

At Los Angeles five thousand persons heard Mr. Edmund Norton at the Labor Temple in a masterly address. He appealed for votes for the Slocumb amendment. Many of those present assured Mr. Wernicke, who had helped to arrange for the meeting, that the largest number of votes ever cast for a Single Tax amendment would be rolled up for the measure in November.

Mr. Norton should be credited with two notable and stirring addresses to the striking railroad workers. At San Bernadino Mr. Waldo J. Wernicke had arranged for Mr. Norton to appear before nearly three thousand persons who gathered and listened to an inspiring speech. An invitation was extended to Mr. Norton to appear before them again.

A well attended dinner was held in honor of Henry George's birthday in Los Angeles on Sept. 2 at Paulais Cafe. William C. deMille presided. About three hundred persons were present. Mr. DeMille announced that there would be no discussion of policies on which some of those present differed, and this programme was adhered to. There were present a great number representing the fight for the Slocumb Amendment, among them James A. Robinson, Edmund Norton, Lona Ingham Robinson, Roth Reynolds, Charles Maguire, Charles Fox, C. R. Colburn, Waldo J. Wernicke and many others. The spirit of the occasion was gracious and tolerant, and the members of the Los Angeles League fraternized with the members of the Renters and Tenants League and the supporters of the Slocumb Amendment. Mrs. DeMille spoke of the views of her father, and addresses eulogistic of our leader were made by R. E. Chadwick, Mrs. E. K. Foster, Dr. Adah H. Paterson, and others.

The San Diego Single Tax League held a dinner in commemoration of Henry George's birthday on Sept. 1st. James A. Robinson spoke, his subject being "The Philosophy of Henry George." He did not forget to dwell upon the necessity of supporting the Slocumb Amendment.

A resolution supporting the Amendment was offered and according to our San Diego correspondent, was carried.

We have received the first number of the *Single Tax*, a six page paper published in Fresno, by John H. Meyer, in support of the Single Tax measure, now on the ballot. One page contains an appeal for a Federal Land Tax, with array of excellent reason for the passage of such an act.

We have received the *Henry George Standard*, for September 15. It is full of good things. Among other matter it contains the following announcement which is of special interest to our friends:

"The necessity for a separate political party to safeguard the fundamental truth of the philosophy of Henry George is now recognized by many Single Taxers of California. Mr. C. R. Colburn, chairman of the San Diego Single Tax League, strongly advocates party formation. G. W. Slocumb, A. H. Sanborn, of San Francisco, W. F. Burgener, of Norwalk, John H. Meyer, of Fresno, Waldo Wernicke, of Los Angeles, and others favor the idea. Whitney Hart Slocumb has started organizing a Single Tax Party State Committee."

Minnesota

FROM 1881 to 1897 the enormously valuable iron mines of Minnesota were not taxed one dollar for any purpose whatever, neither for schools, roads, bridges, township, city, village or county, but they did pay one cent a ton to the State on mined ore. Not much land value tax here, not even one cent a ton.

In 1897 these lands were subjected to taxation by a unanimous vote in the House and only four negative votes in the Senate, in spite of a powerful lobby and a tremendous corruption fund. Since then they have paid several millions of dollars in land value taxes for schools, roads, township, village, city, county and State purposes.

But this was not enough. At the time they mine the ore, they secure, through this process of tapping the natural resource, an enormous land value due to high grade ore easily worked. (I have seen ore shoveled into cars with a steam shovel at a cost of about five cents a ton.) This ore sold for the market price. All the surplus over the five cents a ton was pure land value. The people then demanded a special additional tax when the ore is mined.

The legislature of 1921 passed a bill that will give to the State treasury about four million dollars additional—all pure land value, no tax on the labor, capital or business of mining the ore, but just the land value in the ore.

The House passed another bill by a vote of 103 to 14 which would have put about one million more land value in the State treasury, out of the ground rent values of some mine owners who leave their mines unworked. The Senate killed this bill by a small margin, but already 13 of those who voted against it are out and about seven or eight more are sure of defeat in November.

And we will not stop here. We will get more of that land value. Watch Minnesota, where all parties have been abolished in the legislature and we elect men on policies.

C. J. BUELL.

New Jersey

THERE will again be an opportunity for a State-wide vote for the Single Tax in New Jersey with E. M. Caffall for Governor and William J. Wallace for U. S. Senator. Literature is being prepared for as wide a distribution as the means at hand will provide.

Mr. Caffall has addressed a letter to all the New Jersey papers stating briefly the principles for which he is standing in this campaign.

We quote from the last of this communication which has already found its way into the columns of newspapers of the State:

"If elected I will co-operate with the Legislature to abolish taxes on houses, factories, farm buildings, machinery and property of every kind, and to raise the necessary revenues for the State from land values alone. These are produced by the necessities of the population and not by the