

agricultural region, the town is in many respects stagnant at the present time. There is no reason why population should not increase rapidly. But it is stifled by excessive speculation in land and the heavy taxes that fall on business enterprise of all kinds. Meanwhile the business men voluntarily subscribe to an expensive business association, the object of which is to boost the town. We have the experience of meeting would-be ventures or other industries with extremely high-priced building sites which are generally raised quickly when a new demand is suggested for them, and then, when the new enterprise actually comes, taxes are piled on good and heavy. Of course, the business association could easily be dispensed with and Wichita boomed in splendid shape if the city would only cease penalizing industry by copying the examples of Vancouver and the other cities of British Columbia that have had so great prosperity since taking taxes off of improvements. No doubt, Wichita will come to reason much quicker than if Mr. White had not been here with his most instructive address.

Wichita, Kas. HENRY WARE ALLEN.

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### AUSTRALIA.

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We have just come through a general election, and the Labor Government has been defeated. When I speak of a general election I refer to the Federal Parliament. You will see by the report that I was run as a candidate for one of the seats. Of course, we never expected to get in. The campaign was purely an educational one. Neither of the parties in politics has any policy which gives relief to the people. Both favor high protection, both favor compulsory military training, and neither has a satisfactory policy for dealing with the land question. The labor party certainly has a progressive land tax which yields £1,300,000 per year revenue, as against £15,000,000 raised by customs and excise. And yet this party claims to be the friends of the workers.

Mr. Joseph Cook has formed a Liberal Ministry, but we do not expect any demo-

cratic measures from him. There is every possibility that we shall have a double dissolution and another election in a few months. The Liberals have only a majority of one in the House of Representatives, while in the Senate the Labor party has 29 out of 36 members. Any measure that does not receive the approval of the Labor party will therefore be thrown out. This will cause a deadlock and the Houses will be dissolved. The Labor party has had the chance of a lifetime. They have had an absolute majority in both Federal Houses during the past three years and could have made Australia a little paradise for the workers had they the knowledge of how to go to work. But instead of going for FREEDOM they went for restriction. They have more faith in Arbitration Courts and Trades Unionism than they have in giving free play to the laws governing the production and distribution of wealth. During the campaign I addressed 34 meetings and the members of the League are satisfied that good propoganda work has been done. We shall keep right on with our open air meetings and keep the protectionists going. We shall also turn our attention to the rating question. This is the time of the year to wake up the municipal councils to the need of taking polls in December at the time of the annual elections. We hope to add a few more Councils to those already rating on land values only.

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### MR. BALLANGEE ON FAIRHOPE.

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(The following article from the *Fairhope Courier* is a reply to article in our May-June number. We deem it only fair that all our readers should see this article, presumably from the pen of E. B. Gaston, editor of the *Courier*.—Editor SINGLE TAX REVIEW.)

Fairhope is indebted to the SINGLE TAX REVIEW for its publication in its May-June number of an article on "Fairhope, its Problems and its Future"—by J. Ballangee—and no less to Mr. Ballangee for the preparation of the article. It strongly pre-