

supported the amendment. James H. Barry gave his Star to our cause. The Scripps papers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, Berkeley and Fresno had many powerful editorials in support of the amendment, and devoted their news columns largely to it. The San Francisco Bulletin and the Los Angeles Express favored the amendment editorially and published much news of it. Mr. Percy Millbury, editor of the Lakeport Press, not only gave the assistance of his own paper to the measure, but also regularly wrote letters to the press in his part of the State explaining it. Phil Francis had some masterly editorials in his column of the San Francisco Call, in which he punctured the thick hides of the reactionaries who opposed the amendment. We had the support of the California League of Municipalities, and many of the cities of the State.

An address in favor of the amendment was issued to the Women of California by Mrs. Fremont Older, Mrs. Lillian Harris Coffin (president of the New Era League of Women's Clubs), Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson (president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs), Mrs. Lloyd Osborne (daughter-in-law of the late Robert Louis Stevenson), Miss Mary Fairbrother (president of the Women's Political Club), Mrs. Elizabeth Gerberding, Mrs. James H. Barry, Mrs. Hannah Nolan and many other of California's prominent women.

Much of the credit for the splendid vote the amendment received is due to the ceaseless and untiring energy of our campaign manager, Clarence E. Todd, and his helpful wife.

This election has stirred the people of California to a serious consideration of the tax question. The opposition continually charged that the amendment was "the Singletax in disguise," and also reiterated many times that "any change in our present tax system must lead to the Singletax." So thousands are now asking: "What is the Singletax?" The papers of the State are anxious to give this news to their readers. There is no prejudice against the philosophy of the Prophet of San Francisco in California.



Our campaign commenced but a few months before the election. It was almost impossible to reach all parts of the great area of California, and organize an unknown force in that short time. But now that we are in the fight and have felt the power of the enemy, we are certain of ultimate victory. The election was but a preliminary skirmish in a contest that will continue until California has adopted a just system of taxation.

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## THE SINGLETAX FIGHT IN MISSOURI.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 8, 1912.

The expected has happened. We are beaten, but not to a finish. We have really won a great victory, for we have started Missouri on the road to study wealth production and distribution as it never has been studied before. The hysteria of the farmer

of the past few months will soon pass away, and I believe he will be open to reason.

In many places in this county the election officers openly gave out word that they were to know how every man voted on the Amendments. Nothing was neglected that would intimidate against voting for the Amendments. In one county the chairmen of the Democratic, Republican and Progressive central committees issued a joint call for a meeting on Monday before election to perfect arrangements not only to defeat the Amendments, but even to see that no votes were cast for them. I presume that similar arrangements were made in other counties.

Up to within ten days of the election the indications were that we would carry Kansas City, but at the last the opposition filled the city full of scare literature and frenzied appeals to the poor man to save his home, until many of them were too confused to think clearly on the question.

In Kansas City on No. 6, 62½ per cent of the total vote was cast. In the county outside of the city 57 per cent. On No. 7, 59 per cent voted on it in the city and in the county 56 per cent. The vote as now reported is as follows:

No. 6—City .....	Yes	12,364	No	21,575
No. 6—County .....	Yes	933	No	5,884
Total .....	Yes	13,297	No	27,459
No. 7—City .....	Yes	13,878	No	18,057
No. 7—County .....	Yes	1,095	No	5,622

Total .....	Yes	14,973	No	23,679
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The report from St. Joseph is as follows:

No. 6—City .....	Yes	2,722	No	6,975
No. 6—County .....	Yes	137	No	2,645
Total .....	Yes	2,859	No	9,620
No. 7—City .....	Yes	2,890	No	5,094
No. 7—County .....	Yes	233	No	2,117

Total .....	Yes	3,123	No	7,211
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The country vote, while negligible in this election, does not necessarily indicate that the country is not open for this question. The last three weeks of the campaign showed more active interest by the farmers in trying to understand the question than appeared in the cities.

If the work of agitation can be wisely carried on during the next two years, these measures will receive as strong support in the country as the city. I confidently believe that many of the country papers will now be glad to open their columns for frank discussion.

WM. A. BLACK.



## LAND VALUE TAXATION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Oct. 25.

Outhwaite, Raffan, Hemmerde and Wedgwood (all members of Parliament) are speaking nightly, and the Lord Advocate for Scotland (Mr. Ure) is speaking day and night, holding up the banner of the taxation of land values in his usual vigorous way.

The war in the East occupies the bulk of newspaper space. Lloyd George was quite right in hanging up his opening speech on the land question.