

NEWS—DOMESTIC

California

WHEN we decided to open an office here in San Francisco we realized that we had a hard job on our hands. This end of the State has been badly neglected for years. Those who formerly had been active and enthusiastic workers had nearly all become discouraged or indifferent. Besides, the seeds of discord had been sown with the usual results. But a good spirit is now prevailing. A number of our friends are interested in doing hand-to-hand work and are distributing literature while talking Single Tax to the voters. We have begun to hold outdoor meetings here, and Dr. Wahle, of Oakland, is arranging to work among the farmers and speak at their meetings.

Walter B. Lowenstein arranged a debate on the Single Tax between Professor J. B. Canning, of Stanford University, and the writer, which was held at the Community Forum at Palo Alto, November 17th. It was an interesting occasion and the attendance was good considering that there was a big demonstration in connection with the coming football match between Stanford and the University of California. Considerable interest was shown and several expressed the wish that a Single Tax talk be given again in the near future.

Mr. Lowenstein is doing good work in Palo Alto.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, former president of Stanford University, has accepted an invitation to speak at our dinner at the Washington Hotel in December.

A contributor to the Great Adventure some time ago offered cash prizes to school pupils for the best essays on the Single Tax. A number of pupils sent in letters stating that they would compete for the prizes. But the Superintendent of Public Instruction sent out warnings to the school children that the Single Tax is a political question and that they must not write essays on the subject. It would be too bad to corrupt the school children by showing them how to get loose from the grip of the California land profiteers.

Mr. John Cairns, formerly of Connecticut, now living in Oakland, a tireless worker for the Single Tax, voices the sentiment that all do who come from the East that seed sown in former campaigns is bearing fruit. He says that the field here is well worth cultivation as every other person he meets is familiar with the Single Tax. WILL L. ROSS.

Colorado

PETITIONS are being circulated in Colorado for the Soldiers' Bonus Bill as an amendment to the Constitution of the State. Its purpose is to derive the necessary revenue for the bonus from the land values of Colorado. All personal property and improvements will be exempt from the payment of the tax, as well as land values up to \$10,000.

Mr. Barney Haughey will have charge of the petitions in Denver. In the argument accompanying the petition it is

pointed out that the land values of the State are between four and five hundred million dollars, and that a tax of two per cent. will pay every ex-soldier in Colorado one dollar for each day he was in the service.

State headquarters have been opened in Denver, and Veterans of the World War in the State have been urged to join the State organization. Membership fees are one dollar, and dues 25 cents a month. This money will be used in getting the measure on the ballot. About 25,000 signatures are required. Meetings will be held and the nature of the bill explained. It is believed that the requisite number of signatures can be secured.

This movement is in line with our suggestion (see July-August REVIEW and elsewhere in this issue) that an agitation be started for the payment of the Soldiers' Bonus by a tax on land values. Now that Colorado has made the first move other States should come into line.

We have expressed elsewhere our dissent from the \$10,000 exemption of land values. We think this unnecessary and ill-advised. But we are quite willing to give our hearty adhesion to the measure as a step in the right direction. If the ex-soldiers organizations in Colorado think they can put this across, good luck to them. It is due them and will harm no one.

New Jersey

ESSEX COUNTY had 12 Single Tax Party candidates for the Assembly to be voted for. The vote was small, 335 for the highest nominee. But no real campaign was waged and the names were on the ballot merely to permit of Single Taxers recording their convictions.

In Bergen County, with one-fourth of the population of Essex, the vote is extremely gratifying. The highest vote last year was 114. This year, with the expenditure of only \$55, the highest recorded vote for one of the three Single Tax candidates for Assembly, Robert A. Shannon, is 898, or about 2 per cent. of the total vote. The vote for Alexander R. Koch is 832 and for Henry A. C. Hellyer 794.

An influence has been exerted in Bergen County through the column conducted by E. M. Caffall in the *Palisadian* and three other papers published in that county, in which the Single Tax is taught to readers who probably never heard of it. Any Single Taxer who can use Mr. Caffall's matter in his local paper should write to him, care of this office, for a sample of the matter he is now supplying to a dozen papers in New Jersey and elsewhere.

Ohio—Youngstown

LAST night I heard a lecture, in which the speaker said with great earnestness that regeneration was to see the truth, and as I began reviewing the story of our campaign I thought that this is what has happened to the Single Tax. It has been born again. Thanks to the Party idea the scales of pussyfootism have fallen from our eyes and we now behold all things new. What else but the Party gave