

PLATFORM.

1. The most direct taxation is the best, because it gives to the real payers of taxes a conscious and direct pecuniary interest in honest and economical government.

2. Mortgages and other capital engaged in production or trade should be exempt from taxation; because taxes on personality tend to drive it away, to put a premium on dishonesty and to discourage industry.

3. Real estate should bear the main burden of taxation; because such taxes can be most easily, cheaply and certainly collected, and because they bear least heavily on the farmer and the worker.

4. Besides real estate taxes, corporations should pay in taxes only the fair value of the franchises they obtain from the people.

5. No legislature will venture to enact a good system of local taxation until the people perceive the correct principles of taxation.

THEREFORE: We are uniting our efforts to keep up intelligent agitation of the subject in order to improve the system.

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"C O P Y"

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Mr. Joseph Fels,
39 Wilson Street,
London, E. C.,
ENGLAND.

Dear Mr. Fels,

I have a circular letter from you in regard to exchanging literature between organizations, and also a list which you enclose headed "Names and Addresses of Single Tax Organizations".

In that list you have included the New York Tax Reform Association. I have told you a number of times that that Association is not a single tax organization. The more you spread that erroneous impression, the more you add to my already numerous difficulties. I am having troubles enough through the formation of various and sundry "tax reform" associations that do not concern themselves at all with taxes or reform.

When you send out any more circulars of this kind, you would oblige me and the members of the New York Tax Reform Association if you will kindly omit its name.

Very truly yours,

(signed) A. C. PLEYDELL,

Secretary.