

JEFFERSON DINNER OF THE MANHATTAN SINGLE TAX CLUB.

The Twenty-Third Annual Celebration of Jefferson's Birthday by the Manhattan Single Tax Club took place at Cavanagh's on 23rd Street, this city, on the night of April 13th. About one hundred were present. President Leubuscher presided. His address appears on another page.

W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon, whom the Single Taxers of New York have not before had the opportunity of meeting, reviewed the progress of direct legislation in that State. It may be said that no one individual has done more to make the initiative and referendum accomplished facts than "U'Ren, the Law Giver," as Lincoln Steffens has christened him. His speech was instructive and interesting. He did not pretend that direct legislation in the State of Oregon had accomplished all that its more enthusiastic promoters had hoped for it. He did not even claim that some wise measures had not been defeated and some unwise ones adopted. But the system had on the whole been productive of immense good to the people of the State. At all events, the laws had been of their own creation. If the voters do not like such laws after a trial they can at least get rid of them. The politicians and the bosses have been practically eliminated. And the consciousness that the law making power is in the hands of the people has given them a new sense of responsibility that will accelerate the march of education.

John Z. White paid his respects to editors and professors of political economy in a wise and witty speech, and for the benefit of those present possibly not yet convinced told how simple and practical is our remedy and how easy of adoption.

Mayor Low of Passaic, N. J. in a short address showed his evident sympathy with the new democracy, but admitted his imperfect acquaintance with our fundamental teachings. Mr. Low has recently appointed a Single Taxer, John Wood, as one of the assessors of the city of Passaic, with a full knowledge of what he was doing. Mr. Low is a republican, but he belongs to the progressive wing of that party. He is

still a young man, and will be heard from in the years to come.

Other speakers were Hon. Robt. Baker, Jos. McGuinness (who recited a well known poem by Sam Walter Foss), W. C. De Mille and John J. Murphy.

DEATH OF WILLIAM CARMICHAEL

The death of William Carmichael at Fall City, Washington, in the 71st year of his age, robs the movement of another of its indefatigable workers.

Mr. Carmichael was born in Maryland in 1838. and married in 1863. He leaves a widow, seven sons and four daughters. All are earnest believers in the doctrines of Henry George to which Mr. Carmichael became a convert through the reading of *Progress and Poverty* in 1893. His last illness occurred just after attending a Birthday Banquet to the memory of Henry George in September.

FROM AN INDIAN OF DISTINGUISHED LINEAGE.

J. M. Silverheels belongs to the tribe of which the famous Red Jacket was chief. Red Jacket understood the land question, as many well known utterances of his testify. Some of these have been cited in the writings of Mr. George. Red Jacket is buried in the Forest Lawn cemetery at Buffalo, and a fine monument marks his resting place. This monument was erected by his white admirers.

A card addressed to Mr. James W. Hill, of Peoria, Ill, calls attention to the fact that a number of those who are members of the tribe of which Silverheels is one are opposed to the movement now on foot to break up the tribal relations and sell the land. Silverheels writes to the American Single Tax League hoping that the League will use its influence to oppose this.

"ADVICE to Homesteaders" is the caption of a letter from J. R. Herman of Oral, So. Dakota, in N. Y. *Sun* of April 28th.