

of vacant lands what they are worth to those who can afford to use them—keep all franchises in the ownership of the people.

“If this simple programme will do what its advocates believe it will, the marvel is that any hesitancy to adopt it is observed. At any rate, Germany has put in effect the tax on unearned increment from land. Great Britain has adopted it in her present budget. Now, the Land Value Tax party calls for deliverance from the ‘American House of Lords.’ It extends ‘greetings and good wishes to the insurgents, independents and ‘new idea’ members of the Democratic and Republican parties,’ and points the way to the ‘land of promise’ by the Single Tax route.”

Prof. Robert Braun, Single Taxer of Hungary, reappeared in New York last month after a long trip through the west, where he had met most all the leading Single Taxers of the chief cities, and was received with a cordiality that his unselfish services to the cause, his modesty and great ability, so justly merit.

He was induced to speak at one of the open-air meetings of the Manhattan Single Tax club, and told the crowd who surrounded the stand something of the impressions he had gained of the movement while in this country. A supper at one of the Hungarian restaurants on the east side at Prof. Braun's invitation to Messrs. Macgregor, Brown, Weyman, and Miller, and a late leave-taking of our distinguished friend, were the incidents that marked his second visit to New York, followed by his final departure to his native land on the following morning. We know those who were permitted the rare pleasure of his society on his two visits to this city will unite in wishing him a pleasant journey to the country where those of our faith are yet few and timid, and to whom he will bring the strength and courage of his own splendid convictions and wealth of intellectual resource.

Laurie J. Quimby, editor of the *Chancellor* of Omaha, will stand for Congress from that city. His platform has the true ring.

NEWS—FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE PRESENT TRUCE FOLLOWING THE KING'S DEATH OF ADVANTAGE TO THE OPPOSITION—THE LORD'S VETO DOOMED NEVERTHELESS—RAPID EXTENSION OF THE WORK—WINSTON CHURCHILL HAS JUST FINISHED READING PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

At the moment of writing British politics are very tame indeed when compared with what they were during the past fifteen months. The House of Commons which has so recently been the scene of long and fierce encounters between the representatives of democracy and of privilege would hardly be recognised as the same place by those whose acquaintance with it is limited to the recent past, the whole tone and temper of its members having so completely changed. As T. P. O'Connor says:

“The psychological condition of the House of Commons at this moment is unexampled in its history. That spirit of unrest, of contention, of briskness, of cut and thrust, which is its normal state, has vanished so completely that one thinks that either the Saturnian reign of universal peace or the decadency of universal exhaustion has suddenly come to the place; and that it is but the wreck of its former self.”

Undoubtedly, exhaustion from the strenuous fight over last year's budget might in ordinary times have been sufficient to account for great changes, but in these exceptional times of political unrest, of determination for the eradication of special privileges there was little real evidence of political or physical exhaustion, on the part of the members of the House of Commons, or amongst the electorate throughout the country. The manner in which a few months ago all the forces of progress were lining up for what was expected to be the final struggle against our hereditary legislators was a sight to gladden the heart of every lover of freedom. Then came King Edward's death. This was made an excuse for deferring the civil conflict on which all parties were entering with the