

American Single Tax League and make the Commission or Board of Trustees, whichever may be agreeable to those present at the conference, an elective one or at least appointed by the President, who himself is elected by such conference. Such Board of Trustees or Commission should do the work the present Fels Fund Commission is attempting to do, or at least should have restricted itself to—to carry on a campaign in Rhode Island, Oregon, or wherever at the moment it seems most advisable—leave local work to the local organization, and impress upon contributors that contributions to the Commission does not relieve them from helping in so far as their means will allow, the work of the local bodies.

N. Y. CITY. WM. LUSTGARTEN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FELS COMMISSION REPLIES

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:—

Lloyd George in his speech on the Budget made this declaration: "THIS IS A WAR BUDGET." He then proceeded to explain that he meant a war on poverty. Single Taxers over the whole world have approved and applauded this declaration. The Fels Fund is also a war budget of the same kind.

In carrying on a war of any kind those who are responsible for results, would only bring about certain failure if they published their plans or neglected to take all precautions against letting their plans become known to anyone interested in thwarting them. Of course, such precautions necessarily involve secrecy even against many entitled to confidence. A Single Taxer who utters such complaints as Mr. Lustgarten sees fit to express is about as reasonable as would be a citizen of a country at war, who would complain because the war department had not published its plans broadcast or taken him into its confidence.

Mr. Fels, as a practical and sensible man, as well as a Single Taxer who wants the Single Tax so badly that he is willing to avoid spectacular display in order to get it, realized the need of placing the control

of the fund in the hands of a body that would not be hampered too much. The selection of the members was accomplished after consultation with officials of the American Single Tax League, and as many prominent outsiders as could with prudence be consulted.

If Mr. Lustgarten's ideas should be carried out more money might possibly be raised, but the result of its expenditure would only be another failure or at most a "near victory," of which the movement has already experienced a sufficiency.

However, I am told by some who know that at the Chicago Single Tax Conference held in 1893, when about the same idea that Mr. Lustgarten is urging for the raising of funds, was adopted it resulted in a greater failure by \$12,000 to \$15,000 than that now shown by the Fels Fund Commission.

The Fels Fund Commission holds that one victory actually won even at the cost of suppressing brass bands and shouting in advance, is worth a dozen "almost wons" preceded by sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. It should not require much argument or thought to convince Single Taxers of so self-evident a truth.

DANIEL KIEFER.

CINCINNATI, Ohio.

THE LAND VALUE TAX PARTY IS BORN.

A short, sharp, business like convention was that which met on Saturday at 11 o'clock in the parlors of the Women's Trade Union League, 43 East 22nd street, this city, to organize a political party for the Single Tax. The attendance comprised between 70 and 80.

Wm. F. Casey opened the convention by citing Cushing's Manual and describing in brief terms the usual mode of organizing deliberative assemblies. Jerome O'Neil was nominated for temporary chairman by Mr. Bastida.

Mr. O'Neil on assuming the chair spoke with great seriousness. "I have worked in this movement since Henry George came from San Francisco which was before the great campaign of 1886. In looking back