

THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

The Women's National Single Tax League met at St. Louis, Mo., on the 11th and 12th of July, Mrs. John S. Crosby of New York, presiding. Delegations were present from New York, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., Massachusetts, Missouri, Illinois, and Iowa. Written reports were read from several absent delegates, and visiting Single Taxers from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, Alabama and Colorado took part in the discussions. A delegate from Toronto, Canada, unavoidably detained, reported too late for business session.

Mrs. Louisa L. Werth, of St. Louis, made the address of welcome. At the Monday evening mass meeting, Mr. F. M. Crunden of St. Louis spoke hopefully of reformers' work—in the long run—citing the work of the abolitionists from small beginnings. Mrs. Lona I. Robinson, of Des Moines, Iowa, held that just now, while nearly every principle of economic justice is submerged below the line of projection into politics, is the time for Single Tax reformers to do educational work. Mrs. Margaret L. Coope, LL.B., of Washington, D. C., reported for a large and active Single Tax League in that city, and incidentally the development such work was bringing the women themselves.

James Bellangee, of Fairhope, Alabama, explained this working model of the Single Tax idea and its obvious benefits. Hon. Robert Baker, member of Congress from Brooklyn, spoke earnestly of the remarkable object lesson daily being presented by the increased rents resulting from the crowds attending the World's Fair; an increase by which the landlords, not the city, profit. He referred with much warmth to the breakdown of law and order in Colorado, by civil and military authorities, before any alleged law-breaking by strikers took place, and the cause—monopoly of mining land.

Among resolutions adopted at next day's session was one setting forth the belief that the far-reaching method of the Single Tax was the only peaceful solution of the labor question including its most distressing and disgraceful feature, child labor. Woman suffrage was heartily endorsed.

Mrs. John S. Crosby was elected president; Dr. Lund of Chicago, vice-president; Dr. Mary D. Hussey, East Orange, New Jersey, recording secretary; Mrs. Kate E. Freeman, Brooklyn, N. Y., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, Washington, D. C., treasurer. Plans of wider organization and propaganda were adopted. The next conference will probably be held in Philadelphia next June.

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