

popularity which was later enjoyed by William Jennings Bryan along other lines. It was in his "Progress and Poverty" that he first developed his plan of land taxation. In his book he also advanced the proposition that the wages of labor are paid out of the value the laborer creates and not from the funds of capital. As a theory it was captivating, but even at present it is not clearly understood by all and is sure to be always a subject of controversy. But George was undoubtedly sincere, and as he had an attractive personality and wrote and lectured constantly he gained many followers.

This book was first widely noticed in England and later it was much read in this country. In 1886 when the author was nominated for Mayor of New York he received 67,000 votes. In 1897 he was again nominated for this office, but died before election day. With his passing, interest in the subject waned, and for years little has been heard about it except among organizations whose members still believe that it is a cure-all for the ills of life.

What Three Great Americans Said About the Land Question

THESE quotations are being painted on the walls of the Henry George Foundation at the Sesqui Centennial grounds at Philadelphia:

The earth belongs in usufruct to the living.

—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

All men have equal and unalienable rights to the use of the earth. Must we consent that some shall monopolize what is the common heritage of all?

—HENRY GEORGE

The land, the earth God gave to man for his home, sustenance and support, should never be the possession of any man, corporation, society, or unfriendly government, any more than the air or water, if as much.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Commonwealth Land Party Tickets in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan

JAMES A. ROBINSON, Organizer of the Commonwealth Land Party, is stirring great enthusiasm in the states he has visited. In Missouri a ticket is now in the field with Charles A. Green, of Hannibal, as the candidate for U. S. Senator.

Mr. Green in accepting the nomination says: "It was with the keenest feelings of delight that I received the proffer of the nomination. I believe that you might easily have chosen an abler man on whom to confer this honor, but I doubt the possibility of choosing one who is more optimistic.

"There never was a more auspicious time than the present in the history of the movement. If we do not make a good showing it will be due to our own lack of action and enthusiasm.

"A phenomenon in the political life of America is causing considerable anxiety among the leaders of the old parties, viz., the constant increase in the number of persons who refrain from voting, which is full of significance for us. I have from time to time taken issue with the press on the cause of the falling off of the vote, for every reason but the true one has been given to explain this seeming lethargy.

"The real reason in my opinion is that people are becoming too intelligent to take part in contests between Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. The old parties have nothing to offer an intelligent man or woman to induce them to vote. The Commonwealth Land Party is the only party that has an issue. This gives us tremendous advantage in this contest. Another condition that should work to our advantage is the hopeless maze of taxation into which the old parties have led us.

"Let us make special efforts to reach the non-voters. These are numerous enough to carry the election in Missouri. Truly, the harvest is great, but let it not be said to our shame that the laborers are few."

In Iowa the Commonwealth Land Party is on the ballot with a full state ticket. Here we go on by reason of being a national party in two presidential years, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General agreeing that we are entitled to a place on the ballot merely by the filing of an affidavit without any signatures to petitions. The ticket in Iowa is as follows: For Governor, Dr. Thomas J. Kelly, of Marathon. For Lieutenant-Governor, George C. Clay. For Secretary of State, Merle E. Ingham. For Attorney General, John Hummell. For Auditor of State, Alfred Phelps, of Des Moines, and for Secretary of Agriculture, Andrew Engle, of Newton. In addition to these candidates, L. E. Eickelberg, of Waterloo, has accepted the nomination for U. S. Senator.

Mr. Eickelberg was the unsuccessful candidate for U. S. Senator on the Republican ticket this summer and has a notable personal following in the state. His espousal of the new party's platform comes near being a public sensation throughout the state. He is sincere and enthusiastic, and has circulated the Platform widely. He will tour the state at his own expense and mail copies of the Platform to all available lists. He will challenge Senator Brookhart to a public debate. He is a successful hardware merchant and filled with great zeal for the common people. He will attend the next National convention of the party and may prove a valuable acquisition.

Iowa is 93 per cent agricultural. Ninety-five thousand are tenants and there are ninety-one thousand owners, 70 per cent of whom are heavily mortgaged. Less than 2500 farms are adjacent to improved roads of any kind.

Frederick H. Ruckler, State Chairman of the Commonwealth Land party, and candidate for State Treasurer, drove Organizer Robinson through Jasper County to meet the farmers and their wives. They visited farmer after farmer who listened attentively. Many consented to join the new party and act as State Committeemen, thus exploding the fiction that farmers are difficult to reach with our message.

Dr. Kelly is jubilant over the many pledges received since the announcement of his candidacy. State wide publicity has resulted from the filing of the certificate of nominations. Every newspaper in the state carried the story of the advent of Henry George men in the campaign. Many of the papers gave extracts from the Platform. Many carried front page stories with big headlines and subheads. August Willeges, of Sious City, not an enrolled member of the party, but always willing to extend his help to any method to get the message before the people, wrote Organizer Robinson: "I wish you the greatest success in your battle in Iowa."

Pressure was brought to bear by Republican leaders upon Commonwealth Land party candidates to withdraw. In one case these efforts were successful, Julia Moffit Kating, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, withdrew after having accepted, but George Clay, of Des Moines, was promptly substituted. And this resulted in another blast of publicity for the new party.

Organizer Robinson addressed the Iowa State Fair. He held the floor for about forty minutes and a lively time ensued. Chas. W. Pugsley, president of the South Dakota Agricultural College, had made an ingenious plea for a farm subsidy, and Mr. Robinson scored Mr. Pugsley as an enemy of the real dirt farmer and characterized him as a "rent eater," which phrase caught the crowd. He then read the Platform of the Commonwealth Land party without interruption. The landlords had zealous defenders, who cited the failure of Single Tax in Canada and elsewhere, and made the usual predictions of disaster. Even the proverbial poor widow was put through the paces and the charge was made that Mr. Robinson was being backed by the "Fels Fund."

Robinson then described the manner of living of the absentee landlords of Iowa in Los Angeles, how they were investing rent checks received from the Iowa farmers in further land speculation in California. An ominous murmur greeted this announcement. Three times Mr. Robinson offered to close, but he now had the audience, and when he stated that the Commonwealth Land party would be on the ticket, he was greeted with cries of, "What's the emblem?" Not only did the original crowd remain, but the number was greatly augmented at the close and the big tent had about six hundred present. Organizer Robinson is confident that if we had a few good speakers to tour the state the result would be more than gratifying and might astonish the old parties.

From Iowa Mr. Robinson moved to Illinois. In Chicago he addressed a big meeting in Washington Park, and announced that the C. L. P. would have a full state ticket in the field. He read the Platform which was greeted with deep interest and frequent applause. Percy P. Christensen, candidate for Governor on the Progressive ticket, spoke on the same day.

Following are the nominations in Illinois: For United States Senator, Morris Lychenheim; For State Treasurer, Alexander Pernod; For Superintendent of Public Instruction, William D. Tate; For Clerk of the Supreme Court, Carl G. Williams; For Trustees of the University of Illinois George Chandler Madison, Jennie L. Madison and Ernest N. Brancher; and for Members of Congress at Large, Mary N. Connor and Andrew A. Gour.

Organizer Robinson is now in Michigan. Dr. Alexander S. Diack, of Detroit will run for Governor, and a full state ticket will be placed in nomination.

Death of Miss Carrie George

ON Saturday, Sept. 11th, there passed away at Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, the last remaining member of the family of which Henry George was the eldest son.

A telegram from Alice George, the niece with whom she had resided, to her sister Mrs. Carrie Lockwood, of Larchmont, N. Y., read "Aunt Carrie died painlessly to-day."

While exact record of her birth is not at hand, as it is known that she was older than her brother Henry who was born Sept. 2, 1839, and was consequently about 90 years of age.

The Editor States His Position

THE report of the Third International Single Tax Conference, at Copenhagen, which was published in the last issue of LAND AND FREEDOM, referred to some differences of opinion over the wording of the resolutions finally adopted, and which also appeared in that issue; and to the close votes over the method of appointment of the proposed international committee. Mr. Chester C. Platt, who wrote the report especially for this paper, is an experienced newspaper man as well as a long-time Single Taxer, and we are sure our readers appreciated the skill in reporting and condensation whereby he gave us such an excellent summary of that interesting meeting, which must result in ultimate benefit to the cause which all of those in attendance have at heart.

Some of our friends whose proposals failed to receive the approval of the majority of those in attendance desire to present their viewpoint to a wider audience, and we therefore give space to a statement from Mr. J. W. Graham Peace, of the English Commonwealth Land Party.

In regard to the proposed International Committee, it now seems that one committee representing more especially