

written no name but "Single Taxer, Portland, Oregon" and everybody would know that "Wagnon is in town again."

In 1907 he was elected president of the Oregon Tax Reform League, rustled the money to finance the placing of a partial Single Tax measure on the ballot and for the literary campaign that was made. The measure was not adopted, but where the campaign was made by a few men and women able to make it the vote was large.

At present he is the Single Tax Independent candidate for assessor for Multnomah county (Portland) and his name was written on the democratic primary ballot often enough to give him the nomination of the party by a clear majority. He is not making a campaign for the office but the principle, and if elected it will be the spontaneous act of the people. There is no bluff, bluster, or display about the campaign, and the usual political "leg-pulling" is absent.

In the present campaign for the graduated Single Tax now opening up so hotly he is a very powerful factor, and his counsel is sought and heeded. A thousand more Wagnons are needed in Oregon.

AKRON, OHIO.

The Akron Single Tax League is not a new organization, but it has of late greatly increased its membership, and is attracting attention by its propaganda work. The president of the League is Albert C. Hollaway, a prominent attorney, and Wm. F. Potting is secretary. The league meets every alternate Tuesday in the Arcade Block, and it has lately established a Friday luncheon at the Windsor Hotel and we expect to secure a good speaker for a short address. The two affairs already held were very successful in point of attendance and interest.

Judge Samuel G. Rogers delivered the first address and Judge Charles R. Grant editor of the *Times* the second. At the evening meeting last month, Mr. Hosea Paul of Cleveland, delivered his address

on "Taxation and Social Progress." Mr. Paul was a farmer resident of Akron and was able to point out the benefit that the Single Tax would be to a growing city like Akron, especially in putting a stop to wild and riotous land speculation, which almost inevitably uses up all the spare cash of a community and finally brings about a panic. Such inflated values also prevent the normal and regular development of the city and drive people out into the suburbs ahead of street cars, sewers, etc.

NEWS—FOREIGN.

QUEENSLAND.

Our State is in the throes of as near to a general strike as it is possible to get. In the phrases of the strikers, "trade is paralyzed and the whole sea-board of Queensland from Cape York to Tweed heads is held up." All this because the Autocrat who rules the Brisbane Tram system (and who happens to be a Yankee) has issued a mandate that his employees must not wear Union Badges—all the rest is sympathy with them. I shall not be surprised to hear that the men have gone back to work on Monday without their badges, though they put up a splendid fight, and their cause is righteous. I hope it will teach them that *general strikes* are impossible—that freedom is not that way—that the only hope of a strike is when it is supported by those working; then the strikers may in some cases win a victory. The Queensland *Worker*, the organ of the Labor Party, is printing "Adam Blacks letters to his Son."—E. I. S. HARDING, Charters Towers, Queensland.

GERMANY—EISENACH.

Dr. F. Kuhner writes the REVIEW from Eisenach:

"The Thuringia branch of the German Bodenreform League is leading in number of members as well as in number of sections. In the two years since it sprang into existence an immense deal of work has been done. The leaders went up and down the mountainous country, holding conferences

and spreading Single Tax ideas where no word of them had ever been heard before. The greatest part of this work is due to the unrelenting energy of Mr. R. Diener, Gotha. You will grasp the whole difficulty of our propaganda if you consider that it takes more time to go from Eisenach to Rudolstadt or Coburg than to go to Berlin or Munich, and that nearly all our smaller towns are living in the proverbial ignorance of provincial towns as far as social problems are concerned. Let it be added, that a great many of the members are women, some of them leading the van, e. g., Miss Dr. Selma von Lengefeld in Weimar, who has done splendid service in speaking on "Women and Landreform," in different towns. Dr. Liebetrau, the lord mayor of Gotha, too, is a staunch landreformer and has largely promoted our principles by securing considerable tracts of land for his community."

THE MOVEMENT IN CHINA

Sun Yat Sen, the head of the new Chinese republic, is credited with saying he will "immediately start a propaganda for government control of railroads, mines, and similar industries, also for the Single Tax system, the short ballot and free trade." The "best government under the sun," as we call it, is getting some valuable hints from newer governments than itself, China, Australia, British Columbia and not the least from its own far western Oregon.—Chas. Hardon, in (Concord) *New Hampshire Patriot*.

THE German Emperor will be blessed by generations unborn for having made the first applications of Henry George's theory regarding land tenure. In Kiao Chow the Government has distinctly set its face against speculation in land.—The Children of the Nations, by Poultney Bigelow. To this work translated into German is attributed much of the progress made in that Empire in the taxation of the "un-earned increment."

THE "OLD GUARD" DINNER OF THE MANHATTAN SINGLE TAX CLUB.

The largest attendance at a Single Tax dinner in perhaps ten if not in twenty years signalized the Old Guard Dinner of the Manhattan Single Tax Club on Saturday, May 11. There were 343 men and women present, and many of those who had taken part in the great battles of 1886 and 1897 were there to listen to the war stories of the veterans of these campaigns.

Louis F. Post, the well beloved, told of the old days, reviewed the history of the movement, dwelt upon its present status, and told many apt and clever stories in his own inimitable way.

Henry George, Jr., spoke interestingly of his father's life, and Whidden Graham in a humorous way good naturedly lectured Single Taxers on their short comings in the past.

Sylvester Malone spoke of McGlynn and the Anti-Poverty Society. Dr. E. E. Bowen, who acted as toastmaster, performed her task acceptably, and the dinner was voted a great success by all who attended.

This meeting closed the series of dinners for the winter and spring season, and the club is to be congratulated upon the efficient and able administration of its president, John T. McRoy. Much has been done during the past year and hundreds of new members have joined the Club for active work.

The open air meetings under the general captaincy of Mrs. George Lloyd have now begun and it is the intention to hold from twenty to fifty meetings a week. Volunteers are wanted for this work, and those wishing to help are urged to write Mrs. Lloyd for assignments. Address her at club headquarters, 47 W. 42nd Street.

THE more prices advance for lots the less the chance for workingmen to get homes of their own.

IF any man comes to Oregon we now fine him more for building a home than for stealing a hog.