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The Ohio Single Tax Party Meets in Convention

THE Single Tax Party of Ohio met in Convention at Cleveland on January 29 and 30 and nominated the following ticket: George Cook, of Cleveland, for Governor; Edwin L. App, of Loraine, for Lieutenant Governor; Jasper Shuman, for Secretary of State; Adam Lehr, for Treasurer of State; H. R. Gill, of Columbus, for Auditor of State; Mrs. W. D. Frazer, of Cleveland, for Attorney General; and Henry B. Strong, for U. S. Senator. Congressional nominations will be made in several of the districts later.

"We'll poll ten times as many votes this year as in 1920", predicted J. B. Lindsay.

The platform adopted is as follows:

We, the Single Tax Party of Ohio, in convention assembled, hereby affirm the platform of our party adopted at its national convention at Chicago, July 12, 1920.

Recognizing that all wealth, whatever its form, is produced only by labor applied to land, and that the denial of the access to land is a denial of the right to produce and thus a denial of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, as proclaimed by the Declaration of Independence; and

Recognizing further that under our tax laws and our system of land tenure a small number of people own most of the land of our country, which enables them to exact tribute in the form of ground rent from all the rest of the people in exchange for the mere permission to work and to produce, thus not only reaping where they have not sown but also holding land out of use and restricting the amount of wealth the people otherwise easily could and would produce: and

Recognizing further that the value of land, as expressed in its ground rentals or in its capitalized selling price, is a community value created by the presence of the people, and, therefore, belongs to the people and not to the individual,

We demand a change in the constitution of Ohio, that will permit the collection of the full community and speculative value of the land in taxes, and that all buildings, implements and improvement of land, all industry, thrift and enterprise, all wages, salaries, incomes from incomes from industry and commerce and every product of labor be entirely exempt from taxation.

The name of Peter Witt was mentioned in connection with the nomination for Governor, but the sentiment of the convention was that as Mr. Witt was alligned with other factions, he was unavailable.

Mr. George Edwards was reelected chairman of the party for the ensuing year, R. C. Barnum, treasurer and J. B. Lindsay, secretary.

The papers gave generous space to the proceedings of the convention. The report of the convention given by the *Cleveland Plaindealer* noted the following:

Dr. Mark Milliken and Cyrus J. Fitton of Hamilton, O., attended the meeting yesterday to get first hand informa-

tion on Single Tax principles which they will bring before the city council at Hamilton. That city is planning to adopt some of the measures advocated by the Single Taxers in an effort to reduce its bonded indebtedness.

Members of the Farm Labor party were present and endeavored to effect an amalgamation of their forces with the Single Tax party, but in this they were defeated.

Mr. R. C. Barnum has issued the following call: "To Single Taxers: Nowhere is there a better opportunity for Single Tax success than in Ohio this year. The bickerings and disruptions in both parties are so intense that our prospect of success is promising. The present need is for funds to print and circulate petitions necessary to get the party on the ticket. The fight must proceed if privilege is to be abolished. Will you help?"

Ohio Single Taxers are strong for the ticket and look forward to making a campaign that will have its effect far beyond the State.

Memory of a Worker Honored

THE friends of the late R. T. Snediker, of Kansas City, have adopted a memorial to the fine spirit who departed last Summer. The memorial is 8 x 10, beautifully engrossed in colors and signed by the members of the Single Tax Association. It reads as follows:

"The Foxes have holes, the Birds have nests, but the Son of Man has not where to lay His head."—Matt. 8-20.

At the yearly celebration of the coming of the Little Child to Bethlehem, Cradled in a Manger, "because there was no room in the inn;"

We, the undersigned members of the Single Tax Association of Kansas City, desire to express our appreciation of the fidelity on the part of our fellow member, a loyal personal friend of Henry George, the late ROBERT TRUMAN SNEDIKER, to the cause of humanity, the "making room at the Father's Table for all His children."

The Movement in Oregon

THE following from the *Producers Call*, published at Oregon City, by N. J. Brown and H. Stallard, commenting on a convention to be called in Portland, to be known as a Tax Reduction Conference:

"We can't get away from the honest conviction that in order to reduce taxes SO THEY WILL STAY REDUCED, the people have got to do more than 'Vote 'em Off—they have got to vote their men in.

We don't believe it will get us anywhere for very long to 'vote 'em off' and then vote in legislators who will vote 'em on again."

Mr. Stallard is organizer of the Non-Partisan League. Mr. Brown is an old-time newspaper man and a militant Single Taxer. Mr. Cridge has arranged for a column article in this periodical every week. If funds can be