

March 1935 FSTC Correspondence



**H. H. TIMBY**  
**LAND VALUE AND TAXATION EXPERT**  
**GENERAL PROPERTY VALUE APPRAISALS FOR ANY PURPOSE**  
**ASHTABULA, OHIO**

March 2nd, 1935

E. B. Gaston,  
Fairhope, Fla.

Dear friend.- Gaston- Like a shot from a clear sky your kind note found me at home.- where of course I can't make a living nor anywhere else for that matter.- But, I am in Cleveland, most of my time.- with a casual interest in the

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so when you can't eat sleep , drink or preach S.T. WHY- Buy a book and change the current of your thots. I miss the Old Courier, and if you want to Swap- Sub for Books - name your poison. and lets barter a cow critter for a canoe.

Thanks for your Eulogy on Shovelcrats. IT DESERVES the OVATION.

Wish I could re-publish Both Shovelcrats and Plutosocialist under one Cover, 12mo size Cheap so we could keep up the power and force of economic evangelism. Did you not also Read Plutosocialist? Hav just made inquiry here for a copy of the

Pamphlet-Don't seem to be one around.- Will get them monday or tuesday when I am home and get them off to you next week. In the mean time I am going to promise you something soon that will excite new notions and NEW angles on TAXATION and its ramifications. so, garner all the stimulents you have hid during the 'depression' guard your self for a real shock. You never thot about it while you have been howling your head off for 'LAND VALUES' that civilization has up to now, NOT discovered a dependable- System of MEASURING LAND- or ANY other VALUES outside of Comercial and Industrial Values. which depend on COST - DISTRIBUTION- & profits. None of which enter into FACTORS OF VALUES in LAND- and only reletively in Improvements. Now if all this give you the heaves, Write us and I will supply an antidote.- Glad to contact you again, regret delay in sending Pamphlets- REGARDS to all the FAITHFUL - Best wishes, Sincerely

Allerton Hotel (mostly)  
Bldg

*Wrote 12-5-36  
regarding 2nd C.  
Call to Action*

*H. H. Timby*  
H.H. Timby



March 2, 1935.

W.D. Jamieson,  
Window Seat,  
Southern Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend Jamieson:-

I certainly owe you an apology for failing to reply to your courteous request to advise you what I thought and understood about the Window Seat letters you have been sending me, far beyond the time they were paid for; again called to my attention today.

Well, I still find the letters interesting and read them practically every week. I would like to send you a nice little check for what have been received, whether printed or not; but I have a very distinct recollection that years back--I have not bothered to hunt up the letter--you wrote me that I might use the letters and pay for them if I felt able or not, and I do not feel able, I am sorry to say.

I would particularly like to do so, because of the many nice things you have said in the W.S. about Fairhope and the Courier --all of which I felt were deserved, of course.

I would be glad to exchange the Courier for the Window Seat, and appreciating that you put a 2 cent stamp on it, would be glad to pay a dollar a year for postage, this for my personal reading, not for publication. If you care to do this let me know and I will send money for postage.

I hope our paths will cross again some of these days--that is to have personal contact.

Fraternally yours,

*E. B. Gaston*



March 3, 1935.

Hon. Lister Hill,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

Afternoon papers carry the news that you were among the Congressmen voting for the Patman bonus bill, the distinctive feature of which is that it does not provide for rolling up additional interest-bearing debt to pay the "boys" but exercises its right and proper power - even duty - to "coin money and declare the value thereof" I believe is ~~the~~ practically the wording of the Constitution. For many years this duty has in large degree been denied and banks have been permitted to profit thereby.

Holding ~~as~~ I do that the presidential veto power is hang-over from pre-revolutionary days, when kings and nobles exercised hereditary powers, I hope that you will not consider the probability or certainty that the president will veto if it passes the senate also, excuse for backing down, but stand fast.

This is my personal thought on the issue, but I know a large part of the citizenship of Fairhope, would join with me if invited to do so.

Yours most sincerely,

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March 6, 1935,

Oscar Barran, Editor  
The Magnolia Times,  
Magnolia, Ark.

Dear Sir:-

I have received with pleasure a copy of your paper of Feb. 28 and am glad to know that there is such a paper. Your double column articles on either side of the first page are especially good. I would be pleased to exchange with you, if same is agreeable to you.

I do not know whether or not you have ever heard anything about our "Single Tax Colony" of which I am secretary, as well as editor of the Fairhope Courier---which is my individual property.

I am taking pleasure in sending you some printed matter relative to the "Colony" which is now in its 41st year.

Yours very truly,

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March 7, 1935.

H.H. Timby,  
Ashtabula, Ohio.

Dear Timby:-

I was delighted to receive yours of a 2nd, from Cleveland --but understand that Ashtabula is still your home, so address you there. I was certainly as glad to get in touch with you again as you to get in touch with me. It was only on a chance that I wrote you as I had many times thought of doing, for really it ran in my mind that you had passed beyond.

I will be delighted to put you on the Courier list and to swap, or "Barter" that seems to be the present day preferred term, the same for books which I can select, from your stock, if you have a catalogue. Am entirely out of Shovelcrats and know I want several copies. I have the ~~Shovelcrats~~ Plutocrat, but to tell the truth never read it through. It did not strike me as favorably as Shovelcrats. As I recall it goes for the religious folks pretty strongly. Am not one of them, but do not care to mix religion too much with my economics.

You have me interest by your comment about "New Angles of taxation, and a section that we "have not discovered a dependable system of measuring land values." I am inclined to agree with you., in spite of the fact that Henry George said in "The Single Tax, What it Is and Why We Urge It " of which so many thousands have been circulated; "Since land lies out of doors and can not be removed, and its value is the most readily ascertained of all values."

I do not know how long since we were in touch with each other, but am sending some printed matter about the "Colony", which you may or may not have had.

Yours most sincerely,  
*E. J. Easton*



# THE MAGNOLIA TIMES

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OSCAR BARRAN, Owner-Editor-Manager

MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

Mar. 8, 1935-

Mr. E. B. Gaston,  
Editor Fairhope Courier,  
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Barran turned your letter and the literature you sent over to me, as I am editor of the page in the Times entitled "The Democratic Review" and also write the long articles appearing on the first page. We take pleasure in putting you on our exchange list. Mr. Barran is a printer but not an editor.

For about seven months I have been connected with the Times in an endeavor to get acquainted with the reading public and to create a demand for a national magazine I wish to establish under the name of The Democratic Review, with purposes as stated on slip enclosed. I think that this demand is now good and our reader interest is good in our field, But Mr. Barran is unable to finance the undertaking and I have no funds. It would only take a few hundred dollars and good business management to do this. Of course



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we can accomplish little with a country weekly newspaper and its name would not be attractive on newsstands. I have made contacts throughout the nation, but not with men who have capital. Would you consider such an adventure?

I am sure Wm. C. Black of San Antonio, executive secretary of the Single Tax League of Texas, is the one who sent you a copy of The Times, as he is my personal friend and an occasional contributor to my page. For some years I was district manager under him for the League in Texas.

You perhaps know how The Manchester Guardian (Manchester, Eng.) grew from a small country weekly to a magazine of world-wide circulation simply because of its comments upon national and world affairs. I believe I can accomplish similar results if I could have a free hand. The Single Tax could be more easily and effectively brought to public notice through such a magazine as I propose than by pursuing the old educational and publicity methods. Would you consider changing the name of your paper to that of The Democratic Review and giving me editorial connection with it?

Your colony and what was done in Yucatan and New Zealand prove the feasibility and benefit



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MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

of the single tax plan. It is by far the best taxation plan that has ever been tried. I believe, however, in a single tax on incomes and inheritances as being even better and more democratic than a single tax on land; but I would be willing to hold my views on this matter in abeyance for the sake of an opportunity to teach progressive democratic philosophy and science and to give a weekly or monthly review of world affairs and interpreting their bearing upon the general welfare.

Please let me know what you think of my proposition.

yours truly,

J. H. Marable



# Why the Gods Laugh

By W. H. BURTON

Fast trains go thundering through the land,  
Product of the worker's brain and hand.  
He built the coaches in which we ride;  
He laid the rails over which they glide.  
He fashioned the engine that pulls the load;  
With strenuous toil he built the road.  
He dug the coal that gives it power;  
He built every station, bridge and tower.  
He watches it rolling along the grade,  
And views with pride the thing he made.

He was proud of the victory his genius had won,  
And the wonderful things his skill had done.  
It brought the farmer's bounteous store,  
And laid it down at the worker's door.  
The many things that the workers wrought  
To the farmer's home it quickly brought.  
It brought the fruits from the sunny clime  
To the land of snows in record time.  
It brought the products of every land;  
The blessings of life were at our command.

But there's something wrong with the thing he  
wrought,  
And his labor and skill have come to nought;  
For the farmer's wants he can not fill  
From the bounteous store of shop and mill.  
The farmer's products are piling high,  
But the worker is jobless and can not buy.  
So the fruits are rotting ton on ton,  
Which can not be sold to either one.  
So the worker wearily walks the street  
And wonders why he can not eat.

The suffering is great, 'tis a mighty joke  
The workers can't work and the roads are broke.  
The farmers destroy what's needed by all,  
Which the workers can't buy and the roads can't  
haul.

The farmers crave what the workers have made,  
And the worker tramps 'long the ties he laid.  
As he tramps along he heaves a sigh,  
As the thing he made goes rolling by.  
So the worker howls and the farmer squalls,  
And they all wear patched-up overalls.

The farmer's relief and the worker's dole  
And the railroad's bounty put Uncle in the hole.  
The workers and farmers are all in a mess;  
They all produce more, so they all have less.  
The wise men tell us—they're right, I guess—  
If you want to have more you must raise less.  
The great men are trying to solve this joke,  
Why to overproduce makes us all flat broke.  
Why the acres are idle and the workers tools,  
I'll give you the reason—just plain damn fools.

—Magnolia (Ark.) Times



## THE DEMOCRATIC REVIEW

J. H. MARABLE, Editor

Will begin publication at an early date. It will give a general review of political activities and economic conditions in the United States and throughout the world. It will carry special articles from democratic writers of knowledge and broad vision; quotations from philosophers and statesmen; a department of instruction in democratic science; editorials that deal with fundamental democratic principles instead of partisan politics.

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**Magnolia, Ark.**



# Doctor Roosevelt

By J. H. MARABLE

There was a Doctor Roosevelt  
Who told the world the woes he felt  
Because the rich oppressed the poor;  
He said to save the common weal  
He'd give the nation a New Deal  
And kick Wall Street right out the  
door.

He said, with an engaging smile,  
"I'll put these money changers vile  
Out of the temple while I can;  
I'll make the Nation's store of wealth  
Provide you comfort and good health,  
And make each one a happy man:  
I will erase this awful blot  
And put a chicken in each pot,  
And then each home shall be secure;  
I'll take from those who take from you  
That each may have what is his due,  
And justice shall at last endure."

He issued bonds to give the dole  
To hungry millions in the hole,  
And Wall Street bought the bonds, of  
course;  
The money lords now own the temple,  
And all the credulous and simple  
Think not that times are growing  
worse.

He said there was too awful much  
Of pigs and crops and goods and such,  
And there must be a great reduction;  
That with this large and bounteous heap  
The things we need would get so cheap  
That there would surely be a ruption.

He plowed up crops and killed the pigs,  
He canned the bulls, cut down the figs,  
Devalued gold to meet the fashion;  
"It's done," said he, "to fill the coffers  
Of indigents and idle scoffers  
And give to each a wholesome ration."

But still the millions suffer want,  
And still the weary and the gaunt  
Can get no glimpse of better times;  
Some dumbly wait and still endure,  
The while the Doctor seeks a cure,  
And some besmear our land with  
crimes.

—Magnolia (Ark.) Times.



# The Nature Of Morality

By J. H. MARABLE

To begin with, to use the words of Joseph McCabe, moral sentiment is the common ground of all idealism. All intelligent, normal men are continually seeking the ideal in personal experience and social relationship.

Morality is the recognized and understood rule of right that applies to one's conduct in relation to the welfare of his fellow beings and to his own welfare. It is a law of nature that one can not injure one member of society without injuring the whole body, including himself; and he can not commit self-injury without injuring the whole body, of which he is by nature an integral part.

The never-ending concern about morals is almost universal in our literature, schools and churches, and there is little short of universal hypocrisy in practice. The only fault to be found with the Golden Rule is that it does not clearly set forth the social duty of man and leaves all to his biased, ignorant understanding. The foundation principle is stated but not explained. Through ignorance men often would have others to do unto them things that are contrary to natural law and therefore immoral. All society is responsible for the ignorance that curses it and must bear the blame for the immorality that torments it.

Most men are unmoral rather than immoral, in that they are ignorant of the vital principles and universal application of morality. Immorality is any practice upon the part of individuals or groups that will hinder the welfare of individuals or groups. The man who contributes to jeopardizing the peace, comfort or economic security of another is as immoral as he who debauches his body or rapes innocence. Lynch law is as immoral as the black brute who is its victim. The industrial or economic master enforces and his victims submit to degrading principles as much as the madams who operate

and the habitues who patronize the perversion of of the sex urge.

The laws of morals, being based in nature, are as immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians; yea, as the laws that control the material universe. The origin of morality is in nature and not in any supernatural revelation. The gods of the ancients, through the oracles delivered by an ignorant and designing priesthood, commanded wars, forms of worship that debauched the minds and bodies of witless devotees, and social practices that perverted natural law and brought misery upon the human race.

Confucius, Budha, Socrates, Christ and all the really great seers of all the ages have sought to bring mankind to a clearer understanding of moral obligation as based in the natural law that controls the social relationship of mankind.

The word DEMOCRACY epitomizes the whole moral law and embraces all human relationship down to the smallest detail. An intelligent understanding of democratic philosophy and the scientific explanation and application of it would eliminate the hypocrisy now all but universally practiced in society, politics, religion and education.

Ignorance is the greatest social sin that has ever cursed the world because there is no reasonable excuse for it. Those who laugh at the scientists, philosophers and idealists who are striving to establish an ideal social state demonstrate their own lack of understanding of fundamental principles. Understanding of and obedience to natural law comes to mankind as it is cleared of the mists of mysticism and studied as vital principle. Understanding of principles will save where professions of faith now only mystify and mislead. If reason is not to be used, then man should not have been cursed with the capability of it.



March 11, 1935.

J.H. Marable,  
C/o. Magnolia Arkansas

Dear Mr. Marable:-

Your favor of 8th, with enclosures at hand and read with interest. You write exceedingly well, but it would be quite out of the question for me to lend you any financial aid for your proposed magazine, nor do I have any idea that such a publication as you have in mind could be brought to a financial success--if at all--except by an expenditure of a large amount of money.

As to the Fairhope Courier its field is that of an exponent of the Single Tax, particularly as locally applied in the Single Tax Colony, and as a local paper and I could not consider any deviation from this combination. I would like to use much more space in the Courier than I do myself.

I am glad you placed the Courier on the exchange list of The Magnolia Times. You refer to our Colony and in connection therewith to what was done in Yucatan. Have you anything in print as to what was done in Yucatan or can you refer me to a source of information regarding same?

Hope you can get over and visit us some time. Regards to you and to Mr. Barran.

Sincerely yours,

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March 11, 1935

Mrs. Anba F. Walker,  
Foley, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Walker:-

What is the status of the Baldwin Mutual Insurance Company. Statements are being made by local agents of regular private companies that your policies are not worth a cent on the dollar; that there are numerous suits pending against the company at Bay Minette and nobody can get any money for a loss.

I would like to know the facts, while friendly to the Company, and fully appreciative of the conditions which have prevailed for so large a part of the population of Baldwin for the last few years and would esteem it no disgrace if the company was unable to meet losses, I do not like to be without insurance and hope you will kindly give me statement of your our Company's condition.

I enclose the two policies I personally have one in my name and one in name of my wife, who died Sept. 10 last.

Please look same over and return with comment.

Also am interested in one held by Single Tax Corporation, which I am not taking the trouble to look up.

Yours very truly,

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Hermosillo Mex.

March 11 - 1935

Fairhope Courier.

Dear Camrads:

I am roaming  
among the mountains of  
Mexico and will be here  
for a year or two and will  
not be able to get the Courier.  
Kindly hold same until I  
am settled once more.

I will send in my delinquency  
at first chance.

Yours always hopeful,

L. B. Mann



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A. C. CAMPBELL,  
24 LISGAR STREET,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO,  
TELEPHONE: QUEEN 8523

Ottawa, Canada

March 12, 1935

Dear Friend Gaston:

If you find the enclosed worth  
is space, please publish it. This kind of  
thing helps "The Gospel." If you can  
boost what I say, or knock it, I shall  
be glad of your help.

We read with constant interest  
and rejoicing the indications of Fairhope's  
progress.

With best wishes to you and yours

Very sincerely

A. C. Campbell

Mr. E. B. Gaston,

Editor The Fairhope Courier.



March 16, 1935.

A.C. Campbell,  
24 Lisgar St.,  
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Brother Campbell:-

Yours of 13th received, with accompanying matter which we will be glad to give space in the Courier.

You no doubt, recognized what we quoted from you in the Courier of March 7th, as matter of which we ~~we~~ had been in possession for some time. I was going over my file, where was a lot of good matter, which had been held back for matter which seemed to have greater immediate interest, when I ran across this, at a time when we were able to make good use of it.

Have just written a letter to our governor, who is quoted in the morning paper as wanting to "Make Alabama a 'testing ground' for an enlarged rural rehabilitation program" calling attention to what Fairhope had been doing for 40 years, and particularly recommending to his consideration the quotation from the Department of Labor release, in the same issue in which your article appeared.

Also had a call today from a gentleman who after spending a number of winters in Florida, says that he has seen no place in Florida which looks as good to him as Fairhope.

Also a note from Edw. Polak, veteran New York Single-taxer, to whom I sent some Fairhope matter--he has been here--who said: "I received your leaflets and read them with a great deal of interest, passed them on to others to read. There is quite some interest shown and I will appreciate it if you will send more for distribution." It is good to feel that something is being done to dispel the clouds of economic ignorance.

With best regards to you and wife,

Fraternally yours



S. TIDEMAN.

Fisk, Mo. March 15, 1935.

Box 314.

Mr. E. B. Gaston

Fairhope. Ala.

Dear Brother Gaston:

I am enclosing a short article which I hope you may find place for in the COURIER. Yours seem to be the only paper that is open to free discussion of economics.

I will also enclose a copy of the skit we were speaking of in our last exchange of letters. If you do not care to print it I shall be obliged if you will return the paper.

It is no wonder to me that you feel depressed, after the loss you have sustained. I saw your wife in your shop when I was there, one of the noblest looking specimens of women I ever set my eyes on. It will not be very long before even we will join the departed ones. The evolution of life is always upward.

Faternally

*S. Tideman*



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E. A. BROOKS, DAPHNE, ALA.

Foley, Ala. Mar 16, 1935

Mr. E. B. Gaston,  
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

I am uncertain from reading your letter of the 11th whether you have paid the last September assessment on your policies. If not it would be necessary to send me \$2.94 to reinstate policy #8045 and \$11.55 to reinstate #8243, both until September 1, 1935

Yours truly

*Anna F. Walker*

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Foley, Alabama.  
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Mr. E. B. Gaston,  
Faiphope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Gaston;-

I am enclosing you an answer to your kind letter of the 11th, and have shown it to Mr. Dreitzler and Mr. Walker. That kind of propaganda we have to combat all the time, and it is always a defensive fight. No mention is made by such agents of the suits that are in court all the time in all states against the various insurance companies, and such practice is expressly forbidden by the Insurance Commissioner.

Records show that of all insurance companies (fire) organized many times more mutual companies than old line have been born, yet in numbers more old line have succumbed than mutuals, and the percentage of failures has been over 3 old line to 1 mutual.

*The answer*  
With a view of carrying the war to the enemy, Mr. Dreitzler has authorized me to tell you that if you wish to publish this letter, with perhaps excerpts from your letter, or the whole letter, showing the query, he will be glad to OK your bill for the space.

Yours truly

*Anna F. Walker*



March 18, 1935

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1935

Anna F. Walker,  
Foley, Ala.

Dear Madam:-

I am very glad to receive your letter of 16th and would be glad to publish same for the benefit of the Company and policy holders, but with only four pages of the Courier printed at home and business as good as it is cannot afford to give the space,

You ask about whether I paid the Sept. last assessment. I have before me your receipt of Sept. 26, 1934, as follows:  
\$16.56 ~~as~~ by account, \$7.20, check \$9.36, covering reinstatement no. 8045, \$3.36; No. 8243, \$13.20.

Yours very truly,

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P.S. Since writing the foregoing I have read your additional sheet, saying Mr. Dreitzler would O.K. my bill for publishing your statement of extracts from it and will try to get same in this week's Courier.

E.B.G.



March 18, 1935.

Mrs. Anna F. Walker,  
Foley, Ala.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of yours of 16th, giving pertinent and timely information about your (our) Mutual Insurance Company. I am preparing from it an advertisement which I hope will be satisfactory to you, Mr. Dreitzler and other officers of the Company. If I can get it set by tomorrow, I will send a proof.

In no place in your communications do you give your official position with the company. It seems to me that should properly given be given.

You ask whether I paid the last Sept. assessment, I enclose the evidence of payment in the form of your receipt

Policy 8243 is made out to my wife, Mrs. C.M. Gaston, who died on Sept, 10, 1934. If necessary for this to be shown on the policy, or another to be issued in my name please have what is necessary done, and, of course, return the receipt.

I am delighted that you are able to make so good a statement regarding the company.

Yours most sincerely,



A. C. CAMPBELL,  
24 LISGAR STREET,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, Canada  
TELEPHONE: QUEEN 8523

This is the letter that was mislaid, and replaced by a later one. It is sent on now because it expresses thought not covered in later letter. A.C.C.

Ottawa, Ont., March 18, 1935.

Mr. E. B. Gaston

The Fairhope Courier

Dear Friend Gaston:

Herewith is post office order for \$2.50 to renew my subscription to the Courier. With it please accept also assurance of continued hearty good wishes for you both personally and as Editor.

I am sure that your readers are a big, widespread yet united family. I believe that all of us, however distant we may be from Fairhope, under whatever flag we may live, read with keen community interest the news you give us of our Singletax city, and especially of the progress of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony. You and your colleagues past and present have achieved a wonderful success in your pioneering for justice and progress in community life. You may well feel glad



and proud of growth that has gone on steadily  
from the very small beginnings of  
thirty-odd years ago.

As ever

Yours sincerely

A. C. Campbell.

P.S. This letter is at your disposal. But I hope  
you will not give me publicity on this subject  
that involves sacrifice of publicity for the  
one thing that interests me — The Gospel of Plenty.

A.C.C.



A. C. CAMPBELL,  
24 LISGAR STREET,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO,  
TELEPHONE: QUEEN 8523

Ottawa, Canada, March 20, 1935

Dear Friend Gaston:

In response to notice of expiry of my subscription, I wrote you a letter in which I promised to enclose post office order, intending to get the said order in due course. But I don't remember getting the order, and fear that I posted the letter, as I can't find that either. So I make another try: barring mistake you will find order for \$2.60 herewith.

I make it \$2.60, instead of \$2.50, because I have not kept my *Cover* of March 7, and I don't recollect seeing in it anything that seemed quoted from me, as mentioned in yours of 16<sup>th</sup>. Please send me another copy.

I thank you for this latest letter of yours and your acceptance of my contribution on "The Gospel of Plenty." Also for reprint of your Chicago address of 1928. This <sup>letter</sup> is great stuff. I'll do what I can to make it known.

It would be a pleasure and advantage to me, as an outsider, to ~~have~~ read a summary of Fairhope in present conditions. I read about the town selling bonds, also receiving ~~some~~ federal money for public works; public works going on ~~over~~ over



This, of course, has to do with Fairhope as a municipality. But how is the Colony affected by it all? Putting it bluntly, is the Colony to be mixed up with the town and, through the operation of federal law or some of the alphabetical activities, to be merged or managed somehow by others <sup>than</sup> ~~that~~ you people yourselves, the Colony, the Enclosureists? Or is this question of mine wild and foolish? If so, I apologise as a foreigner, and take it back.

I'm glad that the signs multiply that Fairhope and the enclosure idea are attracting attention. Your Brain-trusters must turn all their blind eyes in your direction or they would surely see that Fairhope embodies an experiment so far-reaching, wise and practically successful that it at least ought to be carefully studied. But, perhaps, while it is all I say it is, yet it may not offer work and glory for brain-trusters.

Thanks from Mrs. Campbell and myself for remembrances, which are heartily reciprocated.

Yours very truly

A. Campbell

Wm. E. B. Gaston.



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Dear Mr. Leedy:-

Yours with blanks to be signed under the support of initiative, referendum and recall measures reached me at a busy time, but have doing something which I hope will help.

I cut your sheet into 3 parts; one to be addressed to Gov. Graves, asking his support of these reforms, another addressed to our Senator, (Hon. Robin Swift) the third directed to our representative, (Hon. A.B. McRaul) and secured a number of signers and have sent them on to these respective parties.

That we here are old-time supporters of these great reforms is made clear by reading Article VI of enclosed little constitution, adopted more than 40 years ago.

Appreciate the good work you are doing along this and other lines,

Yours very sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Leedy:-

Your blank forms, for solicitation the Governor Graves, our senator (Robin Swift, of Atmore) and representative (A. B. McPhaul) to use their efforts to have submitted to the people of Alabama ~~of~~ propositions to ~~praxixanx~~ provide for the Initiative Referendum and Recall duly received.

I have varied a little from your program as understood by me and have made three requests for

Yours very sincerely,



March 22, 1935.

Mrs. Anna F. Walker, Agent  
Baldwin Mutual Insurance Company,  
Foley, Alabama.

Dear Mrs. Walker:-

We were unable either to get up your adv. for this week's issue of the Courier or to find room for it, on account of press of other advertising matter, but I enclose proof, as we have it set for next issue. Please look same over carefully, making plainly charges, if any, you wish to make.

It will occupy a little more space than shown on proof and the charge will be \$5.

I hope and believe that *E. B. Gaston* ~~it~~ will do you some good.

Yours very sincerely,

THE FAIRHOPE COURIER,

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March 7 25, 1935.

Hon. Fred Biermann, M.C.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biermann:-

You will probably recall me as editor of the Courier, of this place, as I used to exchange with your paper at Decorah, I now get among a few Iowa exchanges, the St. Ansgar Enterprise, and read therein your excellent letters from the national capital.

You, as I remember are at least friendly inclined toward the Single Tax.

Am taking the liberty of mailing you under another wrapper, the issue of my paper of March 7, with an article marked on the editorial page, which I would be glad if you could find time to read.

I wonder if you know or have met a Singletaxer who is now in the House, Charles R. Eckert, of Beaver, Pa., He would be glad I am sure to get in touch with one taking such view as you express in your Enterprise letters.

Our Congressman from this district is Hon. Lister Hall, of the second Alabama district, an able and excellent man

Most sincerely yours,

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March 26, 1935.

A.C. Campbell,  
24 Lisgar St.,  
Ottawa, Can.

My Dear Appreciative  
and Appreciated Friend:-

Your letters of 18th and 20th ult. received. Both referred to remittance of renewal subscription for the Courier, but one check only received--as was right and proper. I thank you for it and also for your kind expressions. I am sending you another copy of the issue of March 7th and a couple of that of March 21st, in which we carried your last "Gospel of Plenty" article, thinking you might use them.

In regard to the present situation of Fairhope, the Town and the "Colony"; both suffer from the prevailing depression, in lack of employment and difficulty thereby to meet rents, and taxes - with the town to meet light and water bills. but our great superiority over almost all ~~towns~~ other towns, in the state is ~~now~~ generally conceded; thanks largely to ownership of our utilities. Another vital point not so well understood, is freedom from tribute to landlords, the Colony landlord pledging its collections of rent to be extended for the benefit of the payers--none of having to go into the pockets of forestallers, for privilege to use the earth.

As to the public works program you note mentioned that is under the Public Works Authority; which is spending public funds primarily for relief of unemployment.

The sewer and waterworks improvements are to cost approximately \$120,000, of which 90,000 will be represented by town bonds bearing 4% interest, running over 30 years and payable from charges ~~for~~ for water and sewer use, and the remainder by a "grant" which does not ever have to be paid.

The relief department lists those needing employment from whom the contractors must select their employees, with right to fire, if not satisfactory.

The sewer system is an entirely new thing, we having depended upon septic tanks hitherto; and will embody the very latest improvements in sewage disposal.

The street improvements, contemplates paving approx. five miles, with "double bituminous mix" type a combination of heavy viscous oil or coal tar as medium to hold together, slag,



A. C. C. No. 2.

a by-product of smelting iron ore, very tough and wear resistant. This type of surfacing is imposed upon six inches or more, of the natural mixture of sand and clay found all around town, thoroughly compacted, by grading and rolling, making a very fine type of road--not equal to concrete, but very much less expensive. The estimated cost of about five miles of this type paving--bids are not yet in--is about \$42,000, on which there is to be a "grant" not to be repaid, of approx. 30%, the balance to be assessed against the benefited property, payable one-in ten equal annual payments, with 4% interest, and for which the Town issues bonds.

Under the Colony's plan for handling these payments for its lessees affected, it has assumed that one-half may fairly be collected from the general rent fund, whether the tenant be on an improved street or not, and the balance paid by the tenants of abutting property on the ground that the rental value is increased by that amount.

It is the same plan we applied to a program of street improvement by curb and gutter and sidewalks, for which we meet the last payment this year. having promptly met all payments through the last ten years.

A large share of the cost of the paying will fall on the Town of Fairhope, because owner (by the Colony's gift) of park lands and, of course a considerable part will fall on private land-owners.

I hope this gives you a fair idea of the "set up" for the specified improvements.

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I should have specified that waterworks venture consists of improvements to the existing system, larger mains, larger reservoir, in larger tank, carried higher in the air by stronger tower and in "ground storage" in excavation at or about the earth surface.

Our town administration is honest and friendly to the Colony--my second son is one of the most active. Difficult problems face us now --I would not have gone so far myself, especially with the paving--but I believe we can work out all right--unless there is a general blow-up, and if there is, we may not be the worse for what we have as "accomplished facts."

With very best regards to you and Mrs. Campbell,

Most sincerely,

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*E B Gaston*

*Fairhope Ala*

*Dear Subscriber:*

Answering yours of recent date, we are sorry you should have sent your remittance in currency, as there is no way by which the facts can be verified or the amount recovered if lost or destroyed in transit.

Although a careful search of our records fails to produce any evidence that your remittance reached us, we note the care with which you relate the circumstances of its dispatch and the evident good faith in which you write, hence we are accepting your statement and have credited your account accordingly, it being understood that you will reimburse us if you should later discover that the amount never reached us.

We invite your further orders and kindly ask that you will hereafter send remittances by check, bank draft or money order, so that the amount may be recovered if lost.

Very truly yours,

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THE LITERARY DIGEST.

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after date, without grace, I or We promise to pay to the

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One hundred twelve and 50/100--

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For value received. Payable at the BANK OF FAIRHOPE, Fairhope, Alabama.

The parties to this instrument, whether maker, endorser, surety or guarantor, each for himself, hereby severally agrees to pay this note and waives as to this debt, or any renewal thereof, all right to exemption under the constitution and laws of Alabama, or any other state, as to personal property and they each severally agree to pay all costs of collecting, or securing, or attempting to collect or secure this note, including a reasonable attorney's fee, whether the same be collected or secured by suit or otherwise. And the maker, endorser, surety or guarantor of this note severally waives demand, presentment, protest, notice of protest, suit and all other requirements necessary to hold them, and they agree that time of payment may be extended without notice to them of such extension. The bank at which this note is payable is hereby authorized to apply on or after maturity, to the payment of this debt any funds in said bank belonging to the maker, surety, endorser, guarantor, or any one of them.

Witness hand and seal this, the day of , 193

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*E. B. Gaston*

(Seal)

ATTEST

(Seal)



The undersigned endorsers assume  
the contract shown by the face of  
this note.



FRED BIERMANN  
4TH DIST. IOWA

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

RAY R. DOUGLASS  
SECRETARY

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

March 28, 1935.

Mr. E. B. Gaston,  
Fairhope, Alabama.

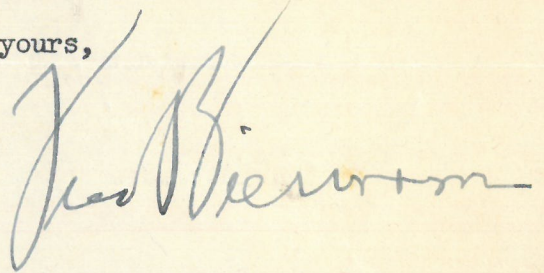
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know he was favorable to the Single Tax.

I agree with you that your representative,  
Lister Hill, is a fine man.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fred Biermann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

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E.B. GASTON? SECRETARY TO E.C. WOLCOTT? TREAS

March 13, 1935

Rec No	Date	To	For	amt
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149	3/5	Wm. B. Stanley	Rent Mar. on Miller Pl.	5.00
150	3/7	W. P. Horton	" Sarrow Pl 1 mo & 3/7	3.00
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				12.00

Recd the above Mch 13 1935

E.C. Wolcott



March 29, 1935

Postmaster Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is called to enclosed notice from  
you office.

Similar notices have twice before been received and on  
submission to you a communication has in due time been received  
acknowledging error and saying to continue the paper with ad-  
ress as heretofore.

The party addressed is my neice, who has occupied the  
premises for approximately 40 years, barring temporary absences.

Yours very sincerely,

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P.S. Looking at the card again, it appears to give the address  
as 1345 instead of 1344, which would be across the street.  
I have examined the mailing list and find it prints on  
the wrapper 1344.



March 2 31, 1935

The Literary Digest,  
Funk & Wagnalls,  
New York City:

Yours of 27th at hand. I am sorry any question arose as  
with regard to my subscription for a short term to the Digest.  
I certainly sent a dollar bill. However, I will make future m  
remittances by money order. I value the Digest very highly.

Yours truly,

*E. B. Easton*



March 31. 1935

Hon. Lister Hill,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend Hill:-

Writing recently to Hon. Fred Biermann, Congressman from an Iowa district and former newspaperman and friendly to the Single Tax, I suggested that he get in touch with Congressman Chas. R. Eckert, of Pennsylvania, also a Singletaxer. I also suggested that he get in touch with you but without attempting to "hang any label" on you.

I was pleased to receive a reply as follows:

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I presume you are still on the Military Committee, and enclose copy of letter mailed today to Hon. Robert L. Doughton, chairman of that committee.

With very best regards,

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