

thing happened last year at another hearing, the newspapers carefully refraining from saying that Henry H. Klein talked on taxing the public utilities and giving facts and figures, and they did not mention my talk. I wonder if there is any way of finding out whether they have a definite rule in the newspaper offices that taxation of land values must not be mentioned.

N. Y. City.

HARRY WEINBERGER.

THE MICHIGAN ELECTION

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

The election in Michigan was not exactly a display of an intelligent use of the ballot. The intelligent voter, if any, had little opportunity for such display. Probably no candidate of the major parties deserved to win, so in regard to them the result gives Single Taxers nothing to rejoice or grieve about. Two proposed constitutional amendments were defeated which should have won. One repealed the sales tax so far as it falls upon food. The other forbade further increase in automobile taxes. Both were too sensible for a legislature to submit and were put on the ballot through the initiative. They were defeated chiefly through the efforts of the real estate racketeers and their demagogic false cry of "Don't exempt wealth." However, the measures were so timidly drawn and so full of flaws that while their adoption would have been an encouraging gesture it would have been little more. Another measure defeated contained an excellent provision for classification of property for taxation. But it was coupled with an income tax provision which made its defeat most desirable. Strange to say the Single Tax idea of property classification was inserted for the purpose of securing exemption of land values from taxation.

As elsewhere politics in Michigan is a contest between blunderers and plunderers. The winner in the senatorship contest, Senator Vandenburg, opposes the blundering New Deal but favors the plundering tariff. His defeated opponent, Picard, promised to be a rubber stamp for the blundering Roosevelt administration, including naturally its plundering tariff policy and subservient complacency with a plundering land system. In the governorship contest an eminently respectable blunderer, Judge Lacy, was defeated by a similar blunderer named Fitzgerald, largely through doublecrossing of Lacy by Jim Farley's local representative, Abbott. Both candidates timidly favored repeal of the larceny known as sales tax so far as it falls on food but opposes stopping the robbery of purchasers of other things.

Of course, the present super-blundering Governor Comstock had much to do with discrediting the Democrats and encouraging the Republicans. He afflicted the State with the sales tax and was consequently beaten for renomination at the primaries by Judge Lacy. He was favorite however, of Abbott's, who revenged his loss of a renomination by stabbing Lacy in the back.

Detroit, Mich.

SAMUEL DANZIGER.

MORE OF LINCOLN

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

In Lincoln biography by John Wesley Hill, (Putnam's 1920) are some interesting items.

1.—A four-page statement by Dr. Gulliver of an extended talk with Lincoln on his search for truth and for skill in demonstration. (Pages 28-30.)

2.—Mention of the fact that Dr. Robert Browne, the author of the two-volume book that has been quoted from in support of certain ideas of Lincoln on the land question, was "on terms of intimacy with Lincoln and shared a degree of his confidence which was given to few men."

3.—A story about Lincoln and the tariff. When he was asked for an opinion, Lincoln concluded mention of an incident which occurred in a grocery store where he was a clerk, by saying, "So it is with the tariff. Somebody loses; but I do not know as yet just who it is."

Long Branch, N. J.

GEORGE WHITE.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

The Crusader, edited by M. L. Kathan, of Orphir, Ore., a new periodical in pamphlet form, 16 pages and cover, is issued monthly and is full of interesting matter. It can be had for one dollar a year or ten cents a copy. Sample copy will be sent on request.

J. P. KOHLER, of Coral Gables, Fla., is everlastingly busy in the good work. In October he addressed the Citizens Labor Forum and the Apartment House Association. Mr. Kohler writes us: "I am getting in some good work here. The town is dead broke, 28,000 unemployed and 180,000 vacant lots being sold for taxes." The Miami press is very generous to Mr. Kohler and publishes liberal reports of his lectures.

We have received a pamphlet entitled "Principles of the Baha'i Faith," from Dr. W. B. Guy of St. Augustine, Fla. Dr. Guy writes us: "I am thoroughly in harmony with your ideals. Your movement is also in harmony with the Baha'i movement. The rent of land which the Creator gave to his creatures should pay all the needs of government. Why make God's gift a source of graft, injustice and profit?"

WILLIAM MATTHEWS, of Spokane, Wash., has begun his fall classes in economics and sends us a programme of his courses. He quotes from the Constitution of the State the following: "A frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is essential to the security of individual rights and the perpetuation of free government."

JAMES B. ELLERY has an excellent Single Tax letter in Gloucester, Mass., *Daily Times*.

CHARLES LEBARON GOELLER has completed the issuance of 250,000 tracts.

The Dallas Journal of Dallas, Texas, prints a letter from W. V. Howerton, of Austin, Texas, in which Mr. Howerton in an effort to enlighten a correspondent quotes at some length Dr. McGlynn's statement of his faith to the Catholic doctors at Washington. Mr. Howerton comments on a statement of the correspondent whom he is answering who says: "The cosmopolitan wearers of the rosary returned quietly to the poetry of socialistic Catholicism." To this Mr. Howerton replies very properly: "The statement carries unjust implications regarding the church."

OUR old friend Frank G. Anderson, of Jamestown, N. Y., was 77 years old on Oct. 5. His birthday was observed informally. Few among our ranks have been more devoted or more active in the good work.

The State Journal of Lansing, Mich., prints a well written defence of the Single Tax from Ray Robson.

HENRY L. TIDEMAN, of Chicago, writes: "The review by Chas O'Connor Hennessy of Homer Hoyt's book in September-October LAND AND FREEDOM is a charmingly good job. I can testify that Mr. Hoyt is not unfriendly to the Single Tax though not an avowed advocate."

ON Sept. 23 (Sunday) Mrs. Anna George de Mille addressed a Single Tax meeting at the Moonlight Theatre at Arden, Del. Her speech was broadcast. Frank Stephens presided and Dr. Henry George and Prof. H. W. Hetzel also spoke. Mrs. de Mille dwelt upon the importance of the work of the Henry George School and paid a glowing tribute to the character and work of Oscar Geiger.

ON Sept. 10 death claimed the beloved wife of E. B. Gaston, editor of the *Fairhope Courier*. Mrs. Gaston was born in 1862. She was