

## Ohio

In Youngstown and in all probability in Cleveland as well, the Single Tax Party will put up candidates at the municipal elections in the Fall.

Fred. Rumpf, Single Taxer of Chillicothe, reports that the REVIEW is on the table of the thriving young Chamber of Commerce of that city.

Mr. C. A. Dyer, of the Ohio Home Protective League (save the mark!) spoke at the Forum of one of the exclusive churches in Cleveland on April 20. This League is composed of a few farm capitalists and city landlords and its real purpose is to fight the Single Tax. R. C. Barnum, Charlotte Smith, Billy Radcliffe, J. B. Lindsay, and others were there and by their questions and arguments exposed the falsity of the arguments. Instead of answering the questions in the usual manner this very crude servant of the landlord interests replied with offensive and irrelative personalities, such as "Do you own any land?" "Do you believe in taxing this church." Mr. Barnum handled him in this dialogue fashion much to the joy of the Single Taxers present.

Otto K. Dorn, of Cleveland, a lifelong subscriber to the REVIEW, spends much of his time in New York which is convenient to the eastern territory of his business.

Geo. J. Foyer, old-time Chicago party man, is organizing a rent club in his ward in Cleveland.

E. H. Foote, Single Tax Party candidate for Governor of Ohio, is on a trip to the West Coast, dropping seeds of the gospel along the way.

## Wisconsin

**A** MODIFIED Single Tax measure prepared by Prof. John R. Commons has been introduced into the Assembly. It has the backing of the administration, it is said, and is modeled after the Ralston-Nolan bill now pending in Congress.

The measure provides for a tax of one-half of one per cent. levied on the first \$10,000 of land value exclusive of improvements and a flat rate of one per cent. on all additional values. According to its sponsors the purpose of the bill is to

- 1st. Open up idle land for cultivation.
- 2nd. Reduce taxes on industry.
- 3rd. Increase the buying power of the consumer.

## J. R. Hermann's Speaking Tour

**J**. R. HERMANN, the man who puts the Pacific Northwest in the race for Single Tax, and who speaks in behalf of almost 200,000 electors in Oregon and Washington who voted for the first time for straight-out Single Tax measures, started early in May for his trip east.

Before he had fairly begun his journey Umatilla, Oregon, manifested its interest in him by holding a sort of Single Tax religious festival and raised a contribution toward

sending Mr. Hermann on his way. The whole town turned out, and it is not any exaggeration to say that this meeting in honor of the Oregon leader was a testimonial from the public at large, who are becoming aroused to the great movement now gathering impetus.

At Salt Lake City Mr. Hermann met Mr. Parley P. Christensen. Mr. Christensen was candidate for president on the ticket of the Farmer-Labor Party and the efficient chairman of the convention of the 48ers. Mr. Hermann would have spoken in that city but for the fact that his stay was shortened. Mr. Christensen expressed himself very emphatically that the Single Tax is the only issue on which all forward looking groups may get together.

The unemployed are increasing in Salt Lake and other western cities. Mr. Christensen, being importuned for aid for the unemployed, and in reply to earnest entreaty that help was necessary to keep them alive, asked: "Why do you want to keep them alive—in order to vote the Republican ticket next Fall?" The leader of the Farmer-Labor Party gave it as his opinion that Oregon is the pivotal point for Single Tax in the Northwest.

At Leadville the Old Guard, Youngquist, Kennedy and others, still alive and active, gave aid and pledges in support of Oregon.

At Colorado Springs a meeting was called together at Dr. Sinton's office and the Oregon situation was gone over thoroughly with the result that those present pledged themselves unanimously to the campaign in that State.

In Denver Dr. Edward Jackson pledged \$25 quarterly to the Oregon campaign until it is won.

At Sioux City Mr. August Willeges, the real standard bearer in that city, expressed himself as approving the stand of the Single Tax Party at Chicago, though previously dubious as to the wisdom of party action.

At Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mr. Hermann met the active men of that city, Messrs. Kennedy, Jenkins, VanVechten and others. At Quasqueton he saw Frank Vierth, who is now postmaster there; N. H. Hyde was seen at Manchester, and Frank Neidig at Muscatine, who is practically alone in his town but active for thirty years.

When Mr. Hermann arrived in Chicago, Gerrit Johnson and Messrs. Ross, Schilling and others were preparing for a dinner in the interest of the California movement. It was agreed that a formal reception would be given to Mr. Hermann on his return. Mr. Hermann could not fail to remark that the same men who spoke on the occasion of his visit to Chicago thirty years before spoke on this occasion—Messrs. Hardinge, Schilling and others. Few new Single Taxers have been made.

At Cleveland Vance Cooke, Lindsay, Billy Radcliffe, and Miss Charlotte Smith, secretary of the Single Tax Club there, met the Oregon leader, who spoke at the City Club.

At Johnstown, Pa., a good meeting was held at the Liberal League on May 15th. There was a fine meeting at the Hungry Club at Pittsburgh; all the Single Taxers of the city turned out. It was a live, big meeting, and the

Single Taxers pledged their support and contributions to Oregon.

At Boston the reception accorded to Mr. Hermann was very gratifying. The Single Tax League here is considering the advisability of sending William Lloyd Garrison to take part in the Oregon campaign. Mr. Garrison says that as soon as possible he intends to close his business and devote the rest of his life to the Single Tax movement.

In New York City a meeting was held in Keen's Chop House, 36th street, on Saturday, May 28, at which some forty five persons sat down to dinner. Joseph Dana Miller acted as toastmaster, and among the speakers were J. R. Hermann, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Robert C. Macauley, William J. Wallace, E. Yancey Cohen, George Lloyd and others.

Mr. Hermann told of the effect that the Single Tax Party convention at Chicago had had on the vote in Oregon in showing the voters of that State that there was a national movement behind the State movement of Oregon. Also that the refusal of the Single Tax Party at Chicago to make common cause with the Socialistic element in the Committee of 48 and the Farmer-Labor Party had been the means of reassuring the more conservative voters of the State that the Single Tax movement stood apart from the so-called radical and Bolshevik elements of which the State stands in wholesome dread.

Mr. Hermann will attend the Single Tax conference at Washington, and will make dates from here to the Coast. In the meantime he keeps the *Portland Journal* and labor press of the State supplied with information as to the events of his trip and incidents that arise.

Mr. Hermann has aroused immense interest in the Oregon and Northwest movement to put the Single Tax on the map. He tells his story simply, but effectively and with native eloquence. What he has done with small resources at his command and with only the aid of the little group of devoted workers in Portland, is a revelation to those who listen to him. Personally he has made hosts of friends.

## National Committee of the Single Tax Party Meets

### ENDORSES THE OREGON AMENDMENT

A MEETING of the National Committee of the Single Tax Party was held Saturday, June 4th, at the headquarters in this city, 32 East 13th street.

There were present from Pennsylvania, Messrs. Macauley, Robinson, and Haug; from New Jersey, Messrs. Wallace, Bourgeois, Cohen, Caffall, Dintenfuss, Loew; from New York, Messrs. Chodorov, Miller, Geiger, VanVeen, and Miss Charlotte Schetter; from Ohio, Messrs. Barnum and Edwards.

The situation was thoroughly canvassed. The Thousand a Month Club is increasing and Single Taxers throughout the country will be circularized until the membership

reaches one thousand and the National treasury is in receipt of \$1,000 a month from that source.

National Organizer Robinson was authorized to engage an assistant secretary to the National Committee.

Mr. Barnum outlined the situation in Ohio and told of the movement on foot there to form a general amalgamation of all Single Tax clubs and societies under one head. This movement to get together in Ohio is an auspicious beginning which will be watched with interest. Such a body, organized in one general association, can undertake the submission of a referendum measure while at the same time legitimate party activities may be furthered by those who believe in the party idea. This movement inaugurates an era of good feeling and co-operation that ought to succeed.

A committee of three were appointed by Chairman Wallace to be known as The Propaganda Bureau of the Single Tax Party, which will devote itself exclusively to the preparation and printing of literature. The Committee to direct this Bureau consists of Mr. Bourgeois as chairman, E. M. Caffall and Joseph Dana Miller.

Mr. Macauley reviewed conditions in those States where the Single Tax Party have complete or partial organizations. A fund of over \$1,000 was raised to send the Organizer to those State where organizations need help.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the Oregon amendment and wishing God speed to J. R. Hermann.

## Single Tax Dinner in Chicago

A DINNER in the interest of the California movement was given at Chicago, April 27th, by the Chicago Single Tax Club, attended by over 100 Single Taxers. George A. Schilling, the new president of the club, was toastmaster, and said it was the first getting together of Chicago Single Taxers since the war. A friendly spirit toward California was manifest, and when W. L. Ross, the principal speaker of the evening, said that his experience had shown him that there were more people who knew of the Single Tax in California than in any other State there was a vigorous round of applause. He said that one of the signs of life in the movement was the existence of powerful anti-Single Tax organizations, and that these organizations were well financed by the railroads, oil companies, large land owners and monopolists in general.

Mr. Gerrit Johnson on his way home from California stopped off at Chicago to attend the dinner. He made a short address and an appeal for funds for the California campaign.

Other addresses were made by Henry H. Hardinge, Clarence Darrow and A. W. Ricker. J. R. Hermann, of Oregon, was in attendance. W. L. Ross.

## Death of R. T. Snediker

ON March 29th of this year, Dr. R. T. Snediker, long a leading Single Taxer of Kansas City, Kas., died at the age of 69. He enjoyed excellent health up to ten days before his death when he was stricken with erysipelas."