

Notification to Candidates Wallace and Lincoln

ON the afternoon of Saturday, April 26, a notification committee waited upon Wallace and Lincoln, candidates for President and Vice President of the Commonwealth Land Party, on the lawn in front of Mr. Wallace's home in Newark, N. J.

Mr. Lawrence Tracy, chairman of the notification committee spoke as follows:

Mr. Wallace, Mr. Lincoln and Friends:—

For centuries, aspiring and courageous souls have come together at intervals to plan how they could best promote some cause that must have seemed to them supremely great, for their devotion has been amply proved by the great number of them that deliberately made the supreme sacrifice for their beliefs; but never in all time, have people gathered in support of a cause more grand and a vision more splendid than animate those who are here, and also a growing multitude scattered over the earth who are with us in spirit though not in the flesh.

The exalted position here assigned to our CAUSE may well surprise many, but it is not justified when we realize that our philosophy not only declares the fundamental conditions that are absolutely requisite to the attainment by everyone of his highest ideals, whatever they may be, but more than that, it states explicitly just what it is in the social arrangements common to practically the whole world, that defeats humanity's best efforts to establish those conditions, and it further explains exactly what must be done to make our social plan harmonize with the Natural Laws that govern human relations.

Our purpose is not merely to effect a social readjustment, but by so doing, to remove the artificial barrier that men, in their ignorance, have erected and now maintain across the path of human progress. We would open the gate to FREEDOM that lies just on the other side,—that splendid FREEDOM which is our Natural Right and in which, without interfering with others, each may proceed in his development toward the ultimate of the purpose of his existence.

This philosophy is entirely free from any taint of racial or national limitation, there is in it nothing sectarian or partisan, it recognizes no distinction based on age, sex or condition, and it will make possible the ultimate attainment of that Brotherhood of man toward which all humanity has striven consciously or otherwise since time began.

Fortunately for us, the world has already made such progress in ideas that we can now declare our purpose and openly strive to attain it without violent estrangement of family and friends, without loss of social position, of fortune, and possibly of life itself; but the modern world on the other hand, requires much more general intelligence, more practical knowledge, more intense and sustained

activity to make progress toward our goal. Present facilities for spreading our gospel are greater than ever before and in the quicker tempo of modern life, opportunities for effective action are more frequent and varied; but the price of our success is the greater effort we must make to recognize these occasions before they are upon us, and to know what to do and how to do it.

Ever since the great heart and fine mind of Henry George challenged the thinking world with his clear, convincing and courageous statement of the Natural Social Laws, his disciples have tried many and various methods for arousing the interest, if not the conscience, of the mass of humanity, and for quickening its comprehension of its basic needs.

All these efforts, though certainly contributing to the general impetus, left so much to be desired that finally some of the devoted men and women who had long done yeoman service in other ways, determined to try the methods available to a political party, so they created an organization and called it the Single Tax Party.

Their number was not imposing and their resources were meager, but by heroic efforts, candidates were put on the ballot in several states. The vote was disappointing to the more hopeful and less discerning; but there were other conditions, especially the publicity secured, that made most of the party supporters feel that they were headed in the right direction, and so they struggled on.

That was 12 years ago, and now on this happy occasion under our new name of COMMONWEALTH LAND PARTY we are gathered here to celebrate an important step in the orderly fulfillment of our plans. At our National Convention in New York City, charged with that duty, on the 9th of last February candidates were selected to represent us in the highest offices in our Government, and our choice fell on two men who are tried and true. They know our purposes, are fired with our enthusiasm, and are ready to make the efforts and the sacrifices which our declarations and their convictions require in order to stand forth in full public view as our standard bearers.

With assurances of our full support and heart-felt gratitude for their willingness to serve, we now officially notify our friends of their nomination:—

Wm. J. Wallace of Newark, N. J.
for President

J. C. Lincoln of Cleveland, Ohio
for Vice President

ADDRESS HON. W. J. WALLACE, OF NEW JERSEY

The Commonwealth Land Party was formerly called the Single Tax Party. The change of its name will make its purpose clearer to the people.

We are opposed to income and inheritance taxes which are a communistic assault on incomes and property. They are substitutes for and imitations of justice. They breed bribery and dishonesty, as is evident from the fact that it