

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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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

which organization, especially strong in the west, his brother is prominently connected. He brings to the party movement a strong personality, the Southerner's genius for politics, and the Southerner's gift of oratory.

Samuel Bell Thomas, one of the best known lawyers of this city, is a member of the firm of Edwards & Thomas. The senior partner of that firm is the well known William H. Edwards, former Collector of Internal Revenue. Mr. Thomas is another Southerner, a graduate of the S. W. University of Texas, from which he emerged with the degree of Master of Arts. He studied law and was admitted to the Texas bar, where he practiced for three years. He was for some time owner and editor of the *Wichita Falls Daily Times*. He came to New York in 1897 and began the practice of law with offices at 32 Nassau street. He was active in politics from 1904 to 1913 as an independent. In 1910 he was nominated for Congress by the Independence League against Francis Burton Harrison, the regular Democratic nominee, and was defeated by the narrow margin of 300 votes.

He was legal adviser to Governor Sulzer, and when the legislature impeached the governor, Mr. Thomas acted as one of the counsel to Governor Sulzer, and was very active during the trial. When the governor was removed Mr. Thomas came to New York and became the junior partner of the firm of Edwards & Thomas.

When Woodrow Wilson became President, Mr. William G. McAadoo, then Secretary of the Treasury, called Mr. Thomas to Washington and attached him to the Income Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Department. There he remained until January of this year when he resigned and returned to New York.

Francis Collier Ott is a self-made man. At the age of twenty-one he ran for member of Assembly. Without any organization to back him he went out to beat Murphy, and running against Mr. Murphy's brother-in-law, rolled up a vote of several thousand, though he was defeated, as he expected to be. He spent his own money, and appealed to no special interest for aid. He made no trades. He began free and remains free. In 1910 he was appointed Special Deputy Clerk of the Assembly by the Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the House under the Hughes administration. During the World War he served his country under Brigadier-General Thomas H. Bingham in the U. S. Engineer Corps at Fort Hancock, and later in the U. S. Ordnance Department at Governor's Island. On his membership in the Single Tax Party and his willingness to accept the nomination tendered him, Single Taxers of this city are to be congratulated.

THOSE who believe government can, by statute, raise wages, are as queer thinkers as Banker Sisson, who talks of "creating foreign buyers" by tariff laws.—H. M. H.

In Huddersfield, England, in one year, one ground lord collected more in rent than the municipality collected in taxes—about \$400,000.—H. M. H.

New Jersey

SINGLE TAX PARTY men of New Jersey have placed in nomination the following: For Governor, E. M. Caffall; for United States Senator, William J. Wallace. In Bergen county the following named have been nominated for members of the Assembly: Robert F. Shannon, H. A. C. Hillyer, of Tenafly, and William B. Newman, of Hackensack.

Oregon

THE campaign in Oregon will soon be in full swing. The argument for the amendment will appear in the official pamphlet sent to every voter in the State. This Mr. Hermann has prepared, and Mr. Gerrit Johnson has paid for. Part of this follows:

"Single Tax is the only constructive program for the liberty of the world, according to the affirmative argument filed by the Oregon Single Tax League in support of the proposed Single Tax amendment.

"The Single Tax protects the industrial pioneer who blazed the wilderness to lay the foundation of a Republican commonwealth and whose bravery was imposed upon by land sharks who took advantage of ill-formed land laws. There is no remedy for this but the Single Tax. All other attempts proved a failure," the argument declares.

ADVANTAGES ENUMERATED

"Some of the advantages we may expect from the Single Tax are as follows:

"1. It would dispense with a whole army of tax gatherers and others officials which present taxes require, and place in the treasury a much larger portion of what is taken from the people, while by making government simpler and cheaper, it would tend to make it purer. It would get rid of taxes which necessarily provoke fraud, perjury, bribery and corruption, which lead men into temptation, and which tax what the State can least afford to spare—honesty and conscience. Since land lies out-of-doors and cannot be removed, and its value is the most readily ascertained of all values, the tax to which we would resort can be collected with the minimum of cost and the least strain on public morals.

"2. It would enormously increase the production of wealth—

"(a) By the removal of the burdens that now weigh upon industry and thrift. If we tax houses, there will be fewer and poorer houses; if we tax machinery, there will be less machinery; if we tax trade there will be less trade; if we tax capital, there will be less capital; if we tax savings, there will be less savings. All the taxes, therefore, that we would abolish are those that repress industry and lessen wealth. But if we tax land values, there will be no less land.

"(b) On the contrary, the taxation of land values has the effect of making land more easily available by industry, it makes it more difficult for owners of valuable land which they themselves do not care to use to hold it idle for a larger future price.

"(c) The taxation of the processes and products of labor on the one hand and the insufficient taxation of land values on the other, produce an unjust distribution of wealth which is ubiding up in the hands of a few fortunes more monstrous