

NEWS—DOMESTIC

Indiana

INDIANA is safely on the ballot with the electors of the Commonwealth Land party. These are as follows: J. H. Reitemeier, Herman Ritter, L. O. Bishop., George L. Colter, Esther A. Edwards, Frank D. Brown, Grace E. Herrin, G. R. Slater, Geo. B. Schultz and Edward Kopp.

Missouri

THIS state is also on the ballot. Following are the presidential electors: Charles A. Green, James G. Edwards, William J. Flacy, George C. Rowland, Charles Lescher, Henry Priesmeyer, J. W. Steele, Franklin Playter, Thomas May, L. H. Davis and Henry George Heigold.

Michigan

MICHIGAN is on the ballot with the following presidential electors: J. F. Cardwell, Alexander S. Diack, Alfred Falkel, George A. Ferris, Henry C. L. Forler, John B. Howarth, Elmer D. Le Tourneur, Daniel L. Powell, A. C. Sekell, A. Laurence Smith and Corinne M. Turner.

New York

THE nomination of William McCabe, now deceased, for governor of New York and LeBaron Goeller for Lieutenant-Governor brought the Commonwealth Land party much publicity in this state. Mr. McCabe's long career of usefulness is told on another page.

Le Baron Goeller is a young man, also a printer, as well as a writer who wields a facile pen. There is probably no man in the movement who has better knowledge of economic truth together with the teacher's ability to present it.

He has been very busy since his nomination. In September he addressed a Summer assembly and the party was fully advertised. He gave them his Bread Line lecture, using as his text the poem, which has since been widely copied, written by the editor of LAND AND FREEDOM some years ago. Twelve of those present were ministers of the gospel. Mr. Goeller talked for an hour and twenty minutes. He succeeded in capturing his audience. There was not a dissenting voice. He dealt with fundamentals and was surprised beyond measure at the complete accord with which his exposition was received. "A mere tax talk," he writes, "would not have interested them in the slightest." One, a minister from Cobleskill, N. Y., said he would do all he could to lead people's thoughts in our direction.

Mr. Goeller will endeavor to get before the central federation and will lecture shortly in the church forum at

Union. "It is great advertising," writes Mr. Goeller. "At present it is not the number of votes we receive, but the amount of education we can put out. The party opens the door of opportunity for this. All sorts of people are asking about the Single Tax, as I find directly and indirectly."

The vacancy in the nomination for Governor caused by the death of William McCabe has been filled by the Executive Committee with the name of Laurence Tracy, too well known among the party members here to need any introduction. No one has worked more whole heartedly for the success of the cause than Mr. Tracy who has been unremitting at every task assigned him. He is besides a charming and graceful speaker.

Owing to the difficulties placed in the way of independent parties in this—and indeed in many states—it will be necessary to write in the name of Mr. Tracy, and readers of LAND AND FREEDOM in the state of New York are asked to do this. Such votes are counted as cast, and many of the friends will wish to register their convictions on the ballot. We are not on the national ballot in this state, and therefore must also choose one presidential elector to represent the Commonwealth Land party ticket. The Executive Committee has selected the name of George Lloyd and notices will be sent to all the friends of the movement throughout New York apprising them of the selection.

As soon as the election is over a concerted movement is planned by Single Taxers here in connection with other independent parties to simplify the election laws so that voters may not be disfranchised. The New York law is perhaps the most difficult in that it requires fifty signatures to independent petitions in every county of the state. The required twelve thousand could easily be secured by any independent party with some public sentiment behind it, but the provision of fifty in each of the sixty odd counties calls for a large expenditure in time and money.

Even the La Follette party with larger resources than the Commonwealth Land party, has failed to get on the ballot in California and Louisiana. We are glad to see that President Coolidge has taken cognizance of these election laws which unduly limit the "expression of popular will in the election of public officials." No more useful work can be done by Single Taxers than to create a public sentiment that will result in legislation to correct existing evils in accordance with the President's recommendations. The future of the Commonwealth Land party is largely dependent on what can be accomplished in this direction.

In addition to the nominations for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Messrs. Tracy and LeGoeller, other names that may be written into the ballot as follows: These were the nominations made last August by the New York state convention of the Commonwealth Land party. For Secretary of State, Grace Donaldson; for State Treasurer, L. Carl Seelbach; for State Engineer, F. D. Worthington;

for State Comptroller, George R. Macey and for Attorney General, James P. Kohler.

In Manhattan the party is on the ticket with the following nominations: For Judge of Supreme Court, First Judicial District, Samuel Bell Thomas; for the Second Judicial District, Charles Owings Towne; for Sheriff, Dr. Joseph H. Cahoon and for Member of Congress, 21st Congressional District, Morris VanVeen.

Since June 1 open air meetings have been conducted in various parts of the city by Mr. George Lloyd and Mr. Morris VanVeen, aided on many occasions by Miss Corrine Carpenter. Over fifty thousand pieces of literature have been distributed. At these meetings Mr. Lloyd has answered questions. Much interest is shown and groups are formed which are found in eager discussion long after midnight.

Ohio

J. B. LINDSAY, secretary of the Ohio campaign committee, writes us that a good vote may be expected for Virgil D. Allen for governor. By the same mail comes a letter from Mr. F. H. Monroe telling us that many La-Follette voters intend casting their votes for Mr. Allen, who is well known all over the state. The Democratic and Republican candidates are below the usual calibre of nominees and the present governor is incompetent.

Weekly meetings are held at headquarters, 819 Ulmer Building, Cleveland. Mr. Lincoln spoke at the Industrial Alliance, and made a decided impression. Dr. Mark Milliken, Butler County Chairman, is planning shop meetings in his district, and George Edwards reports a county ticket on the ballot.

It is announced that a permanent organization will be formed to carry on the work after the campaign and thus prepare the way for coming contests.

Pennsylvania

ELECTORS of the Commonwealth Land party in this state are as follows: Joseph B. Chamberlain, Rodney Emsley, Joseph Hagerty, George A. Haug, John Kass, Frances I. Macauley, Thomas J. McCaffery, John Purdy, Charles J. Schoales, Robert D. Towne, James F. McCormick, Oliver Powers, Floyd H. Wright, William R. Kline, Pearl Sobel, James H. Dix, Harry S. Macauley, Claude L. Rinehart, Marshall Peoples, Charles E. Erb, Jacob L. Batman, Thomas A. Barnhill, Sarah W. Dix, Janette Reynolds Dix, John W. Dix, Richard J. Richardson, Marguerite D. Warner, George E. Evans, Hugo W. Noren, Janet L. Brownlee, James D. McDade, Edward D. Smith, Ira B. Jones, Calvin B. Powers, Henry A. Huspel, William H. Booz and John E. Johnson.

Lewis Ryan, of Ardmore, is candidate for State Treasurer, and William G. Wright, of Philadelphia, candidate for Judge of the Superior Court.

In addition the following Congressional candidates have been nominated and are on the ticket to be voted for in November:

First District, Francis X. Pfrommer; Second District, David Oscar Sobel; Third District, Dr. John Purdy; Fourth District, Oliver Wingert; Fifth District, Raymond James; Sixth District, Frederick E. Mayer; Seventh District, James F. McCormick; Eighth District, John H. Bruner; Ninth District, Julian P. Hickok.

Wisconsin

WISCONSIN is to be added to the number of states where believers in the Henry George doctrine will have an opportunity to register their convictions on the ballot. In this state Organizer Robinson had great difficulty. Pressure was brought to bear by the La Follette forces on the gentleman in whose charge Mr. Robinson had left the work and he threw up the contract. Mr. Robinson, with his usual energy, immediately advertised in the *Sentinel* and soon had a crew out. In this work he had the fine, loyal support of Mr. Leenhouts, of Milwaukee, who did yeoman service. We are unable at this time to give the names of our Wisconsin electors.

We call attention of those of our friends who are supporting La Follette to the attempt made in two states, Wisconsin and Indiana, by the friends of La Follette to keep Wallace and Lincoln off the ballot. Men who are honestly in favor of a free expression of opinion by the electorate will resent these attempts and it adds another to the debts which we owe to the La Follette aggregation.

Progress In Buffalo

REAL estate assessments in Buffalo are receiving considerable publicity in the papers of that city, one of the commissioners claiming that railroad and special franchise property is much under-assessed. Without entering into the merits of the dispute, we note with approval the following suggestions made by Commissioner Perkins to the assessors:

"I believe the assessors should increase vacant land values and decrease the levy on improvements, such as on homes, etc., thus lowering the rents and at the same time forcing some of the 35,000 vacant lots, more or less, to be improved by building homes thereon."

"THE bureau of internal revenue is suffering from overstrain. It is attempting to carry, or enforce a tax system too complicated and difficult for any organization to administer successfully. No business man or group of business men, however skilled in administration, could successfully enforce the existing laws of the United States. No college professor, or group of professors, could do it. No senator or group of senators could accomplish the task."

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