

articles have been widely copied. Even the old Cobden organ, published in Liverpool, England, and the *Liberator* of Auckland, New Zealand, have reproduced addresses made by him which were published in reform papers in this country.

As a poet, Mr. Cumming has received many compliments. We reproduce in another column some lines from Mr. Cumming's pen which show his facility for strong homely presentation in verse that flows smoothly and embodies well expressed truths in vigorous couplets.

HAINES D. ALBRIGHT.

Haines D. Albright, candidate for Congress from the 4th District of Pennsylvania, is an active Single Taxer. In a card issued to the voters of his district he says:

"In times like these every man who desires to do something for his country should strive to make known to his fellow citizens the necessary causal relation which subsists between unwise tax laws and hard times." Elsewhere on the same card he says:

"Unscientific tax laws have a tendency to check productive business activity and, to encourage wasteful disuse of valuable land, and thus make rents abnormally high, the raw materials of industry costly, business dull and unprofitable, wages low and employment hard to find."

The Fourth Congressional District is strongly republican, but many of the voters are independent and ready for a change. In 1905 Mr. Berry, a Single Tax democrat, carried it by over 10,000 majority. The people now have more cause for dissatisfaction than they then had, and it is not impossible that they are going to express that dissatisfaction at the polls in November by a "land slide," which is not unknown even in Philadelphia. Mr. Albright will have the active aid of such men of the faith as the Philadelphia guard have proved themselves to be in many a hard fought campaign.

WESTERN STARR.

The Democratic candidate for Congress from Wilmette, Ill., was born at Davenport, Iowa, in 1854. He was educated

in the public schools of Rock Island, Ill., and in 1870 worked as a farm hand, later on the St. Louis bridge, and later still in the mine mills of Colorado.

In 1877 he had accumulated a little money, with which he entered Oberlin in April of that year. In 1880 he took his degree at Cornell, and afterwards he took the Columbia law course in New York City, and was admitted to the practice of law in that city in 1882. In 1882 he went to Chicago, and taught private school and practiced his profession until the following year, when a business engagement took him to Dakota territory, which at that time included what are now North and South Dakota. Here he was appointed assessor under the territorial government. In 1890 he returned to Chicago where he carried on a real estate brokerage business, and also continued the practice of his profession. In Chicago he held the position of secretary of the civil service reform committee of the Civic Federation, and was later chairman of that body.

These facts in the active life of Mr. Starr were told by John Z. White in the *SINGLE TAX REVIEW*, for April 1904. It is interesting to note the causes that made the subject of this sketch a Single Taxer. It was the robbery of the people involved in colossal railroad land grants that opened his eyes to the evils of land monopoly. Says Mr. White in the sketch of the life of Mr. Starr: "In collusion with dishonest officialism the power shown by the great corporations, especially the Northern Pacific Railroad, startled him. * * He found that this road had been granted every other section of land for forty miles on each side of its track, this of course being equal to a solid strip forty miles wide clear across the state. And when a settler had taken possession of a farm anywhere within these limits the road was permitted to take any unclaimed section within ten miles beyond the forty mile limit. * * The same sort of conditions that disturbed Starr in North Dakota rivetted the attention of Henry George in California."

In 1898 Western Starr formally joined the Single Tax movement, giving it the support of a ready pen and oratorical

powers of no mean order. He inherits the qualities of the Connecticut pioneers and the sturdy individuality of Roger Williams from whom he is descended. These characteristics, with the knowledge of men that he has gained from a rich and varied experience, have made him a force in the war for economic righteousness.

NEWS DOMESTIC

RHODE ISLAND.

A FEW NEWSPAPERS REPORTING THE SINGLE TAX CAMPAIGN—ATTACKING THE PROTECTIONIST SUPERSTITION—"BARNABY CORNER", AND HOW TO GET A HALF MILLION FOR NOTHING.

"Private property in land is robbery." This is the slogan with which the Single Taxers are trying to arouse the people of Rhode Island to a realization of the prime cause of present industrial conditions.

The open air meetings which were begun the first of June have been continued every pleasant evening since; there has been a meeting at Cathedral square, Providence, every evening, and when enough speakers are available there has been a meeting at Randall square at the other side of the city. On Thursday evenings at Cathedral square, the time is divided with the socialists. The Single Taxers are glad of the opportunity to do this, for they reason that if their principle isn't able to withstand any assault to which it may be subjected it had better be abandoned, and thus far they see no reason for alarm. Some amusing comments are heard at these debates, as for instance the following dialogue which was overheard one evening as the speakers were leaving the stand:

First speaker: "Say, what the Single Taxers did to the socialists was a shame."

Second speaker: "G'wan, youse; de socialists had dem tingle saxers faded dead away; dey didn't leave a leg under 'em."

Meetings have also been held occasionally in Pawtucket, in Valley Falls and in Cumberland. The *News-Democrat* of

this city and the *Evening Times* of Pawtucket are giving good reports of these meetings, but the *Journal*, the *Bulletin* and the *Evening Tribune* ignore them utterly.

There have also been held during July and August at the shore resorts, Crescent Park and Rocky Point, meetings every Saturday and Sunday afternoon. These resorts close Labor day, so that of course these meetings at the shore resorts will then be discontinued. In addition to the local men, former Governor Garvin, Dr. John A. McLaughlin, Louis A. Basinet, Andrew Johnson, David S. Fraser and William J. McDougall who speak at these meetings, assistance has been rendered by W. L. Crosman, Rev. Samuel Brazier and Mr. Doherty, of Boston; one of whom generally comes up on Saturday and stops over Sunday, helping out at the shore resorts and at the Saturday night and Sunday night meetings in this city. The Sunday night meetings are held at the headquarters of the Association. The Boston Single Taxers have several other speakers available, whom they promise to send to our assistance when needed.

It was hoped that some of the Single Taxers of the country would find it convenient and agreeable to spend their vacation season in this vicinity, and lend a helping hand in the campaigning, but in this the local people have been disappointed.

The Chairman of the National Committee of the republican party was in Boston the other day, and appointed Mr. Henry F. Lippitt of this city head fat-fryer for Rhode Island. It is given out that he is expected to raise in this, the smallest State in the Union, from \$75,000 to \$100,000, in order that the blessed tariff may be preserved. The Single Tax speakers are not neglecting to ask their workingmen hearers if they imagine for a minute that the protected manufacturers of Rhode Island are going to contribute \$100,000 to the republican campaign fund for the benefit of their help? They are being told that if the protected manufacturers are desirous of giving their employes \$100,000 they don't have to give it to them through the National Com-