

been going on here steadily for nearly two years, should show a return in the form of effective legislation, and it may be in actual experimentation. As I have before said, with two-fifths of our State tax assessed upon the towns and cities and included in their local budgets, a municipal application of the Single Tax in Rhode Island would be the best as yet in operation. It would be superior to that of Vancouver, where there is a considerable tax upon the floor space of both mercantile and manufacturing establishments.

Our Sunday evening People's Forum, held in Tax Reform Hall, has continued to be very successful. On November 13th, Mr. John Z. White was one of the speakers, and on November 20th, Mr. Frank Stephens occupied the time for half an hour. The latter gentleman had already spoken twice before coming to the Forum, one of his addresses being at the evening service of the Beneficent Congregational Church, a leading Religious Society of Providence.

The State Tax Commission appointed nearly two years ago, has again been charged with making a report to the legislature at the coming January session. The Rhode Island Tax Reform Association has asked for a public hearing before the Report is drawn up.—LUCIUS F. C. GARVIN, Lonsdale, R. I.

MISSOURI.

Election is over and Missouri remains wet, thanks to the initiative and referendum vote which had its first genuine try-out since its adoption last year. It has been such an educational and object lesson that the people will never surrender it. It is here to stay and will finally bring about true democratic ideals, and with the recall the people will see the machines scattered into so many scrap heaps and the power in their own hands.

One thing remains for us to secure in the working out of direct legislation, and that is the separation of elections from the vote on the referendum measures. This means the clearer understanding and consideration of these measures. In this election many of the amendments, and some of them good ones, were defeated. The

conflicting claims of rival candidates and warring political factions shut off the debate on the amendments, and thus they suffered. We are now making efforts to have the state legislature separate these amendments from the official elections.

The League meets regularly every two weeks, and there will be some interesting programmes during the coming winter. Our City Charter is being revised, and according to reports some lively times are expected when it is submitted, for we fear that they are not ready to give us what we want.

The great American Federation of Labor meets here, as you are probably aware, from the 14th of November to the 28th, and I do not think we can expect much in the way of pure economic reforms. They will probably continue to fight windmills with wooden lances and hobby horses, and methods of raising wages which cost about two dollars for every dollar increase in the rewards of labor, if it is figured out correctly. The Federation is scarcely likely to advocate any genuine economic remedy for the ills of the working masses.

Our last league meeting was very interesting, and we hope for many important developments during the coming winter.—H. SYCAMORE, St. Louis, Mo.

IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

The New Era Club has been formed in Kansas City, Mo., and though not a Single Tax organization, has adopted a forward programme as is indicated by the following declaration:

We hold that undeserved poverty, crime, enforced idleness and our various social evils are unnatural and are the results of man's injustice and not God's will, consequently they can be cured by an intelligent application of the simple principles of justice.

IN EVERETT, WASH.

A club of twenty-two men and women have organized a Single Tax Club in Everett, Wash., and a state league is soon to be formed. Walter M. Thornton is the active propagandist in that city.