

## California

THE Anti-Single Taxers of California have beaten the friends of the movement in the campaign for publicity, for while the latter were engaged in printing and broadcasting petitions for the amendment the enemies of the measure were in the field labelling the proposal as "dangerous."

The *Standard*, the little paper published by the friends of the Great Adventure, in a recent issue addresses "Out of State Single Taxers," and says: "An increased vote in California next Fall would be a gain to Single Tax strength all over the country. Your contributions for so many years show that you feel that this is your campaign."

The Amendment will be Number One on the ballot this year, and that will be a great advantage.

## Argentine

### PLATFORM OF THE GEORGIST LIBERAL PARTY

WHILE aspiring to the constitutional reforms of the abolition of private property in land and other natural resources, maintaining as inviolable the right of private property in things produced by men; absolute free trade; the suppression of public debts; the separation of the Church and State; and the direct election of the President of the Republic and governors—the Georgist Liberal Party proposes to develop meanwhile the following parliamentary action:

(1) Equal and proportionate (*not progressive*) tax throughout the country on all land privately owned, increasing it gradually to *six per cent of its value*, but exempting improvements. (Arts. 4, 15 and 67 sec. 2 of the National Constitution). The product of said tax shall be distributed proportionately between the Nation, provinces, territories and municipalities.

(2) Gradual reduction of Customs Duties and of all other present taxes (all partially confiscatory of legitimate property) *until they are totally abolished*; also, entire abstention of the State from all private economic activities which are not monopolistic in their nature.

(3) Complete liberty of willing estates. Suppression of the present tax on inheritances, replacing same by a special tax on landed properties or mortgage titles thereupon, with the object of hastening the redemption of the land as a common patrimony for all the people, and the destruction of its value.

IMMEDIATE APPLICATION, as far as possible, of the DEFINITE LAND SYSTEM.

(4) Realization of the Rivadavian leasing system, by leasing existing public lands to the highest bidders, under a life contract, rescindable at will by the leaseholder, improvements to be purchased by the State, the heirs having preference in the occupation on decease of the leaseholders.

This platform was adopted by the National Committee of the Party in Convention January 7, 1924.

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In its issue of April last, the *El Liberal Georgista*, official organ of the Georgist Liberal Party of the Argentine, contains the following:

"In harmony with the advanced tendencies of Georgism which we have initiated in this country, the 'Commonwealth Land Party' has been organized in Great Britain and, very recently, another of the same name in the United States, thus showing the frankly international character assumed by the political struggle on behalf of Georgist radicalism."

"The old 'Single Tax Review' is henceforth to be called 'Land and Freedom.'"

"Mr. William J. Wallace has been nominated president of the new party."

## A Bugle Call

HAVE you seen the vision? Can you say, like St. Paul, "I have not been unmindful of that vision"? Has the vision been to you an obsession? Have you felt the urge to proclaim the great truth to a tax burdened world? Was it so clear to you that you were sure, if you told it to a needy and tax cursed world, it would be accepted? Have you felt the sting of disappointment suffered by the reformer when his message falls on listless and indifferent ears?

In the face of disappointment have you said in despair, "It's no use, the world can't be saved"? If so, then you are not worthy of a great cause. We follow a leader who gave his life to this issue. Henry George fell in the conflict with his face to the foe.

If you want a big job, if you want a man's job, if you want a job that will try your moral courage to the utmost limit, then put on the armor and go forth to fight that age-long enemy of civilization—TAXATION.

Our Pilgrim Fathers fought for the principle, "No taxation without representation." We fight for LAND—VALUE Rental and NO taxation. They strove for the ballot. We strive for the God given heritage, COMMUNITY—MADE VALUES, now appropriated by private interests. Theirs was a war for political liberty; ours, a war to free the world from industrial slavery.

The conflict will be fierce and full of discouragements. It calls for courage and sacrifice, but the issues are great and the goal to be reached justifies the cost. Our foe is an ancient system, more firmly entrenched than any king or potentate of past ages.

They tell us we are weak, but when shall we be stronger? Will it be when the wealth of the world is concentrated in the hands of a few selfish tyrants, and the great mass of humanity are industrial slaves? Will it be when the winged war chariots are dropping destructive bombs from