

From The National Executive Chairman

THE closing of the polls at the recent election marked the completion of the most definite step taken for the adoption of the Single Tax in the United States that has ever been taken. While at this writing sufficiently complete returns have not been received to understand clearly the full results of the campaign we waged in eleven States in this, our first attempt to put national candidates before the people pledged to the full principle of the Single Tax and nothing less, yet we have sufficient information from various sections in a number of these States to sufficiently encourage us and have good warrant for the action of the national executive committee of the party in laying immediate plans for carrying the party work on further without delay.

In some sections the Single Tax vote has increased more than 100% since the last election, and practically everywhere where a real canvas for the party's cause was made, new members have voted our ticket. Our work has fully demonstrated that there is nothing but disappointment in store for those who have thought that if we dreamed about the beauties of the Single Tax, possibly discussed its hair-splitting points before some Philosophical Society, or discussed the quality of the rhetoric in "Progress and Poverty" at the weekly literary meeting, we would awake some morning to find the Single Tax in operation. And we have also proven that the fellow who is doing the most for the Single Tax and who is going to be a real factor in bringing it about is the fellow who is now showing actual votes for it in his own election precinct. We need public meetings, we need good speakers, we need newspaper publicity, we need up-to-date, practical literature, but the most valuable thing of all is the fellow who stands among his neighbors and assures them that he is going to vote for the Single Tax and influences them to follow him and do likewise.

Let none be discouraged by having their attention called to the comparatively small vote for our national candidates. We who have watched the growth of the party know that this does not show the strength of the party movement, for the party's progress is not made up solely from dyed-in-the-wool Single Taxers who vote at once for the whole ticket. Thousands of new converts in whom we see our great hope are not breaking their old party affiliations at one stroke, but in many thousands of cases voted, as we expected them to do, for one or the other of the old parties for the head of the ticket while aiding our cause by voting for some other of the candidates in the Single Tax column. It is this new blood which is gathering strength and momentum to our movement, which is building it up for certain success as sure as the snow adheres to the ball and enlarges it as it rolls along.

Then let this election be but a signal to everyone who holds the Single Tax cause dear to start at once and pledge himself that an increased number of his own neighbors shall stand with him at the next election and again increase

the numbers being counted for our movement. Remember we started but five years ago at a local election in Philadelphia. With anything like the same progress in the next five years, we will be an influence that cannot be ignored.

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THE big wave of reaction that has swept across the country has given us a shock but it has not overwhelmed us. We have some things to be thankful for. The Anti-Single Tax measure has been beaten by over 100,000 majority. Besides, our vote has nearly doubled over that of two years ago. Our measure then received about 118,000 votes. Incomplete returns now indicate that we shall get over 200,000 votes and also an increase, in the percentage of the total vote, over that of the last election.

The brotherhood of thieves brought great pressure to bear on the newspapers. Their editors tried to out-do one another in the lies they told about what they called Single Tax failures in other places. These unfortunate slaves had to obey their masters. Nothing better was expected from the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* or the *Oakland Tribune*. But the Hearst papers and the Scripps papers were equally active and dishonorable in deceiving the voters.

The State Controller greatly aided our opponents by false statements. One false statement was that it would probably require \$11.69 tax on each hundred dollar's worth of land to raise the necessary revenue under the operation of our amendment. This statement was given wide publicity. Hon. John S. Chambers said so; ergo, it must be true.

Within our own ranks the campaign was one of the most harmonious ever held here. Both organizations co-operated with a spirit of tolerance worthy of emulation. Excellent service was rendered by Mrs. Lona Ingham Robinson, Mrs. Wm. C. deMille, George A. Briggs, R. E. Chadwick, David Woodhead, T. A. Robinson, Mrs. Josie Thorpe Price, Diana D. Griffes, C. F. Hunt, W. C. deMille, G. J. Johnson, Charles Alexander, Judge Ryckman, W. S. U'Ren, R. R. Waterbury, W. D. Hoffman, H. F. Dessau, Prof. and Mrs. Brodeur, Edmund Norton, J. H. Eldowney, Mrs. K. P. Alexander, F. W. Workman, J. H. Talbot, Mrs. Lucy Durham, George Cartwright, Dr. Mary Hussey, James P. Cadman, John Davidson, and many others who should be mentioned if space permitted.

We hoped for a larger vote. But the beast of privilege is thoroughly aroused. He froths at the mouth with fear and anger. Never before has he been so savage. He has failed to remove us from the map as he boasted he would. He bragged that he would dispose of us for all time to come by destroying our right to get a Single Tax measure on the ballot by the initiative.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee arrangements have been made to have the *Great Adventure* published