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HENRY GEORGE DINNERS

HENRY GEORGE stated the law of human progress as "association in freedom." The series of Henry George dinners that have been held from New York City to Omaha during the past year have served to bring into closer association those Single Taxers who have wished for greater progress in the movement.

In Cleveland, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis, where Mr. Monroe and Mr. Watson have been working together, the dinners have brought their activities to a climax. Mr. Monroe contacts the Single Taxers, the newspapers and prominent citizens while Mr. Watson is lecturing before civic clubs, colleges and other groups. Frequently opportunity arises to arrange special interviews for Mr. Watson with the newspapers. Newspapers for the most part give generously of their news columns in announcing and reporting the meetings, and on occasion make editorial comment—sometimes with the fire of opposition. Often there are those who invite Mr. Watson to lead an evening's discussion in the home. Friends and neighbors are invited to such "parlor meetings."

The dinners therefore bring together not only convinced Single Taxers but their friends and those who have read the newspaper announcements and lecture reports; those who have heard Mr. Watson at other of his local appointments, and those who have been reached personally by Mr. Monroe.

Those who address the dinners are not only leaders in the Single Tax movement but men of influence in the respective communities. The meetings serve to bring these leaders together and frequently result in the organization of Henry George Clubs. Women take an active part, serving as hostesses and speakers. Leadership and speaking talent are discovered in young men and women in many not previously identified with the movement.

Resolutions giving concrete expression to the purpose of the gatherings are usually adopted and released for publication. Single Tax literature and books by Henry George are on sale, and posters with quotations from Henry George are displayed. The price of the dinners ranges from 75 cents to \$2, usually being \$1. There is no charge for those who come only for the speaking.

Reports in recent issues of LAND AND FREEDOM have told of the Henry George dinners in New York City last November 12; Chicago, February 9; Cincinnati, April 30, and Cleveland, May 14. Since the last issue the field of activity has moved farther west, with dinners in the key cities of Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis. The following is a report of these occasions:

Omaha, Neb., Thursday evening, June 9—This dinner culminated for Mr. Monroe and Mr. Watson, a ten-day campaign in Omaha, and brought together as speakers Clayton J. Ewing, president of the Chicago Single Tax League, and Charles H. Ingersoll, of New York, who was returning from his Western speaking tour. Paul K. Harlan, superintendent of the Iowa-Nebraska division of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and president of the Omaha Henry George Club, presented Ballard Dunn, editor of the *Omaha Journal*, as toastmaster. William Fales Baxter, president of Thomas Kilpatrick & Co., Omaha's leading department store, introduced Mr. Ingersoll. A Single Tax resolution was read by Howard J. Bailey and adopted by the meeting. Hostesses were Mrs. Howard J. Bailey, Mrs. Paul K. Harlan, Mrs. Arthur W. Falvey, Mrs. J. G. Haskell and Miss Grace Harlan. The meeting in attendance, a total of fifty, included Hon. J. B. Woodrough, judge of the U. S. District Court; Harry B. Fleharty, city attorney, and S. Herron, editor of the *Nebraska Farmers' Union*. The meeting was held at the Fontenelle Hotel.

Kansas City, Mo., Monday evening, June 20—The toastmaster at this dinner was Rev. Homer J. Martin, youthful pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leeds, an adjoining suburb of Kansas City. The meeting developed into an active Single Tax discussion for those who had come primarily to learn about the Henry George idea. Mr. Watson's talk on "Why Poverty Amidst Plenty" formed the basis of the discussion. James C. Fuller, chemical manufacturer, was chairman of the dinner committee. Supper was served at the cafeteria of one of Kansas City's Single Taxers, Mr. F. J. Engleman.

St. Louis, Mo., Friday evening, July 1—The last of this season's dinners was held at the Melbourne Hotel, St. Louis. It was arranged by a committee composed of Charles Lischer, chairman; Edward Boerger, treasurer; Erwin Kauffmann, president of the Missouri Single Tax League, Percy Pepon and Otto F. Harting. Speakers of unusual cogency made the programme one of the high lights of the year's activities. Edward D'Arcy, prominent St. Louis attorney, was toastmaster.

Joseph Forshaw, business leader, and Joseph M. Klamon, professor of economics at Washington University and a James R. Brown disciple, were the local speakers. Mr. Watson spoke representing the national organization. George J. Knapp, father of the Single Tax measure adopted by Pueblo, Colo., in 1913 (though repealed the next year), told of the sentiment there favoring re-adoption at the present time. He expressed the hope that he might return to Pueblo soon to help in such a programme. His son, Henry George Knapp, aged twelve, was introduced to the audience. Nearly as many came for the speaking programme alone as were present at the buffet supper—a hot-weather innovation. Hostesses were Mrs. Thomas Q. Dix, Mrs. Joseph Forshaw, Mrs. Erwin Kauffman, Mrs. Charles Lischer and Mrs. Ada Wood.

The Memphis Convention

PLANS for the Seventh Annual Henry George Congress to be held at Memphis, Tenn., October 10 to 12, are now well under way and the officers and committees of the Henry George Foundation are developing a strong programme with the expectation that the central location of Memphis will enable all sections of the United States to be well represented. The convention committee is in communication with a number of prominent speakers and it is hopeful that the Congress will be favored this year with the presence of A. W. Madsen, of London, secretary of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values and also secretary of the International Union. Chester C. Platt, now visiting London, has personally conveyed the Foundation's invitation to Mr. Madsen and reports a good prospect of his acceptance. Mr. Platt writes that he is amazed at the great progress that has been made in England since three years ago when he last visited London. Mr. Madsen is associate editor of *Land and Liberty* and an able speaker, who would have a message of exceptional interest to all American Single Taxers.

With reports from workers in all sections of the country indicating an unusually keen interest in the Single Tax as a solution of the great economic problems facing the American people, it is planned to devote the Memphis convention very largely to the serious consideration of such problems as unemployment and industrial depression, and earnestly consider ways and means of carrying the message of Henry George more effectively to the general public in these times of crisis.

Judge A. B. Pittman, chairman of the Convention Committee, is active in directing the arrangements for the convention and is receiving the strong support of Vice Chairman Abe D. Waldauer and other prominent Georgists in Memphis, who are eager to see a genuine revival of Single Tax activity in the South. Assurances have been given that the Memphis Convention will be very generously treated by the newspapers and also by the local radio broadcasting stations.

President George E. Evans announces the appointment of the following Convention Committee: Judge A. B. Pittman, chairman; Abe D. Waldauer, vice chairman;

P. M. Birmingham, secretary; Bolton Smith, Albert G. Riley, Dr. W. G. Gaither, L. D. Bejach, Will Atkinson, Howard J. Bailey, L. D. Beckwith, William A. Black, Charles G. Baldwin, Donald Bradford, Miss Joan Chaffe, W. E. Clement, John S. Codman, W. L. Crosman, Miss Grace Isabel Colbron, Otto Cullman, Charles R. Eckert, Clayton J. Ewing, Arthur W. Falvey, Henry George Farris, Dr. E. G. Freyermuth, Herman Friedrich, James C. Fuller, Ernest B. Gaston, H. C. Harris, Albert G. Henniges, Charles H. Ingersoll, Erwin Kauffman, Fenton Lawson, Frederic C. Leubuscher, J. C. Lincoln, Joseph Dana Miller, Dr. Mark Millikin, John Lawrence Monroe, John S. MacLean, John B. McGauran, Chester C. Platt, Ray Robson, Miss Charlotte O. Schetter, Walter J. H. Schutz, George J. Shaffer, William H. Sikes, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Carl D. Smith, George M. Strachan, Frank T. Stirlith, Harold Sudell, Alan C. Thompson, Henry L. T. Tideman, O. A. Toepfert, August Williges, Harry H. Willock.

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CLAYTON J. EWING, president of the Chicago Single Tax Club, spent two weeks during the month of June on a combined lecture and vacation tour of the West, filling several engagements as an official representative of the Henry George Foundation, including in his visit Omaha, Neb.; Topeka, Kan.; Denver and Colorado Springs, Col., and also a visit to Amana colony, Iowa, where, in collaboration with Fiske Warern, an effort is being made to develop a Single Tax enclave. Mr. Ewing was one of the principal speakers at a very successful dinner meeting of the newly organized Henry George Club of Omaha, at the Fontenelle Hotel, on June 13. At Topeka, he addressed a Sunday evening meeting on June 19 at the Grace Episcopal Cathedral, and spoke at another gathering in the home of George Hughes, the following day interviewing Governor Woodring of Kansas at his office in the Capitol Building. Mr. Ewing's visit to Colorado was a very brief one, without public meetings, but he conferred with Barney Haughey and other Single Taxers concerning the present status of the movement in that State.

William N. McNair, of Pittsburgh, has been carrying forward his popular class in economics in Wilkins Township, a rural section adjacent to Pittsburgh, where he has been meeting with remarkable response. Mr. McNair was elected in the April primaries as an official delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago. He appeared before the Resolutions Committee of the convention and made a strong plea for the incorporation of a Single Tax plank in the Democratic platform. Hon. J. Edward Jones, of Chicago, a recent candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Illinois, also made a strong plea before the Resolutions Committee of the Democratic party on behalf of a plank embodying the Single Tax principle. While in Chicago Mr. McNair addressed