

Referendum in Wyoming was carried by an overwhelming majority.



Election Results—Prohibition.

State-wide prohibition of intoxicants, both manufacture and sale, was carried in West Virginia by 75,000 majority. Prohibition in Colorado was defeated.



Election Results—The Singletax.

Singletax measures voted on under Initiative and Referendum in Missouri and Oregon were defeated in each State by large majorities. [See current volume, page 1065.]



In Kansas City, *Missouri*, the vote for Amendment No. 6 (the Singletax) was 12,364 for, to 21,575 against; on Amendment No. 7 for a tax commission it was 13,878 for, to 18,057 against. In St. Louis the vote on No. 6 was 47,628 for, to 64,778 against; on No. 7 it was 53,446 for, to 59,014 against. Reports for the State as a whole are not yet at hand; but the affirmative vote in country districts was small relatively to the negative.



In *Oregon* the three county measures appear to have polled about one-third of the vote; the State-wide measure somewhat more. Definite figures are not yet reported. Following the report of probable results, William S. U'Ren announced his candidacy for Governor at the next election. The *Portland Oregonian* of the 7th quoted him as saying:

You can say right now that I am a candidate for the Governorship. I realize that the election does not take place until 1914, but I am getting in on the ground floor early. The Singletax, abolition of the State Senate, and Proportional Representation in the election of the legislature, the short ballot and the minimum wage law, will be the main planks in my platform. I am mightily satisfied and encouraged with the result of the election yesterday. The reactionaries, with the cunningly prepared "majority amendments," attacked the Initiative of the people. Today's results show how badly they were defeated. It has been an election of the greatest satisfaction to us Progressives. We saved the county home tax, but we didn't get the Singletax. There are many things, however, that we didn't get, but we are not worrying about them. While we didn't win the Singletax proposition, we did get a big vote on it, and it was the vote of the intelligent people. There will be more of them next time, and you can rest assured that the Initiative petitions to get this and other measures on the ballot next time will be in circulation before the end of the year. It is no new thing with us not to get everything we work for. It took us ten years to get

the Initiative, and we are not going to get discouraged because we lost out on a few things this time.

The *Daily News* of Portland for November 6th, quoting Mr. U'Ren's announcement of his candidacy for Governor, declared itself for "U'Ren from the jump-off."



A taxation home-rule amendment before the voters of *California*, intended to permit municipalities to adopt the Singletax for local purposes, was defeated. Full figures are not yet reported, but the favorable majority was about 9,596 in San Francisco and about 10,000 in Los Angeles. The adverse majorities appear to have been in the country districts. With 20 counties yet to hear from, the negative plurality was 28,196 in a total of 305,266. [See current volume, pages 1062, 1065.]



In Everett, the fourth city in size of *Washington* State, the Singletax, after having been once adopted by a small majority and subsequently defeated, was re-adopted on the 5th by a vote of 2 to 1. In form, the measure provides for exempting personal property and improvements progressively at the rate of 25 per cent a year until total exemption of such property for local taxes is reached. The measure carried every ward and in round numbers the vote was 4,200 for to 2,200 against. [See current volume, pages 15, 422.]



Kaufman's Election in Washington.

W. H. Kaufman, an avowed Singletaxer, leads the successful State ticket in Washington for the office of State Land Commissioner. His platform demanded that all future increase in what he calls "the population-value of natural resources" be kept for all the people by collecting a fair royalty from every one who controls any natural resource for private profit, these royalties to be distributed to the people in annual dividends after deducting the necessary expenses of the State. Here are some of his campaign slogans: "Tax stumps, exempt cows; then watch the country grow." "Land for use, not for speculation." "Idle land makes idle men; taxing idle land into use will guarantee two jobs to the man and will also enable the State, like any other well managed corporation, to declare dividends." "Every dollar speculators get without creating, you and I have created without getting." "Merchants get no trade from idle land, nor from crab-infested tide flats." Mr. Kaufman was first elected to the assessorship of Whatcom county, Washington, two years ago. [See vol. xiii, p. 1130; vol. xiv, p. 124.]



The Progressive Party in Illinois.

At the first meeting after election, of the