

Single Tax

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ST as middle class reform. (Soc-ism had patrons in elegant salons).

HG: urban ^{land} prob. + plug. Land problem attracted socialists in Eng. more than elsewhere.

ST as caricatured as cranky sectarian of his-d. vision.

HG passed on vt. by RCC: on left by Marxists.
∴ turned to middle class. Enjoyed a new success there, on rising tide of professionalism / progressivism.

Moved toward center

After 2 gen. elections, 1910, power of Lords curtailed. But land tax unarticulated in process.

Eng., 1909, L. G. land tax was not crude, but sophisticated. (Esq. 412)

∴ I suspect unique + authors swayed Smith + Mill, Mill 96. + their mentor, Quinsey

H.G. merely ff. classics to their logical conclusion. The hints are all in the classical works.

(Cairnes may have come closest of all.)

Mill may have wanted to socialize all future 4s of rent. (249). [On grounds that premium pd. for these was a specn? This distinction survived.]

Mill & George both accepted role as maker of extreme proposals, to make others seem moderate.

When ULP receded in '87, land reform remained paramount issue in UK Scotland & Eng. (But '86 was also a bad yr in Eng. Chamb. bolting.) (Parnell also bolted.[†] Thus, the p.p. forces ~~was~~ left the Libs, so they turned to H.G.!)

H.G. gave them an urban cov. Doug. 53

"Clearances" left legacy of ~~exp~~ understanding re importance of land distrib., Ireland, Scotland. '90, urban land came to fore as issue. Also mine royalties.

S.T. & LVT diffused the compensation issue raised by land rent.

1895, reformers were coalescing around LVT. Socialists & Wallace-ites & hiks.!

[†] Bolted back after one year. 1891, div. & d.

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Campbell - B. & "internal colonialism."

Libs. ~~came~~ preferred a TLV to Purchase tax, they needed revs.

Cons. patronized local ratings to block nat. tax.
Land Enquiry Comm. came to same, 1914.

W.W. I, Eng. got used to collectivist solutions,
rent control. 1920, A. Chamb. wipes out valuation
system.

Asquith saw precise effect of self-assess principle,
LV & TLV worked in team. "Tax or Buy."

'31-'34 Baldwin & N. Ch. ~~give comp-de-gra~~
wreck Snowden's tax.

'48-'52, dev. change on betterment.
the Radical wing

S.T. era in Eng. divorced collectivism, & joined
Libs., 89, same as U.S. were joining Dems. But
Libs. went further, put TLV in their platform.

The shadow of H.G. remained ^{leftist} socialist, & a
late noir for conventionalists. But moderates.
Libs. avoided using the name.

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But they supported TLV.

Socialists, simul. moved from LN to collectivism.

But Labor liked TLV.

T. Rogers & Cobden Club came to TLV, '89.
They saw TLV as consistent w. free trade in land.

Chamber. left a vacuum. '89, Red Libs adopted HG
- he became their philosopher. (Lawrence, 106)

a major force in a major party! after Gladstone ret. '95,
got in platform.

20 yrs. later, 1909, "The Land for the
People" was Lib. slogan.

"T of Ground Rent & Value" an English phrase.

TLV a unifying theme that joined Cobdenites,
LTRA, LN, unions, & Fabians. (Hyndman opposed.)
Hyndman leader of Marxists.

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The single-tax pd. saw a shift ^{to} fighting tariffs, supporting
Demos. for Presid. (Cleveland + Bryan), & counting the
Cack. hierarchy which had undercut the ULP, &
~~lecturing abroad, & writing SPE, protection & disapp.~~

The new emphasis was on joining the
toward the mainstream. George turned

G's allies turned shy to ^{city} munic. reform, slowly losing
themselves in the ~~Progressive Government~~.

S.t. Ltd., was more restrictive.

Century earlier, another s.t.

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Single Tax: 1,000 words.
100 lines, 2 1/2 pages.

1. "S.T." is a slogan - ~~a~~ ^{today mainly} ~~epithet~~ ^{used} to identify the ~~proposal~~ ^{program} of H.G. to abolish all taxes save one on land values. It ~~was coined~~ came into use about 1888, and coinciding w. George's abandonment of the U.L.P. ^{to the right} ~~break w. socialism~~ ^{after his} purging the Marxists from his U.L.P. ~~& losing the~~ ^{breaking w. the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~zealots of~~ ^{zealots of} Mr. Edw. M. Glynn,

2. A century earlier in ^{the court of Louis XVI} France Francois Quesnay ^{+ his Physiocrats} had promoted the "impôt unique", a much more conservative but similar but ^{more} modest proposal limited to farm land & to ^{the Physiocrats thought that (as provided by saying) that} ~~of the rent~~ ^{shifted to} ~~Quesnay believed~~ ^{lost} ~~all indirect taxes were~~ ^{in the rent of farm land anyway, so his} ~~change wd.~~ ^{not redistribute wealth} ~~remove~~ ^{remove} the shifting & excess burden, & non-uniformity.

3. Quesnay saw ~~K~~ ^{purported} ~~advertising~~ ^{intended} wages. Both George & Q. ^{intended} to stimulate cap. growth & application ^{of cap.} by making it. ⁱⁿ Q. explained the benefits of this, Q. adumbrated the wages-fund theory, ^{& gratuitously} ~~the macro element of classical ec.~~ It is curious that ~~the~~ ^{who wd} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~intuitions of~~ ^{intuitions of} cap. attacked in the pursuit of full empl., attacked wages-fund as a

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1. ~~Set~~ In Britain, movement ~~had~~ was much stronger in nat. politics, enjoy 3 near-univers w nat. implementation.

Curiously the Am. movement, w. less explicit polit. success, had more implementation.

Single Tax as separate pol. movement has nearly disappeared, but important fragments have been ~~added~~ incorp. in amalgam of Am. political economy.

1. "S.T." is ^{now} a ^{generally} label for the program of H.G. & his to ^{socialize} ~~abolish~~ ^{substg} one tax on h.v. for most other taxes. ~~George~~ No one regards it as an adequate descriptor; it was just a slogan that ~~took hold~~, caught on both w. friends & enemies.

in the Am. movement
More specifically ~~within the movement~~ it marked a watershed about 1888 as George swung to the Center after purg; the Marxists from his UWP, losing Gompers, & breaking w. the democracy, ~~from~~ to the Quixotic ^{adventures} of Fr. Edw. Mc Glyn. Th. Shearman, a corp. lawyer, coined the slogan in part to help G. diff. his ^{essentially} ~~program~~ ^{pro-capst.} from those of various fellow-travellers who had joined him in the great radical & protest awakening, 1819-87: Irish nationalists, socialists, unionists, land nationalizers, ~~Bellamyites &c~~ etc., and later Bellamyites & Populists.

There was a ^{change of} ~~new~~ emphasis. The earlier G. & P.P. & Social Problems reflected ~~revolutionary~~ ^{times} ~~the~~ had pictured a generous rent-fund ~~which~~ tapping which wd. ~~force~~ ^{expand} public services or social dividends. He & his critics on the vt. both saw a net tax Δ , & ~~an~~ redistrib. of ~~economic~~ ^{wealth}.

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4. The "Single-tax" label was ^{coined by M. Stueckman to specify, and} ~~used~~ to differentiate G's program from the several reform movements that ~~travelled together~~ came together in the great radical awakening of the left 1879-86: land nationalizers, Irish and Irish dissidents, Marxists, unions,

briefly condensed: ~~that began before~~ study; their diff's.

5. G. muted attack on w-f; joined fight on tariff, (just as Q. ^{had} ~~also~~ fought int. improv. tariffs).

6. Single tax ^{represented} ~~that~~ reoriented G's program. In ^{the earlier} ~~1888~~ he visualized expansion of public services using the new fund. ~~In the later~~ He & his critics, ^{on the right} ~~both~~ saw a ^{new tax, a} ~~redistribution~~ w. strong redistrib. emphasis. The single tax gave more weight to tax limits. Critics on the left, ~~was~~ & in the polit. machine, then wondered about rev. adequacy.

7. ~~G. never tried to face~~ ~~the~~ was pragmatic on
 Q. of allocating a single tax among levels of govt.,
 in a Fed. system ~~never came to a head~~ ~~other~~ Usually focused on
 State, which in his day used prop. taxes heavily.
 In Eng. w. its unitary govt. the movement was perforce
 national, ~~within~~
8. Shearman favored a "s.t. lod.", ~~meaning~~
 $\frac{2}{3}$ of net being the limit. Even that was double
 Ramsey's goal of $\frac{1}{3}$. G. remained a "s.t. unloader,"
 but by his death in '97 was on the left wing
 of his own movement.
~~Single taxes in U.S. focus~~
9. ~~Eff. his death s.t. never found a comparable unit.~~
~~ltd.~~
 Over time s.t. became more & more "lod.,"
 until major criticism became adequacy of revs.
 This
10. In PFT G. rediscovered Pugh's play of tax incidence
 which, if true

Palp. Single Tax by E.T. Devine, Columbia U.

Physicists had favored.

Mill was presid. of a Society to take future as.

Single taxers are moving to "the community,"
(rather than nation.)

A. R. Wallace in bible,

"... mainspring of individual energy will be broken."
No expln.