

WORK OF THE HENRY GEORGE ASSOCIATION IN CHICAGO.

LECTURE TOUR OF JOHN Z. WHITE.

In Chicago and vicinity an energetic campaign has been under way for upwards of three months, under the immediate direction of the President of the Henry George Association, F. H. Monroe. This campaign is doing more and better work than has ever before been accomplished in Chicago. A much greater number of citizens are being interested, and there is a sympathy manifested which promises much for the future.

In this work the President is ably assisted by a large number who are not all avowed Single Taxers, but all realize that the Single Tax movement is coming to be the center around which real Democrats must close, if practical results would be achieved.

A number of speakers are at the call of the President—mechanics, lawyers, and men of other professions. During the time indicated eight or ten debates have been held with socialists, at two of which three speakers appeared for each side. The attendance ranged from seventy-five to twelve hundred. At four larger meetings ten cents admission was charged, and a collection was also taken. These debates proved to be very popular and will be continued as long as the socialists will consent to participate. Our men like nothing better than to appear in these contests, for, even if the audience is fifty per cent. or more socialistic, there are always enough fair-minded inquirers to appeal to. Besides, all socialists are not beyond redemption—as we have reason to know.

In the first debate of this character, John Z. White spoke for the Single Tax and A. M. Simons for socialism—the Single Tax having the affirmative. After the fray was over, some socialists agreed that the Single Tax arguments as presented were the stronger, but claimed that Mr. Simons was the more oratorical. This claim was admitted—but they were reminded that it was made in behalf of a “scientific” matter. It is understood Mr. Simons poses as a scientific socialist.

The chairman on this occasion was Hon. Theodore Brentano, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court. After the debate he made many inquiries regarding the Single Tax.

The second debate was participated in by Louis F. Post, Henry H. Hardinge and John Z. White for the Single Tax, and Ernest Unterman, Seymour Stedman and A. M. Simons for socialism—the socialists having the affirmative. The proceedings were reported by stenographers. This report is now in the hands of the printer, and will

soon be at the service of those who may be interested.

Ex-State Senator Jones of Massachusetts was chairman at this meeting, and was much interested in what he described as the continually rising temperature of the day.

Mr. White has appeared at some meeting nearly every day since the latter part of September. A partial list of his meetings is given:

- September 28—Normal Park Presbyterian Church.
- October 2—Reliable Lodge, No. 253, International Ass'n of Machinists.
- October, 18—Ruskin College, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
- October 15—Union No. 9901, Wholesale Grocery Employes' Union.
- October 18—Self Educational Club, 848 So. Paulina St.
- October 19—United Garment Workers' Local No. 96.
- October 20—Carpenters and Joiners of America, Union No. 80.
- October 22—Chicago Civil Service League.
- October 23—Forward Movement Social Settlement.
- October 24—Mass Meeting, Temperance Hall, Englewood, Municipal Ownership.
- October 26—Carpenters' and Joiners' Ass'n of America.
- October 29—United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, No. 434.
- October 30—Reliable Lodge, No. 253, International Ass'n of Machinists.
- November 1—Debate: The Single Tax vs. Socialism.
- November 2—United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, No. 199.
- November 3—Painters' and Decorators' Brotherhood, Local Union No. 194.
- November 4—International Brotherhood of Steam Engineers, No. 69.
- November 6—Brass Workers' Local Union, No. 127.
- November 6—Dyers' and Cleaners' Union No. 10168.
- November 8—Mass Meeting, Handel Hall, 8.30 P. M., on Municipal Ownership.
- November 8—Universalist Church, Sycamore, Ill.
- November 9—First Presbyterian Church, Lake View, Ill.
- November 10—Fellowship Club, Berwyn Baptist Church.
- November 11—Turners Society, North Side Turner Hall.
- November 12—United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, No. 13.
- November 13—Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Brass Workers, No. 6.
- November 15—Mass Meeting, Handel Hall, 8.30 P. M., Municipal Ownership.
- November 15—Mass Meeting, So. Chicago, Municipal Ownership.
- November 16—Hull House Men's Club.
- November 17—Men's Club, St. Peter's Church.

November 19—Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 November 20—Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich.  
 November 21—Mt. Pleasant, Mich.  
 November 22—Mt. Pleasant, Mich.  
 November 23—Cadillac, Mich.  
 November 24—United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, No. 141.  
 November 25—United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, No. 63.  
 November 26—Turnverein—Vorwärts.  
 November 28—Mass Meeting, Englewood Branch Henry George Ass'n.  
 November 29—Union Labor Hall, 92nd and Erie St.  
 December 1—Social Economics Club, 3.30 P. M.  
 December 1—Improvement Club at the Park Manor Congregational Church.  
 December 3—Young Men's Club, Galilee Baptist Church.  
 December 4—International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.  
 December 5—Community Club of Henry Booth House.  
 December 6—Men's Sunday Forum, Institutional Church, 4.00 P. M.  
 December 7—Retail Clerks' International Protective Ass'n, No. 444.  
 December 10—Amalgamated Woodworkers' International Union, No. 226.  
 December 12—Patternmakers' Ass'n.  
 December 13—Lecture: Handel Hall, 40 E. Randolph St.  
 December 13—Debate: Single Tax vs. Socialism, 92nd and Erie Sts., So. Chicago.  
 December 15—Congregational church, Desplaines, Ill.  
 December 17—Henry George Ass'n.  
 December 18—Medical Improvement Club.  
 December 20—Debate. Socialism vs. Single Tax.  
 December 21—Debate before a club of doctors, dentists and druggists.  
 December 22—Carlyle Club.  
 December 24—Henry George Ass'n.  
 December 27—Debate. Handel Hall,  
 December 28—Seaman's Union.  
 December 29—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church.  
 January 3—Debate. Socialism vs. Single Tax.  
 January 4—Debate at Elgin, Ill., on Socialism vs. Single Tax.  
 January 5—Congregational Church Men's Club.  
 January 6—Carpenters Union, No. 10.  
 January 7—Men's Club. St. Luke's Church.  
 January 8—Debate. Streator, Ill.  
 January 9—Cleveland, Ohio.  
 January 10—Toronto, Ont.  
 January 12—Hair Spinners Union.  
 January 13—Turners.  
 January 14—International Brickmakers.  
 January 15—International Machinists.  
 January 17 to 24—Minneapolis, Minn.  
 January 26—Young Men's League, 8d Presbyterian Church.

January 29—Woodworkers No. 57.  
 January 31—Debate, Kensington, Ill.

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Other speakers for the Henry George Association have been doing splendid work, and together have held more meetings and reached more people than has Mr. White. Among these are W. Chas. Tanner, H. H. Hardinge, Western Star, W. J. Danford, Jacob Leboski, and Thos McElligott.

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The trip into Michigan was very promising. At Grand Rapids a meeting of very intelligent people, mostly of the professions and of business life, listened with the closest attention and asked many questions without any of the manifestation of antagonism that formerly was so prevalent. At Big Rapids a large meeting was held at the Ferris Institute, at which many citizens and members of their families were present, besides a majority of the students. This meeting may be described as highly successful. The usual run of questions followed the lecture, some experiencing much trouble in efforts to learn why the landlord would not shift the tax, and others feeling that it would be confiscation if he could not. Most of those present finally declared themselves satisfied the landlord would pay and ought to, as otherwise he was of no use to the community.

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At Mt. Pleasant two meetings were held, one on Saturday evening and the other on Sunday afternoon. Both meetings were attended by the leading citizens of the city, and the lecture seemed to be widely endorsed. Questions were numerous and pointed, only one or two were offered in an ill-natured manner, and these, it turned out, came from a local property owner and money lender. The audience seemed not displeased to see him crowded into close quarters. Several farmers came in to attend these meetings, and it was quite evident that the more prosperous were less attracted to our cause than were those who plainly belonged to the tenant class. The necessities of the situation are steadily forcing the land question on the attention of all classes, George was right when he said "the future is ours."

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It was remarked on the street next day that Mt. Pleasant had enjoyed more Single Tax during forty-eight hours than before for ten years. This was hardly fair to our good friend Perry, who is truly as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove—a true Crossdaler.

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At Cadillac the meeting was in charge of the local Federation of Labor, and the night