

TRUEMAN ELECTED IN NEW HAVEN.

The election of William Trueman as alderman-at-large in New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday, April 15th, is conceded on all sides to be a tribute to the sterling worth of the man and a victory for the single tax cause, which he has advocated with such steadfast persistence during the four years of his residence there that Trueman and single tax are almost considered inseparable and convertible terms to the people of New Haven. Our correspondent writes, "Keep your eye on Trueman." To be an alderman may not give much chance to some men, but he is the kind to squeeze out the last ounce of advantage from even the briefest authority. We expect something to happen even before he takes his seat, and the council meetings are certain to be lively and instructive as long as he remains a member. But like Tom L. Johnson he is determined upon accomplishing something, and franchise grabbers and municipal robbers will have at least more publicity than they relish even if he does not succeed in thwarting them. Needless to say, the "Saviours of Society" in New Haven see in him a very dangerous man.

IN TOM JOHNSON'S TOWN.

In the April elections the city of Cleveland with its normal republican majority of 6,000, elected the democratic candidate for school director by 3,000, the democratic candidate for treasurer by 3,000, and the three democratic candidates for the school council. It also elected six democratic councilmen out of the eleven to be elected, and thus gave their party a majority of the city's legislative body.

We regret to chronicle the death of Louis N. Le Page of Jefferson City, Mo., one of the devoted friends of the cause in that place. His co-workers there, in a series of resolutions, pay this fine tribute to his memory: "Louis N. Le Page was an unpretentious, just, kind hearted, and intelligent gentleman, who had an ear singularly receptive of the truth, a heart inclined to justice and social duty, and a mind fearless, capable, and ever willing to act in the sacred cause of human rights."

The feet of the many admirers of the late Henry George have worn a beaten path to the brow of Ocean Hill, Greenwood Cemetery, whereon rests the Henry George Memorial. Erected by a loving multitude of friends of the departed single tax advocate, it is a monument to a principle as well as to a man.

Since the erection of the monument, on July 5, 1898, more people have visited the spot than any other section of the cemetery. The efforts of the cemetery authorities to keep the plot sodded have been unavailing. All around the monument the grass has been worn away, and the bare earth is mute testimony to the esteem many hold for the mem-

ory of Henry George and his principles.

Very often persons are seen leaving flowers on the base of the memorial, and bearing no card with the name attached, only the simple and eloquent phrase: "From an admirer of Henry George and his principles." In this way the memorial is always kept adorned with flowers.—Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Standard-Union*.

PROGRESS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

A bill is now before the Legislature of Massachusetts empowering cities and towns to raise revenue for local taxation in such ways as they may see fit. On March 4th, C. B. Fillebrown appeared before the committee and made an address in advocacy of the bill. He said in part: "We are moved to this petition because of the lack of recognition of certain fundamental principles of political economy, and we venture to submit you three distinct sound reasons: First, and at bottom, is the reason, persistently urged, that land is so radically different from every other kind of property as to call for radical discrimination in taxation. Second. Ground rent is the concrete expression and measure of the concrete value to men to-day, and from year to year, and from generation to generation, of that provision of nature in earth, river, sea, sky, sunshine, rain, dew, all natural forces and opportunities, which we speak of as 'land,' and whose abstract or potential value is beyond computation. Third. We ask your attention to the simple fact that with all the crack of doomage about the head of the bloated personal property holder, money invested in Massachusetts land, lying under your very feet and eyes, entirely escapes taxation.

"The enormous diversions of wealth into private hands, by the special privileges of franchises and monopolies, are made through ground rent, or agency closely allied thereto. Hence the taxation of ground rent is, we submit, the only efficient means by which to begin or end the correction of the unjust distribution of wealth."

The comments of the press of Boston are, as usual, encouraging. The *Boston Post* says: "The bill is reasonable; it ought to pass." The *Advertiser* says: "We should not be at all surprised to find support for the bill coming from quarters entirely disconnected with the single tax propaganda." The *Beacon*, commenting upon the address of the president of the Single Tax League before the legislative committee, says: "The injunction of Mr. Fillebrown to study ground rent is unquestionably worth heeding by all who are interested in the subject of equitable taxation. His view of ground rent as an absorbent and a distributing agency, a vast reservoir, as it were, of actual and potential value, is not a new one, but rarely has it been presented to the public in a form so concrete and convincing."