

GRAND FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.

Believes That a Great Social Revolution Is at Hand

SUCH AS THAT OF 1793

Began Yesterday With the Opening of the Democratic Convention.

JAMES S. REYNOLDS SAYS MAY.

Says the Single Tax Is the Star of Hope Amid the Clouds of Social Evil.

An interesting and highly instructive debate took place last night at the South Park Social settlement, 15 South Park, between James S. Reynolds and Lawrence Gronlund, the respective champions of the single tax and socialism, as to the remedy of modern social evils.

The regular officers of the settlement being absent, Mr. Boyd was elected as temporary chairman and Miss Beamish as secretary. After the announcement that Mr. Reynolds, by agreement, was to have twenty-five minutes to open and ten minutes to close after Mr. Gronlund's speech of thirty minutes, Mr. Reynolds began.

He prefaced his remarks by stating that several weeks previously, after listening to Mr. Gronlund talk, he had volunteered to subsequently controvert every substantial statement of the speaker.

"Mr. Gronlund's speech," began Reynolds, "was in its nature a protest against capital. In defining capital, however, he fell into a pitfall. He included as capital machinery, gold and silver and land. Machinery, indeed, is capital, gold and silver represent capital, but land neither is nor represents capital."

"The so-called ownership of land is essentially the privilege of collecting rent. Gronlund is in favor of making this rent common property. Thus far single-taxers are in the right. According to the speaker, before Henry VIII claimed that the state owned the land the people had never thought that they had owned it. The whole idea is based upon the erroneous supposition that the state owes every man work. I deny that the state owes every man work. The state owes no man work. What the state does owe a man is not work, nor even the opportunity, but it does owe him this: that the state shall not deprive any man of an opportunity to work, or allow any one else to deprive him of the opportunity. This brief statement summarizes all economic truth; it is the doctrine of single tax and the doctrine of freedom in a nutshell."

Mrs. Reynolds briefly showed that from Mr. Gronlund's ideal system of government ownership came the present system of private ownership. According to the speaker, before Henry VIII claimed that the state owned the land the people had never thought that they had owned it.

"Mr. Gronlund," resumed the speaker, "rightly said that something is going to happen. But what is coming, it is going to be coming. It is freedom. The present silver craze is one indication of the prevalent tendency of the people toward freedom. Mr. Gronlund is wrong in saying that a bloody revolution is imminent. It never will be a forcible revolution for the human mind will not resort to violence so long as there is a single star of hope in the sky. That star of hope is the doctrine held forth and enunciated by single taxers."

Mr. Gronlund began by stating that he agreed with the single-taxers in many respects, but that he didn't want to oppose them, but to convert them. Before proceeding to answer Mr. Reynolds, the speaker drew a distinction between socialism, which had for its motto, "From every one according to his ability to every one according to his need," and communism, which gives to every one according to his need, and nationalism, which gives to every one alike.

"The great trouble with Americans," he declared, "is that they believe they can invent remedies for social evils. They cannot, because society is an organism, and the evils of society are due to the fact that society is not as yet a fully developed organism. When its full development is reached then every one can say, 'The State owes me a living.'"

"Many modern economic fallacies are based upon the proposition that every man is entitled to all he earns. This is not so, for this being true, the strong would have an advantage over the weak, and the economic equality, but equal economic opportunity."

The speaker reiterated his former statement that capital included land. He then proceeded to discuss land and land values, which latter, he declared, had been created by men—men now alive and men since dead as well. After this definition, Mr. Gronlund thus proceeded to summarize socialism.

"As socialists agree that socialism is the collective ownership of all capital and the collective control of all business," I maintain that all competition necessarily ends in monopoly or combination. Trusts are inevitable and cannot be removed by law. If you want to see what socialism is, look at the trusts. In these trusts production is socialized. The trouble lies in the fact that distribution is not socialized. I repeat my conviction that a revolution is at hand and that it is not a matter of when, but of how it will be carried out. I had thought that the great social revolution could be staved off until 1900 or 1901, when the people might possibly be ripe for it. I fear that it is proceeding to hands that I believe that this, the first day of the Democratic Convention, is the first day of the great American revolution, which I fear will be a second French Revolution.

Mr. Reynolds in his reply declared that Gronlund had surprised him by the arguments advanced. Mr. Reynolds, however, wished to correct a few of the previous speaker's mistakes. Like many others who spoke against the single tax, Mr. Gronlund, declared Reynolds, didn't know the first A, B or C of the subject.

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KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN

Merchants' Association Camp on Superintendent Ashworth's Trail.

His Attention Called to the Fact That Western Addition Streets Are Filthy.

The officers of the Merchants' Association still keep a careful watch upon all street work, and particularly street cleaning, although this line of work has for some time past been in the hands of the Superintendent of Streets. When that public official is thought to be neglecting his duties he is politely informed of the fact in such a communication as the following:

Thomas Ashworth Esq., Superintendent of Public Streets, Highways and Squares—DEAR SIR: Frequent complaints have been received by this association during the past month from residents in the Western Addition regarding the accumulation of dirt in the gutters in that district, and no doubt your office has received even more. This district has been regularly inspected by us, and as the sweeping by the regular hand-labor gang has been satisfactorily performed, it is apparent that these accumulations in the gutters result from the absence of the "special crew," which was especially provided for the purpose of giving extra cleanings to the gutters of this district in the intervals between regular sweepings.

As was pointed out by yourself last year, many streets in this district, owing to the smooth pavements and the high winds, do not require as frequent cleaning over the entire surface of the street as they do in the gutters, into which the greater portion of the dirt is blown by the winds and passage of the electric cars. One thorough cleaning once a month by the regular gang will be sufficient to keep the streets in the best possible condition. During the past month the Western Addition, owing solely to the accumulation in the gutters, have been in a worse condition than in any other portion of the City. In consideration of the above facts this association respectfully asks that, as the fiscal year has commenced and funds are now available, you will order the contractors to resume work with the "special crew," and require them to confine the work of this crew as much as possible to the streets which are now in a filthy condition.

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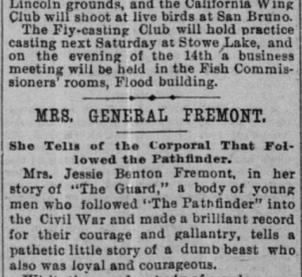
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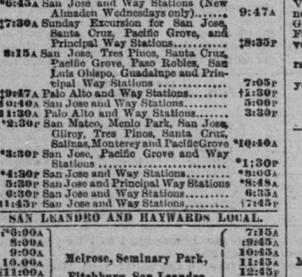
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