

## National Single Tax League Endorses Single Tax Party and The Review

**B**Y a vote of 25 to 4 the conference called by the National Single Tax League on Saturday, June 11th, endorsed the Single Tax Party.

The Conference also resolved unanimously, on motion of Dr. Stern, of Philadelphia, that the *Bulletin* now issued by the League be turned over to the Review Publishing Company and the details of such transfer be left to the officers of the Company and the officers of the League, acting in conjunction.

James A. Robinson made a speech in advocacy of the Party and George R. Macey made an appeal for support for the SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

The news of the death of George P. Hampton came as a great shock to the Conference. Resolutions deploring the death of this sterling friend of the movement was passed by the assembly.

A resolution as follows was adopted at the last day of the Conference:

"The 25 per cent. duty levied by Mexico upon oil for export is neither discriminatory nor confiscatory. It is not confiscatory because it is a fundamental right of the sovereign government to tax land to whatever extent its needs require, and when titles to land are given there is no guarantee that taxes on it shall at any time be limited or restricted. At the time titles to Mexican oil lands were granted the constitution of Mexico provided that the product of the sub-soil remained the product of the Mexican nation."

The Conference went on record to the effect that "the only condition precedent to the recognition of Mexico should be the establishment of a just and stable government.

THE elimination of profit in labor and building will not be sufficient to bring the cost of homes within the means of the more poorly paid half of our workers. The cost of housing in cities is greatly augmented by the cost of land. The value of land in our cities is to a great extent due to the congestion of its population. Yet the individuals who are so dangerously crowded together in our urban centers get none of the increased value which results from their living in insufficient quarters. The land increment goes as profit to those who will never use the land or is wasted in land speculation. It forms a very large part of the total cost of housing our urban populations; according to the Housing Report of the Reconstruction Commission it is "generally sufficient to prevent a large part of our workers from escaping from the slums."

The portion of the cost of homes that is due to the waste of the unearned land increment can be saved, if the State or city will take by right of eminent domain all land on which houses are to be built. This land should be held for all time for the use of the community. It should be rented for long terms, but it should never be sold.

—*Better Times*, N. Y. City.

## WOODROW WILSON\*

As when we view a scene of wistful pathos or high tragedy,  
Thus Melisande, out-breathing life upon a sigh,  
Or Hamlet's stricken soul, still hesitant  
'Twixt evil done and its deserved chastisement  
Till kind death sets him free—  
Then as the curtain falls, too moved for noisy plaudits, turn away  
Enriched through conscious time by what has been  
Engraved upon our memories; so now we let  
This noble leader in a reverent silence pass.  
Not ours to voice his hopes, achievements, aims,  
Time is the skilled and busy etcher here.  
The snow upon his temples means far more  
Than all our ready laurels.  
We who have watched his splendid spirit's urge  
Like a flood-tide, rise and leave a mark  
Upon the embattled cliffs, never to be effaced,  
Turn and depart, saddened, yet quickened, too.  
By that which he has given us of his best,  
Making his day, his hour, though brief, indeed,  
Momentous to eternity.

—EMILY E. F. SKEEL.

\*The occasions are rare when we permit ourselves the pleasure of printing verses. We give these a place because of the merit of the lines, and because they are a tribute to a leader that is passing that will find an echo in the hearts of many Single Taxers. Woodrow Wilson had a vision, and that fact, despite his shortcomings, makes him kin to those who are the bearers of a message of far greater import. We believe Mrs. Skeel, herself a devoted worker for our cause, cannot help but feel that Woodrow Wilson failed at the most critical period in the world's history to announce the immeasurable import of that message which Henry George gave to the world, of which message, if we are to believe certain Single Taxers, he was in full and complete possession. If this is so, it is hard not to regard his failure, despite the splendor which his interrupted vision will take on the page of history, as little less than tragic.—EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

## SINGLE TAX ENCLAVES

We have received the advance sheets of a work of 150 pages entitled "Enclaves of Single Tax," which is a description of Single Tax colonies and a compendium of the legal documents involved. The author is Charles White Huntington and the publisher Fiske Warren, who also contributes a short introduction. Mr. Warren also includes in this volume a revision of his article on Single Tax enclaves which appears in the SINGLE TAX FIVE YEAR BOOK.

The Single Tax colonies, or "enclaves," treated of in this work are Fairhope, Ala., Arden, Del., Tahanto, Mass., Halidon, Me., Free Acres, N. J. and Sant Jordi in the Republic of Andorra.

The work is not designed for popular reading, but is intended to form a permanent record to which those interested may refer. As a complete history of this phase of the Single Tax movement it possesses a unique value as a work of reference.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### A VOICE FROM BUEONOS AIRES

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

The number of your REVIEW for Nov.-Dec. has caused me great pleasure, because I see reflected in its pages a regenerative and penetrating spirit, very distinct from the indecision, vacillation and supplicating tone which hitherto have been so common in the Georgist literature of propaganda. "But, please God," you say, "no more. The new era in the Single Tax movement has begun, in which the proposal will be urged as the Great Restoration. The old phrases, which had almost died out, will come into use again."

Yes, indeed. No more talking of land reforms of the type of the Bodenreform. No more giving the name of Georgism to cases like Vancouver or Kiao Chao.

I began here, early in 1919, a campaign tending to revive in our appeals the profoundly emotional and advanced significance that inspires the pages of Henry George; and I believe I have contributed and am contributing something toward breaking the dry crust of timid

"fiscal reform," which, far from teaching the people our doctrine hid it and made it inaccessible.

I am convinced that the greatest peril for our cause does not lie in our being taken as revolutionists, but in being regarded as conservatives. The success of our doctrine amongst the masses of the people (the only ones, outside of the intellectuals, who interest us; "Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade" you say, "do not make economic revolutions") depends on their being convinced that we are really revolutionists.

And above all, there is Truth—usually the safest guide.

Inspired by such ideas, we are here on the eve of presenting before the opinion of this country a political party (some notice of which you already have) which will be called the Georgist Liberal Party. I shall soon be able to send you a copy of the preparatory Manifesto. The dozen or so persons initiating the party in Buenos Aires are principally University men, and some of us, like Engineer N. Besio Moreno, who has filled the offices of President of the Argentine Scientific Society and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering of the University of La Plata, enjoy especial social prestige.

Buenos Aires, Argentine.

C. VILLABOS DOMINGUZ.

### CRYSTALIZE NOW

#### EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Mr. Louis F. Post, the Grand Old Man of the movement who has done so much for it, in a recent speech in Cleveland counseled us to "wait a little till the time is more opportune" and to be careful not to crystalize the sentiment in favor of any definite course of action." He is wrong. We must trust our cause to the people. Crystalize the sentiment in favor of the Single Tax by voting for the full measure now.

The suffrage leader, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, said recently: "One thousand votes persistently cast for any practical principle would cause it to succeed as surely as the suffrage cause succeeded."

Not by the expenditure of a little money here, or a few lectures in other places, or occasional letters to the editor, but by definite personal action looking toward the mobilization of political power for the straight Single Tax.

Let us crystalize the nebulous stream of hot air into political action. Cleveland, Ohio.

JAMES B. LINDSAY.

## NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

A LITTLE pamphlet calling itself a Free Magazine and Forum and named *Money* has reached us. We note that Cornelius Donovan is one of the editorial contributors. Mr. Donovan was once an active Single Taxer of this city. He formally repudiates the faith in his advocacy of the new enthusiasm. George's proposal is characterized as "a scheme to benefit society by wronging many of its industrious members." "George had no real conception of the fundamental cause of the evil he sought to cure." What is really needed is cheaper money which in this age of linotypes monotypes and intertypes ought to be within easy reach.

CHAS. H. GOVAN, a veteran Single Taxer of this city, is dead at the age of 71. He was born in Milwaukee. Left an orphan in 1865 he was adopted by the late Judge Arthur McArthur, once Lieutenant-Governor of Wisconsin. He was a lecturer in the public schools, his subjects being Dickens, Burns and Scott. He was founder and president of the Manhattan Branch of the Dickens Fellowship. He leaves a son, two grandsons and a daughter, wife of J. William Oliver, also a Single Taxer. He was for many years proofreader on the *New York Herald*. Funeral services were held at the Masonic Temple, this city on April 27.

DR. WALTER MENDELSON is now a resident of Philadelphia. New York's loss is the Quaker City's gain in the transfer of Dr. Mendelson's activities to that city.

THE Coshocton (Ohio) *Tribune* is publishing a series of articles on Taxation addressed expressly to the farmers. Three are written by Mr. Hallenkamp, secretary of the Ohio Site Valuation League, and Fred S. Wallace who is editor of the *Tribune*. These articles in successive issues cover full pages and are careful and exhaustive examinations of all the phases of the tax question as it affects the farmers of the nation and particularly the State of Ohio.

E. J. SHRIVER in a letter to the *World* calls attention to the fact that Secretary Mellon of the Treasury, while evading the advocacy of the sales tax, proposes a tax on Corporations, which is not so far different in its incidence, because such a tax is a burden on the stockholders of corporations who are mostly people of moderate means. Mr. Shriver says that Secretary Mellon is silent on the only tax that does not fall on industry—that on land values.

MRS. WALTER I. SWANTON, president of the Women's Single Tax League of Washington, D. C., appeared recently before the Senate Finance Committee in opposition to the sales tax. She said that this tax was only another consumption tax and a family using all of its income to meet living costs would be taxed on every dollar of that income, while the wealthy classes would have a large exemption over and above living costs.

THE Brotherhood of the Commonwealth founded by Chas. Frederic Adams continues to grow in membership. Alfred J. Boulton is Supreme President and Gustave Bassler Supreme Recording Secretary. A Chas. Frederic Adams Council has been organized in New York City with Hon. John J. Murphy, former Tenement House Commissioner, Morris VanVeen, Joseph Dana Miller and others.

THE *Chautauqua News* of April prints the portrait of Robert C. Macauley in announcing him as one of the lecturers of the course. It says of him: "Mr. Macauley has an engaging personality, he is an able and entertaining speaker, and a thorough student of national problems." It announces him as late presidential candidate of the Single Tax Party.

JOHN FLETCHER MOULTON, widely known as Baron Moulton, of Bank, who died recently, was one of the leading Single Taxers of Great Britain. He was also eminent as a lawyer, mathematician, classical scholar and linguist. His great reputation in these lines conferred a distinction on his advocacy of Single Tax doctrines to the popular mind.

"TAX REDUCTION ESSENTIAL TO INDUSTRY" is the title of an admirable letter from Whidden Graham in a recent issue of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. Mr. Graham is doing much work these days. His articles in the *Globe* of this city on the tariff have attracted much attention.

THOMAS J. DOLAN's many communications and contributed articles to the *Cleveland Citizen* make interesting and lively reading. Most of them are on the Single Tax. The *Citizen* edited by Max Hayes lays much emphasis on the land question.

A RECENT parade by practically all of New York's Chinatown took place in May in honor of the election of Sun Yat Sen to the presidency of the Chinese Republic. Sun Yat Sen is reported to be a Single Taxer, a convert of Dr. W. E. Macklin.

ONE of the most indefatigable letter writers to the papers is Josie Thorpe Price. Her Single Tax communications possess a literary distinction that marks them off from many "Letters to the Editor," and they make delightful reading.

OLIVER MCKNIGHT has moved from Philadelphia to Centreville, Md. The *Observer* of that town has already printed several Single Tax letters from our indefatigable propagandist.