

Alabama Town That Is Run Without Taxes

How would you like to live in a town where they don't have to pay any taxes? Where, in fact, if you tried to pay taxes, you would be severely refused?

Down on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay there is a town which for fourteen years has been giving, so far as is possible under existing laws, a practical exemplification of Henry George's theory. It was established for that purpose; it was built on practically uninhabited ground, and in the years of its existence it has grown from nothing into a thriving, prosperous and happy community. Its inhabitants pay no taxes, get along in fine style without them.

Henry George's theory is commonly known as "the single tax," a term coined by the late Thomas G. Sherman, not because of its accuracy, but because short and easy name was needed. Actually, the George theory does not contemplate the paying of any taxes at all. It contemplates the wiping out of all taxation as a support of the community by the payment of ground rent into the treasury. In fact, of course, that payment would be made a tax, but the Georgists contend that it would not be a tax in the sense of a levy made upon one's personal belongings, for example, would be.

SINGLE TAXERS STARTED IT. It is impossible completely to demonstrate the efficiency of the George doctrine to any community where personal property taxation and taxation upon improvements, to nothing of the indirect taxation of the tariff, exists.

In Fairhope, Alabama, the first step toward demonstrating it as can ever be done under present-day conditions. Fairhope was started in January, 1890, by four single taxers from Iowa. It is now a thriving town with a city charter, three schools, a hotel, two newspapers, a wharf, a steamer, several stores, a number of clubs and a free library. It has a waterworks system, but no water rates. It has a telephone service which is free. It doesn't cost anybody in Fairhope a cent to get into his telephone room and call anybody in Baldwin county.

How, in a state which levies taxes after the good old-fashioned way, is it possible for a community to exist without taxation of individuals? Might puzzle the huskiest intellect. However, E. B. Gaston, J. Bellinger, and the other Iowa single taxers discovered that where there's will there's a way. Their scheme was simply this: To found a community wherein all the land should be owned by the community—that is, by a corporation representing the community, to let out on long-term leases to individuals; to take from the lessees the full amount of the ground rent; to support the community out of that ground rent; to pay the taxes levied by the State and county out of the same fund.

WITHOUT A TAX LEVY. Fairhope's tax theory must necessarily be falling and incomplete. Nevertheless, as far as it has been able to do, it has made such a demonstration as must challenge the attention of the students of economics. In a far broader sphere the George theory has been demonstrated, and with satisfactory results, and a taxation of land values is on the Liberal programme in Great Britain, but Fairhope is the only example of an attempt to demonstrate it the face of adverse laws. The fact that the experiment has been successful in spite of the levying of taxes by the state and county is a striking bit of evidence for those who think there may have been something in George's theory.

It is a curious fact that the only acrimonious critics of Fairhope have been men who were themselves single taxers, and just now there is raging a hot controversy among them about it. Sifted down, it comes to the immaterial inability of social reformers to agree among themselves about details. The opponents of Fairhope want a democratic corporation for the rule of the Fairhope corporation, arguing that a private company is undemocratic. The answer of the Fairhopeers is twofold: First, that as long as the present system of taxation exists it is impossible to run a single-tax community on any other basis; second, that the initiative and referendum are in operation at Fairhope, and any time a majority

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