

THE following nominations have been made by the Single Tax Party of New York, and measures have begun to put these names on the ballot:

For Judges of the First Judicial District, which includes Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond county: Samuel Bell Thomas and August Weymann. For Judges of the Second Judicial District, which includes Kings and Queens counties, Benjamin W. Burger and John L. Sheppard.

For Borough President of Richmond borough, Albion W. Windhorst.

For members of Congress, 21st Cong. Dist, Morris Van Veen; 23rd Cong. Dist., George R. Macey; for 19th Cong. Dist., Lawrence W. Tracy; for 1st Cong. Dist., Jens Peter Hansen; for 11th Cong. Dist., Mrs. W. L. Coolidge.

For State Senator, 16th Senatorial District, Francis C. Ott; and for the 18th Senatorial District, John Davidson.

Most of these candidates are known to Single Taxers and readers of the REVIEW. Others are newcomers into the ranks who are destined to take their place as leaders in the great fight for equal rights to land. Albion W. Windhorst is a recent convert to our principles, and is an earnest, serious minded student of social and economic questions. August Weymann is a young man, but has been known for his work in the cause for many years past. He has only recently cast his lot with the Single Tax Party in the conviction that he has at last found the real home for the faith that is in him.

John L. Sheppard was born in Pittsburg, Texas, Jan. 25th, 1885, and is a graduate of the University of Texas. His father was Judge John J. Sheppard and his mother Alice Edins, of the well known Louisiana family of that name. In 1909 he came to New York, where he attended law school and was admitted to the bar in 1911. He practiced law in partnership with Willard U. Taylor and Richard Costello at 63 Wall street. Later he was in the law department of the Rapid Transit Commission up to 1913, when he began the practice of law on his own account. He is a brother of United States Senator Sheppard, of Texas, and attorney of the Woodmen of the World, with

which organization, especially strong in the west, his brother is prominently connected. He brings to the party movement a strong personality, the Southerner's genius for politics, and the Southerner's gift of oratory.

Samuel Bell Thomas, one of the best known lawyers of this city, is a member of the firm of Edwards & Thomas. The senior partner of that firm is the well known William H. Edwards, former Collector of Internal Revenue. Mr. Thomas is another Southerner, a graduate of the S. W. University of Texas, from which he emerged with the degree of Master of Arts. He studied law and was admitted to the Texas bar, where he practiced for three years. He was for some time owner and editor of the *Wichita Falls Daily Times*. He came to New York in 1897 and began the practice of law with offices at 32 Nassau street. He was active in politics from 1904 to 1913 as an independent. In 1910 he was nominated for Congress by the Independence League against Francis Burton Harrison, the regular Democratic nominee, and was defeated by the narrow margin of 300 votes.

He was legal adviser to Governor Sulzer, and when the legislature impeached the governor, Mr. Thomas acted as one of the counsel to Governor Sulzer, and was very active during the trial. When the governor was removed Mr. Thomas came to New York and became the junior partner of the firm of Edwards & Thomas.

When Woodrow Wilson became President, Mr. William G. McAdoo, then Secretary of the Treasury, called Mr. Thomas to Washington and attached him to the Income Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Department. There he remained until January of this year when he resigned and returned to New York.

Francis Collier Ott is a self-made man. At the age of twenty-one he ran for member of Assembly. Without any organization to back him he went out to beat Murphy, and running against Mr. Murphy's brother-in-law, rolled up a vote of several thousand, though he was defeated, as he expected to be. He spent his own money, and appealed to no special interest for aid. He made no trades. He began free and remains free. In 1910 he was appointed Special Deputy Clerk of the Assembly by the Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the House under the Hughes administration. During the World War he served his country under Brigadier-General Thomas H. Bingham in the U. S. Engineer Corps at Fort Hancock, and later in the U. S. Ordnance Department at Governor's Island. On his membership in the Single Tax Party and his willingness to accept the nomination tendered him, Single Taxers of this city are to be congratulated.

THOSE who believe government can, by statute, raise wages, are as queer thinkers as Banker Sisson, who talks of "creating foreign buyers" by tariff laws.—H. M. H.

IN Huddersfield, England, in one year, one ground lord collected more in rent than the municipality collected in taxes—about \$400,000.—H. M. H.