

upon same for the amount, and said improvements, if saleable and of more than nominal value, shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder, who shall thereby acquire possession of the franchise rights.

Sec. 7. On each separate and distinct piece of land held under a title deed franchise there shall be maintained by the assessor in a conspicuous place, a notice, that can be easily read, stating the names of those who hold the franchise to the land, the area or dimensions and assessment for the current year; also, after an assessment is due, if not paid, an additional notice stating that the franchise is forfeited, and if there are salable improvements, of more than nominal value, upon the land, announcing the date and the place of public sale of same, the conditions and specifications for these notices—also penalties for neglect or interfering with same shall be fixed by law.

Sec. 8. A franchise to unimproved land that has been forfeited for the non-payment of the assessment, may be acquired by anyone who offers the highest rent by sealed bid, conditions of which to be fixed by law. Unimproved land is that without saleable improvements of more than nominal value.

Sec. 9. The money derived from this single tax shall be apportioned by law between the State and all the subdivisions of the State and out of such apportionments shall all the expenses of the Government be paid. Any surplus money or any other money that may be acquired shall be used to pay indebtedness or to make improvements, or distributed or used for any purpose that the State or any subdivision thereof having such money shall by majority vote decide.

LATER: A telegram has just arrived from San Francisco apprising us that an organization, to be known as The California Single Tax Committee, has been formed which has endorsed the Slocumb Amendment and will immediately start to place it on the ballot. This Committee consists of W. Hoffman, J. E. Webb, Dr. Wahle, Dr. Dessau, Z. E. Hoffman, Nellie Wahle, A. H. Sanborn, E. Backus, John Hennessy, Dr. Ethel Lynn and others in hearty accord with the policy that is determined that there shall be no turning back in the fight that has begun for the abolition of privilege in the great State of California.

Mr. James A. Robinson, who has just arrived on the ground, has been appointed Campaign Manager. Others will be added to the Committee as the movement for organization proceeds. This is great news and gives assurance that the cause is again alive in California.

Death of John Cairns

JOHN CAIRNS is dead at Oakland! He will be remembered for his work in South Manchester, Conn., and his splendid co-operation in Chicago where the first National Convention of the Single Tax Party took place, and where a great moral victory was secured by the members of that party over the heterogeneous elements composing the Committee of 48. Since taking up his home in Oakland he has been active in work for the amendment, and its abandonment by the faint-hearted saddened his last hours. His unconquerable spirit will an inspiration to those who must do the work in which he can no longer help.

Colorado

MR. BARNEY HAUGHEY, of Denver, is busy circulating petitions for an amendment to the Constitution providing for an old age pension, and reading as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby established a system of old age pensions for all resident citizens of the State of Colorado, more than sixty years of age, except the following:

(a) Persons who have not been legal residents of the State of Colorado for ten continuous years after January 1, 1913.

(b) Persons under conviction of crime.

(c) Inmates of public institutions of the State of Colorado or of the United States.

Sec. 2. The old age pensions provided for in this article shall be sufficient to insure each eligible person an income from all sources of not less than thirty dollars per month, except in the case of married couples each person shall receive four-fifths of the amount payable to an unmarried person of the same circumstances.

Sec. 3. Personal property and improvements on land shall be exempt from taxation for old age pensions and all revenue for such pensions shall be raised regardless of any limitation on the tax rates by a special tax levy on the assessed value of land and on the assessed value of franchises in public roads, streets and alleys, said assessed values shall be exempt from said special tax levy to the extent of ten thousand dollars to each taxpayer, and the total proceeds of said levy shall be paid into a separate fund and used exclusively for the payment of old age pensions and all expenses incident thereto.

Petitions are being circulated in all parts of the State. Appeals have been made to the United Mine Workers of Colorado to aid in this work.

New York

THE Saturday night lectures under the auspices of the Single Tax Forum, at Single Tax Party headquarters, this city, have been well attended and of extreme interest.

Among those who have spoken before the Forum was Miss Melinda Alexander, who spoke on "Representative Government," on April 8; Wm. J. Wallace, on April 15, who took for his subject, "The Need for Political Action," speaking with his usual earnestness; Mayer C. Goldman, who has won fame as an advocate of the Public Defender in criminal cases, on April 22. On this night John Z. White also favored the Forum with a short address.

Other speakers were Joseph Cameron, James O'Neill, and Bolton Hall. Prof. Melvin Lee spoke on the alleged control of the press by the advertising and financial interests. This was a very interesting evening, and took the form of a running debate between Prof. Lee and Whidden Graham, who rallied the professor good naturedly on some of his statements.

On the night of April 29, Charles LeBaron Goeller related his struggles to advance the cause in the Town of Union, N. Y. An enthusiastic welcome was given

to Mr. Goeller, who has made real sacrifices for the cause, and whose recital of his experiences was a revelation to many of those present.

Robert C. Macauley, National Secretary of the party, spoke on Saturday, June 10.

In addition to the activities of the Forum the party has spent considerable money in effective advertising in the *Globe*, the *Harlem Home News* and *The Tenant*. The latter published, as a paid advertisement, an effective cartoon, 6 x 9, the work of George Lloyd, who is growing in the esteem of the party men both as an artist and cartoonist.

Members of the party visited Henry George's grave on Memorial Day and placed floral tributes thereon.

The Single Tax Party will hold a convention shortly to place in nomination candidates for city offices.

A successful dinner was given by the Manhattan Single Tax Club at the Machinery Club on Wednesday, May 24, at which James R. Brown, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Hamlin Garland and Mr. Ebly spoke. Mr. Garland made a plea for the old ideals of American individualism against the socialistic notions of Eastern peoples who have in recent years formed so great a part of our immigration. He announced that he contemplated writing a book on this theme.

On Wednesday, May 10, Mr. James A. Robinson, organizer of the National Single Tax Party, made an address at the Civic Club of this city, his subject being "Emerging From Socialism." Mr. M. VanVeen acted as chairman.

John Z. White spent a week in New York in the latter part of April, filling his numerous lecture engagements, at the Brooklyn Ethical Culture Society, the Spanish-American War Veterans at Jamaica, and other societies and public bodies. The presentation of the fiscal side of the Single Tax as formulated by Mr. White created much favorable comment, and Mr. White's visit was undoubtedly productive of good.

Oregon

THERE promises to be a keen rivalry between California and Oregon to see which State will cast the larger relative vote.

Mr. Will Ross, who managed the Great Adventure campaign in California, is now in Oregon and will co-operate with J. R. Hermann in the campaign for the amendment which follows, and for which the necessary number of signatures have already been secured:

Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. From July, 1922, to and until July 1, 1927, all revenues necessary for the maintenance of State, county, municipal and district government shall be raised by a tax on the value of land, irrespective of improvements in or on it, and thereafter the full rental value of land, irrespective of improvements, shall be taken in lieu of all other taxes for the maintenance of government, and for such other purposes as the people may direct. All provisions of the

Constitution and laws of Oregon in conflict with this section are hereby abrogated and repealed insofar as they conflict herewith, and this section is self-executing.

The *Searchlight*, organ of the Non-Partisan League, is out for the Amendment. Another group forming the Democratic end of the Non-Partisan League has for its organ *The Producer's Call*, and this paper has taken up the programme of the tax reductionists as far as the latter can be said to have a programme. They split up in a row recently over the Income Tax, and could not agree upon an initiative measure. There is another group that wants to initiate an income tax measure, but the time is short and they may not be able to get on the ballot.

James Bryant, of Albany, has started a movement among the farmers that is wholly new. It is backed by the Grange and all the local bodies. They have built a large hall where all public questions can be discussed. The editor of the *Portland Journal* will deliver the opening address there soon. Mr. Louis Bowerman, who has just returned from Albany, is enthusiastic over the direction the movement is taking.

The Central Labor Council, of Portland, has created a committee to co-operate with the Single Tax campaign committee in the fight for the amendment.

The *Telegram*, of Portland, a Republican paper, is friendly to the Single Tax and speaks favorably of the Keller Bill. It printed an admirable statement of the Single Tax from the pen of J. R. Hermann accompanied by that gentleman's picture.

Walter Pierce, who will probably be the successful candidate for governor, is for an income tax. He understands the Single Tax, but wants to be governor. A large vote for the amendment would probably strengthen his convictions in favor of our principles.

Letters to the press of Oregon in support of the amendment are now plentiful. J. R. Hermann, J. H. Brothers and H. D. Wagon are among the names most frequently seen.

Rhode Island

A SINGLE TAX ticket has been nominated in this State with David S. Fraser candidate for governor. Mr. Fraser needs no introduction to readers of the REVIEW. A convinced party man, he has upheld the banner of independent political action in Rhode Island since the formation of the party several years ago.

Mr. Fraser was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and received his early education in the schools of his native town, completing his schooling in the high schools of Providence. He married in 1888 and has five children. He is one of the leading Single Tax speakers in the State and has a record of having spoken one hundred consecutive nights in 1909.

Some biographical details regarding the other candidates will be of interest. The candidate for Lieutenant-Governor