers.

Do "plants" for making pretty gifts
grow up to Christmas trees?
And are "the sea-sons' greetings" sent
by salt sons of the seas?

Are Yule-logs cut from snowdriftwood by
Yule-tide washed ashore?
And could you stub a mistletoe against a
parlor door?

If Eve had tried from holly-twigs a party-gown to weave,
Do you suppose that Adam would have called her "Christmas Eve?"

Saint Nicholas in autosleigh defies police and laws:
Do regulations as to speed contain a Santa clause?

—Lippincott's.

Yule Cake.

On Christmas night, if a maiden place a piece of the Yule-cake under her pillow she will dream of her future husband. Also a portion of the cake should be kept for the next year, as it brings luck in the house. The plum pudding must always be kept and again partaken of on New Year's day if one would have a successful year.

Burning the Yule Log.

The ancient Saxons burnt the yule log as a symbol of the turning of the sun toward spring.

THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS

In Retrospect Grandfather Pictures Yuletide Journeys of Many Years Ago.

All the year long we have been traveling toward Christmas—I and my old wife, our children and our grandchildren—not all by the same road, not all with the same expectations, but all looking out alike for the first glimpse of its smoke rising above the wintry landscape of the year. Now we can almost fancy that we hear the chiming of the famous bells—all Christmas towns are famous for their bells—and we know that we shall soon be at our inn.

If life be a journey, and each year a stage upon the road, I do not know where else a sensible man would stop for the recruiting of his health than the fine old Christmas towns. There, if anywhere, men are to be found living together merrily; the inns are warm, the cheer is good, the amusements are of the heartiest, and the society is of the best. I have been through many a Christmas town—for I have traveled far—and have rested thoroughly in each. I never found two of them alike. Of late they have been much grayer and quieter than they used formerly to be; but I do not think that I have been less happy of the quiet towns at which I have of late years resided. Let me confess so much. As for these about me who declare them to be not quiet by any means, but perfectly uproarious with jollity, I do not interfere with their opinion. Children so easily deceive themselves; it is enough for me that I am old enough to see things as they are.

The First Christmas Tree.

"It's the Germans who brought the Christmas tree to America," the German said. "Didn't you know that? The duke of Hesse sold a regiment, called 'The Hessians,' after him, to fight the Americans. They got so drunk over their first Christmas tree here away from home that Washington captured them, and that started the fashion of Christmas trees in America. It's history."

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Personal and Local

Miss Clara White visited Miss Daphne Brown several days this week.

See Littlegreen for hauling and moving.

Miss Ola Powell spent several days in Mobile this week.

Buy your Fruit Cake for Xmas dinner at the Wilson House.

Mrs. C. L. Coleman spent last Saturday and Sunday in Mobile, returning on the late boat Sunday evening.

Good jersey cow for sale apply t f. Courier office.

Miss Frances Gaston and Mr. James Gaston spent Saturday and Sunday in Mobile. Miss Gaston was a guest of Miss Eva Johnson.

Order your breadnow—No baking on Saturday. Wilson House.

E. H. Titus of Princeton, Ill., arrived on last Saturday for the winter. He spent last winter here and like most of our visitors has become an ardent friend of the place.

Two or three adult boarders wanted at the Felix-Leonard House. Near the bay. Modern conveniences and New England housekeeping. Eight to ten dollars weekly.

Snow balls at the Wilson House.

Mr. Walter H. Page, son of M. E. Page of Euclid, arrived on last Saturday to spend Christmas with his father and family. He will remain about a month.

Best Christmas dinner in town will be served at the Wilson House. Put in your order at once.

New phonograph and some household furniture, fine rugs, ice box, bedding, etc., practically as good as new. B. Greenbaum, Fairhope.

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Mershon Merchandising Co.

Ralph Mershon came home on Sunday morning from Marion Institute, Marion, Ala., to spend the Holidays at home.

See the beautiful calendars at Mershon Merchandising Company's They are without advertising and make very nice and appropriate Holiday gifts.

Aunt Mary's Nest Eggs are the eggs that will save your barn but kill the mites and lice, 50 cents per package, and we will give you a nice Kitchen Cabinet, absolutely free to you. Come in we will show you. Mershon Merchandising Co.

Messrs. Askin and Kerr, recent arrivals from Philadelphia, have secured lots across the street from the Organic School and are building thereon.

We go to press with the Courier a day earlier than usual on account of our office force and advertisers.

Mr. J. G. White brought over his automobile on last Saturday. It was shipped from Illinois with his household goods but was not brought over with them. It is a four passenger Oldsmobile.

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The Organic School closed its terms work with interesting exercises on Wednesday which will be reported next week.

Wm. Stimpson is in positlon to supply you with building material. Let him figure with you.

It is reported that the De Coudres, who have many friends at Fairhope are located for the winter at Marlow or River Park on Fish River. Mr. De Coudres is an inveterate fisherman and wanted to be near the river for the fishing.

Typewriter paper 8 1-2 by 11 and 8 1-2 by 13, can now be had at the Courier office. Also carbon paper..

The merchants of Fairhope have been enjoying a good Christmas trade. People coming from a long distance to trade with Fairhope's enterprising and affable merchants and have their large and well assorted stocks to select from.

The ladies of the Ladies' Aid Society conducted a very successful bazaar in the rear room of the church on last Saturday evening. A ten cent luncheon was served and the various booths displaying articles of use and taste contributed by the ladies, were well patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Brown entertained at dinner last Sunday the following connected with the Organic School. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson, Mrs. Comings, Miss Taggart, Miss Muth and Miss Caldwell. The Brown home is always a delightful place to visit and was fully enjoyed by this company.

Will Stimpson has had four schooners arrive within the past month loaded with building material, two with shingles, one with lumber and one with lath. All were discharged at wharf number two: Mr. Stimpson is supplying a considerable portion of the local demand for material.

Mrs. Marone Dolive gave a delightful masquerade party to a lot of the "younger set," at her home on last Friday evening. Many pretty and amusing costumes were worn by the young folks. Various entertaining games were played and delicious refreshments were served.

Carbon paper at the Courier office..

The Mershon Merchandising Co., and M. V. Mathews, enterprising local merchants are distributing among their patrons, handsome calendars, furnished and the special printing on them done by the Courier job-office. This office has also furnished calendars for Brodbeck and Zundel, Point Clear and for houses at Robertsdale, Summerdale, Foley and Magnolia Springs.

Let Wm. Stimpson fgure on your fencing. He can save you money.

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Christmas and New Year's Schedule Str. Fairhope.

On Christmas day, the steamer Fairhope will leave Fairhope as usual at 7.15 a. m. and return from Mobile immediately on arrival, 9 a. m. and will leave for Mobile at 5.30 p. m. as usual.

On New Year's day, she will make her usual trips, except that, she will return to Mobile at 10 p. m. instead of 5.30 p. m., on account of the Anniversary celebration.

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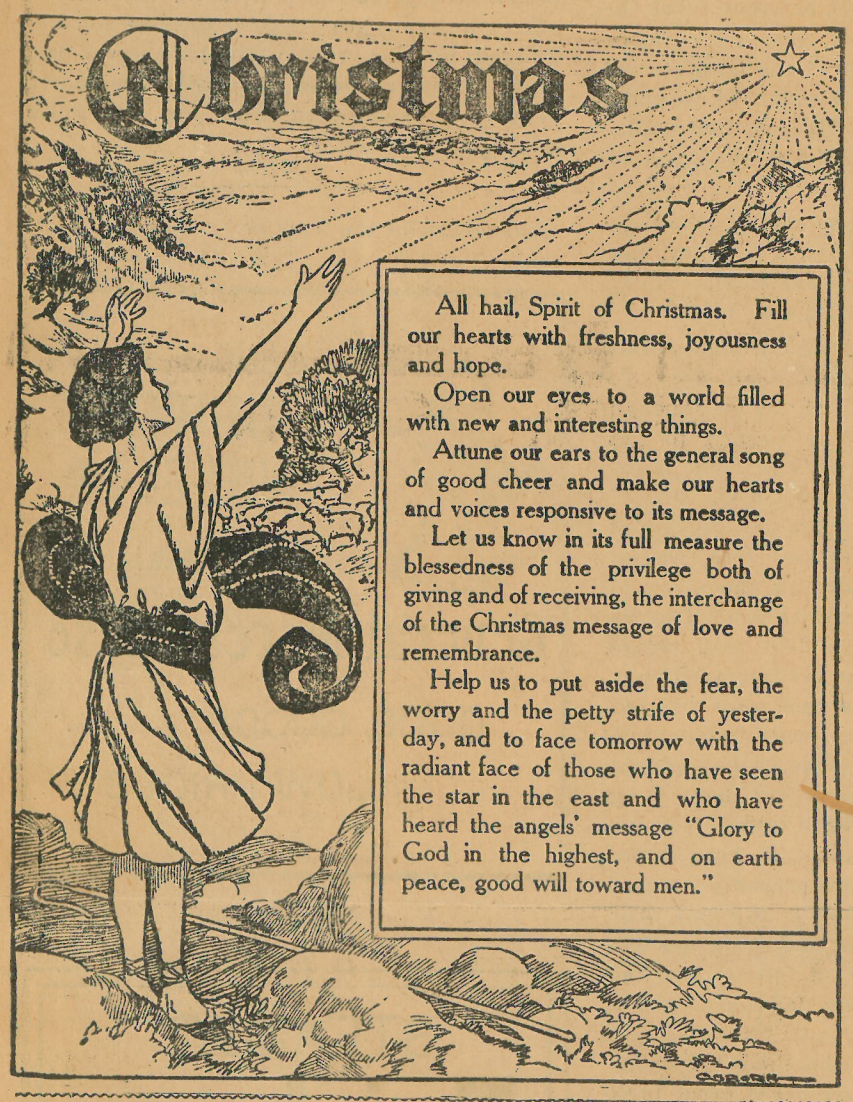
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All hail, Spirit of Christmas. Fill our hearts with freshness, joyousness and hope.

Open our eyes to a world filled with new and interesting things.

Attune our ears to the general song of good cheer and make our hearts and voices responsive to its message.

Let us know in its full measure the blessedness of the privilege both of giving and of receiving, the interchange of the Christmas message of love and remembrance.

Help us to put aside the fear, the worry and the petty strife of yesterday, and to face tomorrow with the radiant face of those who have seen the star in the east and who have heard the angels' message "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"THE PRINCE OF PEACE"

His Wonderful Influence Continues and Widens Through the World.

All the old troublous questions of the origin and destination of the Galilee Carpenter have passed, notes a writer in Collier's. All the mediaeval worriment in discriminating between human and divine has gone, all the puzzled inquiry into the miraculous. No longer is mankind stirred over the non-essential. Theories of him fade away, dogmas of his nature lose their charm. His gentleness has conquered. His influence continues and widens. Slowly brightening, the gleam that touched him spreads through the world. His spirit moves on the face of civilization, and makes it kindlier every generation. The touch of his hand is on the grief-stricken. Nurse, physician, and nun are the messengers of his teaching. The vestal fires burned out, but never the fires of his spirit, which answer each other from mountain-top to mountain-top across the continents. And deep in the heart of the people they make family life sweeter and ease the bitterness of failure and ignorance and all life's incompleteness. That wonder-working personality was never so potent as today—so insistent and tenderly sure. Under a thousand forms, creeds and names, men serve him. And however far we go in the conquest of nature, identifying the north pole, climbing the sky, prying open electrical forces, mapping out the subliminal, diminishing sin, disease, war, poverty, ignorance—always in the advance will be that gracious figure of the Sinless One, who showed Love as the rule of life. One Perfect Man—ardent and gentle—the race will never tire of him.

BY SIZES



Some people expect so much more than others.—Life.

Origin of Gift-Giving.

It is believed by many that our custom of giving gifts at Christmas comes from an old custom of priests putting on board of all outgoing ships a box of alms. This box was opened at Christmas-time, and masses said for the giving of alms, and it was called a "Christ Mass" box. From this has come our custom of giving boxes and gifts.

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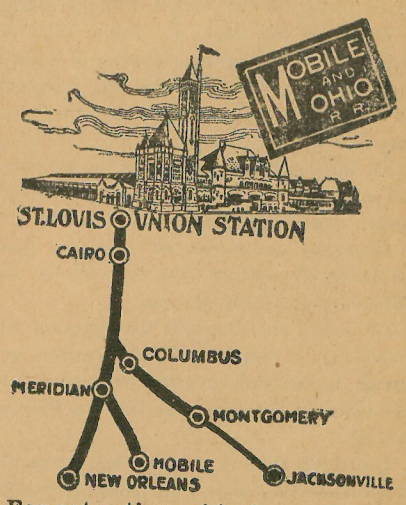
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Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock will occur the athletic field day exercises consisting of basketball and tennis games and various apparatus.

On Thursday afternoon the exercises of the Life Class will occur and on Thursday evening the Academy will give recitations from Dicken's Christmas Carol, with appropriate exercises.

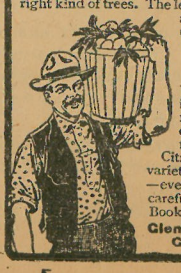
The public is invited to all thees exercises.

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The Steamer Fairhope resumed her place in the direct service between Fairhope and Mobile on last evening and her return was hailed with delight by her loyal patrons. She now leaves Fairhope at 7.15 a. m., instead of 7, but the leaving time at Mobile will be 3 o'clock as heretofore.

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FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX COLONY

Fairhope, to outward appearance, is like other towns, save for evidences of exceptional prosperity usually noted by the casual observer; but it is 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 re-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 those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 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 that wharf 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 is easily shown to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores schools, ice-plant and creamery, 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 to 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

An autograph letter from Tom L. Johnson to a Single Taxer here, dated November 29, says: "I would no doubt enjoy spending only a day at Fairhope, but the outlook is that I will be quite as busy for some months to come as I have been, and it is therefore out of the question to think of doing so.

"You will be interested to know that the temporary set back will, in a measure, be overcome by the election of the Quadrennial Board of Real Estate Appraisers. Three of the five on this board, viz., Messrs. Howe, Zangerle and May, understand the incidence of taxation.

"Mr. W. F. Somers, whose system of valuation has been adopted by New York City, has been engaged by the Cleveland Board. They can, and I believe will, do a great work."

Many Fairhopers remember my niece, Miss Willey, who was with us two years ago. To be sure she was not out of the bay long enough at a time to give any one a chance to get acquainted with her, but she was very popular with Fairhopers who were "in the swim." She wrote me lately a graphic description of the part of her last vacation. She writes: "We spent one week in camp on the shore of the serenest, clearest and most beautiful ponds I ever saw. We were in a field with woods all about, and camped in an old fashioned barn. We slept in the hay mow and went up and down on a ladder. A long rustic table stood on the barn floor and our stove in the end opposite the door. The stove had been long "under fire" and should have retired from active service long ago. Still, if it were given plenty of attention and were properly coaxed, it would do pretty well, though the end door had to be wired on and the back of the fire box had the distressing habit of falling into the oven; but with these trifling failings it was a pretty good stove! The pipe went through the side of the barn, and sometimes the smoke went out of doors and sometimes it came back into the room! It is a very delightful spot in eastern Vermont and I had a very delightful time"

WORDS OF CHEER FROM AN OLD FRIEND

I enclose renewal fee. Do not wish to be cut off from this connecting link with the young and energetic Henry George town.

Keep up the banner! Let the world look on and wonder. The triumph of justice will come sometime, not only in Fairhope but everywhere. Ever yours,

Valley Junction, Ioa. E. H. Gillette.

Fairhope Makes New Friends

Mr. W. A. Foster of Knox, Ind., among our recent visitors with his wife and daughter, writes: "Mrs. Foster and I talk about Fairhope every day. The truth is we regret very much that something or other did not open for us at your end of the pike. We were greatly pleased with the novelty of the situation at Fairhope and we enjoyed our visit very much."

I enclose check for $1.00 for my subscription to the Courier. "Of all the papers that come to my desk none is read with greater interest," says W. K. Harrison M. D., Chicago.

The number of applications for and transfers of land being made (several being passed upon by the Council Tuesday evening and others pending) is very good evidence that the proposed increase of rents is not too great. No doubt the universal rule hitherto, of an increased activity in land movements, following an increase in rents, will again prevail. The real test of whether rents are too high or not, is not the objection of lot holders, but whether others desiring lots consider them reasonable. Judged by this rule rents have never been high. They are indeed, generally considered very low, even ridiculously low, by those looking for location.

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FAIRHOPE'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

For the Courier by "Justice Win."

Going to celebrate my birthday,
I am quite a stalwart youth,
And my parents (good old people)
Brought me up to tell the truth.

Times were rather dark and lonesome
In the days when I was born,
But my advent was reviving
To the courage of that morn.

True I couldn't much but holler
'Till I got upon my feet,
But they told me I was "charming,"
And "so wondrous smart and sweet."

So I kept on growing stronger
In a healthy sort of way,
And I cut my eye teeth proudly,
"Not a whimper," so they say.

By and by, when I got older,
I just left the bibs and socks,
And I strutted round in breeches,
Without any shoes or socks.

Oh those blissful days of childhood
When I learned to fish and swim,
Snugly fitted up my h[illegible],
Built my little boat so trim.

Played George Washington at pine trees,
Raked the needles all away
Made my precious little gardens
Watched them growing day by day,

But some days were not so happy,
I got scratches, digs and bumps,
[illegible]d sometimes I feared I's busted,
[illegible]nd I almost had the dumps,

[illegible] I bravely struggled onward
Learning all my A. B. C's—
How to read and write and cipher
And such little things as these.

Step by step I climbed the ladder,
I was sure 'twould lead to fame,
And among the world wide noted,
I should some day see my name.

Soon I learned the ins and outings
Of the games of school boy life
And in many a well fought battle,
I was victor in the strife.

This all made me strong and sturdy
Brain and muscle firm and true,
For sometimes the barefoot laddie
Builded better than he knew.

But those things have passed, and truly
Put aside are childish things,
Time the strength of youth adjusting
To the labors manhood brings.

And today while looking backward
Many a failure I deplore,
I would learn to face the problems
That are waiting on before.

I am only just a stripling
To the [illegible]r four score and ten,
May the hopes of this fair morning,
Be much more than realized then.

May there be no rotten timbers
In the strucure of the years
And no shame upon the records
Causing penitential tears.

This I learn, to each a mission,
Has been given, great or small,
We must take our place unflinching
Answering bravely to the call.

Living close to high ideals.
Heeding not the broils and strife,
Reaching ever upward, onward,
Toward a higher, nobler life.

We may never know the influence
Of its circles widening far,
But we'll keep our vessel headed
Toward our leader,s "morning star."

So my friends, I bid you welcome,
One and all, both far and near.
Thank you for your kindly wishes,
And your loving words of cheer

Fairhope is my name, and ever
To that name may I be true.
Here upon my fifteenth birthday
I would give my hand to you.

T. P. LYON APPROVES

Dear Brother Gaston:

I notice your article of Dec. 3 about special improvement taxes being assessed against abutting land values. I have always believed this a good illustration of Single Tax principles and glad you write it up so well. I would add that not only are abutting lots assessed but often lots many blocks away are included in an improvement district for such things as bridges, viaducts and storm sewers. In Denver the assessment was extended to lots over a mile away from a viaduct, lowering as distance increased and as lots were estimated to be enhanced by the improvement. Of course this is an arbitrary and bungling way, for the estimate is made prior to the improvement whereas the Single Tax would take increased value afterwards and accurately determined. Nevertheless the principle is correct and ought by all means to be carried out at Fairhope.

Yours,
T. P. Lyon.

Mr. A. M. Troyer who is here improving his Colony tract, is a thorough-going Single Taxer, and is therefore not one of those who object to a little increase of rent. Writing on receipt of his notice of prosposed increase in rent he said: "I am very glad that 'you all' are considering the raising of rents. My few weeks at Fairhope last summer convinced me that rents were too low, and I should consider that a 15 per cent raise on my little place was not enough. I hope the sentiment of the lessees will make it 20 per cent at least."

I appreciate the little paper and also the work which you are doing. We often wish we could be with you in your efforts to live the truth which we have so much at heart.

Buffalo, N. Y. Henry C. Stark.

Mrs. Howland's Letters

Dec. 20.—Last Saturday the monthly meeting of the Henry George Club at the Library, was a disappointment because of a dismal, cold, drizzy afternoon. Only those who lived comparatively near, ventured out. Mrs. Powell was to read "The Beast and the Jungle" by Judge Lindsey. It was too bad, but we must not expect to have Fairhope weather every day. A huge back-log and a roaring fire on the hearth made the room comfortable to the seven or eight of us who made a semicircle before it and talked, sampled kumquat jelly, at the instance of the hostess, and when it became certain that we could not have a regular meeting, we decided to read Henry George's account of his visit to the home of Count Tolstoy in Russia, published in the New York paper of the 14th. Some of the members had not read it, and so it was not a bad, offhand seleetion for a Henry George Club. We read the paragraphs in turn and made comments during the reading, and afterward. Mrs. [illegible] Smith of Dwight, Kans., was with us for the first time and will join the club I hope. She is a quiet, pleasant Quaker lady wearing the quaint little bonnet of the "Friends." Her husband and little child are with her and we hope they have come to stay.

I have to thank you, A. B., dear friend of the long ago—when we lived together in New York City, you an opera singer and I a busy, public school teacher—for a precious letter and many clippings from your California papers. One of these I must use here. It is a review of the book: "Back to Hampton Roads," by Franklin Mathews, special correspondent of the New York Sun. He went around the world with the "Atlantic Fleet" The description he gives New Zealand, I quote from here and there—"If healthier, happier, more prosperous human beings," he says, "exist any where in this world, I do not know where to find them." x x x "Something has been developed here in the way of government that has produced wealth and happiness and less poverty and misery than anywhere else; and one gets the feeling that this experiment station is exhibiting results that sooner or later are bound to have the most far-reaching effects and that this little far away land may be destined to occupy the proud place of leadership in the moral world." x x x "It was the first country to establish universal penny postage; to establish old age pensions; to assist settlers in buying farms; the first to establish compulsory arbitration for labor troubles; the first to adopt the policy of confiscating large estates and developing them for small settlers; the first to establish life, fire and accident insurance by government; the first to operate government coal mines; the first to provide government-owned dwellings for workmen.

"It has a public trust to manage estates and the like, and it is guaranteed by the govern-

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Big Yield of Sweet Potatoes

Mr. Bellangee dug some sweet potatoes last week which made a great showing on the ground. There were 45 bushels of them on a piece of ground about 2 rods by 12, or just about 300 bushels to the acre.

The history of this piece of ground for the past year or a little more in quite interesting. The summer of 1908 it was planted in watermelons. After they got to running freely cultivation was stopped and along with the watermelons the weeds grew until by fall a heavy growth of weeds covered the ground. The ground was then heavily manured and, with a good deal of difficulty, the manure and weeds were turned deep and the soil put in fine condition.

In December last year it was planted in cabbages which were the best anywhere about here, and before they were taken off English peas were planted in a portionof the alternate rows, and corn in the balance. The corn and peas, both of which made good crops, were [illegible] as matured for [illegible] being [illegible] sold in the milk, and the sweet potatoes which I have just been harvested were planted, cow peas were also planted between the sweet potato rows for soil enriching purposes.

This is a sample of the way the ground can be kept constantly at work here, and if well fertilized, profitably.

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A Colony lessee (not a member) who seems to us to take a very sensible and fair-minded view of his relation to the Colony, said in substance to another lessee the other day as reported to us. "Before becoming a lessee of the Colony I made careful investigation of its proposition. I satisfied myself that the men having it in charge are honest men, endeavoring in all sincerity to follow a principle. In my lease contract they bind themselvs to treat me exactly as they do themselves. As long as I see that they do this I expect fo take what they give me and say nothing."

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President Frank Brown does not have much patience with the talk against the possibilities of profitable use of the soil here. At the Council meeting on Tuesday evening he gave an experience of his the past season on about four and 1-2 acres, which he fenced, cleared and planted to velvet beans. He gave the items of expense of fencing, clearing, putting in the crop, and cutting and putting the hay in the barn and claimed a margin above the total cost from the one crop alone, beside leaving the land in fine condition and more fertile than before.

Oliver McKnight on Mr Braam's Suggestions

Editor Courier.

In the letter of J. W. Braam published in the Courier, he makes an appeal for certain members of society who he thinks might suffer a money loss through the establishment of the Single Tax.

Perhaps it is as well to [illegible] these men, showing how the Single Tax will [illegible] of the community [illegible] of anasthetic on their purses while the acting [illegible] being abstracted.

To my mind, the Single Tax is not merely an improved method of taxation, it is no [illegible] ness to look out for either rich or poor, it considers not the claims of the wise or foolish, the biter or the bitten, but it is to establish the great principles of justice, regardless of who may [illegible] benefit in its operation. He first makes a plea for the unfortunate victims of landlordism who have been gold bricked, and then goes on to say that "of course if the lands of A, B and C, fortunate speculators) have increased in value the increment should be considered, etc."

This argument brings to mind what is said about the taxation of [illegible] lands. It is considered almost criminal by most men to tax such holdings, but when property is sold or rented at a tremendous advance in value their arguments [illegible] way of treating this question, and [illegible] the communities to [illegible] their own (be it much or little) the values they create in the bounties of Nature and the value of other land, that is given to it by the presence of population. Whether the experiment of Fairhope is a success or failure makes no difference as to the principles involved, both the individual and the community should derive their revenue in an honest manner. To do this there is, as I said before, only one way

Yours respectfully,
Oliver McKnight.

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Local Butchers Show Enterprise

Messrs. Wilson and Stapleton local butchers took advantage of the good condition of the stock at the beginning of winter and have a large number of beef carcasses in cold storage with the Fairhope Ice and Creamery Co. They are thus able to meet any demand upon them, and, of course, the beef improves in condition by time in cold storage. They will also put a number of hog carcasses in storage this week.

It is one ofthe advantages of Fairhope that we have so good a local meat supply and we get fresh meats a great deal cheaper then in the cities north and east.

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Now that concrete construction has become so cheap and Fairhope has such facilities for this kind of building, is not the time about at hand when further building of frame structures should be prevented within the business portion of the town?

Fairhope Anniversary Celebration

Remember the arrangements for celebrating Fairhope's fifteenth anniversary on New Year's day. An informal reception in the Manual Training building of the Organic school from one o'clock on [illegible] supper at six o'clock in the [illegible] with program of toasts and music following.

On the program as arranged are H. F. Ring, Upton Sinclair, Mayor Greeno, Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Mrs. Edith Paula Smith, C. F. McLean and Mr. Gaston. It is also hoped to have present and hear from Mr. Fels, Mr. Kiefer and other distinguished friends of the Colony from abroad. Messrs. Simmers and Stemerdink will be with us if possible.

Tickets to the supper are fifty cents and may be had of C. W. Wood.

The committee expects to be able to seat about 250 at one time and particularly requests the Courier to announce that to avoid confusion, delay and dissatisfaction heretofore experienced, only so many tickets will be sold as persons can be provided with seats at one serving. The tickets will be numbered; the preference in seats given in the order of purchase of tickets and no second table will be set.

A general invitation is extended to attend both afternoon reception and evening supper and program. No other invitation will be issued locally.

New Year's Day being on Saturday the Steamer Fairhope will not return to Mobile as usual at 5.30 p. m. but will be held until ten o'clock, in order to give the boat's officers and those desiring to attend from Mobile, opportunity to do so and get back the same night.

N. B. The reservation of seats for first purchasers, will apply only to those present to take their seats when supper is served.

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CLOSING EXERCISES

Of Organic School Interesting and Varied Programme

A delightful entertainment given by the Kindergarteners and members of the Life class was the first part of the program of the closing exercises of the Organic school on Wednesday. A Christmas tree of ideal form which had been planted then cut and donated by Paul Tuveson was firmly replanted by him in the room, and had been covered with the decorations of paper rings and pop corn garlands made by the little ones. They also had been busy making the presents hung on the tree. Much knowledge, ingenuity, and artistic perception were proved by these gifts, and the fact that they were very happy in the prospect of giving and not receiving was very evident; every pupil had made several articles for members of their family and their faces lighted up with pride of ownership and achievement as the names were called. Songs enlivened the short exercises and the children were genuinely surprised when they in turn were remembered by the teachers with holiday goodies. Perhaps the most surprised individual was Mrs. Johnson who received a number of the Children's best efforts and from her assistant teachers a beautiful Japanese salad bowl and plates.

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The Field Day at the Organic School was a great surprise to the writer of this because she had not anticipated so extensive a program. The greatest pleasure was afforded by the sight of the girls formally emancipated who wore their bloomer costumes in complete security and went through the exercises with a surety and success which promised for the future women without backache and nerves. The only drawback to their complete comfort was furnished by the heels on their shoes. They ought to exercise especially in jumping, with felt shoes without heels. The entire impression given by the entertainments of this Organic school was one of intense satisfaction in the principles carried out there, although there still remains a doubt concerning the delay in teaching reading. It seems that the sentence method might be as much for their instruction, as well as leaves and flowers and illustrations.

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In the evening the academy class of the school concluded the series of exercises with a presentation of Dickens, famous "Christmas Carol."

Johnson gave a brief sketch of the story and the young [illegible] gentlemen came forward, one [illegible] announced, each taking up the [illegible] where the previous one left and giving from memory, the story with its message of Christmas cheer and incitement to greater kindliness and generosity.

It was a clever conception and every one of the performers acquitted himself admirably.

Those taking part were.

Misses, Hilma Littlegreen, Jessie Littlefield, Daphne Brown, Celina Roberts, Irene Bell and Marie Baldwin.

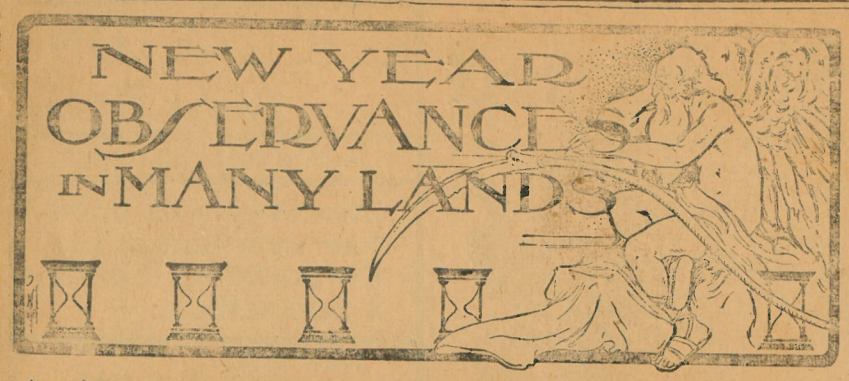
Messrs. Arthur Atherton, Cornie Gaston, Clarence Lewis, Don Littlefield and Anna Linden.

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Christmas Exercises at the Christian Church

The Christian church Sunday school gave an attractive Christmas entertainment on Christmas Eve. The little ones, of which the wonder seems to be to every one "where do they all come from?" acquitted themselves charmingly as they always do in a variety of exercises, the older Sunday school pupils did likewise also.

Mr. J. M. Pilcher acted as Santa Claus in his inimtable way, Introducing a novelty in the way of a black-face Santa, who by mistake got into the "white folks Sunday school" instead of the "black folks Sunday school," which caused great merriment and a Christmas tree and the usual distribution of candy and nuts and some other presents, made glad the hearts of the little ones.



Americans are too busy to take many holidays, but few of them fail to observe New Year's day in some way or other. The good old custom of making calls on one's friends fell into disrepute long ago because it was so abused by the over-convivial, but family gatherings usually mark the day, and the church folk all over the country still hold watch meetings in the religious edifices to usher in the new year. Our observances of the day, however, are not so picturesque as are those of many other countries.

In Merrie England

ENGLAND and Scotland have retained many of their interesting customs of olden times, this being especially true of Scotland. Weeks before the New Year begins, the village boys, with great secrecy, meet in out-of-the-way places and rehearse their favorite ballads. As the time draws near they don improvised masks and go about from house to house singing and cutting many quaint capers.

The thirty-first of December is called "Hogmanay" and the children are told that if they go to the corner they will see a man with as many eyes as the year has days. The children of the poorer classes go from house to house in the better districts with a large pocket fastened to their dresses or a large shawl with a fold in front. Each one receives an oaten cake, a piece of cheese, or sometimes a sweet cake, and goes home at night with a good supply of homely New Year cheer for the rest of the family.

The Scottish elders celebrate the day with a supper party, and as the clock "chaps" 12, friend greets friend and wishes him "a gude New Year and mony o' them." Then, with great formality the door is unbarred to let the Old Year out and the New Year in, and all the guests sally forth into the street to "first foot" their acquaintances.

In Edinburgh a great crowd gathers around the church in Hunter square and anxiously watches the clock. There is absolute silence from the first stroke of 12 until the last.

The old folks now go to bed but the young have other business on hand. Each girl is expecting the "first foot" from her sweetheart, and there is much stratagem displayed in outwitting her occasionally, and having some serving maid or grandmother open the door to her lover.

The weather is carefully observed at this season, for it is supposed to betoken that which is to come. There is a rhyme current in Scotland which runs thus:

If New Year's eve the night wind blow-
eth south
It betokeneth warmth and growth;
If west much milk, and fish in the sea;
If east, the trees will bear much fruit;
If northeast, flee it, man and brute.

During the last century all work was laid aside on the afternoon of the thirty-first, and the men of the hamlet went to the woods and brought home loads of juniper bushes. Each household also procured a pitcher of water from the "dead and living ford," meaning the ford in a river, by which passengers and funerals crossed. This was brought in perfect silence and without being allowed to touch the ground in its progress, as contact with the earth would have destroyed the charm.

The rites next morning were supposed to protect the household against witchcraft, the "evil eye," and other devilments. The father rose first, and taking the charmed water and a brush, treated the rest of the family to a vigorous baptism, which was generally acknowledged with anything but gratitude.

Coming back, the thrifty Scotchman closed all the doors and windows and put the juniper bough on the fire. When the smoke reached the suffocating point, the fresh air was readmitted. Then the cattle were fumigated in the same manner, and the painful solemnities of the morning were over.

On New Year's day a superstitious Scotchman will neither lend nor give anything whatever out of his house, for he fears that his luck may go too, and for the same reason, the floor must not be swept. If the fire goes out it is a sign of death.

With the Norwegians

THE hospitable Norwegians and Swedes spread their tables heavily for all who may come in, and in Stockholm there is a grand banquet in the Exchange, given to the king and his family. On this occasion the monarch throws aside "the divinity which doth hedge a king," and mingles with his people as citizen to citizen, in true democratic fashion.

Danes greet the New Year with a tremendous volley of cannon, and old Copenhagen is shaken to its foundations at midnight. It is also considered a delicate compliment to fire off a gun or a pistol under the bedroom window of one's friends at a very early hour.

Dwellers in Cape Town, South Africa, are an exception to the general run of English colonists. After the custom of the early Dutch settlers, they celebrate New Year for an entire week. Every house is full of visitors, every man, woman and child is dressed in his best, and no one has any business except to seek amusement, which he does frantically. There are picnics to Table mountain and pleasure excursions in boats. There is a dance every evening. At the end of the week everybody settles down to business, and the settlement is as calm and well ordered as if it had never heard of New Year.

The Celestial Empire

AS EVERY one who has seen a Chinese quarter in a large city knows, "the heathen Chinee" celebrates the New Year in a right royal fashion. In the mother country the rejoicings absorb fully a month, during the first part of which there is not an empty mouth in the empire.

But the refreshments are of a light kind—peanuts, watermelon seeds, sweetmeats, oranges, tea and typically Chinese cakes. Presents of cakes are given to the poor, and "brilliant cakes," supposed to help the children along with their studies, are distributed from the temples.

In the Czar's Domain

RUSSIANS have a very pretty ceremony. On each New Year's day a pile of sheaves is heaped up over a large pile, and the father, after seating himself behind the pile, asks the children if they can see him. Upon their replying that they cannot, he says he hopes the crops will be so fine the coming year that he will be hidden in the fields.

The Russian New Year is 12 days [illegible] ours, and is a gala occasion for all [illegible] a grand celebration of mass in the morning, and the rest of the day is devoted to congratulatory visits. Good wishes that cannot be carried in this way are inserted in the newspapers. In military and official circles ceremonial visits are paid.

The Russians are great at fortune telling, and on New Year's eve the unmarried ladies and gentlemen send servants into the street, or go out themselves, to ask the names of persons they meet. These will be the names of persons they will severally marry, and many a bashful Russian lover has speeded himself in his suit by taking care to be the first man his lady's servant met.

When midnight is reached, each member of the family salutes the other with a kiss, beginning with the head of the house, and then retire, after wishing each other a Happy New Year.

At an early hour on the second of February—their New Year's day—they propitiate heaven and earth with offerings of rice, vegetables, tea, wine, oranges, and imitation paper money, which they burn with incense, joss sticks, and candles. Afterward they worship their household gods and deceased ancestors and living relatives. All this is carried out in the most solemn manner, and offerings are made to everybody except the living.

Images of gods are carried in procession to the beating of a deafening gong, and mandarins go by hundreds with congratulatory addresses to the emperor. Their robes are gorgeously embroidered and are heavy with gold. Numerous amusements are provided for the public, the chief of which are acting, illuminations, and fireworks.

The Flowery Kingdom

JAPAN'S New Year's day is the twenty-ninth of January. By this time all accounts have been adjusted and all disputes settled. Everybody puts on the regulation dress—a sort of light blue cotton—and starts out to visit relatives and friends. The visiting lasts for three days, and they send letters of congratulation, in stiff, set phrases, to those in distant places.

They go to their favorite tea gardens, and there is a grand procession in which all trades are represented. Drums and stringed instruments are played by numerous bands, and wax figures are sold by the thousand. They amuse themselves with top spinning, kite flying, jugglers, actors and fireworks, and the "ladies of quality" please themselves with the [illegible] dance."

Presents are offered of cooked rice, roasted peas, oranges, and figs. The peas are scattered about the houses to frighten away evil spirits, and on

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Mr. and Mrs. Currier of University Place, Lincoln Nebraska, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ames. They visited a couple of times before but will remain longer this time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lyons were visited by their son, M. A. Lyons, wife and two children of Mobile, over Christmas. They also had a large party of their neighbors in for Christmas dinner for them.

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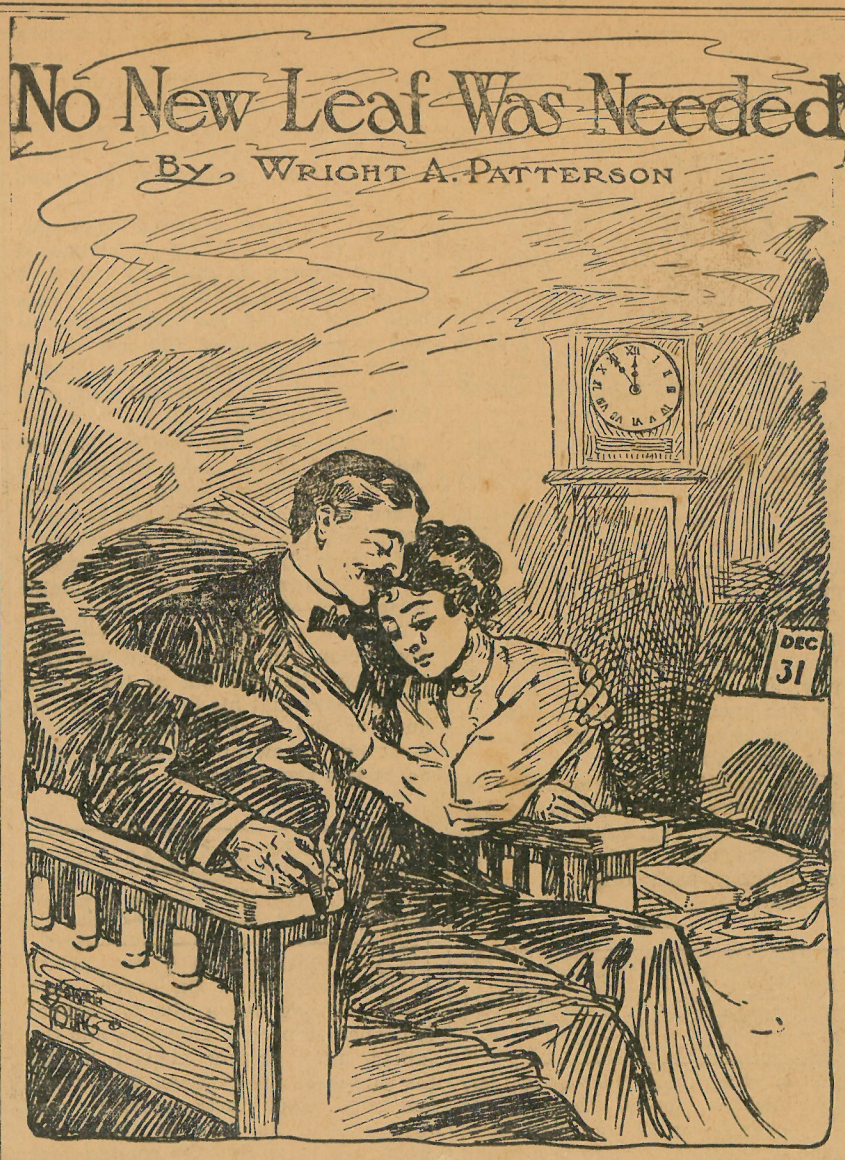
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No New Leaf Was Needed

By Wright A. Patterson



Said Mrs. A to Mr. A on Dec. 31:—

To-morrow another year begins. To-night is the time of all times to plan for the future. To resolve; to forswear our petty vices; to lay aside the [illegible] in our lives. Have you, John, considered what to-night means to you, and to me? Have you thought of the things I have gone without and might have had but for your extravagance? Have you counted the cost to you, and to me, of your so-called pleasures? You sit there smoking a vile weed, but have you thought of the gowns you have burned up within a year? I venture to say no. Let's talk it over, John, just you and I, and as the old year dies plan for better and more noble things in the year to come.

Said Mr. A to Mrs. A on Dec. 31:—

Your sentiments, my dear, are noble ones, and meet with my approval. We will plan to-night for the year that is to come. Yes, not the year alone, but years. We will study and solve the problems that mean a better and truer life for you and me. There are many little things we might improve upon. So many better ways in which to spend the small sums we now but throw away. The price of that novel you are reading would have purchased the slippers I so badly need. Now let's begin by my giving up cigars, which I agree are but vile weeds, and you your novels, which are but the cheapest kind of trash and twaddle.

Said Mrs. A to Mr. A on Dec. 31:—

With all the many vices with which you indulge yourself, it seems that you might overlook the one small pleasure which I have. Yes, I admit there are more elevating books than present-day novels. But am I to give up my only pleasure, the one small thing from which I get my wee mite of enjoyment? Do you, John, think it fair to ask of me this sacrifice that you might have the slippers you certainly do not need? Your vices are so great beside my small one. If you really mean all that you say about planning for the future, why not give up your club? It is but another of the many needless expenses which you incur year after year.

Said Mr. A to Mrs. A on Dec. 31:—

That's right, and I'm glad you mentioned it. I had not thought of it before. That will be money saved. Now I propose a bargain, and it's fair. My resignation from the club will go in to-night if you

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will join me in the good work and mail to-night your withdrawal from the bridge club or class or whatever you may call it. A good deed is always better when it's doubled, and that will be two good deeds accomplished, two savings made, instead of one. What say you, my dear; will you join me in turning over this new leaf with the opening of a new year? The question is entirely needless, for I know, of course, that you will.

Said Mrs. A to Mr. A on Dec. 31:—

You certainly can be horrid upon this one night of all nights when you should look back upon the things which you have needlessly robbed me of during the year just closing. I should think you would be ashamed to sit there and point to my few small pleasures as though they were vices from which I should escape. There is certainly little enough in life for me without being deprived of books and social intercourse. But if I must, I must, and if the sacrifice of my innocent pleasures will put a stop to your many vices I presume I must offer them on the altar of noble and obedient wifehood. But, oh, John, I did not think you would ask it. (Tears.)

Said Mr. A to Mrs. A on Dec. 31:—

Now, wife, don't cry. I am a brute and I admit it. Let's start anew and talk this over. Let's see if we have sinned against ourselves or others. Let's see if our so-called vices are not mere pleasures to which we are entitled. I think they are. I see nothing we need repent of; nothing to swear off. I'll keep my cigars and you your novels. I'll keep my club and you your bridge game. We'll let gowns and slippers go hang if need be, and enjoy ourselves. Now, that is better, isn't it, my dear? That meets with your approval, I am sure, and we will greet the coming year with joy and not with tears and lamentations.

Resolved by Mr. A and Mrs. A on Dec. 31:—

Durnig the next year and the years to follow we will live our lives as we have lived them. We will enjoy to the full our several pleasures. We will make no new resolutions which we will later regret and break. We will not ask either of us from the other that which each is not willing to give to the other, and now let the New Year come.

Dated 12 o'clock, midnight, December 31.

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Ten acre place close in, 5 acres cleared and in good tilth; house story and a half 14x26, detached kitchen, porch, cistern and pump.
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40 acres owned land for sale with improvements; abour two miles from Fairhope; all under fence, 2 acres cleared, two b arns (one largedairy barn) small house wall with pump, price $1100

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Personal and Local

Will Call was home for Christmas and several days following.

Let Wm. Stimpson fgure on your fencing. He can save you money.

Dan and Emmet Shepherd were home from Mobile for Christmas.

See Littlegreen for hauling and moving.

Miss Annie Pearson of Mobile visited Miss Celina Roberts several days this week.

Carbon paper at the Courier office..

The walls of the public school building are well up on the second story and the window frames in place.

Wm. Stimpson is in position to supply you with building material. Let him figure with you.

Mrs. Charles Winberg returned last week from an extended visit to her mother in Ohio, and joined her husband and children here.

Typewriter paper 8 1-2 by 11 and 8 1-2 by 13, can now be had at the Courier office. Also carbon paper..

Mary Gooding has returned from her visit with her and family at Vinegar Ala.

ny membership for sale at a discount.
J. A. Hagstrom, Fairhope.

Mr. G. H. Knox of Des Moines visiting his family here over e holidays.

One side curtain to Auto. Finder please leave same at Courier office and receive $1 reward. H. F. Ring.

Mrs. Comings of "The Gables," is distributing some very neat calendars with a handsome picture of "The Gables" a special job furnished by the Courier job office.

Good jersey cow for sale apply t f. Courier office.

Practically all of the Rockford contingent spent Christmas evening with the Browns of Rockford who are in the Creswell cottage, and had a very pleasant time.

Buy a trading card good for $5 in trade at our store and it only costs you $4.75, 25cents saved is 25 cents earned. Its yours for the asking.
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Mrs. McClintock and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan spent Christmas with the Crenshaws in Mobile. Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw were presented with a Christmas gift in the shape of a fine baby boy born on the 24th.

New phonograph and some household furniture, fine rugs, ice box, bedding, etc., practically as good as new. B. Greenbaum, Fairhope.

The Mothers' Round Table will meet at the C. M. C. of Organic Education on Friday Jan. 7th. at 4 o'clock. The subject will be Cleanliness, Mental and Physical and Mrs. Bertha Mershon and Mrs. Berglin will present the subject. Miss Margaret Bilz, National W. C. T. U. lecturer will also be present and assist in the meeting. Every one interested in children is urged to be present.

The Colony Council held an interesting special session on Tuesday evening, a report of which will appear in next issue.

Mr. Haswell a gentleman who is developing an extensive tobacco farm near Summerdale, and has had Mr. Swift's cottage next to Dr. Atkinsons under lease for a couple of months, installed his family in it for the winter last week.

Aunt Mary's Nest Eggs are the eggs that will save your barn but kill the mites and lice, 50 cents per package, and we will give you a nice Kitchen Cabinet, absolutely free to you. Come in we will show you. Mershon Merchandising Co.

A. M. Troyer arrived from Calhoun Ala., on Friday of last week and will make some further improvements on his 20 acre tract of Colony land in section 16. He has taken up a number of pecan trees on his place at Calhoun which he will transfer to his place here and he also expects to put out a lot of Satsuma oranges.

The "Out for Fun Club" gave a delightful dance in the Organic School building on Tuesday evening, taking advantage of the fine hall made by taking out the partitions between the rooms in the east building. This makes a room 24x74 feet. It was nicely decorated for the occasion.

Mr. Fred M. McLean of Meridian, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McLean at the Fairhope Hotel, from Friday evening to Monday morning. He expects to be back for New Year's, and will add to the anniversary program, by reciting Edwin Markham's famous poem "The Man With the Hoe."

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Birthday Parties at The Gables

Mrs. Melville's seventieth birthday, which occurred on Christmas Eve, was celebrated by a very pleasant informal dinner at The Gables to which scarlet decorations and plenty of holly and mistletoe gave a seasonable flavor and a cake with the proper number of candles furnished almost the appearance of a conflagration. Besides the guests of the house Miss Burke, Miss Mills and Mr. and Mrs Cross were present to offer their congratulations.

On Monday evening Mr. Ring, who admitted a birthday but would not reveal the number of it except that it was "almost sixty" was the recipient of fifty-nine copper cents, a sign inscribed "not yet but soon" and a pink and blue birthday cake from his friends at The Gables.

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Fairhope Arbitration Society

The next monthly meeting will be on the evening of the 4th of Jan. 1910, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kile.

The feature on this occasion will be an address by Mr. P. Y. Albright on the Criminal laws of Alabama.

The meetings are open and free to all. You are invited to attend, and become a member.

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Political Announcement

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the Office of Probate Judge of Baldwin County, subject to the action of the Democratic party. J. H. H. Smith.

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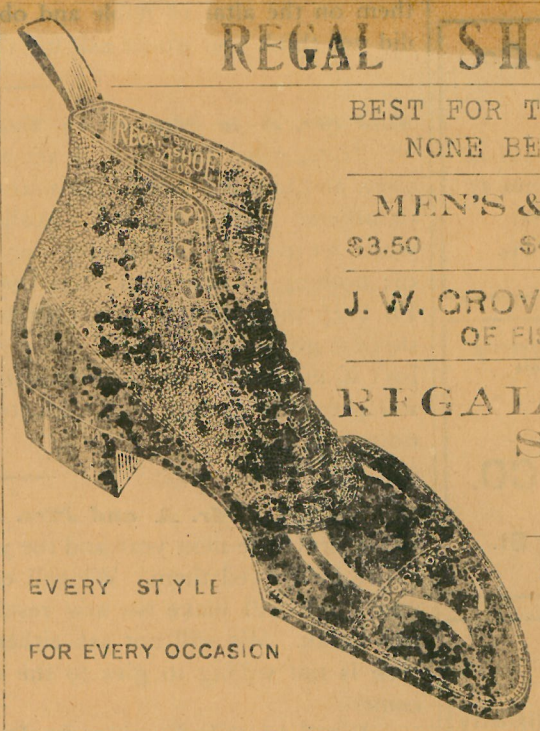
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Fairhope Hotel Notes

The following have registered at the Fairhope Hotel recently. Wm. Wallenstein, Mobile; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haswell and two children, J. H. Grossberg and Mr. G. W. McConnel and wife all of Chicago. When the Haswell family entered with their two handsome boys one ten years old and the other "a quarter to five"—as he announces, our bright Colorado boy Jimmie Bromley thought he was going to have a chum right in the hotel, and all of us were not a little disappointed that the family took possession of one of the Swift cottages. However there is a path over that way which will doubtless be better worn hereafter,.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnel whose home is in a Chicago suburb came direct from Iowa and what they report of the weather there makes one think a Norther is a summer breeze. They had heard not only of this Single Tax Colony but also of the Organic School, and propose to investigate both. Mr. McConnel is a journalist of wide experience and his deductions about Fairhope will be of great interest. They expect to remain the winter seaon. S. R. Mc L.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ring are enjoying a visit this week from their son, Mr. Robert Ring, attorney of Houston. He will remain over New Years.

Miss Alice Patterson in home for the holidays from Laurel Miss., where she has been teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dungan, of Eldon Mo., visited Mrs. S. R. Patterson and daughters a couple of days this week.

My Valentine Bean and Extra Early Pea Seed for 1910 are in. The supply is short and you had better buy at one to be safe. M. V. Mathews.

Mr. C. S. Walsh of Chicago is spending some time here investigating the country and the Colony and enjoying the climate. He is at the Wilson House.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Frush of Des Moines have arrived for the winter, and are occupying a portion of Dr. Atkinson's cottage. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. accompanied them but will only remain for a couple of weeks.

LOST. Ten Dollars, one $10 bill or 2 $5 bills. Finder will confer great favor and be rewarded by reporting to Z. Tiffany.

Wm. Stimpson will lead the Progressive League Sunday Jan. 2nd. Subject, "Taxation and the Improvement of our streets."

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Rememberthat your poll tax can now be paid and that it must be paid before February first next, or you will be unable to vote at any election during 1910. Don't put off paying it but "do it now." You do not know how badly you may want to vote on some question to arise.

Concrete House for Rent or Sale

We offer for sale at a bargain and on very easy terms, or for rent partly furnished, the Howarth concrete block cottage on Church St. This is one of the nicest little properties in Fairhope. There are four rooms, cistern at back door, several nice fig trees and some other fruit; on two nice lots, making a nice garden spot. —Gaston and Son.

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Fall Temperature.

Dec. 16, to Dec. 22, 1909.

Dec.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.
23	24	51	44
24	40	59	60
25	44	58	46
26	34	50	38
27	39	58	52
28	36	53	45
29	40	47	34

Six clear fine days, 1 partly cloudy with slight rain. Wind southeast becoming west and northwest. Christmas day clear and beautiful. L. F. Manly.

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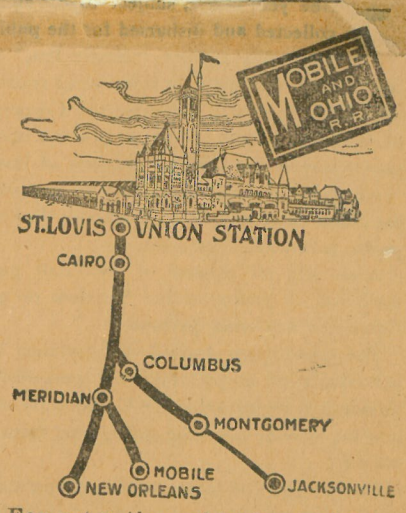
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It is a town "with a purpose." That purpose is to make a practical application of the teachings of Henry George upon the land question—as fully as possible under existing laws.

Henry George re-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 those who desire the exclusive use of any portion of the earth, to pay, for the benefit of all, the value which the common estimation attached to such portion. He proposed to take this as a tax for public purposes, in lieu of all other taxes—hence the name "Single Tax."

Those who founded Fairhope advocated, and still advocate, this as a reform in taxation; but they realize 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. So they 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 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 its constitution and by-laws.

Lands are leased to individuals in quantities to suit, on [illegible] ninety-nine years, subject to [illegible] ly appraised rent, 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 that wharf 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 is easily shown to be far better and cheaper than owning.

Fairhope is delightfully located on the shore of Mobile bay, has excellent hotels, restaurants, stores schools, ice-plant and creamery, 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 to settlers, without purchase price, on the colony's favorable terms.

For fuller particulars, copy of constitution, lease, etc address

E. B. GASTON, Sec[illegible]

Mrs Howland's Letters

(Continued from page 1.)

ment to be 'foolproof and rogueproof.' It has postal savings banks. It runs the railroads, telegraphs, and telephones, and is beginning to run most of the other utilities." "It has a peculiar land system: a long lease amounting to a freehold, practically, an occupation lease with the right to purchase, and a freehold by the sale outright for cash. Employers are so bound by legislation that they even insure the life and safety of their employees. Education is compulsory, and there is an excellent university system."

Now what has done all this for New Zealand, if not the adoption, not fully, as yet, of the principles of Henry George? And let us keep watch of every sign of that adoption where ever we may detect it.—The San Francisco Bulletin of Nov. 26 says: "Another method of scientific revenue-raising is the Single Tax which has lately been gaining ground rapidly. More than 133 cities, and five countries of the German Empire have adopted the unearned increment tax on land values. Fifteen of these contain populations of over 100,000 each, and among them are Hamburg with 800,000, Breslau with half a million; Leipsic, Cologne and Frankfort—on Main. Methods of determining the unearned increment, as well as the rates of the tax differ in the various communities; but it is significant that Henry George's idea is being so generally adopted in Germany. There is, of course, active opposition from speculators in land values; but the government needs the money, so that protests avail little." The writer betrays ignorance of the fundamental principle of the Georgian philosophy, viz. that the full rental value of the land must be collected regardless of the use made of it. Now, somewhere, Henry George says that the full rental value of the land must be collected; that it were better thrown into the sea than to not be all collected. I heard this statement challenged, recently, and once a correspondent appealed to me for the book and page. Will some one please furnish this for my next "Letters?"

Where is our stereopticon, and why do we not have any benefit from it? Why, a good magic lantern and some one of our bright, enterprising boys or girls to manage it (for a share of the receipts,) might give series of private entertainments, everywhere where there is a large room, and thus in a short time enough might be realized to get the larger machine, our stereopticon, into practical operation; for I suppose something is wanting that requires money. Mr. Littlefield had charge of it and still has, no doubt.

Good as a Letter From Home

My dear Mr. Gaston:

I would not miss the Courier for worlds. It is as good as a letter from home every week. Fairhope always did seem more like home to me than many another place I have lived in for years, Every issue is saved and given to seme friend who is interested.

I am always hoping that before the next year is over I may have a chance to greet the friends personally. Perhaps it will come this year.

Cordially yours,

Frances H. Lyon.

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Dr. [illegible]as S. K. Morton of Philadelphia renew[illegible]is subscription to the Courier (and adding to it, as he usually does to help the paper in its mission) says: "I always enjoy the Courier and feel that you are doing a splendid work through it. The state of the Single Tax movement as a whole certainly could not look better than it does at the present time. Best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous coming year."

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