

Ashenai, Yamagata Ken
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Judge W. Bourgeois
Orayville N. Y.

My dear Sir:

I did not expect to be honored with such a long letter from you in response to what I wrote you and to this I expect no answer at all, as I have no claim on your time or consideration; I only want to say a few words brought to my mind by what you wrote. The trials of "incarnated spirits" bear heavily on our hearts - these are hundreds of people here in this city tonight who have had almost nothing to eat - I hear there are five hundred or more who are living on the refuse

of beans after the real good part has been extracted & made into what is called "bean curd" -

The single tax is fast coming into practical politics, of course. I am to be excused from differing from you, as I am an American citizen & entitled to an opinion - it seems to me that the perfect set of officials would not be so necessary, every man would know what every other man paid in taxes, all could be published which would permit no fraud - but now no man knows what taxes he pays - The Scriptures say The Land is the Lords (Lev 2³ Chap) Psalm 115. 16th verse says He has given it (the Earth) to the children of men - there is no practical way for men to get their share

except the single tax - The owners of the land must drive the landless ones to the wall - The S. tax would force land into use increase products and equalize matters but not so much so but that the talented & industrious would be on top but they could not crush the people beneath them - A man can not go through the south and give to every Sambo - a possum, to every Maumey a calico dress & to every picininy a water mellow but a great principle like the single tax of universal application will crown labor as King and man's power to crush will be gone - Other monopolies like R.R. would be bought by the govt and the reign of universal peace ushered in -

The Knights of Labor have declared for it, the farmers will soon see it is for their benefit.

The liberal party in England have virtually adopted the idea Michael Davitt says the Irish Problem will be solved with it. It is coming to the front, and you could help mightily because of your recognized authority on questions concerning our "brothers in black" or in mourning. Isn't it a just principle? The very essence of justice? Society has the value created by it, the individual the value created by him - a beautiful ~~po~~ balance that will vastly multiply that great middle class who now the mainstay of the nations - When men will neither be too rich nor too poor but will be fed with food convenient for them - Prov 30. 7-10)

I also believe the Church is on the eve of a new era new new made creeds will be thrown to the moles & bats, the Word of God will be exalted, these may be sad days, but they are pregnant with hope - Japan is coming to the front, but so far as I can see the Anglo-Japan race has the great responsibility and honor of leading in the great reforms of the age and in the solution of great problems. The missionaries to a man are praying for & working for the reign of righteousness in all lands & they highly honor the work of such men as yourself - May the Lord of all comfort greatly bless and strengthen you I must now close, I was so greatly honored by your

letter that I felt ~~ought~~ like
calling in my friends and
neighbors to rejoice with
me but to this I expect
nothing - write it to ease my
mind on the subject, and
busy for reaching Christ and
his Crucifixion & I hardly
have time to write much
like this -

Must close now

Yours Sincerely
Chas. C. Sargent