

twenty-five years an expired and originally fraudulent lease of 880,000 acres of extremely rich oil land in the Osage Indian reserve, over the protest of the Indians, was worth many millions to the Standard. The Standard or its subsidiary companies has leased millions of acres from the Indians of the other six tribes at a royalty of one cent a barrel with the approval of the Federal authorities, and the great Indian Territory coal field of the best semi-anthracite coal in the world has been similarly looted. Yet, strange to say, not an acre of land in the Indian Territory has been reserved for school purposes, nor any fund whatever for education saved from the looting.

The fairest and richest domain of the continent is the Indian Territory, until recently belonging in fee simple—an inalienable title guaranteed by the pledged faith of the United States government. This faith was broken and guarantees repudiated, at the behest of speculators and politicians, and the Indians compelled by force to receive small allotments of land and see their great patrimony looted by corporations, politicians and speculators.

The entire Indian Territory, including most of Oklahoma, as large as Pennsylvania, is the richest and deepest soil in the world, well wooded and watered, a delightful climate, and all underlaid with quantities of coal, oil, gas, lead and zinc, sufficient to make Pennsylvania a poor house by comparison. When the history is truly written—if ever—of how this great storehouse of wealth has been looted from its rightful but helpless owners, leaving not one dollar for educational or public improvement purposes, the story will appall the world and cover our national politicians with infamy.

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THE WOMEN'S FIFTH ANNUAL CON- FERENCE.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the National Women's Single Tax League was held in Philadelphia on June 15, 16 and 17. In spite of the torrid temperature, which rendered the occupying one-self with serious questions a somewhat difficult task, a large number of delegates attended, and discussion was animated at all the sessions. New York, (Manhattan & Brooklyn); Washington and Philadelphia were represented by their full quota of delegates, and individual delegates were present from Georgia, Chicago, Fairhope and several New Jersey clubs.

At the first session on Thursday the 15th, afternoon, after the reports and business of the Convention, Mrs. Margaret Hugan, of Brooklyn, opened the series of addresses by an interesting and earnest paper on "The Origin of the Slums," which called forth a lively discussion. Frank Stevens, Phila-

delphia's leading disciple of Single Tax, made the address of welcome at the evening meeting, which was responded to by Grace Isabel Colbron of New York. At the Friday afternoon meeting a lively discussion was started by the reading of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, but the resolutions as drawn up were accepted finally without change at the final session Saturday morning. The most important among these resolutions was the one expressing sympathy with the Swedish workmen in their brave stand in refusing to take up arms against Norway.

On Friday evening a banquet was held at the Roosevelt, and attended by all the delegates and a number of Philadelphia Single Taxers. Henry George, jr. was the first speaker on the list, and gave a warm recommendation of the actions of Mayor Weaver in exposing the graft that has been bleeding Philadelphia's city treasury for so long. Mr. George entitled his speech, "Major Weaver's splendid opportunity," and expressed the hope that, once having embarked upon this course of fearlessness, Mr. Weaver would crown his good work by dislodging all the holders of special privilege who were drawing fortunes from what belonged by right to the people of Philadelphia. Mr. George's speech was greeted with great applause, and was quoted at length in several Philadelphia morning papers. Miss Jane Campbell, a noted suffragist, Miss Amy M. Hicks, Mrs. Harry Coope and Miss Grace Isabel Colbron, were other speakers of the evening programme, which closed with a splendid address by John Sherwin Crosby. Unanimously demanded, unscheduled talks by Mr. Hetzel, well known to Single Taxers, were a most exhilarating feature of the Convention.

Officers elected for the following year were, President, Mrs. John S. Crosby; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. L. Monroe, Washington; Mrs. E. B. Campton, Irvington, N. J.; Mrs. J. D. Mills, Boston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kate E. Freeman, Brooklyn; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. R. Schofield, Germantown; Treasurer, Dr. Mary Hussey, East Orange; Auditor, Mrs. M. R. Ryan, Brooklyn; Executive Committee, Dr. Anna Lund, Chicago and Mrs. R. Helm, Adrian, Mich.

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