

THE LAND VALUE TAX PARTY,
ITS LEADERS AND ITS WORK.

(See Frontispiece).

We print herewith various articles in defence of the Land Value Tax Party, together with a history of the Party, and sketches of the members of the executive committee, portraits of whom will be found on the frontispiece of this issue. These men have the courage of their convictions, and their arguments are to be gravely weighed, for they are Single Taxers of long standing and unquestioned sincerity. If they often express themselves more strongly than seems wise, it must be attributed to their tenacity of conviction, and their determination to follow the path marked out for them.

That they have done good work, regardless of any opinion that may be held concerning the wisdom of direct party action, must, we think, be conceded. And it is quite within the range of probability that with the rising tide of Single Tax sentiment there may come numerical accessions to the party that will make it a force to be reckoned with. But with these men this probability little matters; believing they are right, they are quite careless of consequences.—Editor SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PARTY.

During a number of years the idea has been growing that the disciples of Henry George were frittering away their time and energies on side issues while allowing the pure doctrine of the land for the people to fall into abeyance. Early in the Spring of 1910 a number of earnest Single Taxers, dissatisfied with the slow progress or rather lack of progress of the cause, held a number of dinner meetings where, after prolonged debate, the following conclusions were reached:

First—That the Single Taxers must specialize on their own issue and not dilute it with minor reforms.

Second—That a convention be called where Single Taxers could form themselves into an organization for effectuating this doctrine.

Accordingly a call was sent out to all the Single Taxers whose names and addresses were available to meet in convention for the formation of a Single Tax Party. On the date set, May 20, 1910, about seventy people met and fifty-eight signed the agreement to abide by the will of the convention.

Temporary and permanent officers of the convention were elected according to parliamentary usage, and after a discussion involving the name of the party, its policy as to nominations, as to fusion, as to whether it should be a balance-of-power party—the party was duly organized under the name of "The Land Value Tax Party." A platform and constitution were adopted and an executive committee elected with power to add to its number.

Since that time the executive committee has more than doubled its membership, owing to the appointment of active members of the party. The committee holds meetings the first Saturday in each month, at which all members of the party are cordially welcomed. Public meetings have been held every Wednesday evening at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, during the past three summers, various speakers having given earnest service, thousands of questions asked and answered, and a large amount of literature sold.

Our party introduced the first Single Tax bill into the State legislature at Albany and two members of our Executive Committee, Messrs. George Wallace and Jos. F. Darling appeared at the hearing and argued in its favor.

During the past winter a Public Forum was held in the Masonic Temple at 126th Street and Lenox Avenue. The executive committee has printed and circulated about 15,000 pamphlets, leaflets, etc., involving a considerable outlay in work and money, all of which has been contributed by members, no funds having been solicited or received from outsiders.

The work and expenses bid soon to tax to the utmost the resources both financial and physical of the committee and the entire membership, and the committee believes that it is now their duty to appeal to Single Taxers in general for financial support. The committee calls your attention