

us, "Why did not you people in the east send us that money early in the year; then we would have been able to run a campaign ourselves."

"But," we replied, "your League sent out a long statement giving a number of reasons why you opposed putting any amendment at all on the ballot this year; why should we have sent you money?" And to this there was no answer.

We recapitulate: The Los Angeles League opposed any immediate action; apparently no funds could be collected in California to put an amendment on the ballot. The money was sent chiefly from outside on a hurry call, still against the local protest; an amendment was put on the ballot; it gets over 150,000 votes. It looks from this distance of course, like a dispute between a few hundred or less organized Single Taxers who do not want to try for the Single Tax, and over one hundred thousand unorganized voters who actually want to get it. To say the least, this situation seems to show considerable ineptitude among those who hold themselves out to be leaders in California. Perhaps it is time in California, as elsewhere, for a housecleaning.

Colonel Wedgewood's Visit

COLONEL JOSIAH WEDGEWOOD, M.P., has come and gone without an opportunity for Single Taxers of this city to welcome him. The dissolution of Parliament with the resultant elections called him hurriedly back to the seat of war.

The American Labor Party of this city arranged for a dinner which never took place. It is perhaps just as well that it did not. The invitation to that dinner which we have been privileged to see contained this naive announcement:

"Mr. Wedgewood, for many years a Single Taxer, as a result of his study of economic conditions became a Socialist and joined the Independent Labor Party and has become one of its leaders."

We are compelled to believe that this misstatement was deliberately made. At all events, it will do the enterprising and imaginative persons who compose the Executive Committee of the American Labor Party no harm to reflect upon the following letter from Colonel Wedgewood to George Lloyd of the Single Tax Party.

"DEAR MR. LLOYD:

Of course I have not changed my views on Single Tax. I have just been reelected by labor with a majority of 5,000 on the issue of the taxation of land values, and to the inspiring tune of the Land Song. My branch of the Independent Labor Party are all Single Taxers—that is our socialism, and the Marxians can digest that fact.

Yours.

JOSIAH C. WEDGEWOOD."

Some misunderstanding of Col. Wedgewood's position may have resulted from the action of the *New York Times*.

When he landed he was interviewed and gave out a statement to the press listing the causes in which he was interested, specifying the Single Tax among them. This statement was published in full by several papers; the *New York Times*, however, printed all except the sentence about the Single Tax. Thus its readers were deliberately misled as to Col. Wedgewood's views.

We say "deliberately misled." For when Gov. Garvin of Rhode Island died recently, the press dispatches recounted his Single Tax activities; and similarly, the *Times* printed the same dispatch as did the other papers, except the portion relating to the Single Tax.

Such petty attempts to suppress news about the Single Tax are unworthy of a paper of the standing of the *Times*, but the facts are as we have stated.

Col. Wedgewood made his position on the land question clear in a meeting at Cooper Union, this city, where he said in substance that the great problem confronting the British public was unemployment and the remedy for unemployment is the taxation of land values.

Lecture Forum of the New York Single Tax Party

THE Saturday night lectures at the Single Tax Party headquarters in this city, corner of 7th Avenue and 13th Street, have been well attended. This Forum is non-partisan and all are invited. It is hoped that they may be continued and extended. The hiring of a larger meeting place to accommodate those who can be induced to come is under consideration. On the occasion of Mr. Oscar Geiger's lecture an overflow meeting could have been held, for many were forced to stand in the doorway even after a score of camp chairs had been secured from the neighboring church.

On October 7th, Whidden Graham talked, his subject being "The Whyness of the Highness of the Tariff," a title of his own humorous selection. Few men in New York have a more thorough knowledge and understanding of the tariff question.

On October 14th Hubert Harrison spoke on "The Real Negro Problem." He is one of the leading colored men of the nation, and his pride of race, his demands that the Negro be considered not as a black man but as a man, are commendable. Mr. Harrison believes that the Single Tax would do much for the Negro, but is not the whole solution for his complex problem.

On October 21st, Mr. Maurice Firth, of London, journalist and economist, talked on "The Political Crisis in England." His prediction of the gain of 60 seats for the Labor Party in Parliament as a result of the elections so soon to follow was remarkably borne out in the British elections of Nov. 15th.

Other prominent men have addressed the Forum meetings.

EVERY lot held for speculation creates an artificial scarcity and raises the rent of land in use.—H. M. H.