

## ITS INDIGNATION EXPRESSED.

### Manhattan Single-Tax Club's Meeting to Protest Against Delay.

Several hundred persons attended a meeting in Cooper Union last night in response to a call from the Manhattan Single Tax Club. The avowed purpose of the meetign was "to express indignation at the action of the Democratic Senators in thwarting the demand of the people for a radical reduction of the tariff."

Alfred Bishop Mason, Henry George, Franklin Pierce, James P. Archibald, and a series of resolutions expressed the indignation. Thomas G. Shearman made a long speech, in which he attacked the Senate, not with "indignation," but with good-natured raillery. Ex-Secretary Charles S. Fairchild had been announced to speak. He was not present, but Alfred Bishop Mason, who presided, said he had a note from Mr. Fairchild expressing his sympathy with the meeting and his regrets that he could not be there.

The assemblage was evidently one of the followers of Henry George, for, at the mention of his name by the Chairman, there was louder and longer applause, before Mr. George had spoken a word, than at any other time during the meeting.

The speakers took a pessimistic view of the entire situation, declaring that the McKinley bill was robbery, that the bill now pending in Congress about as bad or in some respects worse, that the United States Senate was false to the people it represented, and that corruption, duplicity, greed, and indifference were the most noticeable characteristics of that body.

Alfred Bishop Mason, who made a brief speech in opening the meeting, sounded the key of the meeting in these words, speaking of the Senators: "We, the masters, have been betrayed by them, the servants. Judas lives again in Washington. Benedict Arnold sits in the Senate."

This text dominated the meeting, and the gloomy situation was relieved only by some vague and indefinite predictions that at some time the people would arouse themselves and overthrow the "plutocrats."

Mr. Shearman helped restore the audience to something like a comfortable frame of mind by the tone of his speech. He did not treat the situation so seriously, and his criticism of the delay of the Senate and the "protection amendments" to the Wilson bill were made in so jocose a vein that the listeners laughed in spite of themselves. Resolutions were adopted calling on Democrats of the Senate "to abandon the suicidal policy of surrendering all that traitors and corruptionists demand, and force to open issue the Wilson bill as it came from the House, so that it may be seen who are in favor of so far keeping their party pledges and who it is that repudiate them, and the responsibility may thus be shifted from the party as a whole to the individuals who have betrayed it."

The resolutions also declared that, in view of charges that Sugar Trust money was contributed to the Democratic campaign fund, "political decency forbids the imposition of any duty whatever on sugar," favored the income tax rather than tariff taxes, and expressed the belief that the Democratic Party ought to declare for free trade.