

### ST. LOUIS MUSICIANS FOR THE SINGLE TAX.

Mr. H. Sycamore and other musicians who have labored for recognition by their fellow labor union members of the principles of the Single Tax have won a notable victory in their St Louis local in the unanimous vote for a second reading of the following resolution introduced by Mr. Sycamore:

"Resolved, That the Single Tax is the remedy for involuntary idleness, and

Whereas, There is a condition of industrial depression placing the great mass of the workers in a helpless condition where there is no employment for them and where they are not able to employ themselves; and

Whereas, This inexhaustible earth is our only source of subsistence, and by labor applied to it all our needs are supplied, and it follows if man cannot make a living there, there are barriers to this workshop and storehouse that yields so abundantly to his labor; our laws have superseded man's natural right to use the earth; and,

Whereas, Give labor a free field and its full earnings; take for the benefit of the whole community that fund which the growth of the community creates, and want and the fear of want would be gone, the springs of production would be set free, and the enormous increase of wealth would give the poorest ample comfort. Men would no more worry about finding employment than they worry about finding air to breathe; they need have no more care about physical necessities than do the lilies of the field. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By Local No. 2, A. F. of M., That the remedy is to destroy the profit in the ownership of the earth, and in so doing we will free it for labor to use; for such profit is the price labor now pays for the opportunity to use what already is here provided, as the community makes land values (the rent that now goes to the owner of the land), the community should collect it. We therefore indorse the Single Tax as the means to remove the cause of this involuntary idleness.

We further resolve, That this be printed in our Synopsis, and a copy with request to

print be sent to their Journal, the A. F. of M., and a copy sent to Mr. H. E. Read, President Single Tax League of Missouri."

### PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE COM- MITTEE FOR LAND PARTY ORGANIZATION.

Owing to overwork and illness I am hopelessly behind in answering correspondents and therefore submit this statement hoping to answer everyone generally and in part at least.

The committee reiterates that it is simply a volunteer body formed to advocate the formation of a State party in each State which shall nominate Single Taxers as State candidates pledged to stand for the socialization of rent through taxation as an immediate State issue; this party to refrain as a party from National issues so that its members may not be influenced from their objective by any antagonisms arising from differences of opinion on federal policies, such as the tariff, etc.

This committee is meeting its expenses without soliciting a cent from any source and it cannot therefore provide anyone with funds or literature, but hopes that the enthusiasm aroused by a direct programme for practical work will cause each individual and group to provide their own funds without applying for them elsewhere.

What is it that prevents the formation of a party? Is it not the notion that it has been associated always with the idea that it must be national in its scope? That it would necessitate a big group of men and a large campaign fund? Well, let us get rid of these ideas, let us localize the fight to its own particular area—the State; let us start in a small way in each State and grow rationally. For in the culture of this cause as a State issue the greatest and most effective educational propaganda will naturally be inaugurated. It will take the taxation of land values idea from the academic field into the arena of political strife, call forth opposition and in turn win new and zealous advocates.

How much money will it take to urge Single Taxers in your State to write the names of Single Taxers on the ballot in the