

Discussion.

Subject: A Model Constitutional Amendment. F. B. McConaughy, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Discussion.

12:30 P. M. Luncheon for Trustees and Advisory Commission of the Henry George Foundation.

2:00 P. M. Chairman: Rabbi Michael Aaronsohn, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Subject: Plans for Promoting the Single Tax. My Ideas for Active Work. Edward White, Kansas City, Mo. Otto Cullman, Chicago, Ill. Jane McEvoy, Washington, D. C.

(Have Chairman announce that discussion and questions can follow after all speakers have finished.)

Discussion.

7:00 P. M. Annual Henry George Foundation Banquet.  
Toastmaster.  
Speakers.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 A. M. Chairman:  
Subject: Shall We Try to Concentrate all the Single Tax Activities in One State?  
Speakers: Chas. H. Ingersoll, New York, N. Y.; Percy R. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Harold S. Buttenheim, New York, N. Y.

Discussion.

12:30 Luncheon.

2:00 P. M. Chairman: Dr. Mark Milliken, Hamilton, Ohio.  
Subject: Organization for Action.  
Speaker: Hon. George E. Evans, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Death of Billy Radcliffe

**F**RIEND of Henry George and Tom L. Johnson, active Single Taxer for many years, Billy Radcliffe died July 31. He had suffered a stroke four days before and his age and weakened condition gave little hope for his recovery.

"Billy" Radcliffe—he was always so known—had a hotel in Youngstown, Ohio, and this was a Mecca for visiting Single Taxers for many years. Our friend was a rapid-fire speaker with a resonant voice.

President McKinley spoke once in Youngstown and commented on the Single Tax, speaking of it as "a tax on land." Billy Radcliffe asked permission to correct the speaker. "The Single Tax is not a tax on land," he explained, "but a tax on land values." Mr. McKinley, who was always oracular and solemn, replied with a self-satisfied air, "Well what is the difference between land and land values?" and Billy shouted at the top of his voice, "The value."

The audience saw the point and responded with loud applause, much to Mr. McKinley's discomfort.

Our friend lived long enough to see the advancement of the cause, and hailed the advent of the Henry George School with the high hopes which all of us feel.

His life was an inspiration to us all. He never lost his faith and helped according to his means. His presence at the Cincinnati Henry George Congress last year is pleasantly remembered, as well as the short speech he

made, saying with the old time Radcliffe sense of humor, "I am eighty-six years of age and live in eighty-six street."

We are glad to record that his son John Radcliffe is interested in the cause his father served and will be heard from in the future. He expects to be present at the Henry George Congress in Detroit in October of this year.

Funeral services for this splendid veteran were held in Youngstown at which Hon. Peter Witt paid a tribute to his memory.

## Billy Radcliffe

**T**HE older generation of Youngstown residents heard with regret of the death of William Q. Radcliffe, known to thousands here and in Cleveland as "Billy" Radcliffe, chief agent in bringing the Single Tax theory to public attention in this district.

In the early nineties and even before that everybody in Youngstown knew Billy Radcliffe. Beginning his career as a street salesman working from a buggy or wagon, singing comic songs to attract an audience, he combined his favorite hobby with his sales talk. That hobby was Henry George's proposal to abolish all taxes save one Single Tax levied on the value of land, irrespective of the value of the improvements on it.

After a successful period as a street salesman, Mr. Radcliffe became proprietor of the hotel which bore his name at Wick Ave. and Commerce St. It was town down a few years ago in preparation for elimination of the Erie grade crossing. Whether selling from a wagon or operating a hotel, Mr. Radcliffe kept preaching Single Tax, notably as a leading member of the Reform Club which met in Town Hall to discuss current problems and usually ended by discussing the Single Tax.

As a recognized apostle of the Henry George movement Mr. Radcliffe was given wider opportunity in Cleveland, where Tom L. Johnson, the liberal mayor, appointed him to various positions of trust and influence.

Billy Radcliffe's economic theories have not found general acceptance, but his character was sound. Youngstown bids him a regretful goodbye with pleasant recollections of a colorful personality and an uncompromising integrity.—Youngstown, Ohio, *Vindicator*.

#### PRAISE FOR PETER WITT

At the funeral recently held of Wm. Q. Radcliffe at Youngstown, O., Peter Witt of Cleveland spoke following the regular burial services. He praised Mr. Radcliffe very highly for his persistent devotion to Henry George. Read some striking passages from "Progress and Poverty" on the future and the future life, and the possibilities that would develop with the adoption of George's philosophy. Peter is a life-long believer in Single Tax. Able and willing to defend it against all opponents in the press or on the platform. He lectures with a punch that no other in America can equal. Anyone who hears Peter Witt lecture remembers him forever. Get him on your lecture platform.—*The Amalgamated Journal*.

**W**HEN it was proposed in the British parliament to levy a 7 per cent direct tax on the people, Pitt declared that such a tax would cause revolution, but that with an indirect tax, such as the tariff, "the last rag could be taxed off the workman's back and the last crust out of his children's mouths!" People would attribute their hard condition to "hard times," as they do today, instead of to the unbearable burden of indirect taxation.