

The vote at the primaries on the 28th (p. 227), as now officially proclaimed, was as follows:

Democratic—Harrison, 55,116; Dunne, 53,696; Graham, 38,578.

Republican—Merriam, 53,039; Thompson, 26,406; Smulski, 23,138; Murray, 2,799; Scully, 1,052.

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As no independent petitions have been filed (except for a Socialist candidate), the contest in April will be between Merriam and Harrison, with a Prohibition candidate and two Socialist candidates. One of the Socialists represents the Socialist party (pp. 59, 202), and the other the Socialist Labor party. The latter, Anthony Prince, is nominated under the petition clause of the law; the former was nominated under the direct primary clause.

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#### Five States Shaken by an Explosion.

By the explosion from unknown causes of giant powder and dynamite at the plant of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder company at Pleasant Prairie, Wis., on the evening of the 9th, the hamlet of Pleasant Prairie was swept away; neighboring villages and farm-houses were wholly or in part destroyed; and windows were broken and people were frightened in Kenosha, Racine, Waukegan, Evanston and Chicago. The shock was felt in Gary, Ind., and as far away as Burlington, Iowa, and was recorded by a seismograph at Cleveland, Ohio. Only one life was immediately lost—that of a night foreman. The property damage has been put at two millions. The powder company has stated that all losses caused by the disaster will be paid, as moral, and not as legal obligations.

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#### Conservation of Natural Resources.

At the recent tenth annual convention of the Woman's National Single Tax League (p. 62), the following resolutions of general interest were adopted:

Whereas, no people ever before possessed such vast and rich natural resources and wasted the same on a more stupendous scale, we hail as a most hopeful sign the uprising of the American people to save their forests, streams, coal and other minerals, from the rapacious few, and from floods and fire and wasteful methods in utilizing said resources.

Whereas, legislation is proposed to Congress to safeguard the public coal lands of Alaska against alienation, the Woman's National Single Tax League urges upon Congress the adoption and enforcement of the policy of retaining the public ownership, not only the coal lands in question, but all other lands now the property of the United States, whether or not containing coal, oil, gas, forests, water power, or other valuable resources, that the same may be retained in perpetuity as the common possession of the whole people of these United States and used for the common good.

That we heartily approve of the utilization of the

water power of the Potomac river at Great Falls municipal plant for supplying water and electric power for the city of Washington, and that we earnestly request Congress to insert the item of \$20,000 in the appropriation for the District of Columbia, asked for by the Commissioners, for continuing engineering investigations, preparing plans and estimates of costs to be presented to Congress at its regular session in December, 1911.

Whereas, the Tax Commissioner of New York City, in assessing according to law the land of the metropolis at its full value, is having the effect of forcing vacant land into productive use. Resolved, that we recommend that the example set in the metropolis be followed by all other cities of our country and especially by the tax assessors of the District of Columbia, it being shown that the crowding into slums and alleys, caused by land speculation, is so great that the death rate in our beautiful capital city is exceeded by only two cities of the United States.

That we recommend to the people of our own country the example of Vancouver, which is successfully raising all its local revenue from a tax on land values, thereby stimulating the growth of that city at the expense of near-by cities of the United States.

Whereas, all true Single Taxers believe in free trade, we heartily approve the efforts of President Taft to secure reciprocity between the United States and Canada.

Resolved, that we congratulate the women of Washington State upon being accorded the ballot by their brothers; and, inasmuch as in almost every State "popular rule" is the slogan of the hour, resolved, that we beg our brothers in the States outside of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Washington, not to forget that the mother in the home and the six millions of women in productive industry need as much as they, the protection from economic and other exploitation that can come only through the ballot and the intelligent use of the same.

That it is a matter of great satisfaction to Single Taxers that one more of our very wealthy men has followed the example set by our honored citizen, Tom L. Johnson; and, therefore, be it hereby resolved, that we extend to Joseph Fels our appreciation of the work he is doing in this country and abroad to bring about the social justice advocated in "Progress and Poverty" by Henry George.

The officers of this League are: Mrs. John S. Crosby, of New York, president; Mrs. Jennie I. Munroe of Washington, D. C., 1st vice president; Miss Grace Isabel Colbron of New York, 2nd vice president; Dr. Mary D. Hussey of East Orange, N. J., 3rd vice president; Mrs. Minnie R. Ryan of New York, 4th vice president; Mrs. Kate E. Freeman of Brooklyn, N. Y., 5th vice president; Mrs. Gertrude E. MacKenzie of Washington, D. C., recording secretary; Miss Charlotte O. Schetter of Orange, N. J., corresponding secretary; Dr. Elizabeth E. Bowen of Newark, N. J., treasurer; Mrs. Jane Marcellus of Orange, N. J., auditor; executive committee: Mrs. Lawson Purdy and Miss Amy M. Hicks, both of New York.