

the St. Louis *Courier*, a Single Tax paper published in the 90's which some of our readers will remember.

Mr. Priesmeyer's death appears to have been the result of an accident as he dropped to sleep near an open gas jet. He died without pain, though of late he has been a great sufferer.

Percy Pepon writes us: "I don't think he had any religion. But he had done his work to secure a better world and had no cause to fear meeting God face to face should there prove to be a personal deity."

Our friend could not make a Single Tax speech to an audience, but he did other useful work. He compiled a mailing list of those who expressed themselves as being favorably inclined to our cause in the press or elsewhere. Mr. Boeck has this list numbering nearly two thousand.

He requested that the cost of his funeral service was not to exceed \$300 and that he be cremated. A minister from an independent church conducted the service.

A touching tribute has been printed from his Single Tax friends in St. Louis, Messrs. Boeck, Menger, Forshaw, Lischer and Kauffman. We quote the concluding words: "He saw that good will and peace among men is only possible when all have equal rights in the bounties that are here for all. He is at rest after a life of unselfishness. We will greatly miss his going, but with a satisfaction that his life's work is well done."

Single Taxers Organizing For Annual Convention

RABBI MICHAEL AARONSOHN, who spoke so eloquently at the last Congress in New York City, has been appointed by President George E. Evans of the Henry George Foundation as Chairman of the 1936 Convention Committee and preparations for the Eleventh Annual Henry George Congress to be held in Cincinnati, November 12 to 14 are being actively sponsored by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship, which held a large and enthusiastic meeting on June 24.

The Cincinnati Committee is very ambitious and optimistic with regard to the prospects for a big attendance at this year's convention and is aiming for 1,000 delegates and visitors as its goal. In view of the greatly enhanced interest in economic problems and the rapid development of educational activities throughout the United States, Chairman Aaronsohn and his committee feel justified in their anticipations of the largest Single Tax gathering yet held and they propose to leave no stone unturned to bring this Henry George Congress to the favorable attention of the friends of the movement in all sections of the country.

While it is too early to give detailed information concerning the convention programme, the committee has extended invitations to some persons of outstanding importance in public life and one or more prominent figures

from abroad are expected to participate in this year's gathering.

President Evans has appointed the following persons as members of the Convention Committee.:

Rabbi Michael Aaronsohn, Chairman; Ed F. Alexander, Charles G. Baldwin, Charles H. Berning, Hon. Herber S. Bigelow, Robert C. Bowers, Frank Chodorov, Grace Isabel Colbron, Albert S. Colby, R. A. Cowing, Otto Cullman, Edmund P. Donovan, Samuel Danziger, Clayton J. Ewing, Arthur W. Falvey, Richard G. Farabaugh, Edward E. Hardcastle, Charles H. Ingersoll, Fenton Lawson, J. C. Lincoln, Charles G. Merrell, Dr. Mark Millikin, Joseph Dana Miller, John Lawrence Monroe, John S. MacLean, Hugo W. Noren, A. W. Pittman, Jackson H. Ralston, Charlotte O. Schetter, Lewis W. Schott, George J. Shaffer, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Carl D. Smith, Walter G. Stewart, George M. Strachan, Grace Swigart, Bertha Timmerman, O. A. Toepfert, G. W. Wakefield, Hon. Abe D. Waldauer

The California Campaign

WHAT of the fight in California? Since I last wrote to LAND AND FREEDOM events have been progressing rather rapidly. Our opponents have with great skill secured the endorsement of a number of organizations, some of which have no natural affiliation with them. The State Board of Education, controlled as it is by politics, and politics in turn controlled by the great interests of the State, has pronounced against us, and has apparently swung the California Teachers' Association and Parent-Teachers Association into line. In our opinion, their hold from now on upon the teachers will have to diminish as the teachers come to realize that the Chambers of Commerce and Real Estate Boards have no sympathy whatsoever with their just aspirations and that they are being used to favor great landed interests. Every appeal, therefore, to the teacher organizations mentioned, is likely to grow weaker and weaker.

The State Board of Equalization which, in a broad sense governs taxation in the State, collecting the sales tax and adjusting county taxation, is the most active agency against us. Unfortunately for it, scandals of the gravest nature have broken out affecting its management, and, fortunately for us, making any representation made by it regarded with proper suspicion. Its statements, widely circulated nevertheless throughout the State, have included falsehoods of the most barefaced character, multiplying by as high as ten the possible rate of taxation on land values. All this is done for the purpose of creating a feeling of alarm among the lesser tax payers, which feeling will inure, they hope, to the benefit of the large ones.

In perhaps the majority of the counties the Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, and other organizations referred to, have formed bodies for the purpose of bringing about our defeat if they possibly can do so.