

financial support for a very straight out Single Tax measure in the county of Multnomah, which is Portland, and a fringe of suburbs around it, with some speculative "farms" on the edge.

As time runs on it is apparent that the taxation question is going to be a hot one in Oregon. There will certainly be five, and maybe a few more, tax measurers up. There is certain to be a strong effort to stampede the farmers to vote down every new measure and to return to the good old way of everything in sight. If the amendments to the legislature fail of popular endorsement, then several counties are almost sure to be carried for land value taxation.

One amendment talked of is to exempt \$3,000 in personal property and improvements and to reconfirm the county option tax amendment. This is being carefully considered by the Fels Commission and that grand old man of progress, W. S. U'Ren. It may prove to be a hummer when it gets polished up. Anyway, there is a fight coming off that will make the witnesses know it was a scrap in earnest. Keep your eye on Oregon.—ALFRED D. CRIDGE, Portland, Oregon.

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Since the last issue of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW Mr. John Z. White has continued in charge of the work in this State. Together with his co-laborators, Messrs. Liddell and Chase, the most of his time, very many hours of every day, have been devoted to the making of figures and calculations therefrom. This labor corresponds very closely to what the farmers call subsoiling. It does not make much of a show on its surface, but often proves to be in the end the most productive of a sure and big harvest.

Some of Mr. Whites evenings, however, have been used to much advantage in addressing local organizations, such as church clubs, labor unions, etc. On February 27th he was one of the speakers at the Economic club, the largest and most popular of our many educational associations. The object of the club is to have diverse

views presented by several speakers upon some live topic. The question discussed at the Supper on Feb. 27th was in effect the New Nationalism. Although the 250 persons at the tables represented the business and professional classes mainly, Mr. White's democratic and home rule view was best received by the audience.

On February 28th a public hearing was given by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary upon the Local Option in Taxation bill. There was a fair attendance with a number of speakers in the affirmative, and an owner of valuable vacant lots in the negative. Mr. White gave an account of what is being done through local exemption of labor products in Western Canada. This general measure is not the one most counted upon to receive favorable action by the State legislature, and is not the bill towards which special effort is now being directed.

On the evening of March 2nd, the sixth annual triangular debates between Brown, Williams and Dartmouth colleges were held. The question for discussion was: "Resolved, That in American municipalities a tax on the rental value of land (exclusive of improvements) be substituted for the general property tax." Each college furnished two teams of debaters, and a debate was held at each college on the same evening. At Brown the discussion was held in a large hall and the attendance was good. The home team had the affirmative and that of Dartmouth the negative. Much work had been put into the preparation of the speeches, and both sides did themselves and their institutions credit. It is significant that at all three of the colleges the affirmative was awarded the victory.

Of outside Single Tax speakers we have had fewer than usual this season, but are hoping within the next ten days to enjoy a visit from both Charles Frederick Adams and Joseph Fels.—LUCIUS F. C. GARVIN.

A DEBATE on Single Tax vs. Socialism was held on Feb. 15th, at Northport, L. I., between Eugene Wood, magazine winter, and Joseph K. Rudyard, railroad man and Single Taxer. The audience by a vote awarded the honors to Mr. Rudyard.