

George, it is an example of *suppressio veri*, with phrases that are meant to be comforting and are intended to deceive.

This then is to be the Liberal programme. Our friends of the United Committee perhaps expected to be deceived and the Commonwealth Land party people have all along predicted just what would happen. The difference between the two groups is that the latter have declared definitely that they would have no political partnership in the deception and withdrew to form a party of their own for the collection of the entire rent of land on an appointed date.

This voluminous Report, which concerns itself with rural land opens up the land question for popular discussion. Thus far it is to be welcomed, for there is much in the report that furnishes ammunition to our friends. And they have not been slow to take advantage of it. *Land and Liberty* has opened its guns on the Liberal programme. It has drawn the fire of the Liberal Land Committee. The London *Daily Chronicle* of Nov. 11 in a column article reviews the reply of the Liberal organization to the United Committee and makes extracts from it.

From a letter from John Paul, editor of *Land and Liberty*, we quote the following:

"Lloyd George has certainly given us a bit of an issue this time. His own proposals are doomed to be put into cold storage in due course, but we can pass on Single Tax compliments to the 'Wizard' for the opening he has provided. I only wish we were in a position to take a more imposing part in this engaging publicity campaign, but you can depend upon it we are doing the best we can in the circumstances. We are getting much free space in the press these days. The subject is topical and editors on such occasions as you know are out for suitable 'copy'."

Joseph Silbernig

ANOTHER old time Single Taxer has passed away in the person of Joseph Silbernig, once an active member of the Manhattan Single Tax Club, and a speaker and worker for the cause for many years. He had passed the age of three score and ten, though he hardly looked it. He was a frequent visitor at this office, and was a valued friend of the Editor of LAND AND FREEDOM. Every worker for the cause in and around New York knew Joe Silbernig.

It was curious that he had never quite learned to master the English language and as he spoke rapidly it was often difficult to follow him. But with a pen in hand he was a different creature. He wrote like an angel. The discreet and immaculate pages of the *Evening Post* welcomed his articles, many of which appeared during the last few years. His knowledge of economics and his ability to express himself in writing were not surpassed by any man in the movement. He has left in manuscript a critical

work on Socialism entitled "Marx on Marx," which may soon find a publisher.

Joe Silbernig will be missed from the circles in which he was long a modest and greatly beloved personality.

Jerome O'Neill

THE death of Jerome O'Neill, better known to his intimates as "Jerry," was announced in our last issue. It came as a shock to many of our readers.

Of late he had dropped out of active work for the cause which had enlisted the activities of his earlier years; his hopes had, without adequate reason as it seemed to us, become clouded; his health was not good; he spoke with sorrow of defections of those who had formerly worked with him.

A characteristic of "Jerry" O'Neill was his sterling honesty. This endeared him to Henry George who esteemed him as a friend and listened to, if he did not always follow his advice.

Leonard Tuttle of this city who knew him well writes LAND AND FREEDOM as follows:

"All those who were active in the early days of the Henry George movement knew Jerome (Jerry) O'Neill. He was a close friend of Mr. George and a valued leader in the movement.

He believed that private ownership of land with the consequent private appropriation of land rent was the great fundamental injustice that afflicts humanity. He was not given to trimming or minimizing his statement of belief. He was too honest for that.

He had a highly developed desire for justice which seems to be a rare quality in mankind. He was always genial and pleasant and to know him was a pleasant experience in life.

He will live in the memory of his friends."

MILLIONS of men who would be useful citizens are sitting in demoralizing idleness because they are denied access to the land for which they fought. We turn a deaf ear to those who urge emigration as a remedy. Why should our men emigrate? What is there to hinder them settling on their own land? What, indeed, except the land system under whose dead weight the country is slipping to stagnation? Dire times need drastic remedies. There must be a thorough overhaul of the land system. Land must be unlocked that those may work who will. 'God gave the land for the people' is no less true now than when the Liberal Party made it their battle-cry. Let the people have what is theirs. Let the land be freed.

—John Bull, London, England.

Missionary: "Have you been Christianized?"

Heathen: "Not entirely; they took my land but I still have my clothes."