

that lie behind its steel barred walls. We know that the value is given to these precious metals by the demand for them as money and in the arts. The value given by irrigation, and land value are separate and are separable, because they are two distinct things, and that is just as true where land is worthless or inaccessible without irrigation and of great value after the work of irrigation. Nor do the dykes of Holland make the land value of Holland. They keep the waters from inundating the population of Holland and the population of Holland makes the land value.

J. D. M.

**\*SINGLE TAXERS AT THE DENVER CONVENTION.**

(See *Frontispiece*)

**SPEECH OF RAYMOND ROBINS—A FEW OF THE SINGLE TAXERS PRESENT.**

When the Single Taxers of Denver first realized that the National Democratic convention would be held here we thought it would be well to take advantage of the occasion and hold some sort of a banquet in honor of Henry George, but we abandoned that plan, and finally decided to establish headquarters where all visiting Single Taxers could meet.

This plan proved to be a success, and we can easily see now it was about the only practical thing we could do, as every one was so busy with his own affairs that there was no time to get them all together. 56 names were enrolled on the register by Single Taxers outside of Denver and representing every section of the country. This was not all the Single Taxers who attended the convention, but I think it represents all those who were Delegates. I do not believe there has ever been a gathering in the history of the movement in the United States where the Single Taxers were so widely represented as they were at Denver. A picture of our headquarters, situated a half a block from the convention hall and on one of the main streets leading to it, is the frontispiece of

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this number of the *Review*. If no other good was accomplished the advertisement that this front gave our movement was worth the effort, for every delegate to the convention had an opportunity to be reminded that the cause was very much alive, for we took advantage of some of the high grade talent of this occasion.

The Sunday before the convention Raymond Robins preached in the Central Christian Church in the morning and in the Baptist Church in the evening. In the Christian Church in the morning the audience broke out with applause at the close of the sermon, something unusual in that Church. I never knew of but one man who ever even approached the profound conception of the life and meaning of Christ's life, as did Raymond Robins in that morning sermon, and that man was George D. Herron, in his address entitled, "The Failure of Success or the Success of Failure," and if any one has two copies of that address and can spare one of them, I would like to have it.

Our friend Dickey manipulated the political wires sufficiently well to get Robins before the convention, and Tom Johnson said he made the right kind of a speech, and that settles that part of it.

Last but not least was the meeting under the auspices of the City Club, at which Lincoln Steffens, Gov. Folk, Brand Whitlock and Tom Johnson spoke. That was a meeting, notwithstanding every manner of attraction was being carried on to distract the attention of people to other things. Bands were playing all around the Church where the meeting was held, but everyone in the audience remained until the last word was said, and Johnson answered all the questions that were put to him, in a manner that resembled a large good natured boy. He and Whitlock indeed have a place in the heart of every one who attended that meeting.

Nearly every visiting Single Taxer with whom I talked seemed to think that we can expect large results from Oregon or Oklahoma, but most of them favored Oregon. Personally my feet are hot to take a ticket to that place. I had a visit with the Oregon delegation, and I found but two of them voted for our measure. But

those who frankly admitted that they voted against it stated that it was their opinion that it would receive a much larger vote next time. Strange as it may seem, as well informed as men of the type of Delegates are, they could not tell me what measures carried that were submitted by the Initiative, and what ones lost, or the majority against our measure, and they seemed to be indifferent to it. But what struck me the most forcibly about them was their tolerance of the opinion of others. They differed freely and widely about the measures submitted and some expressed the wish that the initiative and referendum, direct legislation, would ultimately do away with parties.

Following are a few of the names of the Single Taxers registered at headquarters:

T. P. Lyon, Fairhope, Ala.; L. S. Dickey, Chicago, Ill.; Wm. B. Shannon, Tenn.; Henry S. Mead, Minneapolis; Lafe Collins, Knoxville, Ia.; F. M. Dyer, Plattsville, Wis.; A. C. Holloway, Akron, Ohio; T. M. O'Connor, San Francisco; B. E. Tarver, Santa Ana, Cal.; Rev. H. O. Hammond, Springhill, Kan.; K. I. Pesty, Boise, Idaho; James Armitage, Greenville, Tenn.; Wm. W. Rose, Kan. City, Kan.; Daniel Kiefer, Cincinnati; F. L. McGrew, St. Anthony, Idaho; Vernon J. Rose, Kansas City, Kan.; W. L. Locke, Lincoln, Neb.; E. A. Boostrom Stromburg, Nebr.; Chas. Weidler, South Bend, Ind.; George B. Lang, Langdon, Colo.; Chas. Eckert, Beaver, Pa.; Edward J. Schluter, Freedom, Pa.; Michael J. Flaherty, Brooklyn, N. Y.; P. H. Smith, New Mexico; Warren Worth Bailey, Johnstown, Pa.; Jackson H. Ralston, Hyattsville, Md.; Wm. Gordon, Cleveland, Ohio; Herbert Quick, Sioux City, Ia.; W. H. Lilley, Jefferson, Colo.; Daniel Gingrich, Hamilton, Ohio; Alex. Y. Scott, Rosedale, Miss.; Wm. Huffman, El Paso, Tex.; F. F. Ingram, Mich.; James Seeley, Mich.; Alix Crislaw, Rockwood, Ill.; Ed. J. Green, Chicago, Ill.

What a pleasure to meet those with whom one has worked for years. We could only talk for a brief moment but that was long enough for a soul bath, and we all feel stronger for having met. As I look at the names on the register I am reminded of the words of our leader,

"Sometime, somewhere will the muster roll be called."

J. R. HERMANN.

DENVER, Colo.

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### SINGLE TAXERS CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

(See Portraits)

JAMES W. HILL

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James W. Hill, who is a candidate for Congress from Peoria, Ill., is well known to our readers. He was born in western New York fifty-four years ago. At fifteen years of age he entered a machine shop and learned the machinist's trade. He became a locomotive fireman. When twenty-two years of age he went to Kansas, became a locomotive engineer for a short time, and at twenty-three was made master mechanic of 300 miles of railroad. All his life has been spent in this line except eight years, in which he managed a department for Fairbanks, Morse & Co.'s St. Louis house. In 1886 while here he met the late Hamlin Russell, who was in the employ of the same house. One day, Mr. Russell threw a copy of *Progress and Poverty* on the desk and said, "There, Mr. Hill, is a book you should read."

The latter did so. For some years he had been conscious of certain wrongs in economic conditions, so it was not long before he became a convert to the doctrines of that great book. In the Autumn of that year Mr. Russell and Mr. Hill organized the Land and Labor Club, of St. Louis, this being the name these organizations took, for the term Single Tax had not yet become accepted. This club acted with the Labor Party of St. Louis and secured Father McGlynn for DeBais Opera House. Mr. Hill was a member of the Anti-Poverty Society and has his certificate of membership bearing the great priest's autograph.

In 1887 Mr. Hill went to Peoria. He was elected president of the Peoria Single Tax Club in 1894. During his twenty years residence in Peoria Mr. Hill has been active in keeping our truths before the people. Through his efforts, and those