

of the government, economically administered, in said State or political subdivision of same."

The conference adjourned subject to call of the chairman.—R. BEDICHEK.

SINGLE TAX PARTY DINNER AT PHILADELPHIA

The Single Tax Party of Penn. held its 1st Anniversary Banquet at the Continental Hotel on April 8th, and it proved to be the *biggest Single Tax event that ever happened* in Phila.

Two hundred or more men and women from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and interior of Penn. gathered together and sat for 4 hours listening to real Single Tax speakers relate the merits of Single Tax, and the absolute necessity of *perserving Single Tax integrity* through the medium of separate party action.

Jas. A. Robinson called upon the Party's candidate for city solicitor, Wm. G. Wright, who spoke upon the need of Single Taxers acting as guides or saviours of a wayward humanity. Robt. G. Macauley, the editor of the Party's organ, *The Single Tax Herald*—spoke in a manner and style calculated to remove any doubts in the minds of the "almost persuaded" about what Single Tax means. Jerome C. Reis, the State Organizer of the Party, next spoke on the absolute need of organization (and an honor bound organization) to save the S. T. movement from complete disintegration. W. J. Wallace, of New Jersey candidate of the Land Value Tax Party for President in 1912, next spoke for party unity with an appealing force and convincing calmness which were irresistible. Next came Leo. W. Marks, the Party's candidate for Mayor, with an eloquent portrayal of the Party activities. A poem followed by Oliver McKnight, the Party's candidate for Sheriff, on "The Regenerated Single Taxer," dealing with the activities of the Single Taxer *before and after* the "Regeneration"—the formation of the Party on April 4th 1915. John W. Dix, candidate for Coroner, spoke about

the absentee Single Taxers, and gave reasons why so many Single Taxers were not at the Banquet and why so many of them were. Last, but by no means least on the list of speakers, came Paul M. Gottlieb—the little fire-eating, stentorian-voiced youthful pride of the Party, who spoke of the "Hyphenated Single Taxer," and showed how and why the odious term of "hyphenated" would cease to be a word in the political vocabulary.

The speeches were interspersed with selections of music rendered by the Rous-Osgood Trio. Other musical features were the rendering of a phonographic record "The Land Song," specially imported for the occasion. The collective singing of the same song, under the leadership of W. E. Smith, and a vocal selection by Miss Belir—a musical celebrity of note.

Considering the Banquet from all sides; from the character of the speeches and the applause, from the enthusiasm aroused and efficient action inspired, and from all the other features and incidents, we feel that it was a great event, and we hope that those who have opposed separate party action in the past, will take the "lesson to their hearts," and at least make inquiry into the merits of our claims.—OLIVER MCKNIGHT.

THE ONTARIO COMMISSION ON UNEMPLOYMENT

The Ontario Commission on unemployment has rendered its report in a volume of over 300 pages. Like most reports of this kind it embodies suggestions and recommendations which are bewildering in their variety. The testimony is of the same general character, with the exception of that given by Single Taxers. On page 202 the testimony of the Rev. Andrew Brown is given. Among the contributory causes of unemployment this writer places first the system of taxation, and says: "I feel that by penalizing the building of homes or the building of factories by taxing them when they are built we thereby handicap to that extent the building of