

Campaign of the Commonwealth Land Party

THE following states will carry on the ballot electors for the presidential nominees of the Commonwealth Land Party, Wallace and Lincoln: Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Missouri, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Arkansas, New Mexico and Kansas.

New Hampshire hangs in the balance, and Maryland is doubtful, owing to a peculiar statute that provides that only *one* word shall be used, and Commonwealth Land Party has two. But this may yet be overcome. New York offers obstacles almost insurmountable to the party. It would seem that a uniform election law should apply in all the states to presidential candidates of new parties, but this is not so and the laws are as various as the number of states.

It must not be assumed that in many of the states enumerated where the Commonwealth Land Party will be on the ticket there were not great difficulties to be overcome. In Ohio signatures to the number of 16,000 must be secured. This work is under way, superintended by the efficient campaign manager of the State, James B. Lindsay. One of the Ohio canvassers, Ernest J. Foord, is an old friend of the editor and singularly efficient, besides being heart and soul in the work. George W. Slocumb, father of the California amendment voted for last year in that state, but now in Akron, will work at the getting of signatures to the Ohio petition. Howard Harris, of Akron, will run for representative from that city.

Fred Sypher, formerly of Cleveland, now of Akron, is at work and has made a contribution to the party, and Charles E. Lukens, of Marion, candidate for Congress has made trips to Canton, Alliance, and Columbus, where he has helped to organize the party.

George Edwards, of Youngstown, announces that there will be a county ticket in the field in that county. C. A. Lingham, of Mansfield, will aid the Ohio campaign this year.

The press of Ohio are generous in their comments, and interest in the new political movement is spreading over the entire state. County candidates will be nominated in many counties of the state.

At the Hotel Cleveland on May 14, Dr. Mark Milliken, of Hamilton, and Virgil D. Allen, the party's candidate for governor, spoke. At the Hotel Gibson, in Cincinnati, a meeting was held and listened to James A. Robinson, the National Organizer of the party, and some of the local members.

In Indiana, Rev. F. S. C. Wicks, of Indianapolis, has been a tower of strength in assisting National Organizer Robinson. Following are the names of Presidential Electors in that state.

J. H. Reitemeier, Logansport, Cass County; George L. Colter, Muncie, R.R. 4, Delaware County; Grace E. Herin, Indianapolis, Marion County; Esther A. Edwards, Indianapolis, Marion County; Conrad Rust, Indianapolis, Marion County; Frank D. Brown, Indianapolis, Marion County; John F. White, Indianapolis, Marion County; G. R. Slater, Indianapolis, Marion County; George Schultz, Indianapolis, Marion County; Herman Ritter, Logansport, Cass County; L. O. Bishop, Clinton, Kosciusko County.

In Oklahoma Organizer Robinson has been successful in securing a modification of the election laws, where it formerly required from seventy to eighty thousand petitioners to get on the ballot. Now it will require only five thousand, and J. A. Hamm, of Enid, has agreed to secure one thousand of these. At Tulsa O. P. Hyde will cooperate in the work. The newspapers of the state make comments on the appearance of the new party.

In New York the State Convention of the Commonwealth Land Party was held at the Hotel McAlpin, in this city, on Saturday, May 31. About 25 of the faithful attended. The following named were selected as constituting the State Committee: New York County, Lawrence W. Tracy, Dr. Joseph H. Cahoon, Morris Van Veen, Miss Corinne Carpenter and Oscar H. Geiger; for Kings County, Joseph Dana Miller, Dr. Samuel Schneidman, Benjamin W. Burger, George Lloyd and H. B. Maurer; for Richmond County, A. M. Windhorst; for Queens County, William McCabe; for Broome County, Le Baron Goeller; for Erie County, Carl Seelbach; for Cattaraugus County, Grace Donaldson; for Wayne County, F. D. Worthington. It is the hope of the party members that organization will soon be effected in every county in the state.

The New York State Convention formerly ratified the nomination of Wallace and Lincoln and endorsed the Platform, which was read by Oscar H. Geiger. A number of new members of the party were seated as accepted delegates.

W. J. Wallace who was invited to address the convention, spoke for half an hour, and made what was perhaps the best speech of his career. The *New York Times* of Sunday, June 1st, reported part of his speech.

SAMUEL GOMPERS has issued what he calls "Labor's Programme." There is no suggestion that Labor be relieved of its burdens. What about those bicycle rides with Henry George of which Gompers sometimes boasts?

"I will not cease from mental strife
Nor shall the sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land." —BLAKE.

"TINKERING with tariffs as a remedy for unemployment is like offering pills for earthquakes."

—RIGHT HON. J. R. CLYNES, M.P.