

who think the word franchise is some new French nonsense. Our governor is almost alone in his fight, as his own party is in the control of Elkins and his kind, while the Democrats are led by old-time chaps who just knock at everything in which they themselves do not lead.

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THE GEORGE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN NEW YORK.

The Manhattan Single Tax Club celebrated the birthday of Henry George by a dinner at Lohbauer's Bay View Villa, Westchester, N. Y., on the evening of Sept. 17th. About sixty were present, President Polak occupying the head of the table as toastmaster.

Dr. M. R. Loverson, seventy-six years young, reviewed the progress of the movement; Richard George humorously related some of his early experiences in California; John J. Murphy delighted the diners with a characteristic talk; and addresses by John S. Crosby and Frank Stephens, the latter looking more youthful than ever, concluded the evening's entertainment. The presence of Miss Flynn, the young Socialist orator, a mere school girl in years and appearance, added to the interest of the occasion. Being called upon by the toastmaster, she addressed the assembled guests in a manner characterized by deep earnestness of conviction. Her confession that she was entirely unacquainted with the economics of the Single Tax school was made with perfect frankness.

DELAWARE.

GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY IN ARDEN, DELAWARE— A SOCIALIST PAYS HIS TRIBUTE TO OUR GREAT TEACHER.

The Sixth Celebration of the Birthday of Henry George at the Single Tax village of Arden was celebrated Sunday, Sept. 2d, by visitors from New York, Philadelphia, Camden, Wilmington and Washington. Arriving by early morning train they spent the day picnicing in the fields and woods, and promptly at the hour advertised, 3:30 P. M., one hundred and thirty people, including villagers, country neighbors and the visitors assembled in the open air theatre. Frank Stephens presided, and Joseph Garrod led the singers in the familiar songs of the Delaware campaign—the Battle Hymn, "Delaware, My Delaware," and the "Marseillaise"—his wife, the daughter of Herman Hetzel, accompanying on the piano.

The opening speaker was one of the men of Arden, Chas. Ervin, a Socialist, and his brief address—published elsewhere—raised

the tone of speaking at once to a level befitting the occasion.

He was followed by Jackson H. Ralston, of Washington, D. C., who dwelt feelingly on the brave days of the early Delaware campaign and the contest he himself led so successfully at Hyattsville. Richard Chambers, of Camden, then recited a chapter from Henry George, with the force and skill which have made his memorized renderings from "Progress and Poverty" so notable a feature at Single Tax gatherings. After Mr. Chambers Chas. F. Nesbit, of Washington, told the story of his conversion from hopeless fatalism to the faith of the new gospel through George's preaching. It was a simple recital, told with deep feeling and all the earnestness of a man who having found a reason for living would have others find it also. Will Price, of Rose Valley, followed upon the same high plane, taking for his subject "The Temple of Failure," and the closing address by Frank Stephens ended a meeting which was notable, even among Single Tax meetings, for the seriousness and sincerity of the message given.

The San Francisco *Star*, first paper in the United States to advocate the Single Tax, reappears in a new dress and is more attractive than ever. Mr. Barry, whose entire property was lost in the fire that followed the earthquake in the ill-fated city, has got on his feet again. Practically he must begin life anew—no easy task at his age, for he is no longer young. But the same splendid courage that has characterized him throughout his active life will serve him now in this supreme crisis, and the good wishes of all the friends of the movement will go with him. From many, it may be said, came aid more substantial.

Charities, the organ of the Charity Organization of the city of New York, announces that "dispossessed mothers" are cared for at East Twelfth street, this city, and 466 helpless mothers and their children were given shelter last year. What crime had those mothers committed that they should be forced to accept charity? Or is the crime ours, not theirs?

Our old friend, Edward Quincy Norton, whom all Single Taxers know, editor of the *Standard*, at Daphne, Ala., tells in a recent issue how he was offered \$100 during the last campaign by a railroad representative, for the use of his editorial columns for three issues preceding election. He was told that he might as well get a share of the money that was going around. Doubtless the sum named was a large one in the eyes of the editor of a small weekly. Sums proportionately greater are at the command of papers of larger circulation and influence. Yet they tell us government ownership of railroads spells political corruption!