

can tell what service he has rendered or that he has rendered any service whatever. Then the Single Taxers say that according to Mr. Roosevelt if he has rendered no service he should receive no reward, and they declare that Mr. Roosevelt is eternally right. "Private property in land is robbery."

GEORGE D. LIDDELL.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

FROM EX-GOVERNOR GARVIN.

The Single Tax Campaign in Rhode Island advances apace. Early in August the following advertisement was inserted in the five daily papers printed in Providence and Pawtucket.

ANTI-POVERTY

The Rhode Island Tax Reform Association will hold meetings during August as follows: Crescent Park, Saturdays, at 4:30 p. m. Sundays at 2:30 p. m.; Rocky Point, Sundays at 5 p. m.; Pawtucket, corner Main and Dexter sts., Thursdays at 8 p. m.; Providence, Cathedral sq., every week day at 8 p. m., Sundays, 193 Westminster st., Room 6 at 8 p. m. Speakers from other States will address these meetings.

Besides the meetings here advertised others have been held, in addition to that at Cathedral Square, which is west of the centre of Providence, open air speaking is also conducted nightly at Randall Square, north of the centre, and every Tuesday evening in the town of Cumberland.

We were enabled to announce speakers from without the State, because of the action taken by the Massachusetts Single Taxers in providing a fund for sending some of their own men to our assistance on Saturdays and Sundays. In this way Rhode Island audiences have been favored with addresses from W. L. Crossman, Rev. Samuel Brazier, and Edward Doherty, all of Boston—Mr. Crossman coming repeatedly.

For this kindness of our Massachusetts neighbors we are doubly grateful, inasmuch as the Single Taxers from other states who expected to spend their summer vacation in Rhode Island were compelled by circumstances to disappoint both us and themselves.

Through Mr. Bolson Hall, president of the American Single Tax League, we have received a number of most timely contributions, for which we sincerely thank both him and the donors.

For the present the open air meetings will be continued, as the evenings grow longer and cooler, indoor meetings at our firmly located head-quarters will be held more frequently—every night, I hope.

The Single Tax letters to the newspapers continue and, of course, are read by many thousands. The reform communications appear every Sunday in the *Providence Journal* and *Providence Tribune*, some of them from our friends without the State; may their tribe increase.

Lucius F. C. Garvin.

MISSOURI

AMENDMENTS FOR ABOLITION OF THE STATE PROPERTY TAX AND FOR LOCAL OPTION TO BE VOTED ON NOV. 3—WORKING OF THE NEW PRIMARY LAW.

Active work is now being done here by some of our members backed by the League, in support of the constitutional amendments to be voted upon on November 3. Arguments for and against their adoption are being distributed in pamphlet form through the state to all the voters. The 3rd amendment, the Initiative and Referendum, and the 5th, discontinuing the State Property Tax and providing for Local option in taxation, are the two we are mainly interested in. I think they have a good chance of adoption. The pamphlet is published under the auspices of the following Publicity Committee, Joseph W. Folk, Governor, Herbert S. Hofley, Atty. General; Judge Wm. M. Williams, Chairman of Tax Commission appointed by Governor Dockery;

F. N. Judson, Chairman of Tax Commission appointed by Governor Folk, and others.

Notwithstanding the press report of the state, which are more or less monopolistically inclined, the new primary law, which was inaugurated in this state on August 4 last, is a success so far. The frauds at the polls became so apparent that the press was compelled to expose them and the public to see and know them. It is in their power, with some of the suggestions of Governor Folk, to remedy them. It is a step nearer to democracy, and if the people do not apply the remedy, the fault is with them.

I think Single Taxers should be alive to the importance of this measure. It sounds the death knell of the party machine. It leaves it with no excuse for existence, and in that case we may get honest, independent men to represent us in place of the servants of the machines and the monopolies.

H. Sycamore, Sec.

St. Louis, Mo.

WORK OF THE MANHATTAN CLUB

The out-door meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings conducted by the Manhattan Single Tax Club of this city, on the corner of 125 street and Seventh Avenue, have been remarkably successful, and are an evidence of the usefulness of this mode of educating the people. It is to be regretted that so few of our local Single Taxers have thought it worth while to put in an appearance. If those who could speak would do so meetings similar could be carried on all over the city. Let us make a suggestion. If those who think they are doing their full duty by paying dues in their organization and attending dinners at which Single Taxers only are present, would flock to these meetings and influence speakers and listeners by their presence, they would be contributing in a more signal way to the making of converts.

The work of these meetings has devolved largely upon Mr. Joseph Fink who has done splendid work. Those who have

assisted him by making speeches one or more evenings a week, and who are deserving of honorable mention, are John S. Crosby, William Ryan, James R. Brown, Augustus Weyman, Joseph Darling, James Macgregor, Charles Cooke, John J. Murphy, and two or three others.

The audiences have been large and appreciative. An average of thirty-five books have been sold every week. The literature is not peddled around, but an announcement is made by the chairman that those wishing to procure books may have them by leaving a deposit, to be refunded when the book is returned. Few books ever come back. In the distribution of free literature this method is pursued: Any one desiring free literature may obtain it by sending his name and address to the club on the cards printed for that purpose and which are distributed at each meeting. In this way those who are not interested are eliminated without expense to the club. Free literature is being sent out all over the United States, for many of the applicants for literature send in the names of distant friends whom they believe will be interested in the movement.

COLLIER'S WEEKLY AND SENATOR STOCKWELL.

Colliers Weekly cannot find space to discuss the Single Tax movement while giving much of its columns to socialism, but it can go out of its way to speak of Raymond Robins as a demagogue, and of the speech of that servant of light at Denver as demogogy.

The following correspondence is of interest in this connection. Ex-Senator Stockwell of Minneapolis, is a Single Taxer who is known to our readers everywhere.

Mr. Norman Hapgood, Editor *Collier's*, New York City.

I have been a reader of *Collier's* for a number of years past, taking it largely because I greatly enjoy its editorials. You have frequently referred to socialism, have had a number of articles by Jos. Medill Patterson, but thus far one would be lead to believe that you are wholly