

Representation, limitation of the powers of the legislature to pass emergency laws, and several other matters along these lines. A bill for the establishment of one board of inspectors to take the place of a large number of commissions, and to also print a bi-monthly report or state magazine to be sent to every voter, is the third measure of the People's Power League. The fourth is an amendment giving the supreme court original jurisdiction, enabling it to refuse to consider cases appealed on technicalities, providing for a three-fourths verdict in civil cases.

An important issue raised by the legislature is the calling of a constitutional convention. This must be affirmed by the people. It is generally regarded as a trick through which Oregon is to be stripped of all its progressive legislation.

Prohibition, Woman Suffrage and a measure allowing railroads to be built by the people comprise the progressive and important measures. A good roads amendment will help out some road enterprises and land values if passed. One measure is to give county division schemes over to the people of the locality interested. An amendment giving cities exclusive right to regulate sale of liquors is up again, although twice defeated in slightly different form heretofore. The others are of minor importance not necessary to mention.

For all of them a state pamphlet will be issued and sent to every voter in the State. It will contain such arguments, at \$80. a page, as may be offered for and against any proposed measure or amendment. The Prohibitionists have filed the longest, which I understand amounts to ten pages. The exact number of the pages for the taxation amendments and those of the Peoples Power League will not be many on account of financial reasons. Probably will not exceed two each.

The pamphlet on taxation soon to be issued, will be about 132 pages, containing some cartoons, and many striking local instances of taxation. It will advocate the taxation of land values in the form of queries largely. Some of the data has required very careful research to secure. Most of the figuring has been by experts. It is no slapdash matter, nor does it dis-

cuss labor issues. It will be circulated throughout the state with the intention of reaching every citizen. If it does not produce a sensation and provoke serious consideration by thousands of Oregon citizens, it will not be the fault of the able pens that have carefully written it.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE LAND VALUE TAX PARTY.

Following is a list of the activities of the Land Value Tax Party: from May 22 to July ending. Organizer Joseph Darling was directed to submit a list of names of those qualified to make good committeemen.

Out-door meeting held to protest against failure of Legislature to consider the Single Tax bill—Committee decides to meet every Saturday evening—Secretary instructed to obtain as full a list as possible of Single Taxers and sympathizers—1,500 circulars stating work in hand sent to those who received the call of convention—Letter sent to Governor Hughes urging passage of Single Tax bill by extraordinary session. Dinner conference held on June 18 instead of regular committee meeting, to which all members were invited.

Letter to Mayor Gaynor concerning subways. Outdoor meetings held every Wednesday night at 125th St. and Seventh Ave.; ads to be run in the *Public* and *REVIEW*; buttons adopted; 200 copies of platform sold at one meeting; badges adopted to be worn at out-door meetings. Platform for public meetings and banner provided for; pamphlet containing Chairman's address printed; pamphlet (reprint for South Side (N. Y.) *Observer*) and excerpts from party platform put out.

On July 9th the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED that we have read with painful surprise the published report of the proceedings of a meeting of so-called 'Progressive Democrats' held at Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany, on the 4th of July. As those who organized and controlled the meeting are well known as professed

believers in the principle of the Single Tax on land values, and as they claim to represent before the people the Single Tax idea, we regret exceedingly to learn that they adopted a resolution endorsing 'a Federal income tax.' Such a tax is directly contrary to the teachings of the great philosopher, Henry George, and of all the propositions of the present day none is more inimical to the land tax philosophy, or more cunningly devised to kill the Single Tax propaganda. We respectfully urge these former leaders of the Single Tax movement in New York state to rescind their resolution and to work with us for the adoption of a system which would raise the necessary expenses of government by a tax on land values alone, distinctly reprobating the proposed income tax and all other taxes, which are a burden on industry, and which tend to increase widespread poverty among the people.

"RESOLVED, That we urge all Single Taxers who have affiliated with the 'Progressive Democrats' to come out from among them, as their being found in such company is likely to do much harm to the cause."

At a meeting of the Executive Committee on July 2nd, the following minute was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we congratulate our brethren in Great Britain on the marked progress our cause has made in their country during the past year; that we are greatly cheered by the enactment of the Lloyd George budget, which we regard as an important first step toward the attainment of our hopes and the adoption of a Single Tax on land values to provide all necessary expenses of government; that we rejoice to know the British Chancellor of the Exchequer has boldly declared his stand for the ultimate abolition of land monopoly; that we bid our British brethren God-speed in their work, and look forward to the glad time when the curse of private land monopoly will be abolished both in the mother country and in our own land, having an abiding faith in the fulfillment of the promise that "the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

"As the Chairman of this Committee, Hon. George Wallace, is about to visit England we are glad to introduce him to our working brethren abroad, and we send these greetings by him in person."

THE PRESS AND THE LAND VALUE TAX PARTY.

The new Land Value Tax Party has received a number of press notices. Most of these are of course determined by the policy of the newspapers making the comments. But the new movement is recognized as a somewhat startling phenomenon in the progress of our cause, and perhaps destined to develop and grow. *The Globe and Commercial Advertiser* of this city says:

"Tax land and nothing but land, make land pay for government, not according to area, but according to value. That is the meaning of the Land Value Tax party.

"We think that there are a good many thousand men in New York who believe in that," said William J. Wallace, one of the leaders to-day.

"Hundreds, even thousands, of Democrats and Republicans, it is said, believe in the principles enunciated by Henry George—the principles adopted by Lloyd George—but they have not favored the idea of organizing a new party. The men of the Land Value Tax party have become tired of waiting for one of the old parties to come to them. They think the time has come to take their theory into politics as Lloyd George did in England."

The *Buffalo News* says:

"The Land Value Tax party is really our old friend, the Single Taxer, in a new guise. The fundamental idea is to tax every man holding land title to such an extent that the taxes are at least equal to the rental value, so that there will cease to be any object in ownership of land for any purpose. It is never to be forgotten that the fundamental point is, practically, land confiscation. Henry George made it as clear as one can make anything that he would have the holder of land title, if he wanted such futility in his hands, have nothing more than the empty shell of which