

taxes save that on land values, and to increase the latter so as to take the rent of land for public purposes.

With reference to party action, we do not have to choose, as Mr. Cooley implies, between running candidates and accepting exemptions of buildings. Both can happen coincidentally. We notice that our Republican and Democratic friends referred to, who united to exempt new buildings in New York, did not let this trifle stop them from talking their particular doctrines and running full tickets, and why should Single Taxers be more bashful than they? But if a choice had to be made, and such reforms as exemptions on old or new buildings could only be had by keeping silent about Equal Rights to the Use of the Earth, why of course we stand for preaching the full gospel.

We realize that the Single Tax may come gradually, and therefore are not averse to accepting, heralding and even welcoming any steps taken towards the goal. But this does not mean that the goal should never be mentioned for fear of impeding the steps. As a practical matter, the very best way to hasten the taking of these steps is to hold the goal constantly up to view.

Of what use is it, anyway, to work for a better tax system that stops short of taking all the rent of land? Its chief result would be, like any other improvement in conditions, to make land more valuable and increase the tribute paid to landowners. And we may be sure that any change in the tax system that does propose to take ALL the rent of land and thereby deprive the landowners of ALL the income they derive as landowners, will be fought just as hard by them if we try to sugarcoat it as a "slight readjustment of our fiscal system" as it will if we tell the truth and call it the establishment of the equal right of all men to the earth.

It is no mere coincidence that men to whom the Single Tax means as little as it seems to Mr. Cooley should also be a unit in their opposition to all political expression for the Single Tax. *In this they are right.* There is nothing in the mere shifting of taxation from one thing to another that affords a political or economic philosophy, and therefore the Single Tax put in that way is politically innocuous. As well think of forming a political party based on the kind and quality of city pavement, or improved methods of public accounting!—EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

Good, Major!

MAJOR LAGUARDIA in a recent speech declared that he was the only member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment who had voted against the ordinance exempting new buildings from taxation, but added: "I am still of the same opinion. It is wrong to make some pay taxes and let others go free. I believe that all structures should be exempted from taxation. For city revenue we should take the value of sites. The landlords did not make the sites valuable, that value was created by the people of the city, and to them it belongs."

NATURE, not employers, provides the jobs. Nature is the employer.

NEWS—DOMESTIC

California

ON August 5 a telegram was received from James A. Robinson which conveyed the welcome information tersely: "We are on the ballot. Safe margin."

A telegram was received earlier in the same week from Lona Ingham Robinson which we print as worded:

"REVIEW's California article last number aroused State. Letters all parts express approval of political action this year. John S. Siebert, San Diego, writes, "There comes time when effects of propaganda must be put to the test of political action. The present amendment is in my opinion the best worded Single Tax bill ever proposed. Opposition from Single Taxers amazes." Cary Richard Colburn, Executive Secretary of San Diego League, writes, "I think the measure best we have ever had in California. Of course it is radical, but I love a radical who dares to speak the truth as he sees it." A. T. Johnson, attorney of San Diego, writes, "Hope the amendment gets on the ballot. Getting all the signatures I can." An inspiring epigram comes from W. H. Maguire, of Ontario, Calif., "Politics is the best educational path for our religion." Benj. C. Prior, turning in a batch of signatures, regrets lack of time to get more. John H. Meyer, of Fresno, says, "I have personally secured two hundred names here. Glad to have Robinson here. He sure is one of the active kind." W. F. Burgener, of Norwalk, got front page Single Tax article in *Norwalk Call*, writes, "To whom shall I draw check for campaign?" Five columns in labor paper, *Los Angeles Citizen*, on Single Tax this week. Editor says, "Paper will give Single Tax amendment fullest support." Mrs. M. C. H. L'Hommedieu, of Brooklyn, visited headquarters with cash contribution. Mr. and Mrs. McEl-downey, enthusiastic for the cause, turn in their batch of signatures tonight. In San Francisco fine support is given by E. Backus, Dr. Dessau, W. D. Hoffman, J. A. Hennesey, Dr. Wahle, Walter Lowenstein, Dr. Ethel Lynn, J. Warfield, and others. In San Bernardino the Labor Temple people are for us, rolling up signatures with energy. James A. Robinson, like a jockey riding two horses at once, is speeding up signature work North and South, racing against time with every probability coming under wire winner."

The *Henry George Standard*, the little paper published during the last campaign and adapted for general circulation, has appeared. It is beautifully printed and full of strong appeals for the cause.

Mr. Robinson was reported in the *San Francisco Daily News* as saying:

"We in the East noticed that no particular effort was being made to place the Single Tax measure on the California ballot this year.

"We were alarmed. To think that the State, which was the home of Henry George, should fail to even place the

measure before the public was something that we couldn't stand.

"We have always used the vote in California in our propaganda in the East. California has always given Single Tax a large vote.

"So I came out. I found the California Single Tax League sitting back—inactive.

"I also discovered that many persons in the League were real estate speculators who hoped to benefit through increased land values.

Instead of putting the old measure on the ballot we've put on a measure with teeth.

"The reaction had been great. Hundreds have signed the petitions and declared their sympathy with a real measure."

Waldo Wernicke, of Local 311 of the International Association of Machinists at Los Angeles, will endeavor to rally organized labor in that city in support of the amendment.

Work of The Committee Of The East

THE Committee of the East organized here to help the forward looking Single Taxers of California to get on the ballot report that \$8,500 has so far been subscribed by 90 contributors, among whom are William J. Wallace, Robert C. Macauley, E. Yancey Cohen, E. M. Caffall, Mrs. Emily E. F. Skeel, A. Bourgeois, M. VanVeen, William J. Schaefer, Oscar H. Geiger, Herman G. Loew, Dr. Mary D. Hussey, Corrinne Carpenter, Miss Schetter, Joseph Haggerty, Geo. Lloyd, Col. J. W. Howard, John H. Allen, L. W. Tracy, Fred C. Leubuscher, Leo M. Marks, Mark M. Dintenfass, Thos. P. Ryan, Grace Donaldson, Billy Radcliffe, Jennie Rogers, Chas. O'Connor Hennessy, Samuel W. Cooper, Dr. Solomon Solis Cohen, Frances I. Macauley, Geo. C. Madison, Thomas J. Davis, Samuel Cohen, Roland Bostroem, William Ryan, F. H. Monroe, John G. Murphy, Dr. Andrews, L. Carl Seelbach, H. W. Shroeder, Chas. Hecht, E. M. E. Solly, John A. C. Owens, Calvin B. Power, Fred J. Deverall, Miss Loew, Whidden Graham, H. Oscar Sobel, John C. Barrett, Hugh Monroe, Robert Seibert, Geo. VonAuer, Herman E. Schanzelin, A. J. Boulton, W. M. Callingham, Daniel Burke, E. E. Soderstrom, Joe McGinnis, David Moge, Miss Pearl Brown, Fred W. Rous, W. L. Crossman, William A. Dunton, T. P. Lyon, John B. Connell, Emil Knips, Jasper Shuman, Josie Thorpe Price, Frank X. Kennedy, Mrs. J. T. Coolidge, J. Benjamin Douglass.

A small but rousing dinner of some forty Single Taxers was held at the Civic Club this city July 14, at which over \$700 was subscribed. Addresses were made by W. J. Wallace, Robert C. Macauley, Whidden Graham, Col. J. W. Howard, M. VanVeen, Oscar Geiger, Joseph Dana Miller, and E. M. Caffall.

Late News From California

JUST on the eve of going to press the following cheering telegram is received:

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150 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

Amendment on ballot. Seventy thousand signatures procured in cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Alameda, Fresno, San Diego, San Bernardino, and many others. Headquarters opened in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Extensive speaking campaign planned. Slocumb will auto through State, speaking. Many speakers volunteer. William J. Schaefer, of Philadelphia, Gerrit Johnson, and many others visit headquarters. ROBINSON.

New York

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