

upon same for the amount, and said improvements, if saleable and of more than nominal value, shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder, who shall thereby acquire possession of the franchise rights.

Sec. 7. On each separate and distinct piece of land held under a title deed franchise there shall be maintained by the assessor in a conspicuous place, a notice, that can be easily read, stating the names of those who hold the franchise to the land, the area or dimensions and assessment for the current year; also, after an assessment is due, if not paid, an additional notice stating that the franchise is forfeited, and if there are saleable improvements, of more than nominal value, upon the land, announcing the date and the place of public sale of same, the conditions and specifications for these notices—also penalties for neglect or interfering with same shall be fixed by law.

Sec. 8. A franchise to unimproved land that has been forfeited for the non-payment of the assessment, may be acquired by anyone who offers the highest rent by sealed bid, conditions of which to be fixed by law. Unimproved land is that without saleable improvements of more than nominal value.

Sec. 9. The money derived from this single tax shall be apportioned by law between the State and all the subdivisions of the State and out of such apportionments shall all the expenses of the Government be paid. Any surplus money or any other money that may be acquired shall be used to pay indebtedness or to make improvements, or distributed or used for any purpose that the State or any subdivision thereof having such money shall by majority vote decide.

LATER: A telegram has just arrived from San Francisco apprising us that an organization, to be known as The California Single Tax Committee, has been formed which has endorsed the Slocumb Amendment and will immediately start to place it on the ballot. This Committee consists of W. Hoffman, J. E. Webb, Dr. Wahle, Dr. Dessau, Z. E. Hoffman, Nellie Wahle, A. H. Sanborn, E. Backus, John Hennessy, Dr. Ethel Lynn and others in hearty accord with the policy that is determined that there shall be no turning back in the fight that has begun for the abolition of privilege in the great State of California.

Mr. James A. Robinson, who has just arrived on the ground, has been appointed Campaign Manager. Others will be added to the Committee as the movement for organization proceeds. This is great news and gives assurance that the cause is again alive in California.

Death of John Cairns

JOHN CAIRNS is dead at Oakland! He will be remembered for his work in South Manchester, Conn., and his splendid co-operation in Chicago where the first National Convention of the Single Tax Party took place, and where a great moral victory was secured by the members of that party over the heterogeneous elements composing the Committee of 48. Since taking up his home in Oakland he has been active in work for the amendment, and its abandonment by the faint-hearted saddened his last hours. His unconquerable spirit will be an inspiration to those who must do the work in which he can no longer help.

Colorado

MR. BARNEY HAUGHEY, of Denver, is busy circulating petitions for an amendment to the Constitution providing for an old age pension, and reading as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established a system of old age pensions for all resident citizens of the State of Colorado, more than sixty years of age, except the following:

(a) Persons who have not been legal residents of the State of Colorado for ten continuous years after January 1, 1913.

(b) Persons under conviction of crime.

(c) Inmates of public institutions of the State of Colorado or of the United States.

Sec. 2. The old age pensions provided for in this article shall be sufficient to insure each eligible person an income from all sources of not less than thirty dollars per month, except in the case of married couples each person shall receive four-fifths of the amount payable to an unmarried person of the same circumstances.

Sec. 3. Personal property and improvements on land shall be exempt from taxation for old age pensions and all revenue for such pensions shall be raised regardless of any limitation on the tax rates by a special tax levy on the assessed value of land and on the assessed value of franchises in public roads, streets and alleys, said assessed values shall be exempt from said special tax levy to the extent of ten thousand dollars to each taxpayer, and the total proceeds of said levy shall be paid into a separate fund and used exclusively for the payment of old age pensions and all expenses incident thereto.

Petitions are being circulated in all parts of the State. Appeals have been made to the United Mine Workers of Colorado to aid in this work.

New York

THE Saturday night lectures under the auspices of the Single Tax Forum, at Single Tax Party headquarters, this city, have been well attended and of extreme interest.

Among those who have spoken before the Forum was Miss Melinda Alexander, who spoke on "Representative Government," on April 8; Wm. J. Wallace, on April 15, who took for his subject, "The Need for Political Action," speaking with his usual earnestness; Mayer C. Goldman, who has won fame as an advocate of the Public Defender in criminal cases, on April 22. On this night John Z. White also favored the Forum with a short address.

Other speakers were Joseph Cameron, James O'Neill, and Bolton Hall. Prof. Melvin Lee spoke on the alleged control of the press by the advertising and financial interests. This was a very interesting evening, and took the form of a running debate between Prof. Lee and Whidden Graham, who rallied the professor good naturedly on some of his statements.

On the night of April 29, Charles LeBaron Goeller related his struggles to advance the cause in the Town of Union, N. Y. An enthusiastic welcome was given