

Single Taxers pledged their support and contributions to Oregon.

At Boston the reception accorded to Mr. Hermann was very gratifying. The Single Tax League here is considering the advisability of sending William Lloyd Garrison to take part in the Oregon campaign. Mr. Garrison says that as soon as possible he intends to close his business and devote the rest of his life to the Single Tax movement.

In New York City a meeting was held in Keen's Chop House, 36th street, on Saturday, May 28, at which some forty five persons sat down to dinner. Joseph Dana Miller acted as toastmaster, and among the speakers were J. R. Hermann, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Robert C. Macauley, William J. Wallace, E. Yancey Cohen, George Lloyd and others.

Mr. Hermann told of the effect that the Single Tax Party convention at Chicago had had on the vote in Oregon in showing the voters of that State that there was a national movement behind the State movement of Oregon. Also that the refusal of the Single Tax Party at Chicago to make common cause with the Socialistic element in the Committee of 48 and the Farmer-Labor Party had been the means of reassuring the more conservative voters of the State that the Single Tax movement stood apart from the so-called radical and Bolshevik elements of which the State stands in wholesome dread.

Mr. Hermann will attend the Single Tax conference at Washington, and will make dates from here to the Coast. In the meantime he keeps the *Portland Journal* and labor press of the State supplied with information as to the events of his trip and incidents that arise.

Mr. Hermann has aroused immense interest in the Oregon and Northwest movement to put the Single Tax on the map. He tells his story simply, but effectively and with native eloquence. What he has done with small resources at his command and with only the aid of the little group of devoted workers in Portland, is a revelation to those who listen to him. Personally he has made hosts of friends.

National Committee of the Single Tax Party Meets

ENDORSES THE OREGON AMENDMENT

A MEETING of the National Committee of the Single Tax Party was held Saturday, June 4th, at the headquarters in this city, 32 East 13th street.

There were present from Pennsylvania, Messrs. Macauley, Robinson, and Haug; from New Jersey, Messrs. Wallace, Bourgeois, Cohen, Caffall, Dintenfuss, Loew; from New York, Messrs. Chodorov, Miller, Geiger, VanVeen, and Miss Charlotte Schetter; from Ohio, Messrs. Barnum and Edwards.

The situation was thoroughly canvassed. The Thousand a Month Club is increasing and Single Taxers throughout the country will be circularized until the membership

reaches one thousand and the National treasury is in receipt of \$1,000 a month from that source.

National Organizer Robinson was authorized to engage an assistant secretary to the National Committee.

Mr. Barnum outlined the situation in Ohio and told of the movement on foot there to form a general amalgamation of all Single Tax clubs and societies under one head. This movement to get together in Ohio is an auspicious beginning which will be watched with interest. Such a body, organized in one general association, can undertake the submission of a referendum measure while at the same time legitimate party activities may be furthered by those who believe in the party idea. This movement inaugurates an era of good feeling and co-operation that ought to succeed.

A committee of three were appointed by Chairman Wallace to be known as The Propaganda Bureau of the Single Tax Party, which will devote itself exclusively to the preparation and printing of literature. The Committee to direct this Bureau consists of Mr. Bourgeois as chairman, E. M. Caffall and Joseph Dana Miller.

Mr. Macauley reviewed conditions in those States where the Single Tax Party have complete or partial organizations. A fund of over \$1,000 was raised to send the Organizer to those State where organizations need help.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the Oregon amendment and wishing God speed to J. R. Hermann.

Single Tax Dinner in Chicago

A DINNER in the interest of the California movement was given at Chicago, April 27th, by the Chicago Single Tax Club, attended by over 100 Single Taxers. George A. Schilling, the new president of the club, was toastmaster, and said it was the first getting together of Chicago Single Taxers since the war. A friendly spirit toward California was manifest, and when W. L. Ross, the principal speaker of the evening, said that his experience had shown him that there were more people who knew of the Single Tax in California than in any other State there was a vigorous round of applause. He said that one of the signs of life in the movement was the existence of powerful anti-Single Tax organizations, and that these organizations were well financed by the railroads, oil companies, large land owners and monopolists in general.

Mr. Gerrit Johnson on his way home from California stopped off at Chicago to attend the dinner. He made a short address and an appeal for funds for the California campaign.

Other addresses were made by Henry H. Hardinge, Clarence Darrow and A. W. Ricker. J. R. Hermann, of Oregon, was in attendance. W. L. Ross.

Death of R. T. Snediker

ON March 29th of this year, Dr. R. T. Snediker, long a leading Single Taxer of Kansas City, Kas., died at the age of 69. He enjoyed excellent health up to ten days before his death when he was stricken with erysipelas."

His mind was an encyclopedia of statistical information and historical fact which worked with the precision of a clock. He was known for many years in Kansas as an educational and progressive influence.

Dr. John Emerson Roberts, who delivered the funeral address, paid a remarkable tribute to the lost leader, and it is so notable yet restrained an eulogy, that we venture to quote a paragraph, wishing only that we had room for more.

"I did not know Mr. Snediker closely. I knew him casually, or superficially, for years. But I always felt that there was a mental depth that I had not fathomed. Something was kept back. I appeal to you if it is not true. If you ever met him and spoke intimately with him, didn't you feel out of those peculiar, brilliant eyes of his, that there was something there you had not grasped?—an earnestness, a loyalty, a conviction, that challenged? We are made up not alone of flesh and blood. In varying degrees, there is something different, something different from the physical, something that marks and differentiates and makes each each; and in the measure that that indefinable something transcends, in the measure or degree that it is different, we have the masterly man, the great soul. It is a native endowment, it is something that nature did, and not that we did. It is not the result of culture or education, or acquired knowledge; it is something that some people have, that seems like a special endowment. He had that, whatever it may be. I am unable to analyze it. I would simply call it the transcendence of spirit or soul. Other people have had it in different degrees, and they have been extolled, and called wonderful, and they have sometimes been called divine. I would not say that about Mr. Snediker, but I would say that, in an unusual and rare degree he had that something about him that exuded health, strength, courage, resolve, self reliance. I think that when anybody has that peculiar power that makes health contagious, whose touch is healing, whose presence is encouragement and inspiration, I think whenever there is a man like that in society, he makes us all his debtors. I was indebted to him, I am indebted to him; not for silver or gold, not for instruction, but for that indefinable something that comes unbidden and helps unseen."

People Value

THE value that attaches to land because of the presence of population is essentially a "People Value." It goes where they go; and if they migrate to another place, they take the land value with them.

How absurd and unjust, then, to allow the individual with a title deed to land, to appropriate this community or "People Value."—*Square Deal*, Toronto, Canada.

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SEND us reports of lectures or addresses in your locality that treat of the Single Tax or the industrial problems.

The Engineer's Service to Society

PORTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BY
MAJOR FRED J. MILLER AT ANNUAL
MEETING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

WE are hearing constantly more about service as constituting the only just claim to rewards. Certainly the engineer need not fear comparison with others on that score. Yet there are those who, with the best intentions I am sure, charge a large share of our industrial and social difficulties to features of modern industry that have been created and are maintained by the work of the engineer.

Especially do they charge that things done by machinery instead of by hand, and the multiplication of large manufacturing establishments in which the work is minutely divided, have had a bad effect—have, indeed, made men and women slaves of the machine.

I think we may claim that there is a misapprehension about this and that machinery and large industrial establishments do not nor can they by themselves enslave or oppress human beings.

It is easily demonstrated by reason and by human experience that division of labor, machinery for increasing man's productive capacity and the use of capital in production all tend, by themselves considered, to help the worker—to release him from burdensome tasks and from the necessity for working too hard or too many hours per day for too little money.

TWO KINDS OF MONOPOLY

But certain monopolies may and do have the opposite and injurious effects referred to; especially monopoly of the earth's resources and the holding of such resources idle and beyond the reach of labor and capital that might otherwise be applied to them for the satisfaction of the wants of mankind.

And our tax system acts as though it were specially designed to promote this result, to discourage industry of all kinds and to encourage the holding idle of the earth's resources for higher prices to be brought about by pressure of population and the enterprise and labor of others.

Many a manufacturer has been hampered in making enlargements of his plant by the high prices of vacant and idle land needed for that purpose; said high prices having been actually created by the activities of himself and his employees and in no degree by those who had been holding the land idle.

Fourteen years ago our Society held its Spring meeting in Chattanooga and visited a water power development in the Tennessee River, near there. At that time the large dam was about half finished and I was told by a prominent member of this Society, himself a manufacturer, that already in anticipation of the coming cheap power, the owners of