

## Pittsburgh Club Activities

THE Henry George Club of Pittsburgh recently inaugurated its sixth year of continuous weekly meetings, and at the annual business meeting early in October re-elected the officers who had served so well during the past year as follows: President, Wm. N. McNair; Vice President, Geo. W. Wakefield; Treasurer, Ralph E. Smith; and Secretary, Francis W. Maguire.

During the recent months a number of prominent speakers have appeared before the Club including city officials and candidates for mayor and council. There were also quite a number of Single Tax discussions and the Club heard from some of its prominent members who had been traveling recently. Harry H. Willock, who is now making his home in Alabama, spoke on "Fairhope and the South" and later gave another very interesting address on "Mexico and its Government." A rather entertaining feature was a moving picture exhibition and travelogue of Africa, Italy and Spain, given by George E. Evans. President William N. McNair gave a very interesting account of his trip to Denver and of his participation in the Denver Single Tax campaign. Hon. James F. Malone, President of City Council and recent candidate for office of Mayor, spoke on "Some Problems in Municipal Government" and in this connection declared himself emphatically in favor of the Pittsburgh Graded Tax Plan, this being the first public declaration on this subject from councilman Malone. Later in the season the Club was addressed by Councilmen John S. Herron and W. Y. English on the subject of "Our Municipal Government." Both of these councilmen have for years been strong friends of the graded tax system and both were re-elected at the November election. On October 18th the Club was addressed by Thomas A. Dunn, the candidate for Mayor on the fusion ticket of the Democratic and Good Government parties. Three of Pittsburgh's prominent Single Taxers were candidates on the fusion ticket in the recent election, Ralph E. Smith received the nomination for City Controller and George E. Evans and William B. Foster, nominations for City Council. On November 1st, candidates Evans and Foster gave illuminating addresses before the Club on the subject "What a Councilman Should Do" and Mr. Smith presided at this meeting. The Republican party, having an overwhelming majority normally in Pittsburgh, none of the fusion candidates were successful but it is interesting to note that the three Single Tax candidates on this ticket each showed very complimentary votes, not so large as the Mayoralty candidate, who received most of the publicity, but leading the rest of the ticket.

The meeting on September 27th was devoted to "Echoes of the National Single Tax Conference" with programme including brief speeches by John Lawrence Monroe, Charles LeBaron Goeller, George E. Evans, Carl D. Smith and G. W. Wakefield. All expressed themselves as being

greatly pleased with the Henry George Congress and as feeling that it was a real privilege to have a part in entertaining such a splendid gathering of representative Single Taxers from all parts of the country.

On October 4th, Sidney A. Teller, Director of the Irene Kaufmann Settlement, discussed "Newer Conceptions of Social Work;" October 11th, Mrs. Helen Glenn Tyson "The Welfare Fund of Pittsburgh;" October 25th, Ray Wilson "Militarism and Education;" November 8th, Dr. Leon A. Wilcox "Pneumonia, its Cure and Prevention;" November 15th, M. McNeill "The Slaughter of the Innocents at Railroad Crossings—A Plan to Stop It;" November 22nd, Dr. Wm. J. Van Essen "What the Socialists have Accomplished in Vienna;" November 29th, William B. Foster "Will the Single Tax Raise Wages?" Will Atkinson was a recent visitor at the Club and spoke briefly with particular reference to his new "Outline of Protection or Free Trade," having presented ten thousand copies to the Henry George Foundation.

## Columnist Harper Pokes Fun at a Realtor

PERTINACITY is a good trait, generally speaking, and an exhibition of it on the part of one of my readers has put me into the same plight as the unjust judge in the Scriptures. The woman whom he had denied justice was so persistent, as the Good Book tells us, that finally he had to give her a square deal just to get rid of her.

Imitating that unjust judge I have put into the waste basket many letters from F. E. McGillick, real estate operator, 906 Park building, demanding and insisting that I "tell the people of Pittsburgh the result of the referendum election on the graded tax law at Denver, Col."

Once or twice I have referred to the way in which Pittsburgh has benefited from that law (which makes the tax rate on unimproved land twice as high as the tax rate on buildings.)

That must be why Mr. McGillick refuses to let me go and still urges that I answer.

### THE GRADED TAX FOREVER!

Accordingly I am telling the people of Pittsburgh, the whole 1,400,000 of them, that to the best of my knowledge and belief the people of Denver voted against the graded tax law, the more fools they.

The mayor of Denver never officially advised me that such was the result of the referendum, but I infer it from the fact that the Henry George Club of Pittsburgh never held a torchlight parade in celebration of the Denver election, as the club would surely have done if Denver had adopted the Pittsburgh plan.

### WOULD STUMP SOLOMON

Mr. M'Gillick's last question: "Give us your version why no other city adopts this law?"