

At their meeting the following evening, their candidate for mayor claimed his character had been attacked. As a matter of fact we had only discussed what he had said.

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Ohio—Cleveland

FOLLOWING are extracts from a letter printed by R. C. Barnum in the *Cleveland News*—:

"Immediately after his indorsement by the Democratic political machine, Edmund B. Haserodt promised the leaders of both the State and National Single Tax Party to accept their indorsement for mayor of Cleveland. He said he would talk and fight for Single Tax principles whether indorsed by the Single Tax party or not. He said that if elected mayor he would do everything in his power to further the principles of the Single Tax, as he firmly believed that the government, in lieu of all taxes, should collect for public purposes the full rental value of land, exempting improvements; that the land and all natural resources, such as coal, gas, mineral and oil lands belong of right to all the people.

But Haserodt secured indorsement of the Democratic machine which stands for individual monopoly of natural resources instead of their public ownership and has already, even before election, submitted to the dictation of the Democratic organization. In vain will you search the newspapers for a single report of a Single Tax speech made by Haserodt since his indorsement by the machine.

Mr. Haserodt, if you have not, as we claim, already been chloroformed into silence by the Democratic political machine, and if you will not submit to dictation "after" election, there is still time "before" election to come out publicly, as you have previously done, and declare that if elected mayor of Cleveland you will do everything in your power to advance the cause of Single Tax and to further its principles. And there is still time for you to secure the endorsement of the Single Tax Party. Speak up, Mr. Haserodt. Do you still subscribe to the Single Tax doctrine which demands the abolition of all taxes, both direct and indirect, except one single tax which shall take for public purposes the full rental value of land exclusive of improvements?"

Stung by Mr. Barnum's taunt, Mr. Haserodt did finally make a confession of faith as reported in the *Cleveland Plaindealer* of November 5:

Haserodt came out flatly for Henry George and the Single Tax method of doing away with the causes of poverty, crime and vice, in answer to one of the many questions following the speaking. The question was, "What is your remedy by which you propose to alleviate all the misery you described in Cleveland?"

"I don't know your politics, said Haserodt, "but I'll lend you a dollar to buy a copy of Henry George's 'Progress and Poverty' and you'll find out how I intend to."

"Does the speaker intend to say he would try to do this by applying the principles of Single Tax?"

"I would, if I could, in five minutes after I'm mayor," Haserodt responded.

A branch of the Single Tax Party of Ohio has been formed in the city of Lakewood, with Frederick N. Flick, as chairman.

Advices from Dayton, Columbus, and other towns in the State point to a vigorous and successful campaign

for Governor next year. The State Executive Committee plans to meet in Cleveland next December to nominate a ticket and start a canvass for workers. The sessions of the Committee will be open to any Single Taxer.

Speakers at the regular Sunday night meetings of the Single Tax Club have been Virgil Allen, Henry Strong and others who believe in voting for the Single Tax.

R. C. Barnum, late Vice-Presidential candidate of the party, and E. H. Foote, late candidate for Governor, are touring the West on a business trip. Incidentally they are helping to work up increased interest in the Single Tax Party.

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Oregon

THE work preparatory to getting on the ballot is progressing. The Single Tax meetings in the Portland Library continue and are well attended. An effort will be made to have Harry Willock's pamphlet "Unused Democracy," printed in the State Pamphlet. There is need for up-to-date literature. Geritt Johnson has pledged one thousand dollars and this insures the Single Taxers a place on the ballot.

A resolution adopted by the Oregon State Federation of Labor has declared for the taxation of land values. The *Oregonian* is worried that Oregon is again to have a campaign for the Single Tax, and deludes its readers by the statement that Oregon already has a land tax that produces three quarters of its revenues. This is preposterous and the *Oregonian* knows it. It says that the State is sick of the Single Tax. "It spewed it out last year by an overwhelming vote." But 37,000 voted for it, and this is what is worrying the *Oregonian*.

Pennsylvania

THE Philadelphia County Committee of the Single Tax Party reports the results of the election of November 8th as not extraordinary in the aggregate but highly gratifying from a basis of comparison with the results of the previous municipal election of two years ago. The lowest vote cast for a Single Tax candidate at the previous election was 333. This year the lowest vote was 499, indicating an increase of 50% of the straight votes for the Single Tax.

The highest number of votes cast for a candidate on the Single Tax ticket at a previous election was in the municipal election of two years ago when the total of 1659 was recorded. This year the highest vote was 2124, making an increase of over 28%. The Philadelphia candidates this year polled as follows:

Receiver of Taxes, Charles J. Schoales, 721; Register of Wills, Robert C. Macauley, 622; City Treasurer, William R. Kline, 887; City Controller, Frederick E. Mayer, 667; District Attorney, Joseph B. Chamberlain, 499; Magistrates: Thomas J. Connelley, 2124; Michael J. Conway, 1786; Thomas Kavanagh, 1104; James McCormick, 1358; John A. C. Owens, 700; Kitti P. Robinson, 680; George A.