

REV. CHARLES HARDON, formerly of Contoocook, N. H., continues his department "Thinklets" in the Concord, N. H. *Daily Patriot*. Mr. Hardon is now in Pomona, California.

It is some vigorous writing that Edmund B. Osborne is putting forth in his department "The Common Good" in the Newark, N. J. *Evening News*.

MR. JAMES R. BROWN turned aside from the effective work he is doing throughout this State to give a few days to the heathen of Rhode Island where he addressed several audiences in the early part of Feb.

THE Woman's Party (non-partisan) of Cook County, Ill., has as the 6th plank in its platform, "we would abolish all taxes on personal property and improvements," and as its 7th plank, "we would place all taxes on the land, according to its value and irrespective of improvements." Among the members of the committee we recognize such names as Alice O'Neal and Annie Wallace Hunt.

A FREE advertisement of the Erie, (Pa.) Single Tax Club appeared on the front page of the *Erie Dispatch* of Feb. 16 in an article contrasting the publicly owned electric lighting plants of Cleveland and the privately owned plants of Erie.

MIAMI, FLORIDA, has passed an ordinance known as a "street tax." This is a tax on every man between the ages of 21 and 55. Imprisonment is the penalty for non-payment. One man with a wife and six children to support was released on condition that he pay the tax the next week.

THE Wichita, (Kan.) *Eagle* thus expresses the great need of the citizen everywhere:

"We think that what citizenships need as much as anything is education to the fact that there are between 60,000 and 70,000 taxpayers resident in Wichita, the majority of whom are unknown to the tax-gatherers."

THE IDEAL COMMONWEALTH.

The economic field will yield its fruits
Rewarding labor's efforts full and fair,
Approving nature blessing man's pursuits;
The commonwealth protecting each
one's share.

In blessed union each for one and all,
According to their deeds supply their
needs.

A brotherhood where common duties call
To peace and plenty by the love that
leads.

Imagination paints this pleasing view,
And fain would realize the hope in fact,
But there are robbers in the way, not few,
Who wickedly conspire to counteract
The good and true and climb to selfish
power;

These robbers hold a warrant from the
State;

The State with limits set it must restore
The people's pow'r as sovereigns to dic-
tate

A public policy for common weal,
Repealing pow'rs opposed to what is fair;
To get the earth for all they must repeal
The taxes that oppress them ev'rywhere,
That make them tribute to the landlord's
greed,

And thus they're robbed of their in-
heritance

By legal force against their right and need.
The other robbers licensed in advance
By hook and crook to rob, some more,
some less,

But landlords they of all the crew are
worse,

The others though a margin wide possess
Are pent within a circumstantial course.
Who owns the land he steals all they have
left,

Their crime with his compared is life to
cash,

No limit short of life will quench his theft,
The law's his bond to take his victims'
flesh,

To own the land's the iron law we know
That fixes prices high and wages low;
For revenue the rent of land will do,
A fund from all, to all this duty's due.

—JAMES D. MCDABE, Pittsburg, Pa.