

educated on all economic questions and need good advice and instruction.

The editor of the *Kansas City Star* is a good target. He stated editorially that landlords give as much value to society as they receive from it, and that economic evolution disproved the theories of Henry George, but soon after began a series of articles upon the injustice of taxing water consumers 84 cents per thousand gallons, the cost of pumping being ten cents, the proceeds going to extend and improve the municipal water works and to pay off the bonds for their purchase, while real estate pays no tax whatever on account of water supply that adds so largely to its value, the city getting its water free of cost for public purposes—that is, paid for by private water consumers, mostly tenants. I am inclined to think that this able hired man of a millionaire newspaper owner is either a Single Taxer, or needs to learn where "he is at."

The Republican State Committee of Kansas is said to have sent a circular to all local workers that they should if possible prevent any local debates of political questions or organizations for such debating. At any rate, this is being done and no one dare cheap against monopolies in a school house or hall.

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ST. LOUIS WELCOMES JOHN Z. WHITE—LOCAL ACTIVITY IN ST. LOUIS.

John Z. White spent three weeks in St. Louis in November and talked to many people every night, speaking at some point in or about the city. Altogether his visit with us was very profitable in a propagandist way, much more so than the year before, when his reputation as an entertainer and logician had not been established hereabouts. White grows in strength, and those who heard him on his first St. Louis trip were more than anxious to attend his meetings this year, and to persuade others who had not heard him, to come too. Wherever he goes, White makes friends and converts, for his treatment is so logical and easily understood, and all the elements of frenzy being absent, his arguments are particularly persuasive and captivating, leaving no rancor in any one's mind, no matter how antagonistic he may be to the philosophy expounded. I consider this a great forte, and one that brings strength to the cause wherever and whenever the speaker appears as our representative and exponent.

Prof. White's season in St. Louis was closed out in a blaze of glory at the Planter's Hotel, the leading hostelry of the city. What was at first intended for a dinner at which perhaps twenty-five might be expected to attend, the affair having been arranged after an eleventh hour resolution, developed into a splendid feast of reason at

which something like a hundred and twenty-five sat down, many of the "old guard" being present, feeling as enthusiastic as in times past, with a large number of new faces to an "old stager" like myself.

I notice in this morning's paper (30th) that Harry Sycamore, one of the "old guard," and still active propagandist, was elected President of the Aschenbroedel Club (musicians' union), an organization in which there are several hundred musicians, and which has its own club house at 3535 Pine (a fine building and until recently an elegant residence of heroic proportions). The St. Louis Single Tax League has occupied rooms with the organization for several years and meets at the club headquarters on each Wednesday evening of the week. Gus A. Menger, Owen Miller and P. G. Anton, all Single Taxers, were chosen as the Board of Trustees. It looks like a Single Tax victory in the club, which carries on its roster many of the faithful—men of intelligence and influence in the industrial world.

Prof. Sycamore is a thorough disciple of George, and his election to the chief executiveship of a club such as that consisting of all the leading professional and semi-professional musicians of the city, certainly speaks flatteringly of his personal worth to our cause.

The Ladies' Single Tax Club is meeting at the homes of the members on the first Thursday of each month. The last meeting was held at my house, 1390 Aubert Avenue, and it proved to be not only enjoyable, but profitable, as well, some strangers to the faith being in attendance. Mrs. Hall (104 South Channing Ave.) is the president, and the right woman in the right place. She is developing much ability as a speaker, and is imbued with the true spirit.

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News—Foreign.

ENGLAND.

That the agitation for the taxation of Land Values in Great Britain is gradually permeating political thought of all shades can easily be seen, and we Single Taxers may, I think, reasonably assume that it has fairly entered the region of practical politics.

It must not, however, be inferred that there is any great weight of public opinion in favor of the measure, but ground is being gained all along the line, and there is an ever increasing body of men inclining towards it. Undoubtedly the fact of many important municipalities so emphatically declaring in its favor has caused many former opponents to modify their attitude. Even in the House of Commons itself, where not so long since the movement was looked upon with indifference, there is quite an altered feeling in evidence. Not that it is much more favored than formerly out-