

assembled. Opposition appeared in the persons of one lawyer and one preacher. They were curious. The lawyer thought rent an element of price. The preacher had an equally brilliant notion.

May 7, St. Joseph, Mo. Special invitation to speak to the city council in the council chamber. Practically the whole city government was in attendance, as were also the county officials. The subject was "Public Ownership," and the closest attention was given. They are conscious of existing wrongs and steadily gathering energy for wise alterations.

May 9, Emporia, Kas. Small meeting, with local men trying to misstate facts as to local conditions in an effort to mislead the speaker. The love of freedom in America is often manifested in an effort to destroy even its form. Rather a cheap lot, the present inhabitants of God's country.

May 10, Strong City, Kas. A number of prominent men attended—the sheriff and clerk among others. They are acquiring a quantity of the real views. We will hear more from this point. It holds a genuine Croasdale in the person of Geo. Hughes, who, thank the Lord, is not a native citizen. He is a Britisher, and therefore has some concept of freedom.

The St. Louis, Mo., Bar Association gave an invitation to listen to a talk on "Public Control of Public Utilities," by Mr. White. The meeting was held in the University Club rooms and was well attended. One member of the State Supreme Bench, Judge Leroy C. Valliant, was present, as were Judges Jesse A. McDonald, Daniel G. Taylor and Chas Claffin Allen, of the Circuit Court. The bar in St. Louis is much more progressive than most similar associations elsewhere. A rather general recognition that something is wrong is plainly perceived, and some tendency toward correction is manifested. Hon. Fred. W. Lehman, Vice-president of the Bar Association, presided, and was unable to coax any one to the floor in opposition. After adjournment several had questions to ask which indicated opposition, but nothing at all serious appeared. Possibly the closest four listeners were the four judges named. Judge Valliant's decisions certainly indicate that he largely appreciates the validity of our position. Seem to have a lot of good stuff in Missouri—no wonder they selected Folk. Meanwhile Marrion Reedy is still printing the "Mirror."

In St. Louis talks were made before a number of trades unions—the Structural Ironworkers, the Electrical Workers, the Machinists, also the Building Trades Council. These meetings were largely in behalf of the Direct Legislation movement, which

it is believed will be carried to a successful issue next year. The unions will be solid for this reform.

A series of debates with Arthur Morrow Lewis, of the Socialist organization was carried out during June. The points visited included Joliet, Ill., Peoria, Ill., Springfield, Ill., Clinton, Ind., Terre Haute, Ind., Evansville, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind., Springfield, Ohio, Warren, Ohio, Pittsburg, Pa., Akron, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Hamilton, Ohio, and Cincinnati, O. A godspeed dinner was given Daniel Kiefer, of Cincinnati, on his departure for a Pacific Coast visit, and afforded opportunity to present Single Tax gospel to a fine body of business and professional men. One stray humorist thought he had caught the disease, but it was later discovered that he was soliciting life insurance. He gave no bond for sincerity, and therefore was turned down.

TEXAS.

HOUSTON SINGLE TAXERS CELEBRATE—DEDICATION OF THE LOG CABIN—RESOLUTIONS ENDORSING THE NEW STATE REVENUE AGENT.

On Sunday, May 19th, the Single Taxers of Houston, Texas, met to celebrate the gift to them by Mr. J. J. Pastoriza of the Single Tax Log Cabin, a description of which and the purposes for which it was built have already appeared in former issues of the REVIEW.

In the afternoon a fairly good number of visitors heard a lecture on Single Tax by Prof. J. G. M. Buck, of Elkhart, Texas.

Mr. Jas. Charlton, president of the club, presided, and in his introductory address paid eloquent tribute to Henry George, laying emphasis on the fact that for many years he was a "printer man," from which he drew the local parallel of Mr. J. J. Pastoriza, who has been a "printer man" through his entire business career. He voiced the sentiments of every Houston Single Taxer when he feelingly referred to Mr. Pastoriza's gift of the unpretentious log cabin and the motives which inspired it, comparing it with the more pretentious gifts of Carnegie and Rockefeller, stating his belief that it was not an exaggerated statement to say that in the day of final and just reckoning the former would be found to be the better, nobler and more useful benefaction.

Prof. Buck made a most forceful presentation of the Single Tax philosophy, proving beyond doubt the ethical contentions upholding the Single Tax, and incidentally making a strong attack on the Malthusian doctrine, and showing the many absurdities of the personal property tax.

The meeting was concluded by the passage of the following resolution relative to

an effort being made by the State Revenue Agent, and appointee of the present Governor of Texas, Tom Campbell, to insist on assessments of property at the full value.

"Whereas Captain W. P. McDonald, State revenue agent, has insisted that the various assessors of the State shall enforce the law requiring a full valuation of all kinds of property, and

"Whereas, this action has subjected Captain McDonald to much adverse criticism, therefore be it

"Resolved, By the Houston Single Tax League, that we endorse and approve the action of Captain McDonald."

It is true that a tax upon improvements and personal property tends to discourage their production and increases their cost? This is not Captain McDonald's fault. It is the people's law. It is true that a tax on money tends to drive it out of the State, but it is the people's law. It is true that a tax on various forms of credits is double taxation, but it is the people's law. It is true that all these forms of taxation tend to promote perjury, but it is the people's law. For over twenty years the Single Taxers of the State have been proclaiming the evils of these laws, but the people have insisted on maintaining them. Captain McDonald, in carrying out the will of the people, deserves our thanks, and we hereby extend them."

In the evening the members of the Log Cabin Club gave an informal supper in honor of Mr. Pastoriza, who was to leave on the following week for Europe. The meeting was a veritable love feast. Many speeches were made, and as the only inspiration furnished was black coffee and cigars, the eloquence which flowed in golden streams from the lips of every speaker could only have been inspired by the affectionate regard and esteem in which the guest of the evening was held. It was such a gathering as will long live in the memory of those present as one of the delightful resting places along life's somewhat weary journey and they can doubtless say, as did the disciples of the Nazarene on their way to Emmaus when the Master unknown to them walked and talked with them, "Did not our hearts burn within us?"

The following were present: J. J. Pastoriza, J. G. M. Buck, Jas. Charlton, H. F. Ring, J. C. Porterfield, P. W. Schwander, E. P. Boyle, B. E. Tarver, Col. P. W. Robinson and D. Woodhead.

D. WOODHEAD,
Secretary.

**GOOD WORK OF GOVERNOR TOM CAMPBELL
IN ENFORCING THE LAW TAXING LANDED
ESTATES.**

Owing to existing laws in this State it will be impossible to adopt the Single Tax or even a kindred measure until we get a

constitutional amendment providing for local option in taxation. The present law not only fixes the rate of taxation, but it also designates the species of property to be taxed.

For a long time it has been customary to allow the owners of farming lands to render it for taxes much below its market value. Good intentions have inspired this practice for the purpose of leniency towards the producers of wealth, but the fact that the land grabbing element have gradually enlarged and extended their powers at the expense of the public in general and home seekers in particular, have convinced the enquiring element of the economic error in which the State has fallen.

The election of Governor Campbell in this State was a great surprise to the ring politicians who have almost wholly had control for many years. Some time ago when Governor Campbell was a fairly successful lawyer, attracting no special attention, until he was appointed Receiver for the International and Great Northern Railroad. But a short time after he took charge of this road a peremptory order was given him to cut the salaries of all the employees of the road. This he flatly refused to do, but after some wrangling about it he did cut the salaries of all the high officials, including his own, and then added it to the pay rolls of the employees receiving the least pay. When he was voted upon for Governor at the primaries all friends of the labor movements organized their forces with a silent determination which knows no defeat. In the meantime the Farmers Union had started its organization in this State and it too aligned itself with this movement, with about 125,000 members. When the results of this primary were flashed upon the curtain Tom Campbell's large majority was a surprise even to his most enthusiastic friends. He has been instrumental in the enactment of many good and progressive laws. The 30th legislature under his administration repealed the occupation tax law. We also have an effective anti free pass law. Corporations can no longer lobby with the legislature. A pure food law was also enacted. It is a heavy penalty for railroad companies to work their train crews long hours and thereby endanger the lives of passengers. Heavy penalties for gambling have virtually driven all the gamblers out of this State. Pool rooms and bucket shops have gone with them. Juvenile courts have come to stay. The intangible asset law while somewhat imperfect in its operations reaches the hidden franchises of many corporations.

The governor has strictly enforced the law taxing landed estates and its direct result has been to completely rout many land grabbing individuals and corporations, and in spite of the rapid influx of emi-