

Mayor on the Single Tax Party ticket, with quite a number of Single Tax nominees for councilmen.

Mrs. H. O. Ruggles has been appointed County Organizer. The members of the Executive Committee of Cuyahoga County are Geo. J. Foyer, Henry B. Strong, Richard C. Barnum, George Cook, and James B. Lindsay, secretary.

Vic. Donahey, former State Auditor, Democratic candidate for Governor last Fall, and receptive candidate for the same office this year, in an interview in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, said:

"The most pressing need the people of Ohio seem to have at present is for some leader with courage to find a solution of the taxation problem, which governor after governor has put off and shifted responsibility for. To continue to do that much longer will be to run this State into a most burdensome taxation muddle. Until we do find some leader with the nerve to meet the issue squarely and rally the bulk of the people to his cause, the taxation question will never be settled." JAMES B. LINDSAY

Oklahoma

THE Oklahoma Labor Conference which took place at Shawnee last month, was attended by over three hundred delegates. Mr. A. J. Hamm was present, but not as an official delegate. He reports that he mingled with the delegates and found many of them hospitable to the Single Tax. The Declaration of Principles is, however, silent on the land question.

Mr. Hamm also reports that as a result of his work in Tulsa a Single Tax club will soon be organized there.

Oregon

SAVING only one, the labor unions that have to date voted on the Single Tax Amendment to be submitted, have endorsed it.

The *Journal* continues friendly, but the *Portland Oregonian* is as reactionary as ever. It says in a recent issue: "It is doubly good to be an American where landlordism has not gained a foothold and is commonly rebuked when it does appear. It is entirely possible in this country for any wishful (sic) citizen who feels the urge of the soil (whatever that may mean) to become his own landlord and till his own acres." Evidently the *Oregonian* is under the impression that the only use to which land can be put is to till it.

Mr. Hermann spoke before the machinists, who pledged support and will raise money for the campaign at their next meeting.

Among recent visitors to Oregon were Charles James, now of Oakland, California, and C. M. Carr, of Denver. Both are intensely interested in the Oregon campaign.

Pennsylvania

THE Single Tax Party, of Philadelphia, in convention assembled, have nominated the following ticket:

Robert C. Macauley, Register of Wills; Charles Schoales,

Receiver of Taxes; Frederick C. Mayer, City Treasurer; William R. Kline, City Controller, and Joseph B. Chamberlain, District Attorney. Men named for the judgeship offices were Thomas J. Wilson, Dr. John Purdy, John Kass, Frank Pfrommer and James A. Robinson.

Magisterial candidates are James McCormick, George A. Haug, Oliver Wengert, Thomas Kavanagh, Timothy J. Connelly, Michael J. Conway, John A. C. Owens, Thomas J. McCaffery, Samuel H. Reading, K. P. Robinson and Leo E. Marks.

Texas

THE first conference of Texas Single Taxers was held in Dallas, March 16 and 17, 1916, when the present Single Tax League was organized. There has been no break or let up in the work from that time until now. The past year has shown very marked advance in the movement. It now gives promise of becoming a live political issue in the near future.

This second conference was called to order at two o'clock Friday, Sept. 2, 1921, by the executive secretary of the League. A committee consisting of C. A. Teagle, Houston; R. G. Hollingsworth, Coleman, and John R. Fuchs, New Braunfels, was appointed to recommend officers for the coming year.

The resolutions had been prepared in advance by a number of those in attendance. These were read, section by section, by E. G. LeSturgeon, of San Antonio, and finally adopted.

The committee on officers for the coming year recommended the following who were elected: John W. Gaines, chairman, San Antonio; C. A. Teagle, vice-chairman, Houston; J. M. Penland, vice-chairman, Waco; J. B. Lewright, treasurer, San Antonio; Wm. A. Black, executive secretary, San Antonio.

On motion of Mr. LeSturgeon the conference instructed the executive secretary to name lecturers on the Single Tax from different parts of the State and print their names on the League letterheads.

There was general discussion of the previous work of the League. Plans for reaching the people through the metropolitan press, the country press, labor, trade and other class publications were discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that all these channels should be used, but the discussion developed that no uniform plan can apply to all alike. Systematic plans of newspaper publicity must be worked out in keeping with the funds available.

There was general discussion of ways and means. A proposed budget of \$10,000 was submitted and a determined effort should be made to raise it. This is \$7,000 more than the League has been using in the past. The executive officers were instructed to co-operate and make appeals to business men for the necessary support of the work. Five of those present pledged \$100 a year, three \$60 a year and one \$25. The meeting was marked by an intelligent dis-

cussion of conditions, prospects and plans and a determined effort to go forward in the firm belief that success is near.

The Texas papers contained good reports of the conference some of them printing the call from William A. Black, who is a representative in the legislature and executive secretary of the Single Tax League of the State.

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS: All necessities for our existence and the progress of civilization result from the application of labor to land or natural resources and depend upon the access of labor to that source of all wealth; and,

WHEREAS: The ever growing need of governmental revenues should be so met as to promote rather than discourage the development of natural resources and industry; and,

WHEREAS: The present methods of taxation permit industrial practices which prevent rather than promote development of natural resources; and,

WHEREAS: Labor being dependent upon the just use of natural resources for employment of the millions of unemployed is an indictment of our intelligence; and,

WHEREAS: Taxes as now placed cause an unjust distribution of wealth, hence progress is accompanied by deep-seated poverty alongside greatest wealth; and,

WHEREAS: Poverty, the slum tenant, ignorance, disease, crime, are the direct results of land monopoly; and,

WHEREAS: Taxes on improvements, industries and business encourage the withholding of large tracts of farm lands and vacant lots in the city from use by those who need them; now,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the first step in Texas required to produce the necessary revenues for State, counties and cities to encourage industry and to remedy these evils, is an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the exemption of all improvements in or on land and personal property from taxation and placing the entire charge of taxation on the use-value of all lands and natural resources.

John Z. White's Lecture Appointments

BRANTFORD, ONT.: Rotary Club, Thursday, Oct. 13th, noon.

MEDINA, N. Y.: First Baptist Church, Friday, Oct. 14th, evening.

LONDON, ONT.: Rotary Club, Monday, Oct. 17th, noon.

TOLEDO, OHIO: Exchange Club, Tuesday, Oct. 18th, noon.

TOLEDO, OHIO: Chamber of Commerce and Adv. Club, Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

DETROIT, MICH.: Caravan Club, Thursday, Oct. 20th, noon.

LONDON, ONT.: Kiwanis Club, Friday, Oct. 21st, noon.

COBURG, ONT.: Monday, Oct. 24th.

YONKERS, N. Y.: Chamber of Commerce, Thursday, Oct. 27th, noon.

TRENTON, N. J.: Y. M. H. A., Sunday, Oct. 30th, evening.

EAST HARTFORD, CONN.: High School, Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, A. M.

MALDEN, MASS.: Chamber of Commerce, Thursday, Nov. 3rd, noon.

NEW LONDON, CONN.: Rotary Club, Thursday, Nov. 3rd, evening.

BENNINGTON, VT.: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Nov. 4th, 5th, 6th.

HOLYOKE, MASS.: Forum, Monday, Nov. 7th.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.: Hampden Club, Tuesday, Nov. 8th.

CONNERSVILLE, IND.: Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, Nov. 15th.

EVANSVILLE, IND.: Kiwanis Club, Thursday, Nov. 17th, noon.

LOUISVILLE, KY.: Advertising Club, Monday, Nov. 21st, noon.

CHICAGO, ILL.: Executives Club, Friday, Nov. 25th, 12.30 noon.

CHICAGO, ILL.: Lions Club, Wednesday, Nov. 30th, noon.

BAY CITY, MICH.: Exchange Club, Tuesday, Dec. 6th, noon.

LANSING, MICH.: Kiwanis Club, Thursday, Dec. 8th, noon.

CLEVELAND, OHIO: Feb. 2nd to 9th inclusive.

CLEVELAND, OHIO: Wimodausian Club, Friday, Feb. 3rd, 2 P. M.

Fichte a Single Taxer

FICHTE, one of the profoundest philosophers of Germany, said: "Human freedom depends on the collective ownership of natural resources. How can one man have the right to prevent another from cultivating an acre in any other way than by cultivating it himself?"

A Gem

THERE are no cheap apartments anywhere in the City of New York. Tenants have found that hard fact out this Autumn and are reconciled to reducing the volume of their luxuries and applying the difference to their rent.
Real Estate Record and Guide.

UNEMPLOYMENT problem will vex us as long as earth-owners fence in idle land.—H. M. H.

THE League of Women Voters of New York, of which Mrs. Frank A. Vanderlip is State Chairman, have issued a Questionnaire in which neither Taxation nor Housing is mentioned. What's the matter, Ladies?

PROFESSORS of sociology don't classify respectable grafters among the defective, dependent and delinquent.

—H. M. H.