

NEWS—DOMESTIC

California

JAMES A. HENNESSY, of Oakland, has volunteered to be one of sixty to secure 2000 signatures each to the petitions. The legal number of validated subscriptions now required is 72,265, and the campaign committee are satisfied that they will be quite safe with 100,000. Those in Oakland who may want to get behind Mr. Hennessy in this work can address him at 1228 Goss Street, that city. Workers throughout the state who can assist in this work may communicate with Mrs. Lona Ingham Robinson, 707 San Fernando Building, Los Angeles.

Michigan

THE following have been selected as presidential electors for this state at present writing. Six more are to be selected later: Laurence Smith, Detroit; Henry C. L. Forler, Detroit; Wilber Brotherton, Detroit; Alexander S. Diack, Birmingham; Emil Letournean, Redford; Ray Robson, Addison; Mrs. A. Benson, Detroit; and Daniel L. Powell, Jr., Detroit. It is the opinion of the local organization in Detroit that a full state ticket should be nominated in Michigan and steps will be taken to secure desirable nominees for all state officers.

At present writing the national organizer of the Commonwealth Land Party, Mr. James A. Robinson, is in Michigan.

New York

DURING the last two months addresses have been made in the public schools of the city, by Messrs Van Veen, Oscar Geiger and George Lloyd, nine meetings in all. At all of these meetings there was a fair attendance.

The Commonwealth Land Party's candidate, William J. Wallace, spoke at the Civic Club, at the Cooperative League House, and at Wadleigh High School.

On Saturday, April 5 the New York City Single Tax Party at a well attended meeting changed its name to the Commonwealth Land Party to conform to the National party name, and adopted the national platform as its own. Committees for local work were appointed.

Lawrence Tracy was elected chairman of the city committee, and Dr. Joseph Cahoon, secretary.

On Dec. 29, Dr. Hubert Harrison spoke on the Economic Problem before the Commonwealth Land Party Forum; on March 8th Wm. J. Blech spoke, and on March 15 Alfred J. Boulton addressed the Forum.

These Saturday Forum meetings are now conducted at the Cooperative League House, 167 W. 12th Street. All are invited.

Congressman Griffin, of the Bronx, has introduced a bill providing for a federal tax on unused land equivalent to one per cent. of its assessed value.

Mr. Griffin states that this will yield a revenue of \$900,000,000. Hon. Edward Polak, Register of Bronx County, in discussing Congressman Griffin's Bill said that it would act as a balance between the views set forth by Mr. Mellon who claims that adjusted compensation to the ex-service men cannot be paid by government if there is to be any tax reduction, and the views of others who say that a bonus should be paid irrespective of tax reduction, and still others who say that both can be had at the same time.

"Congressman Griffin's Bill," said Mr. Polak, "will not only provide revenue for the payment of the bonus but will yield sufficient revenue to enable the government to get rid of the nuisance taxes that have plagued the people since the armistice."

Ohio

THE Commonwealth Land Party of Ohio have opened headquarters in Cleveland at the Ulmer Building, Room 819. James Bruce Lindsay is campaign secretary.

A full state ticket has been nominated as follows: For Governor, Virgil D. Allen, of Cleveland; for Lieutenant Governor, W. O. Blase, of Youngstown; for Secretary of State, Jaspar Shuman, of Toledo; for Auditor of State, Herbert R. Gill, of Columbus; for Treasurer of State, George Cook, of Cleveland; for Attorney General, Mary S. Fraser, of Cleveland; for Judge of Supreme Court, Frank R. Field, of Youngstown; and for the same office, William A. Teutch, of Cleveland.

The presidential electors of Ohio are as follows: Henry T. Ammon, William Feather, Howard M. Holmes, Henry P. Boynton, Gordon Macklin, J. C. McGregor, J. J. Culbertson, Frank Hillenkamp, Albert Davis, Edmund Vance Cooke, Harry H. Kline, C. R. Swickard, Wilbur B. Lutton, M. C. Yeagle, F. M. Flick, Arthur Morcomb, W. A. Cronenberger, F. E. Cottier, Henry Grothe, Helena M. Munich, Geo. J. Foyer, Herman Bieder, Cyril J. Bath, and John S. Paskins.

Mr. Virgil D. Allen, candidate for Governor, is a well known civil engineer of Cleveland. He was born at Cardington, Ohio, in 1869. He spent his younger days at Columbus. At about 21 he became interested in reform movements, and became a Single Taxer through the efforts of Frank Howe, and joined the Single Tax Club in 1895.

In 1896-7 Mr. Allen was instrumental in organizing the Union Reform Party, running as representative for Franklin County. This party never spread much beyond Ohio and polled about 15,000 at their height. Its efforts were directed to putting over the Initiative and Referendum, and when this idea began to appear in the Democratic platforms about 1900 the Union Reform Party went out of existence.

About 1902 he went to Cleveland where he became a Tom Johnson Democrat and was elected Commissioner of Buildings in which capacity he served under Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Mr. Allen is married and has two children. He is a thorough going Henry George man, is of engaging personality, and a good speaker. The Ohio members of the party are to be congratulated on the selection of such a man to head the ticket. "It's a great year," he says, "and a great opportunity for the New Emancipation under the leadership of Wallace and Lincoln."

Herbert R. Gill, candidate for State Auditor, is president of the Consumers Supply Company of Columbus. Mr. Gill writes: "In my youth I hoped to live to see Single Tax, woman suffrage and Prohibition successful. I thought Single Tax would be first because most important. Now it begins to look as if I were really to see the Henry George philosophy put over, and I am proud to lend myself to this work."

About 20,000 signatures are required to put the presidential electors on the ballot in Ohio. The campaign committee will pay a good price to those securing such signatures and prefers to engage Single Taxers for such work. If this meets the eye of any Ohio Single Taxer who wants to help in this work for pay, he is requested to address the campaign secretary, James Bruce Lindsay, Commonwealth Land Party, Ulmer Building, Cleveland.

Readers of LAND AND FREEDOM will note among the presidential electors and candidates in Ohio the presence of many who were not with the party four years ago.

Oregon

THERE is every prospect that Oregon will again be on the ballot this Fall. But help will be needed.

A meeting on March 24 at the Central Library Hall in Portland was addressed by Mr. Hermann in which the relation of the Teapot Dome scandal to our solution of the treatment of all natural resources was thoroughly aired.

Pennsylvania

THE Henry George Club of Pittsburgh has been organized with a charter membership of thirty, and has elected as officers, M. S. Robinson, President; Ralph E. Smith, Treasurer; P. R. Williams, General Secretary; and F. W. Maguire, Field Secretary.

Treasurer Smith and Secretary Williams are both identified with the present city administration of Mayor William A. Magee, Mr. Smith serving as a police court magistrate and Mr. Williams as a member of the City Board of Assessors, President Robinson is an active member of the Pittsburgh Real Estate Board, being in the real estate mortgage business. Field Secretary Maguire was, for a number of years, Librarian of the Chicago Single Tax Club, but is now located in Pittsburgh, his old home.

The Club is holding regular weekly luncheon meetings every Friday at Kaufmann & Baer's department store. Though there has been no active Single Tax organization in Pittsburgh since the war, there has been a marked revival of interest in the past few months and the club is growing in membership daily. The club is organizing a local speakers' bureau and is already engaged in various propaganda activities. All Single Taxers in the Pittsburgh district are cordially invited to join the club and to participate in the activities of its various committees.

Death of C. J. Buell

THE sudden death of C. J. Buell, of St. Paul, Minnesota, at Fairhope, Ala., on March 4, will cause sorrow to many Single Taxers, to whom he was known for years of work in behalf of the cause. His contributions to papers and publications, his speeches and pamphlets on various phases of the movement, his work for legislative measures looking in our direction, have attracted general attention. Most of the progressive movements in his own state owe their impetus to his zealous advocacy, and he had been an advocate of Georgism since the publication of the first edition of Progress and Poverty.

He was married in 1912 to Miss Irene Lucier, of Fairhope, whom he met during one of his visits to the Single Tax Colony, and for the last year or two Mrs. Buell had remained there in company with their two children who were pupils at Fairhope's famous Organic School, in which Mrs. Buell was greatly interested. She was planning with her husband to return to St. Paul and take up the work there.

Mr. Buell was buried in the Fairhope cemetery. His work has left its impress on the world of thought in which he lived.

Death of Martin Williams

THE death of Colonel H. Martin Williams, at Riverdale, Md., on March 8, at the age of 84, is announced. Mr. Williams was a Single Taxer of long standing and campaigned for Henry George. He was an effective political orator.

He was appointed Reading Clerk in the House of Representatives in 1911, and has been called the best clerk that ever filled that position. He was acquainted with practically every public man of his time.

At the funeral, tributes to his life and services were paid by Hon. Robert Crosser, Hon. Edward Keating, Col. William C. Harlee, Mrs. Louis F. Post, Mr. F. S. Mooney and many others. Mr. John Salmon wrote:

"Well, maybe his labors are just beginning, Who knows? This future state may only be an extension and continuation of the good work he so ably and faithfully