

Chicago Ready For Big Single Tax Rally

CONVENTION DATES CHANGED TO
SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27

A BIGGER and better Convention for 1933 is assured by many encouraging reports reaching Pittsburgh headquarters of the Henry George Foundation, where arrangements are now being rushed forward for the Eighth Annual Henry George Congress. Chicago proved itself to be a great convention city when the Congress met there just five years ago and the World's Fair celebration, now attracting great crowds from far and near, makes Chicago a particularly happy choice this year. And Chicago's very live and aggressive Single Tax League is preparing a hearty welcome for our visitors.

Special attention is called to a change in the dates as originally announced. To avoid conflicting engagements which threatened to interfere with the presence of at least several prominent Single Taxers among officials and prospective speakers, it was decided to hold the Convention just one week later than at first planned. The Congress will accordingly open on Monday, Sept. 25 and adjourn on Wednesday evening, Sept. 27 instead of Sept. 18-20. Notice of this change has been given by mail and the committee on arrangements trusts that sufficient notice was given that all planning to attend were able to adjust their schedules accordingly.

Rapid progress is now being made in the formulation of an attractive programme. Among the speakers definitely or tentatively scheduled are Harold S. Bottenheim, editor of the *American City* and President of the General Welfare Tax League; Hon. Frederic C. Howe, recently appointed Consumers' Counsel of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Hon. Francis Neilson, former member of the British Parliament and author of "The Eleventh Commandment," recently published; John Z. White, veteran Single Tax lecturer; Bernarr Macfadden, editor of *Liberty, and Physical Culture* magazines; Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati; Frank Stephens of Arden, Del.; Hon. Abe D. Waldauer, Assistant City Attorney of Memphis; Ernest B. Gaston, editor of the *Fairhope Courier*; L. D. Beckwith, editor of the *Stockton Forum*; Fiske Warren of Enclavian fame; J. C. Lincoln of Cleveland; Hon. William N. McNair, now the leading Democratic candidate for Mayor of Pittsburgh; Hon. A. S. Stockwell, member of the Minnesota Legislature; Attorney Benjamin W. Burger of New York City; Charles H. Ingersoll, President of the Manhattan Single Tax Club; Will Atkinson of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Anna George de Mille of New York City, daughter of Henry George; Robert C. Maccauley, editor of the *Pennsylvania Commonwealth*; L. P. Straube, editor of the *Federation News*, organ of organized labor; Attorney J. Edward Jones; Henry H. Hardinge

and Thomas Rhodus, all of Chicago, and George E. Evans, of Pittsburgh, President of the Henry George Foundation.

Hon. Edward P. Costigan, of Colorado, now a leading Progressive Democrat in the United States Senate, has been invited to address the Henry George Congress and the committee is hopeful of his acceptance. Prof. John Dewey of Columbia University, who has recently been active as President of the People's Lobby in strongly advocating land value taxation, is also among the celebrities being sought for this Convention. Those desiring convention programmes or later information with regard to the final speaking schedule should communicate with Executive Secretary P. R. Williams of the Henry George Foundation, 238 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

President Evans has named a strong Convention Committee representative of the various sections of the country, including the following: Clayton J. Ewing, Chairman; George M. Strachan, Vice Chairman; Charles G. Baldwin, William A. Black, Alfred N. Chandler, W. E. Clement, John S. Codman, Grace Isabel Colbron, Henry P. Boyton, Otto Cullman, Andrew P. Canning, R. A. Cowing, Wm. F. Baxter, Samuel Danziger, Charles R. Eckert, Hon. Oliver T. Erickson, Arthur W. Falvey, James C. Fuller, Bolton Hall, Emil O. Jorgenson, Erwin Kauffman, Fenton Lawson, George Lloyd, John S. MacLean, Joseph Dana Miller, Dr. Mark Millikin, John Lawrence Monroe, John B. McGauran, John Emery McLean, George J. Knapp, Hon. A. B. Pittman, Chester C. Platt, James H. McGill, Jackson H. Ralston, Ray Robson, Miss Charlotte Schetter, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., George J. Shaffer, A. Laurence Smith, Carl D. Smith, Wm. H. Sikes, Walter G. Stewart, Frank T. Stirlith, Alan C. Thompson, Henry L. T. Tideman, August Williges and Harry H. Willock. All local arrangements, including entertainment of delegates, radio service, local publicity and registration will be handled by the Chicago sub-committees now being organized under the able leadership of Chairman Ewing, President of the Chicago Single Tax League and Vice President of the Foundation.

While plans will be made for all delegates to visit the many attractions of the "Century of Progress," all sessions of the Congress will be held at the Medinah Athletic Club, conveniently located on Michigan Boulevard, which is placing all of its splendid convention facilities at the disposal of the Congress. Rooms for guests will be available here at the very moderate rates of \$3 for single and \$5 for double rooms, and as far as possible the committee would like all delegates to locate under one roof to facilitate convenience and to reciprocate for courtesies extended by this magnificent club. Special railroad rates are available from all points.

Make up your mind to meet your fellow Single Taxers from far and near at this forthcoming Convention. On account of the World's Fair, there are in effect special rates by rail and other modes of travel.

It is expected that the weather in the latter half of Sep-

tember will be more pleasant than in August so far as a trip to the Fair is concerned.

It is our intention to do honor to any delegates present who were also present at the Single Tax Convention in Chicago in 1893. We believe that a group picture of these should be taken—so that the picture can be shown in the Chicago press.

We will also make a note of the oldest Single Taxers present and of those who have been active for the longest period in the Single Tax ranks.

Mr. C. J. Ewing is offering two prizes: A first prize of \$10 and a second prize of \$5, the money to be used for the purpose of buying books from the Schalkenbach Foundation—these prizes to go to the two States having the best record in the attendance contest. For this contest Illinois is not eligible. Consideration will be given to the total population of the State as shown in Federal census of 1930. Consideration also will be given to the total distance of each delegate so registered; that is the mileage (by shortest rail route) from the home city of the delegate to Chicago. For example, if New York has ten times the population of some other State, then New York must have somewhat in excess of ten times the registered delegate mileage in order to surpass that other State in this contest.

Furthermore, two other prizes are being offered by Fred J. Bahni of Peoria, Ill. Mr. Bahni is well known as a faithful, active Single Taxer of many years standing—and he will attend the Convention. Mr. Bahni, of the Peoria Jewelry Co., is preparing two silver plaques appropriately engraved. These plaques will be presented to the two delegates properly registered, who qualify as follows: 1st. To the American citizen, Single Taxer, who shall have to his credit the greatest mileage distance in travel to Chicago:—In other words from his home (under the American flag) by shortest rail and steamship route. 2nd. To any foreign citizen, Single Taxer, who shall have to his credit the greatest mileage distance in his journey to Chicago via shortest route from his home. These plaques will be appropriate to hang on the wall in an office, or home room.

It is desired to give, at this Convention, all due recognition (at a newspaper and periodical table) to all Single Tax newspapers and periodicals. That all our delegates may be informed as to our newspaper and periodicals—as to their merits, efficiency, and attractiveness. The circulation of our papers should be increased.

It is desired that all newspapers and periodicals, which are friendly to the Georgist cause, may give the fullest and earliest publicity to the above announcements. Also we request that all Single Taxers (to whom these announcements shall come) may tell other Single Taxers of the plans explained above.

At our Convention we expect that the Enclavian plans and accomplishments and projections will be set forth by Fiske Warren, E. B. Gaston, Abe Waldauer and others.

We hope that the Henry George School of Social Science will be represented by a goodly delegation to report progress.

We expect that all other lines of Single Tax activity in America will be ably represented, and progress reported, whether such activities be by lectures, by papers and periodicals, educational work, or in the field of practical legislation.

Is it too much to hope that out of this convention may emerge an immediate and practical plan for an advance?

C. J. EWING, Chairman Convention Committee.

GEORGE E. EVANS, President.

P. R. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Affairs In Pittsburgh

TWO prominent Pittsburgh Single Taxers, William N. McNair and John M. Henry, both attorneys, are in the forefront in the discussion in the public press as probable candidates for the Democratic nomination for Mayor of that city, and at this time it seems likely that a Single Taxer of clear-cut convictions will be the nominee and that the issue of land value taxation will figure rather prominently in the municipal campaign. The Democratic nominee is conceded the best prospect of winning in the past thirty years. Mr. McNair was the nominee for Mayor twelve years ago and polled a large vote and in 1928 polled nearly a million votes for United States Senator. John S. Herron, until recently President of City Council, is now serving as Mayor for the unexpired term of ex-Mayor Charles H. Klin, who resigned after conviction on charges of malfeasance in office.

Among probable candidates for City Council are George E. Evans, President of the Henry George Foundation and former Mayor William A. Magee, "father" of Pittsburgh's graded tax law, the latter a Republican who has served two terms as Mayor. The primary election will be held September 19.

Up To The Savants

CHEMISTRY is replacing the red hot iron for marking a young steer's flank, but something like an iron law of wages still quietly operates to get out of the hide of the worker all the wealth he produces above a bare living.

Perhaps the savants of the World Economic Conference can explain why wages everywhere tend to a minimum? The correct answer might explain increasing want with increasing wealth.—JOHN J. EGAN in *World Telegram*.

JOSIAH MEIGS wrote to Noah Webster, from Washington City, Dec. 3, 1818: ". . . I think, however, that the *Mania* of emigration has come to a *lucid* interval. In a country so free from burdens & taxes as ours, almost any land will comfortably support industrious and intelligent Cultivators. . . ."