

the operation of our reform are made clear to the farmer, the battle is won.

And won it must and will be—right here in California, the home of Henry George, and along lines laid down by him. No Home Rule, Franchise Tax or other substitute, but a straight clean-cut fight for a free earth on which special privilege taxation, monopoly and their attendant horror—involuntary poverty—shall once and for all time be abolished—CHARLES JAMES.

OHIO

The following members of the Cleveland Single Tax Club were successful in the recent election:

For Congress—Robert Crosser and William Gordan.

For county clerk—Edmund B. Haserodt.

For county auditor—John A. Zangerle.

For county recorder—Hosea Paul.

For county surveyor—W. A. Stinchcomb

For State senator—Wm. Agnew and Howell Wright.

Mr. Stinchcomb had the largest vote ever given a candidate in this county. He ran 8,000 ahead of President Wilson, who received a plurality of more than 20,000 in the county. The county surveyor is the engineer and advisor on all county work. His popularity has caused much talk about Mr. Stinchcomb as a Democratic party candidate for mayor of Cleveland next year.

A Democratic legislature of Ohio made a ridiculously partisan gerrymander. In this county in that way two districts were made solidly Democratic, and one was fixed in a way to bunch Republican strongholds. Had three districts been made in a reasonable way, the chances are that we would have elected Stephen M. Young to Congress also, for Crosser and Gorden could well have spared some votes. Young is a member of the Cleveland Single Tax Club.

Both Republican and Democratic parties in Ohio stand for the general property tax and for a low tax rate fixed by law. Not much is to be hoped for tax reform in this

State from either party for some time to come. The next governor, James M. Cox, is on record as favoring classification of property for purposes of taxation, but he doesn't work at it.

The condition of city, village and school district treasuries is desperate. Unless the next Legislature gives some relief, the city of Cleveland will have at least \$600,000 less next year to spend than this year, and it may be \$1,200,000 less, according as the State supreme court may decide. Mr. Zangerle, as the assessing officer of this county, raised assessments on down-town land more than \$60,000,000 and this is being fought in the courts. The city has already borrowed on short-time notes all that the law permits, and is facing a huge deficit. The city parks which Tom Johnson improved, are going to ruin for lack of money.

So bad is the condition of the pavements that the people voted \$3,500,000 bonds for repaving purposes—H. M. HOLMES.

CALIFORNIANS HONOR HENRY GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY

The newly formed California Single Tax League (a corporation) with headquarters in Los Angeles, started its official career with a dinner, on September 15th, to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Henry George. The dinner was given at the Clark Hotel, Los Angeles. In the main parlors of the hotel an informal reception was tendered to Anna George De Mille, W. C. De Mille and Charles Johnson Post, during the hour preceding the dinner, and many of the old-time friends of Henry George gladly availed themselves of the opportunity to greet his daughter, who is now living in Los Angeles.

Robert L. Hubbard, the president, explained that the California Single Tax League came into being in answer to the urgent need of an organization in this State which would keep clearly before the public the Single Tax as set forth by Henry George.

W. J. Ford, former Assistant District Attorney, and one of this city's foremost