

the party to aid the democratic Democrats to regain control; but since he elected to go out, and since the reactionary, or tory element now has control, which it has signalized by putting up as its chief representative, Roger Sullivan, there is nothing for democratic Democrats to do but support Mr. Robins. This is not to betray Wilson democracy, nor is it to endorse Roosevelt autocracy; but it is to rebuke the Tories in the Democratic party, by voting for a democrat in the Progressive party.

s. c.



One of the Worth-While Democrats.

It should be taken in no invidious sense by other Democrats when it is said that Warren Worth Bailey, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is deserving of every possible assistance from the real Democrats in his effort to secure a re-election in November. Congressman Bailey is a Democrat of the new school, that is, a Jeffersonian Democrat brought up to date. He has not only been a faithful supporter of advanced Democracy during this Congress, but he has been eminently sane and practical. His amendment to the Alaska railroad bill marked the high-water mark of democratic endeavor in this Congress; for he proposed therein that the Government should take in taxation the annual value that the Government-built railroad added to the lands of Alaska. What could be saner, or what, safer? Did not every American sympathize with the efforts of the Irish tenantry to secure a right to the increase their improvements added to the value of the landlord's land? And where is the difference between the value added to the land by the construction of fences by tenants, and the construction of a railroad by the Government? The Government-built irrigation works in the arid regions transforms fifty-cent land into forty-dollar land; and the Government exacts full payment of those who receive the benefit. If a Government-built railroad in Alaska makes worthless land valuable, why should not the Government take from the beneficiaries the value that it has conferred upon them? Why make fish of one and flesh of the other? It is to the shame of Congress that this most worthy amendment was not adopted.



Mr. Bailey's district, the Nineteenth Pennsylvania, is normally Republican by 15,000, but in 1912 the Republican vote was split by the Progressive party, which allowed him to slip through. He should be stronger now than he was then, for he has rendered his constituents most effective

service, but his strength will depend largely upon how the Republicans divide, and what kind of assistance his friends give. Mr. Bailey stands for freedom of opportunity, retrenchment in expenditures, lower taxes, unburdening of industries, abolition of privilege, direct taxation, overthrow of monopoly, and arbitration of international disputes. He opposes a big army, a big navy, class legislation, favoritism, special privilege, government by injunction, and every form of protection. In speaking of his consistent support of Mr. Wilson's policies Mr. Bailey says: "There has been nothing servile in this. It has been no slavish devotion. The President has been followed joyously and with genuine enthusiasm because in my judgment he has held to a true course, has gone in the direction the people as a whole wished him to go and has had in view a goal, the reaching of which would mark a new epoch in human progress." It is most cordially to be hoped that Mr. Bailey will be a member of the next House of Representatives, in order that his sterling democracy may help to leaven the lump.

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Herrmann for Congress.

Singletax advocates of St. Louis have the opportunity of voting for one of their number in November for Congress. This is John P. Herrmann, who is a candidate on the Socialist ticket. Mr. Herrmann's work is too well known to St. Louis singletaxers to require any extended comment. It is only natural to expect that they will rally to his support.

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Candidacy of James W. Hill.

Democrats of Peoria have done well in their selection of a candidate for County Clerk. He is James W. Hill, whose name has for years been familiar to single tax advocates throughout the country. No guarantee is needed of the thoroughness of Mr. Hill's democracy, of his public spirit or of his fitness for the place for which he has been named. He was for twenty years master mechanic and master car builder of the Peoria and Pekin Union Railway. At present he is chairman of the Citizens Committee dealing with the Peoria Water Works Company. He should receive the united support of Peoria's progressives of all parties.

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No Unwilling Voters Under Equal Suffrage.

Forty thousand Chicago women who registered last spring failed to register this fall. They con-