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TO THE MEMORY OF

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BORN IN 1843—DIED IN 1891

FOUNDER AND EDITOR OF THE WILMINGTON "EVERY EVENING"
EDITOR OF THE BALTIMORE "DAY"
EDITOR OF HENRY GEORGE'S "STANDARD"

"A Singletaxer is a person who *does* something for the Singletax."—Croasdale.

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PREFACE TO FOURTH EDITION

When the contents of this volume first appeared, I was using the Charts in lecturing in the United States and Canada on such subjects as "The Single Tax," "Absolute Free Trade," "The Labor Question," "Progress and Poverty," "The Land Question," "The Elements of Political Economy," "Socialism," and "Hard Times."

For the purpose of securing homogeneity of theme for book publication, I adapted the principal points of all those lectures to one lecture and published it in 1894 under the title of "Outlines of Post's Lectures."

That edition having been exhausted, a second, somewhat revised, was published in 1899 under the more appropriate title of "The Single Tax." The third, also exhausted now, was issued under the same title and without revision in 1906.

A fourth edition having been asked for, from Great Britain as well as the United States and Canada, it has seemed best to alter the title and the text to conform to a habit of speech which, originating in Great Britain and spreading elsewhere, tends to substitute for the term "single tax" the descriptive phrase "taxation of land values."

Such difference as there is between *taxation of land values* and *the single tax* will be explained in the text of this edition.

Originally the Charts were printed in the body of the text, the Illustrative Notes as foot notes in fine type,

and the Questions and Answers in an appendix. But in all editions except the first, the Charts have been inserted between pages of the text, though as near as possible to the portions of text they illustrate; and in this edition, not only are the Charts so placed, but the Illustrative Notes, in larger type than before, are put into an appendix, while the Questions and Answers are placed in the body of the book as Part Four.

Except for verbal alterations necessitated by the changes noted above, and for the substitution of illustrative information of a later date, the present edition is the same as the earlier ones.

The questions in Part Four embody the substance of all questions actually put to me in the course of a lecturing experience of three years in every part of the country. I think them fairly representative, as a whole, of the questions usually asked about the substitution for all other taxes of a tax on land values.

LOUIS F. POST.

Chicago, May 1, 1912.

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