

BI-MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

BY THE EDITOR

The peculiar results of the national election leave President Wilson with a free hand. His friends will have little excuse to offer if in the next four years he fails to embody in what he shall achieve, or what he shall attempt to achieve, that gospel of "social justice," which in the closing days of the campaign were familiar words in his mouth. He has been elected by the great West, that part of the country most fully emancipated from the tyrannous influence of privilege. The machine organizations, such as Tammany Hall, in the great cities—never elements of strength in the success of the national Democracy—are shorn of their powers for evil. The President can afford to ignore them where the demands of real democracy make it desirable to ignore them, for it seems entirely likely that future presidential contests may be decided by Western radicalism and New England idealism and intelligence. For there is no mistaking the signs that New England is no longer the unshaken citadel of Republican privilege. The tremendously reduced Republican pluralities in Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire point to only one conclusion, viz., that these States, with the great West, are now the actual fighting ground of a rejuvenated democracy.

President Wilson, whatever his shortcomings, grows in mental stature. Not only has he been the schoolmaster to the Democracy and to the nation—he has himself been attending school. He would probably say as much of himself, with that modesty which is among his many lovable characteristics.

Single Taxers have knelt before many idols whose feet have been of clay. We have trusted many of them only to waken from what was more or less a dream of a fool's paradise. But this man, unless we are again to be disappointed, is of a different type—the Emersonian type, creating idealities out of our common life, marrying an amazing shrewdness of outlook on men and things with something of a seer's vision directed toward the future. He has sympathy, he has courage—and he has a will. He may leave in the next four years, for the opportunity is all his—the proudest name in American history—ay, indeed, in all history!

There are some of the results of the election not so gratifying. David J. Lewis is beaten in Maryland and Warren Worth Bailey in Pennsylvania. Dunne is defeated in Illinois. Dr. Lunn is elected to Congress in Schenectady, and as he is a Socialist Single Taxer, or a Single Tax Socialist, as well as a man of real ability and devotion, his election is a matter for congratulation. Judge Ben Lindsay is elected again in Denver by a majority of ten thousand. Edmund B. Osborne is elected to the legislature in New Jersey.

Seabury is defeated for governor in New York. His over cautious reply to Whitman's challenge to avow or disavow his Single Tax beliefs probably won him no votes from conservative citizens while adding nothing to his reputation for courage and candor.

The Pennsylvania Single Tax Party placed the following men in nomination by petition; Robert C. Macauley for U. S. Senator, James A. Robinson for State Treasurer, William G. Wright for Auditor General, and Oliver McKnight, Jerome C. Reis, Royd Morrison, and Alfred Guerrero for Congressmen-at-large. Meetings were held in many parts of the State. A mass meeting in Allentown numbered nearly one thousand. A big meeting in Reading was presided over by Charles Grosser, a local Single Taxer. Two monster meetings were held in Pittsburg. The campaign was carried on through the length of the great State. The local papers gave a good deal of attention to the extraordinary manifestation of Single Tax activity. James H. Dix issued a public challenge to his Republican and Democratic opponents to debate the Single Tax, which challenge, as usual, was side-stepped by the other side. Nine large rallies in Philadelphia, to which speakers were whirled in autos, closed the campaign. We are not able at this writing to state the number of votes received by even a single candidate, nor does it greatly matter. The State has never had a Single Tax propaganda equal to it in all the years of our agitation.

For news relating to the California campaign our readers are referred to the news letter on another page. We have lost the first battle, but a large vote appears to have been cast for the Single Tax amendment, and the forces are gathering strength. That the vote is large enough to throw a scare into the ranks of the opposition is shown by the proposition of the *San Francisco Chronicle* that a measure be introduced into the Constitution providing that no vote shall hereafter be taken on this question except at reasonable intervals. The "reasonable interval" suggested by the *Chronicle* is fifty years. This impudent proposal shows that below the satisfaction expressed by the *Chronicle* over the defeat of the amendment is an uneasy feeling that the victory won by the landed interests of California is by no means permanent.

The Oregon measure is also lost by a vote of 184,984 against to 43,829 in favor.

THE individual knows best his wants because he carries with him the appetites that express them—JAMES BELLANGEE.

SOCIETY has neither the intelligence nor the conscience to assume the care of the individual—JAMES BELLANGEE.