

arranged to be at the wharf to meet the "Mariposa," but she came in too early for them. Mr. Hould has worked with the Land Reform party for over twenty years, and has acted as editor of the *Liberator* since its first issue in February, 1900.

GEORGE STEVENSON.

George Stevenson was born in Victoria, Australia, in 1880, and was one of a family of thirteen. In the year 1891, the great land boom in Victoria collapsed, and it was the misery and desolation wrought by the excessive price of land in Victoria at that time that first opened Mr. Stevenson's eyes to the necessity for a radical change in the land laws of Australia. In 1894, when he was only 14 years of age, industrial conditions were so bad in Australia that, along with a number of his brothers, he came to New Zealand, then enjoying the first fruits of the more than twenty years of progress and prosperity that has followed upon the carrying of the Ballance-Grey Land Tax in 1891. In 1901, Mr. Stevenson married in Auckland, and he now has five young Single Taxers to his credit, besides converts of voting age too numerous to specify. In business a staircase builder, he finds his time well occupied, but he still manages to take an active interest in political affairs, and especially in propagating the gospel according to Henry George. In 1908 he acted as Editor of the *Liberator* during Mr. Hould's absence in England and acquitted himself very ably indeed. In 1910, he conducted with good results a class for the study of "Progress and Poverty" at the Auckland Unitarian Young Men's Institute. Mr. Stevenson, who is a Vice-President of the New Zealand Land Values League, is still a young man, and it is probable that even more will be heard of him in the future. His brothers Edward and Joseph, of Hastings and Gisborne respectively, have also done good work for the cause; and his father-in-law, Mr. T. L. Stevens, is one of the old brigade of "Croasdale Single Taxers" who helped in the heavy pioneering work of pre-Land Tax times.

THOMAS WEBB.

Thomas Webb, president of New Zealand

Land Values League, was born in 1857, in Longton Staffordshire, England, his father being a China manufacturer. Educated at Longton Middle Class Commercial School, he came out with family as a boy of sixteen. Went on Bush Farm in Northern Wairoa District and roughed it for some years. Was appointed Hobson County Council Collector and Valuer, but resigned and entered the employ of Brown, Campbell & Coy. He afterwards represented the Northern Boot & Shoe Co., Ltd., for some five years, and in the year 1895, started in business as indent and commission agents. He saw the misery and destitution that was in the world. For some time it staggered him and his faith in God reeled until he realized that God was not to blame since he had provided enough and to spare. He had answered the prayer, Give us this day our daily bread; had answered it freely, literally, liberally. Mr. Webb reasoned that there must be an abrogation of His Law somewhere and this led him to see that His gifts, which were intended for all, were being appropriated by the few, and that the solution of the problem was that as rapidly as possible the wrong should be righted and land should, by the process of the Single Tax, revert to the people.

Mr. Webb has been president of the National Single Tax League (now the New Zealand Land Values League) since Mr. Fowlds resigned on entering the Ministry in 1906.

OREGON.

PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE IN NOVEMBER
—A. M. HIMES GOES TO BRITISH
COLUMBIA FOR AMMUNITION—THE
PRIVILEGED INTERESTS TRY TO SILENCE
H. W. STONE.

Oregon is getting along with her 38 state-wide and several county measures very well, thank you. The citizens are now receiving the State pamphlet of 252 pages of reading matter which contains all the measures in full, the numbers on the ballot for and against each measure, and arguments for and against them.

The "Graduated and Specific Tax and Exemption" amendment is the most important of the eight state-wide tax measures and is attracting the most attention; even the Bull Moose does not get more on the average.

Street meetings in Portland are well attended. H. D. Wagon, whom we hope to see the next assessor, is addressing large audiences every night, and supervising the distribution of literature in the day.

Against the seven reactionary measures the Graduated Single Tax League has filed negative arguments, and the State pamphlet therefor has not one but several arguments on taxation, and no citizen can read the pamphlet to any extent without coming across some arguments for the Graduated Single Tax.

J. W. Bengough, our cartoonist friend, philosopher and enthusiast is the limit for drawing a crowd and drawing a cartoon at the same time.

Special literature in the form of a Broacher of eight pages the size of a seven column newspaper, and a folder containing the measure and other data is being sent all over the State.

If well written literature and carefully compiled and analyzed figures and data will pull votes for justice in taxation, Oregon will certainly wake things in this old world November 5th. W. G. Eggleston is past master of the art of saying things with figures. W. S. U'Ren is well occupied along all the different lines that come before the manager of a campaign.

I am no prophet. The average Oregon citizen is not demonstrative. The opposition to progress and justice always does the most shouting. Our literature is not flung away. People read it eagerly and do not fling it in the street.

F. E. Coulter campaigned for two weeks in Southern Oregon recently. Men listened and concluded that the tales of the hired agents of plutocracy who had addressed them might be open to suspicion. Single Taxers were encouraged to renewed exertions, and at every place he spoke workers have been found to help the cause along.

Veteran of the Civil war and veteran of the Single Tax cause, A. M. Himes went to

British Columbia a few weeks ago and returned with a large number of interviews he had with business, professional and working men; also signed statements and letters. These are being made good use of in literature sent all over the State.

Hon. Francis Neilson, M. P., of England, will deliver addresses in Oregon en route east, and J. W. Bengough is to accompany him on the trip and return to take up the campaign again. Weather permitting, we hope to send him out with F. E. Coulter for a two weeks' tour.

The opponents of justice in taxation have plenty of money and an active body of field workers. It is amusing to note that they make the assumption that if the people once get a taste of the Single Tax pie they will devour the entire bakery.

One of the attempts of the Big Business Beast was to try to shut up H. W. Stone, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., whose activities as a Single Taxer are continent-wide. As he does not have to depend on the job, and as his services in the Y. M. C. A. are more a labor of love than a seeking for salary, the attempt was called off.—A. D. CRIDGE, Portland, Oregon.



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