

electors on Jan. 1st, 1922. As there was no demand for this action on the part of the electors, the aldermen defeated this reactionary motion by 13 to 4 votes. S. T.

National Executive Committee Single Tax Party Meets

A MEETING of the National Executive Committee of the Single Tax Party was held Sunday, February 5, at Party Headquarters in this city. There were present Messrs Wallace and Loew, of New Jersey; Messrs Macaulay, Robinson, Haug and Dix, of Pennsylvania, and Messrs Van Veen and Miller of New York. Others who came from Philadelphia, not members of the Committee were Messrs Hetzel and Schaeffer.

A message of congratulation was sent to the Ohio State committee on the nomination of a State ticket, and a similar congratulatory message to Rhode Island where a movement to the same end is on foot.

A communication was sent to Arthur Griffith, Provisional President of the Irish Free State, urging the adoption of the taxation of the rent of land, and indicating the way out of her economic difficulties. This letter is accompanied by a copy of Henry George's Land Question and the Open Letter to De Valera, by Joseph Dana Miller.

A suggestion for holding an International Conference in Geneva this summer was well received, but the proposal was laid over for fuller discussion at the next executive meeting to be held three weeks from date.

Texas Notes

TEXAS is still on the Single Tax map and will continue to be the scene of activity until a large measure of the Single Tax principle is written into our Constitution. What I mean by a large measure of the principle can be understood better by a statement of our programme. Our Constitution now reads, "all property" shall be assessed for taxation. The change proposed is that "all land" shall be assessed for taxation and to make it more definite the amendment will recite that no taxes shall be assessed against improvements in or on land, or against personal property. We shall leave the power to the Legislature to impose an inheritance tax, taxes on incomes of natural persons and corporations, and occupation taxes on businesses that come within the police powers.

It is probable that the next Legislature may pass an income tax law to meet the growing needs of the State. The next Legislature will be elected this year and I believe will be a very much more progressive and courageous one than the present. It will be solidly Democratic but our progressive fights in this State are made in the primaries held in July. There are between 200,000 and 300,000 independent voters made up of farmer groups and organized labor that will come into the Democratic primaries with an agreed programme wherever they are strong enough to

control by holding the balance of power. The main effort of this big vote will be centered on Legislative candidates.

The press of the State is opening its columns to Single Tax letters and articles as never before. We encourage letters to the press on every possible occasion. Some of our people have finally realized how easily the people can be reached in this way. Every city and town has some local problem at issue. Almost all of them lend themselves to a discussion of taxation, whether it is the location of a factory, adjustment of a public utility, improvements of streets or what not. They are all touched by the tax question.

Opportunities to address business organizations are increasing. Women's Clubs also are calling for information on the Single Tax. We have a profound and determined move to improve our public schools. That movement is shot through and through with the tax problem, how to raise more revenues and how to reach the big property owners that have long stood in the way of educational development. I am to speak to the Manufacturers Association of San Antonio this evening. Two weeks ago I spoke before the Kiwanis Club of Waco and had more than half a column of excellent reports in each of the two daily papers. Fifteen Labor papers in the State carry an article on the Single Tax every week. Trade papers of the State request articles written with special reference to the interests of the trade they represent.

The Single Taxers of the country are entitled to know what we are doing in Texas and how we are doing it. We are using and directing the thought engendered by these troublous times. We are giving the people an opportunity to discover how simple and practical are the fundamental laws that must finally control and to which our statutory laws must conform if we hope for peace and prosperity.

WM. A. BLACK.

NEWS—FOREIGN

Single Tax Initiative In Brazil

FROM the *Journal of Commerce* (Jornal do Commercio) of Sao Paulo, Brazil, of October 12, 1921, we take the following significant items of news:

"*Land Tax.*—In its meeting of yesterday, the Agricultural Society of Sao Paulo approved unanimously a motion of Messrs. Octaviano Alves de Lima and Joaquin Bento de Lima, congratulating the President of the State on his appointment of Dr. Luis Silveira for an investigation of the practical means of applying this Tax. The motion was drafted as follows:

"To the Hon. Dr. Washington Luis Pereira de Souza, President of the State of Sao Paulo:

"Whereas, the newspapers of the city publish the notice that Your Excellency has intrusted to Dr. Luis Silveira the task of putting into practical shape all the information which is available in our country up to date on the Land Tax,