

Mr. Wallace in accepting the nomination recalled the history of the Single Tax party movement since 1912 when he was a candidate of the party for the same high office. "We were not on the ballot at that election so it was necessary to write the name in. This many did.

"If the party grows in the next twelve years as it has in the last 12 it will be a power to be reckoned with. We are not yet old men. Every man in this room can look forward 10 or 20 years to come for work in this cause.

"The inspiration we have will spread."

Nominations for Vice-President being in order Mr. Chodorov, of Massachusetts presented the name of J. C. Lincoln. Mr. Macauley seconded the nomination. On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast one vote for Mr. Lincoln for all the fourteen states represented at the convention.

The resolutions printed elsewhere in this issue were presented and adopted.

The convention then instructed the various delegates to select a National Committee to consist of five representatives from each state.

Before adjournment the platform prepared by the committee with the amendments proposed was passed. This also appears elsewhere in this issue.

An appeal for funds resulted in collections and subscriptions totalling nearly \$2,700, which was remarkable since it included additional sums from those who had contributed at the dinner of the Single Tax party on December 14. Mr. Chodorov offered to put the ticket on the Massachusetts ballot at his own expense.

#### MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Immediately following the adjournment of the convention a meeting of the National Committee was hurriedly convened.

Herman Loew, of New Jersey was elected National Chairman, and Robert C. Macauley, National Secretary; and A. Bourgeois, of New Jersey, National Treasurer.

The Executive Committee will consist of Miss Schetter and Messrs. Wallace, Miller, Chodorov, Geiger, VanVeen, Haug, Tracy, Dintenfass.

New York City was selected for headquarters of the National Committee.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the following cablegram was sent to R. L. Outhwaite, London, England:

"Commonwealth Land Party, formerly Single Tax Party, nominates William J. Wallace for President and J. C. Lincoln for Vice-President. Change of name makes party movement international.

(Signed) R. C. MACAULEY.

After many felicitations on what all agreed had been the most successful and harmonious gathering in the history of the movement, the convention ended.

## Another Party

THERE will be a national convention in New York on Feb. 8 and 9. New York has landed this convention without any committee working for it and has not had to put up any entertainments fund or any contribution to the campaign fund. Bully for New York. She does things!

It is a national convention of the Single Tax Party. Its platform demands that economic rent shall be taken for public uses by a single tax on land values, and thus land be made available to everyone. It proposes to put in the field a national ticket.

Why not? It champions the basic reform of human life. And why should not the thinking man vote for its ticket? Why, you will say, this absurd little ticket cannot be elected and therefore one voting for it will lose his chance to do something as to the real issues up for decision. Well, what issues are up for decision as between the Republicans and Democrats?

There is no real difference between these old parties worth mentioning. It's all bunk and hokum. But a vote worth while for the Single Tax Party would show that some people, at least, know that the so-called issues between the other parties are false alarms.

This New York conference expects to choose a new name for the party. Single Tax has always been recognized as a very unsatisfactory name for many reasons. The British Single Tax Party has adopted the name "Commonwealth Land Party." Our land reformers can hardly do better.

The economic rent of land is the product of society. It is a claim on wealth which is properly common property. The Single Tax proposal is a demand that the state take possession of the common wealth.

The new party will proclaim freedom from taxation for our food, our clothes, our moneys, our livestock, our houses and everything individual labor has produced, and will found itself on the dictum of Justice Samuel F. Miller of the United States Supreme Court: "The reserved right of the people to the rental value of land must be construed as a condition of every deed."

It will have as its slogan (or might have) the words of Henry George: "Everywhere in all times, among all classes, the possession of land is the base of aristocracy, the foundations of great fortunes, the source of power."

HERBERT QUICK, (*Syndicated*)

I DO not think we appreciate how profoundly taxation affects not merely the prosperity of a nation but the character of its institutions. Exorbitant taxation has often lain at the foundation of destruction of states and of civilization itself. Governmental extravagance and a lack of intelligent financing have overthrown more than one mighty nation.—The late SAMUEL W. MCCALL.