

year he entered the Northern Army, serving in North Carolina as a private in the 51st Regiment Massachusetts volunteers.

He began the practice of medicine in Lonsdale, R. I. in 1867, having then graduated from the Harvard Medical School.

He was elected to the Rhode Island legislature in 1883, serving in all sixteen terms—thirteen in the House and three in the Senate. Five times he has been an unsuccessful candidate for Congress.

For two terms of one year each, 1903 and 1904, he was Governor of Rhode Island. He is one of the three Democratic Governors of his State during the past half century, each serving for two years. As physician he officiated at the birth of his Democratic successor in the gubernatorial office, James H. Higgins, Esq. On that occasion neither of the two future governors spoke or thought of the honors in store for them.

About two years after the publication of *Progress and Poverty* Dr. Garvin's attention was called by a Pawtucket Greenbacker to the book by Henry George which lay upon the desk. The second time this occurred, he borrowed the work and read it carefully. One reading convinced him of the truth of George's conclusions.

Interested to a certain extent in other reforms the two upon which he places most emphasis, as being really fundamental, are the Single Tax and Proportional Representation—the one a social and the other an organic reform.

As a means to these ends, and indeed as opening the road to any reform demanded by a majority of the people, he is strongly in favor of a popular initiative for constitutional amendments. This is the form which the Direct Legislation movement has taken in Rhode Island. When a reasonable minority of the votes of any state—say ten per cent—possess the power to propose specific amendments to the Constitution and have their proposition accepted or rejected at the polls by majority vote, that State will then have a government of, by and for the people.

GEORGE WALLACE continues his admirable contributions to the *South Side Observer*, of Rockville Centre, N. Y.

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DOW DUNNING IN THE LEGISLATURE—
WILL FIGHT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF
THE TAX LIST.

It may be encouraging to your readers to, learn that Dow Dunning, the present representative in the Idaho legislature from Owyhee County, is a Single Taxer. He was pretty well educated at Ann Arbor when quite young, but upon coming to Idaho began riding the range, afterward settling upon a ranch with only three or four neighbors within a range of twenty-five miles in all directions. In 1898 the writer taught his children, who composed about half of the school of ten pupils in a district larger than the state of Rhode Island, and during the winter evenings argued with him. The result was another Single Taxer.

Mr. Dunning's neighbors are just as far apart yet, and for over twenty years he had not worn a white shirt and collar until he began attending the session of the legislature. He was the author of the Direct Legislation amendments offered to the constitution, but could not even get them printed. However, at present writing a bill written by myself and proposed by him, to publish the tax lists seems to meet with favor, and may pass, having passed by a good majority in the House, which is largely Republican.

Mr. Dunning's election is due to his outspoken radical views, he having taken his nomination as an opportunity for propaganda rather than to obtain office.

R. B. WILSON.

EMMETT, Idaho.

A RECENT excellent compilation, "The Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln" (A. Wessels Company, New York) is the work of Marion Mills Miller, whose name of late has been all too infrequent in the records of Single Tax activities.

GEO. L. RUSBY addressed the Students' Study Club of Cornell University on the night of March 6th.