

California--Later News

LATER reports place the total number of votes received for Amendment 29 at 160,000. This is the vote as given by the *Henry George Standard* just received.

This little paper, organ of the Great Adventure, announces that "California Begins New Campaign."

Perhaps nothing contained in this paper is more interesting or more important than the review of the situation by James MacGregor. Mr. MacGregor, it should be said, left New York for Los Angeles doubtful of the expediency of the California campaign.

He is convinced today that to abandon the fight would be "worse than criminal." He says significantly:

"Can a Single Tax Amendment be carried?"

"A vote of 160,000 is a greater foundation to start from than can be found elsewhere in the world. It is two years before an amendment can be again voted on, time enough for a systematic vigorous campaign to reach every voter in the state. With such a campaign the rural voter can be disabused of the idea that the Single Tax will compel the farmer to pay most of the land tax, and shown that of all the people he is the one who has most to gain."

He points out that no work of any consequence has been done by the organized Single Tax League. Of the Los Angeles League he says: "It publishes a little paper of very limited circulation which mainly reaches Single Taxers. If it has other activities they are not discernable to the naked eye." The San Diego Single Tax Society cooperated with the Great Adventure League in support of Amendment 29. In San Francisco he says an association exists, "but there has no work there sufficient to bring the movement to public attention." And he adds: "The great farm areas have not been reached. Under the circumstances it is amazing that the amendment received 160,000 votes. If there were any proof needed of the inherent strength of the Single Tax it is furnished by the votes."

For nearly forty years we have known intimately this clear-eyed, observant Scot. There are few men in the movement whose judgment is more worth while. We commend his words to REVIEW readers.

WHEN you tax land values you strike at the root of our worst economic disorders.—DR. J. W. SLAUGHTER.

THE taxation of economic rent appears to me a sound and just policy.—DR. DAVID STARR JORDAN.