

powers of no mean order. He inherits the qualities of the Connecticut pioneers and the sturdy individuality of Roger Williams from whom he is descended. These characteristics, with the knowledge of men that he has gained from a rich and varied experience, have made him a force in the war for economic righteousness.

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## NEWS DOMESTIC

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### RHODE ISLAND.

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A FEW NEWSPAPERS REPORTING THE SINGLE TAX CAMPAIGN—ATTACKING THE PROTECTIONIST SUPERSTITION—"BARNABY CORNER", AND HOW TO GET A HALF MILLION FOR NOTHING.

"Private property in land is robbery." This is the slogan with which the Single Taxers are trying to arouse the people of Rhode Island to a realization of the prime cause of present industrial conditions.

The open air meetings which were begun the first of June have been continued every pleasant evening since; there has been a meeting at Cathedral square, Providence, every evening, and when enough speakers are available there has been a meeting at Randall square at the other side of the city. On Thursday evenings at Cathedral square, the time is divided with the socialists. The Single Taxers are glad of the opportunity to do this, for they reason that if their principle isn't able to withstand any assault to which it may be subjected it had better be abandoned, and thus far they see no reason for alarm. Some amusing comments are heard at these debates, as for instance the following dialogue which was overheard one evening as the speakers were leaving the stand:

First speaker: "Say, what the Single Taxers did to the socialists was a shame."

Second speaker: "G'wan, youse; de socialists had dem tingle saxers faded dead away; dey didn't leave a leg under 'em."

Meetings have also been held occasionally in Pawtucket, in Valley Falls and in Cumberland. The *News-Democrat* of

this city and the *Evening Times* of Pawtucket are giving good reports of these meetings, but the *Journal*, the *Bulletin* and the *Evening Tribune* ignore them utterly.

There have also been held during July and August at the shore resorts, Crescent Park and Rocky Point, meetings every Saturday and Sunday afternoon. These resorts close Labor day, so that of course these meetings at the shore resorts will then be discontinued. In addition to the local men, former Governor Garvin, Dr. John A. McLaughlin, Louis A. Basinet, Andrew Johnson, David S. Fraser and William J. McDougall who speak at these meetings, assistance has been rendered by W. L. Crosman, Rev. Samuel Brazier and Mr. Doherty, of Boston; one of whom generally comes up on Saturday and stops over Sunday, helping out at the shore resorts and at the Saturday night and Sunday night meetings in this city. The Sunday night meetings are held at the headquarters of the Association. The Boston Single Taxers have several other speakers available, whom they promise to send to our assistance when needed.

It was hoped that some of the Single Taxers of the country would find it convenient and agreeable to spend their vacation season in this vicinity, and lend a helping hand in the campaigning, but in this the local people have been disappointed.

The Chairman of the National Committee of the republican party was in Boston the other day, and appointed Mr. Henry F. Lippitt of this city head fat-fryer for Rhode Island. It is given out that he is expected to raise in this, the smallest State in the Union, from \$75,000 to \$100,000, in order that the blessed tariff may be preserved. The Single Tax speakers are not neglecting to ask their workingmen hearers if they imagine for a minute that the protected manufacturers of Rhode Island are going to contribute \$100,000 to the republican campaign fund for the benefit of their help? They are being told that if the protected manufacturers are desirous of giving their employes \$100,000 they don't have to give it to them through the National Com-

mittee of the republican party. Their help are right here on the spot, and if they want them to have the \$100,000 or any part of it the surer way will be to give it to them direct. The Single Tax speakers are asking what kind of goods it is that the workingmen sell that are protected by the tariff? They are telling the workingmen that the effect of the tariff is to reduce the purchasing power of their wages by enhancing the price of the things that they must buy. The workingman is being told that American wages are the lowest wages on earth and that they are constantly growing less; he is being told that out of each 100 units of his product he is obliged to relinquish 60 units for the privilege of producing at all; that out of each 100 yards of cloth that he produces he must relinquish 60 yards; and out of every 100 locomotives he builds he must relinquish 60 locomotives, and so on throughout the whole list of products. He is referred to the census of 1905 for proof that of the \$6,300,000,000 of value that the employes in the manufacturing industries of the United States in that year added to the raw materials which they consumed they received in wages but \$2,600,000,000, and they are being shown that it is impossible for them to buy back their product of \$6,300,000,000 with \$2,600,000,000, and that therefore a surplus must accumulate with the result of glutted markets, congested banks and idle men. All these undesirable conditions are attributed to the low wages of workingmen. The workingman is reminded that the cause of low wages is restricted opportunities, that if opportunities were free as the Single Tax would free them, that there could never be an unemployed man who wished to be employed; that if there were no unemployed men, competition would be removed from the men looking for jobs to employers looking for men; and that this would result in making wages equal to the full earnings of labor; that if wages were equal to the earnings of labor there could be no more industrial depressions; no more men suffering from hunger because they had produced too much food; no men going ragged because they had made too many clothes,

nor any without shelter because they had built too many houses.

The protection superstition is as hard to kill as was Antaeus until he was lifted from the ground, and the only way to kill it is to lift it from the ground as Antaeus was lifted. Destroy land monopoly, and the protection superstition will soon die. When one grasps the significance of the truth that the right to life is equal; that the equal right to life, carries with it the equal right of access to the source of the means of life, which means that all men have an equal right to the use of the earth; and that if all men have an equal right to the use of the earth they have an equal right to the use of every portion of the earth; and that if all men have an equal right to the use of every portion of the earth they have an equal right to the values that attach to such right of use; and that therefore if exclusive possession of any portion of the earth is granted to any individual such grant is a special privilege, a franchise enjoyed by him at the expense of his fellow men, they will soon make short work of the whole rotten fabric, protection included, whose base is the monopoly of land.

Apropos of President Roosevelt's declaration at the dedication of the Underhill monument the other day that: "It is the right of every American citizen that he shall have an equal opportunity to render service and that the reward shall depend upon the service," an illustration is drawn by the Single Taxers from what is called here the "Barnaby Corner." On this site which is leased stands the building of the Barnby Clothing Company. The land was leased by them in 1875 for 40 years, and the terms are \$12,000 per year, the lessee to pay all taxes, and at the end of the term the building reverts to the owner of the land. In view of Mr. Roosevelt's declaration that the reward of the citizen should depend upon the service he renders, the Single Taxers are asking their audiences what service this particular landlord has rendered or will render in return for the \$480,000 he will have appropriated of other people's earnings at the termination of the lease, and they have failed thus far to find any one who

can tell what service he has rendered or that he has rendered any service whatever. Then the Single Taxers say that according to Mr. Roosevelt if he has rendered no service he should receive no reward, and they declare that Mr. Roosevelt is eternally right. "Private property in land is robbery."

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#### FROM EX-GOVERNOR GARVIN.

The Single Tax Campaign in Rhode Island advances apace. Early in August the following advertisement was inserted in the five daily papers printed in Providence and Pawtucket.

#### ANTI-POVERTY

The Rhode Island Tax Reform Association will hold meetings during August as follows: Crescent Park, Saturdays, at 4:30 p. m. Sundays at 2:30 p. m.; Rocky Point, Sundays at 5 p. m.; Pawtucket, corner Main and Dexter sts., Thursdays at 8 p. m.; Providence, Cathedral sq., every week day at 8 p. m., Sundays, 193 Westminster st., Room 6 at 8 p. m. Speakers from other States will address these meetings.

Besides the meetings here advertised others have been held, in addition to that at Cathedral Square, which is west of the centre of Providence, open air speaking is also conducted nightly at Randall Square, north of the centre, and every Tuesday evening in the town of Cumberland.

We were enabled to announce speakers from without the State, because of the action taken by the Massachusetts Single Taxers in providing a fund for sending some of their own men to our assistance on Saturdays and Sundays. In this way Rhode Island audiences have been favored with addresses from W. L. Crossman, Rev. Samuel Brazier, and Edward Doherty, all of Boston—Mr. Crossman coming repeatedly.

For this kindness of our Massachusetts neighbors we are doubly grateful, inasmuch as the Single Taxers from other states who expected to spend their summer vacation in Rhode Island were compelled by circumstances to disappoint both us and themselves.

Through Mr. Bolson Hall, president of the American Single Tax League, we have received a number of most timely contributions, for which we sincerely thank both him and the donors.

For the present the open air meetings will be continued, as the evenings grow longer and cooler, indoor meetings at our firmly located head-quarters will be held more frequently—every night, I hope.

The Single Tax letters to the newspapers continue and, of course, are read by many thousands. The reform communications appear every Sunday in the *Providence Journal* and *Providence Tribune*, some of them from our friends without the State; may their tribe increase.

Lucius F. C. Garvin.

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#### MISSOURI

AMENDMENTS FOR ABOLITION OF THE STATE PROPERTY TAX AND FOR LOCAL OPTION TO BE VOTED ON NOV. 3—WORKING OF THE NEW PRIMARY LAW.

Active work is now being done here by some of our members backed by the League, in support of the constitutional amendments to be voted upon on November 3. Arguments for and against their adoption are being distributed in pamphlet form through the state to all the voters. The 3rd amendment, the Initiative and Referendum, and the 5th, discontinuing the State Property Tax and providing for Local option in taxation, are the two we are mainly interested in. I think they have a good chance of adoption. The pamphlet is published under the auspices of the following Publicity Committee, Joseph W. Folk, Governor, Herbert S. Hofley, Atty. General; Judge Wm. M. Williams, Chairman of Tax Commission appointed by Governor Dockery;