

California

THE campaign for the Single Tax amendment is proceeding satisfactorily. Lieutenant-Governor C. C. Young made a personal visit to Single Tax headquarters and appointed Mrs. Lona I. Robinson to prepare the argument for Amendment 29. With commendable promptness the worthy treasurer had her well-considered brief ready for the official printer in twenty hours. The State document is an immense volume containing all the arguments on the thirty amendments. The negative argument on the Single Tax was written by Mr. Kern, President of the Anti-Single Tax League. The affirmative argument by Mrs. Robinson was considered so good that the campaign committee have printed it in leaflet form for wide distribution.

The poster feature of the campaign is making a decided hit. "Bringing the Single Tax out in Main street" is what George Briggs calls it. Single Taxers throughout the State are sending for copies to use on their local billboards.

Preparations are being made for "starring" Robert C. Macauley in all the towns of the State. A mass meeting will be held at the big Trinity Auditorium in Los Angeles about Oct. 15. Mr. Macauley, G. W. Slocumb, author of Amendment 29, R. C. Colburn and others will speak.

Calls for Mr. Slocumb to speak publicly are coming in at headquarters, and it will be impossible for him to fill all these engagements. At a dinner held September 16, Mr. Slocumb made an eloquent plea for Amendment 29. Mr. C. R. Colburn, Executive Secretary of the San Diego Single Tax League, immediately booked him as guest of honor for a dinner at San Diego at an early date.

This dinner of Sept. 16 was extemporized between Wednesday and Saturday with Frank McGlynn as guest of honor. Mr. McGlynn is the well known actor who has made a world-wide reputation for his impersonation of Abraham Lincoln in Drinkwater's play of that name. He referred to his uncle, Rev. Father McGlynn, as having been his chief associate and advisor for four years. He confessed to knowing little about the Single Tax. He dwelt upon the character of Abraham Lincoln, whom he is daily impersonating, and closed by reciting Markham's remarkable poem on the martyred President.

Mr. C. R. Colburn announced that the San Diego League, to which he belongs, were going into the fight enthusiastically. Gerrit Johnson made a brief but snappy speech, stating he was the only Single Taxer who did not make speeches. Mr. J. H. Ryckman made a good impression on some of the Socialists present. Mr. Stoughton Cooley was called on to speak of Father McGlynn, but asked to be excused. Mr. Slocumb, who was vociferously received, made a good speech. He, of course, was the hero of the evening. James A. Robinson also made a characteristic address in his happiest vein, and announced that Robert C. Macauley was on his way to California.

At Los Angeles five thousand persons heard Mr. Edmund Norton at the Labor Temple in a masterly address. He appealed for votes for the Slocumb amendment. Many of those present assured Mr. Wernicke, who had helped to arrange for the meeting, that the largest number of votes ever cast for a Single Tax amendment would be rolled up for the measure in November.

Mr. Norton should be credited with two notable and stirring addresses to the striking railroad workers. At San Bernadino Mr. Waldo J. Wernicke had arranged for Mr. Norton to appear before nearly three thousand persons who gathered and listened to an inspiring speech. An invitation was extended to Mr. Norton to appear before them again.

A well attended dinner was held in honor of Henry George's birthday in Los Angeles on Sept. 2 at Paulais Cafe. William C. deMille presided. About three hundred persons were present. Mr. DeMille announced that there would be no discussion of policies on which some of those present differed, and this programme was adhered to. There were present a great number representing the fight for the Slocumb Amendment, among them James A. Robinson, Edmund Norton, Lona Ingham Robinson, Roth Reynolds, Charles Maguire, Charles Fox, C. R. Colburn, Waldo J. Wernicke and many others. The spirit of the occasion was gracious and tolerant, and the members of the Los Angeles League fraternized with the members of the Renters and Tenants League and the supporters of the Slocumb Amendment. Mrs. DeMille spoke of the views of her father, and addresses eulogistic of our leader were made by R. E. Chadwick, Mrs. E. K. Foster, Dr. Adah H. Paterson, and others.

The San Diego Single Tax League held a dinner in commemoration of Henry George's birthday on Sept. 1st. James A. Robinson spoke, his subject being "The Philosophy of Henry George." He did not forget to dwell upon the necessity of supporting the Slocumb Amendment.

A resolution supporting the Amendment was offered and according to our San Diego correspondent, was carried.

We have received the first number of the *Single Tax*, a six page paper published in Fresno, by John H. Meyer, in support of the Single Tax measure, now on the ballot. One page contains an appeal for a Federal Land Tax, with array of excellent reason for the passage of such an act.

We have received the *Henry George Standard*, for September 15. It is full of good things. Among other matter it contains the following announcement which is of special interest to our friends:

"The necessity for a separate political party to safeguard the fundamental truth of the philosophy of Henry George is now recognized by many Single Taxers of California. Mr. C. R. Colburn, chairman of the San Diego Single Tax League, strongly advocates party formation. G. W. Slocumb, A. H. Sanborn, of San Francisco, W. F. Burgener, of Norwalk, John H. Meyer, of Fresno, Waldo Wernicke, of Los Angeles, and others favor the idea. Whitney Hart Slocumb has started organizing a Single Tax Party State Committee."