

gressive" a real Square Deal; to the "Socialist" real Co-operation; to the "Anarchist" real Freedom.

It twists no truths to trap fools, and in it no Traitor gives (or sells) aid or comfort to the enemies of mankind.

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GEORGE WALLACE,

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LAND
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George Wallace resides at Freeport, Long Island. He is a lawyer by profession with an office in New York City. For nine years he sat on the local bench, his jurisdiction extending over territory which is now a part of the City of New York.

Afterwards Mr. Wallace represented the Third Assembly District of Queens in the Legislature, where he promoted much useful legislation. He also incurred great enmity by introducing bills which struck at grafting. The grafters still regard him as their natural enemy. He also put through the bill creating the County of Nassau, the first to be enacted in the State since Yates County came into existence nearly half a century before. By indomitable pluck and energy he got this bill through in spite of the unanimous opposition of the political leaders and office-holders of the County of Queens.

When in the Legislature Mr. Wallace supported all progressive measures that came up, but admits they were few in number and none were passed. He prepared and introduced a bill to establish the Australian ballot in all elections and get rid of the party column on ballot, a device framed to throttle independent voting. Though making a hard fight for the bill it had no chance of passage as both party machines were vigorously opposed. They agreed in the belief that independent voting is very dangerous to machine management.

Mr. Wallace was the first public advocate of the ballot reform in the United States, so far as known. He published an article on the subject, illustrating with diagrams, in the *Independent* of Jan. 10, 1880, several years before it was discussed in the press by Henry George and others. Mr. Wallace

says the article brought him letters from all over the United States, and more than one member of the Legislature offered to introduce a bill providing for such a ballot if he would prepare it. Being then engaged in a hard struggle for a livelihood, he was unable to attend to the matter.

In early life, before graduating as a lawyer, Mr. Wallace had "seen the cat," and had gone so far as to advocate heavy taxation of vacant lots or other unused land, urging that it would break up the dog-in-the-manger policy of holding land out of use for a rise in value. But he admits he only had glimpses of the truth. It had not occurred to him that all other taxes should be excluded, and he says he did not understand the real philosophy of the people's right to the land until some years later he read "Progress and Poverty." Then he was also pleased to note that Blackstone and Henry George were agreed in many important particulars in regard to land ownership.

Mr. Wallace's introduction to Henry George's great work was somewhat unique. Nearly thirty years ago Dr. Heath was running a lecture course at Baldwin, L. I. He invited Mr. Wallace to deliver a review lecture on Henry George and his ideas, then attracting some attention. This was agreed to, although he had never read "Progress and Poverty" or any of Mr. George's writings. At once Mr. Wallace procured a copy and began to prepare for his lecture, to be given about ten days later. He read and became charmed, as the truths of which he had formerly dreamed became clear to his mind. Although the lecture was requested as a review, it developed instead into a warm eulogy of Henry George and his philosophy.

JOSEPH F. DARLING,

SECRETARY AND ORGANIZER LAND VALUE
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This absolutely uncompromising Single Tax party man, in responding courteously to the request for biographical details concerning his career, wants it distinctly understood that the appearance of this sketch