

hunting deer with a brass band." He never does.

In the fall of 1908 Mr. U'Ren accepted the position of Secretary of the Oregon Single Tax League, and he has been engaging no brass bands since, but he has been hunting deer.—A. D. CRIDGE.

MR. HALL RESIGNS THE PRESIDENCY OF THE AMERICAN SINGLE TAX LEAGUE.

Editor SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I accepted the Presidency of the American Single Tax League with reluctance, because my forte has never been organization work. I have not the inclination for the system or the capacity for detail that is necessary to make a success of such an Association.

Mr. John J. Murphy would have been the natural president only for the feeling that he could not be spared as Secretary.

I disliked to see so important and honorable a position go begging, and in the absence of those who would be best suited to filling it, I accepted. For the same reason I retained the Presidency by the request of the other officers, when my own judgment was that it would be better to give place to some one else.

Now, however, I feel that I can leave the League in good hands, and with a fair start; and I have therefore resigned.

BOLTON HALL.

In the *Signal*, of Babylon, L. I., T. E. Lane, an old time Single Taxer, has been carrying on a controversy on the subject of the Single Tax with Judge Henry A. Brown, evidently a judicial oracle of the countryside, but whose objections to our principles take us back to the early days of the movement before the schoolmaster of our cause had gone much abroad. In setting Judge Brown right Mr. Lane has been ably seconded by Mr. J. K. Rudyard, another Single Taxer of Long Island.

THE title of a new book is "Was Shakespeare a Gentleman?" Impossible. He worked.

NEWS—DOMESTIC.

RHODE ISLAND.

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION REPORTS ADVERSELY TO THE LEGISLATURE ON LOCAL OPTION—REPORT OTHERWISE PROGRESSIVE—SEPARATE LISTING OF GENERAL PROPERTY—JOS. FELS EVERYWHERE AT ONCE IN PROVIDENCE—WORK OF JOHN S. CROSBY.

The Committee on Taxation Laws, appointed a year ago, has just made its report to the State legislature. About one thousand corporations and leading business men having petitioned the legislature for local option in taxation; the committee devotes nearly four pages of its report to the matter.

It sums up its conclusion in the closing sentence with the words, "Under the circumstances, your committee feels that it cannot recommend local option in taxation." Owing to rumors which were circulated previously, this adverse report upon the main issue had been discounted by the Rhode Island Tax Reform Association. We felt that not enough educational work had been done to lead the influential petitioners, or the voters generally, to demand aggressively the immediate passage of the law. On other phases of the taxation question the Report is progressive. The recommendations are of especial interest and in full are as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS BY TAX COMMISSION.

The enactment of a law creating the office of State Tax Commissioner with a salary not exceeding \$5000. annually, providing the manner for his appointment for such a term of years as will admit of an effective execution of his duties, and carrying substantial advisory and supervisory powers over local assessments.

A law levying a State tax on collateral inheritances, with rates and exemptions approximating the provisions of the Massachusetts law.

A law imposing a State tax on domestic incorporated companies, which shall be assessed upon the capital stock of such corporations at the rate of 48 cents on each one hundred dollars of the fair cash value