



## Now They Know— In Helena, Montana

I guess you can't win 'em all," wrote the Honorable Russel Conklin, State Representative from great Falls, Montana. Out of three proposals he lost two but won one. Although the final vote against his proposal to tax unearned increment was 73 to 15, he spoke to the entire House of Representatives for half an hour, displaying a chart of land, labor, capital, wealth, rent wages and interest at the rostrum. At least they know what it is all about, he said, and from now on he will be known as a Single Taxer.

The newspaper in Helena carried a complimentary report on the address, which Mr. Conklin admits he rehearsed every night in bed when he should have been sleeping. In presenting the "single tax an interesting approach to an old problem" reference was made to Henry George's *Progress and Poverty*, and even farther back to

the time of Moses, to prove the theory was not new.

Mr. Conklin told his audience that if a single tax concept were at some time to be adopted in its entirety it would: abolish all personal property taxes; eliminate all taxes on the improvements to real estate; throw out the income tax, gasoline tax, license tax, excise tax, and sales tax; and introduce just one tax in place of 100.

According to the newspaper report "the members of the House listened intently to the explanation given by Conklin, then killed his bill, which was no more or no less than he had expected. Bringing in the minority report was for educational and discussion purposes, and it is generally granted few people knew much about it. Seventeen Democrats supported Conklin. Six members who were present did not vote."

### Georgists "Refuse to Vegetate"

The philosophy of Henry George seems to be conducive to long life—to name but one of its contributions to mankind.

Mrs. Henry George, Jr. of Tucson, at 82, lives with her sister and both of them are mighty busy. This daughter-in-law of Henry George is an authority on minerals and sea shells. She lectures about these things to school children, to "give them an understanding of God's creative works."

Harry Golden, who is beginning a new and very successful phase of his life at 58, "was raised on Henry George and still finds him fascinating." He belonged to a club where he learned Henry George by heart. He can quote passages of *Progress and Poverty*, and confesses definitely to being "a Henry Georgist." In a recent interview he said, "there are a bunch of them around in the world, and I'm in communication with all of them."