

Shonai Yamagata Ken
Japan,
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Judge Abner W. Purgee
Mayville, N. Y.
Dear Sir:

As the author of "A Bystander's
Notes" you are somewhat of
a public character, which is
the only excuse I can give for
addressing this letter to you.
I am simply a Christian Mis-
sionary in Japan.

My estimate of you is that you
are a philanthropist especially
interested in obtaining justice
for the colored people of the US.
Your letter of Nov 25th largely
devoted to Mr. Peter and touching
on "the unearned increment"
is very interesting reading.
Nothing investigated Henry
George's examination in to

the cause of extreme wealth
with extreme poverty I am
profoundly convinced that
the conclusion of his thesis
is correct and the only
correction is the one he
supposes. The object of this
letter is to suggest to you
the advisability of studying
what the effect of the single
tax would be on the Black
man, for myself I am
persuaded it would be his
franchise and elevation.
"The single tax" goes right
to the basis of society and
makes labor the most burden
thing in the world, the Blacks
do work and are willing
to work and with the single
tax in operation they would
certainly get their dues.
That would tend to the lower
level on which men can

live seems true here in
Japan; the Japanese can
live on next to nothing
and they get next to nothing
for very hard work.
Some one earned Mr. Astor's
money, if he did not perhaps
he got the earnings of others.
But the saddest thing to my
mind is not that people
lose so much of the product
of their labor but that all
men cannot labor as
much as they please, abetment
is the worst feature of
the business, again as
society is at present
organized people find it
hard to believe there is a
just God in heaven as
any where else, where
oppression has been greatest
faith in God is weakest,

As you may have observed the
single tax doctrine is making
wonderful headway in England,
Michael Davitt thinks it
will settle the Irish troubles.
Powderly's combine of knights
of labor & farmers is principle
if the colored people could
join in it can soon
be brought about. The
Church will take the side
of justice as soon as
the problem is fairly
stated.

But I am trespassing on your
time & presuming on your
good nature.

I pray for you and the good
cause to which you devote
yourself.

Yours sincerely,
Chas. C. Bayne

For convenience I enclose clips
from the S. Q., also enclose
a tea blossom from my garden.