

determination to repudiate the Democratic party in the most effective way in which this could be done.

The encouraging features of the situation are these: First, the disappointment with the Democratic party is so great and so recent that most of those who deserted the party and voted the Republican ticket for perhaps the first time will hesitate long before returning to the old discredited organization.

Second, most of those who voted for Harding, whatever their previous political affiliations, openly disavowed any particular affection or admiration for either the candidate or party, and they will not hesitate to leave it when cause for serious dissatisfaction arises.

Third, the conditions existing under our present economic system will inevitably defy the attempt of any party to remedy them without a fundamental change in the system and the Republican party, economically ignorant and incapable of intelligent effort to remedy conditions, and absolutely controlled by those whose interests in retaining their grasp on natural resources, will fail as surely as has the Democratic party to satisfy the hopes and aspirations of the awakening and thinking part of the electorate.

Fourth, and most important, is the unexpectedly favorable attitude toward the Single Tax doctrine displayed by many of the farmers who could be reached during the campaign. The idea that the farmers were practically a unit in their opposition to the Single Tax doctrine is now shown to be emphatically not true, in Michigan at least. It is true that a few are in economic ignorance, but it is equally true that when it is presented a surprisingly large percentage gladly receive the truth; and while for reasons previously given the result at the polls could not be shown at this time when the reaction from Republicanism comes, as come it must, the Single Tax party must be actively at work in the political field, ready to reap the harvest.

RAY ROBSON, State Chairman.

Ohio

SOME of us who have been doing Single Tax educational work for years have now decided to "keep tabs" on ourselves. We are going to set definite work in front of us and carefully estimate what is actually accomplished. We have discovered that we were not true to ourselves when we could only count a few hours actually devoted to educational work. We used to think that when a man or woman said, "Yes, I agree with you; I am a Single Taxer," that we had actually done something for the Single Tax. Last Fall we asked them to vote for it. Then we discovered that they would not take the first step toward getting it.

We have resolved that henceforth we will devote one hundred hours per year to the Single Tax Party. This will not include the time spent going to and from work, or thinking, or attending nice little glad hand meetings, or reading Single Tax literature.

There are only a few of us so far, and I have been selected

official time-keeper of construction work in Ohio. We are taking the idea seriously and giving out jobs and keeping track of the results.

Send in your name if you are a voter in Ohio to my address at 314 Kirby Building. We received votes in nearly every county in Ohio. Why should there not be an organizer in every county? JAMES B. LINDSAY.

Oregon

FOLLOWING is the new measure which the Single Taxers of Oregon will submit provided they get the necessary signatures. This will be done no matter what the Legislature does this Winter.

Section 1 of article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. From July 1, 1923, to and until July 1, 1927, all revenues necessary for the maintenance of State, county, municipal and district government shall be raised by a tax on the value of land, irrespective of improvements in or on it, and thereafter the full rental value of land, irrespective of improvements, shall be taken in lieu of all other taxes for the maintenance of government, and for such other purposes as the people may direct. All provisions of the Constitution and Laws of Oregon in conflict with this section are hereby abrogated and repealed in so far as they conflict herewith, and this section is self executing.

The election just closed, has revealed that the greatest Single Tax strength is on the Pacific coast, Oregon and Washington leading. Nearly four hundred thousand votes having been cast in all. Washington gave birth to a new party; its leading plank was straight Single Tax. It came in second place as a party, polling 125,000 votes, and was but three months old.

Washington has not the initiative and referendum for Constitutional amendments, but only for statutory enactments. So they must rely on a political party first to get the political democracy Oregon now has, and has had for years.

Oregon polled 37,280 votes against 138,500, two hundred thousand not voting. A majority voting on an amendment makes it effective. Thus, fifty thousand more votes are required in Oregon to carry the amendment. But twenty-six hundred dollars was spent in the last campaign in Oregon covering a campaign of two years. It is one third the size of California in population, and its population is more compact. One county was carried. This county was nearest the seat of propaganda activities, and thus is shown that education will carry the rest of the State. Oregon presents a unique situation. If we can succeed in carrying Oregon the whole coast is won. For it was the Oregon campaign that brought Washington into line for pure Single Tax, and it is to Oregon Washington is looking for leadership.

In the Spring Mr. J. R. Hermann will make a trip east. He will make appointments for lectures, and can be addressed at 316 Stock Exchange Building, Portland Oregon.

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