

are not what they ought to be and that something in the way of a remedy must be adopted.

I have been very greatly interested in Frank Parson's story of New Zealand.

Other remedies are there pointed out as solutions for the problems which are of vital interest to our people here to-day, and very practical solutions, too, I think.

Mr. Parson's story tells of reforms so practical that men of ordinary intelligence can easily grasp their meaning and feel confident of the result, while with the Single Tax theory, it is not so easy to get the people to understand.

Yours for the common good.

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SINGLE TAXERS SORRY FOR THE LOCAL  
DEMOCRATIC DEFEAT—QUINCY A. LOTHROP  
AND WILLIAM RYAN RECENT VISITORS  
TO THE BATTLE GROUND.

Single Taxers are particularly sorry for the local democratic defeat, for that party went to the people in this campaign with the best declaration of principles ever presented by any political party in this State. That platform contained six pledges, any one of which should have rendered certain the election of the Democratic State ticket. These pledges were:

1. A resolution pledging the party if given power to an amendment to the constitution giving ten per centum of the voters power to propose amendments to the constitution of the State and to have the same submitted to the electorate for adoption or rejection by majority vote. This proposition is popularly known as "the constitutional initiative."
2. Local option in taxation.
3. The abolition of the property qualifications.
4. Equitable representation in the legislature.
5. A direct primary law.
6. Veto power for the governor.

The plank for local option in taxation was submitted to the State conventions of both the Republican and Democratic parties by the Rhode Island Tax Reform Association, with the request that it be endorsed in their respective platforms. The request was ignored by the republicans and granted by the democrats as indicated above.

The Tax Reform Association has continued the work begun in June up to the very eve of the election, an outdoor meeting having been held at Cathedral Square in this city on Monday evening, Nov. 2nd. Interest in these meetings has continued unabated throughout the Summer and Fall; there has never been any difficulty in securing large and attentive audiences and the various speakers are accorded earnest and respectful attention. In addition to the speakers mentioned in former letters we have had visits from Mr. Quincy A. Lothrop, of Boston, who gave an excellent address to a large audience in this city, and from Mr. William Ryan of New York, who spoke at Central Falls, at Woonsocket and in this city. Both of these gentlemen are eloquent speakers, and the wish that they may come again is frequently heard. We are doing the best we can, and shall continue to do so as our strength permits. We did hope that in view of the recognition given the local option in taxation sentiment by the Democratic party, at least a democratic house of representatives in the local legislature might be elected, but the result shows that our work is not yet done; it is hardly begun; educational work must go on.

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FROM GOV. GARVIN.

Commencing early in June the Rhode Island Tax Reform Association carried on a quiet, but persistent, campaign for local option in taxation. In this work the local association has received financial assistance from Single Taxers of other States, the contributions being made at the solicitation of Bolton Hall, president of the American Single Tax League. Of the nearly three