

Miss Charlotte Schetter pointed to the widespread increase in Single Tax sentiment created by the 1897 campaign as the reason why present day workers should join the Single Tax party and aid in presenting candidates standing on its platform, as a means of securing publicity for its aims.

Mr. Robert C. Macauley made an earnest appeal to his hearers to show their appreciation of the life and services to humanity that had made the name of Henry George a beloved memory by aiding the Committee of the East to raise funds for the vigorous prosecution of the campaign in California for the Single Tax amendment. In reply to his call for contributions more than \$3,000 was subscribed, a large proportion of this coming from the friends who had previously made liberal donations.

Lawrence Tracy, the efficient chairman of the dinner, who made a brief address, now called upon Samuel Bell Thomas, the Single Tax party's candidate for Supreme Court Justice. Mr. Thomas told how he had reported the speeches of Henry George in the campaign of 1897. Others who responded to the call of the chairman in short speeches were William J. Wallace, John Davidson, Gaston Haxo, Dr. Mary Hussey, Morris VanVeen, George Lloyd, and Maurice Firth, of England, who told of the disappointment of British Single Taxers over the repeal of the Lloyd George law for land valuation through the efforts of the Premier's Tory and reactionary associates in the Coalition government.

## Oklahoma

WHEN it comes to the Single Tax, number of followers, interest taken in the movement, etc., Oklahoma ranks pretty far down the line. Last September (1921) the State Federation of Labor held its convention in Shawnee, organized the "Farmer-Laborer Reconstruction League," and adopted a platform. The Single Tax was included as one of the planks, apparently thrown in toward the last to fill up space. Outside of the few individuals who helped frame the platform, it is doubtful if anyone knows anything about the presence of a Single Tax provision.

J. C. Walton, mayor of Oklahoma City, ran as the candidate of the League on the Democratic ticket, and was nominated in the Democratic primary August first. At this writing it is difficult to say whether or not he has much chance of being elected in the November general election. Conservative Democrats over the State declare the Farmer-Laborer Reconstruction League is only the Non-Partisan League of North Dakota under another name, and that the programme the former have mapped out for Oklahoma is very similar to that which has given North Dakota such a bad reputation. This programme calls for State-owned mills, elevators, banks, State-controlled public utility plants, etc. The Single Tax provision is never mentioned by either side, and there is a strong probability that it might

get lost in the shuffle, in the event of the election of the Democratic candidate.

But due to the fact that Walton has the support of the Socialists, and that the platform smacks strongly of Socialism, a great many Democrats have declared their intention of bolting the ticket and voting for John Fields, the Republican candidate. Another handicap under which Walton is running is the fact that he has the support of the present governor and his political machine, with both of which many Democrats, as well those of other political parties, are pretty well disgusted, due to the high-handed and questionable methods that have been used during the past four years.

However, this is not a discussion of the respective merits of the candidates for governor, or of either the Democratic, Republican, or Socialist parties. The point is that the Single Tax has been obscured, covered up, and lost sight of by the F.-L. R. League and its leaders. And judging from the past performances of some of Walton's supporters, it is extremely likely that they will see to it, should he be elected, that many or most all the other features of the League's platform will be put into effect before the Single Tax, and that then it may be forgotten entirely. The writer does not say positively that this is the case, but it is his opinion based on a careful analysis of all the factors, both past and present.

## Oregon

BISHOP CHARLES D. WILLIAMS, of Detroit, who is attending the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of America in Portland, has been doing a good turn for the Single Tax while here. Bishop Williams, who recently has been studying labor conditions in England, spoke at Labor Temple Auditorium on September the 15th, and after reviewing the history of the land and labor question in England, advised his audience of several hundred people to vote for the Single Tax Amendment. Bishop Williams is a very able speaker and delivered a masterly address. It made a profound impression on those who heard him.

On September the 18th, Bishop Williams spoke before the Portland Central Labor Council on the importance of organization. He mentioned incidentally that he got his inspiration from Henry George.

J. R. Hermann paid the following beautiful tribute to this fearless champion of the truth in the columns of the *Portland Journal*:

The address of Bishop Williams marks a turning point in the evolution of thought and effort, not only in labor circles of Oregon, but in the religious and political education of the State, which was lifted out of ruts and faced about toward the rising sun of a new day industrially, politically and spiritually. It was the clearest analysis and most illuminating survey of the present status of human society it has been my pleasure to hear in Oregon. It is too bad it could not all be reproduced in the Oregon papers. It is the result of years of study by a great soul who has not