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FELS FUND AND SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM THE MINUTES OF MRS. CLARENCE E. TODD,
SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

In place of filling in the details in these notes of the San Francisco Conference so as to provide a running story, we present, with but slight modifications, the minutes as received. These, with the excerpts from a number of the speeches, give a not unfair impression of an interesting and successful Conference.—EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

AUGUST 23rd, 10 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by temporary Chairman Daniel Kiefer, who paid tribute to the work of Joseph Fels which is now being advanced by Mrs. Fels. Mrs. Alice Thatcher Post was chosen permanent Chairman of the Conference. Sylvester McAtee represented Mayor Rolph in welcoming the members of the Conference to San Francisco and A. L. Cowell gave special greeting from the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Mrs. Clarence E. Todd was then elected recording secretary of the Conference.

Mrs. Fels spoke in reference to the most effective propaganda for Single Tax work, and to the present world status of the Single Tax. A letter was read from Governor Hiram W. Johnson regretting his necessary absence, as were also cablegrams from John Paul and British co-workers, and from the Argentine Single Tax League.

Mr. Kiefer read a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Fels Fund Commission.

Dr. C. K. Hale asked just what the *Ground Hog* has been doing to justify expense of the Fels Fund in its behalf. Here followed a discussion of the merits of the Single Tax paper, the *Ground Hog*. Among those who spoke were: Mrs. Cridge, Mr. J. L. Howe, Mr. Edmund Norton, Mrs. Fels, Mr. E. O.

F. Ames, Miss Parker, Mr. Adelman. The discussion was postponed to 2 P.M.

Mr. Susuki, President of the Japanese Friendly Society, the organization which in Japan corresponds to the American Federation of Labor, was introduced to the Conference.

Mr. Troy spoke on the timber harvest tax, saying that it is not a Single Tax measure.

The meeting then adjourned to 2 P.M.

AUGUST 23rd, 2 P.M.

The Conference convened again at 2 P.M.

It was moved by Dr. Hale, seconded by Mr. A. T. Ames, that it be the sense of the meeting that the support of the *Ground Hog* be continued for six more months.

The Chairman accepted the motion on condition that it be understood that it was merely an advisory motion.

Mrs. Fels said that there was no question of future support of the *Ground Hog* by the Fels Fund Commission. Whereupon Dr. Hale withdrew his motion with consent of Mr. Ames. There was further discussion of the merits of the *Ground Hog* by Messrs. John McGauran, J. G. Wright, Isidor Jacobs; Mr. Kiefer asked for a fuller discussion and Dr. Hale's motion was re-introduced with Mr. Ames' amendment that the discussion be limited to half an hour. Dr. Eggleston, Mrs. Fels, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Post, Mr. McGauran and Mr. Hall then spoke.

The motion was amended to read: "Be it moved that it is the sense of this meeting that the support of the *Ground Hog* be recommended to Single Taxers generally." In this form it was carried.

Dr. Kallen, of the University of Wisconsin, spoke on Zionism and the Single Tax.

Reports were made by Mr. Calahan of Arizona, S. P. Elias of Modesto Irrigation District, C. E. Todd and E. P. E. Troy, for the California League for Home Rule in Taxation, Hugh Craig of Piedmont, Mrs. Lona Ingham Robinson, Judge Robt. L. Hubbard and Edmund Norton of Los Angeles. Mr. Kiefer read a letter from James H. Griffes, of Los Angeles. It was moved by Mr. U'Ren and duly seconded that the discussion raised by the reports be tabled till Tuesday morning. Carried. Miss Parker moved to reconsider the motion to lay on the table—motion carried. The matter was taken from the table. It was moved by Mr. Post, seconded by Mr. U'Ren, that Mr. Troy have the floor for five minutes. This carried. Mr. Troy spoke and Mr. Post followed, suggesting that reports of political campaigns come up as another part of the programme. Mr. Kiefer moved that a committee of three, including the chairman, be appointed to arrange a programme for the following day. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The Conference then adjourned till 10 A.M., August 24th.