

taken there, as long as a spark of life remained. For the past two weeks of his life he was unable to rise from his bed, so we arranged to hold the meetings at his home. On our way to his home on one of these Sundays we found the crape upon the door which told us that he had passed away.

To know Mr. Wakefield in his last days was to remember him always. I would not undertake to put a eulogy into words. This is written in the heart of every Single Taxer.

He became a government scout in 1861 in the Union army and participated in many of the battles of the Civil War. He saw five years of continuous service. He was wounded at the battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861.

He published the first Single Tax paper. He was an earnest worker for over thirty years, and took an active part in all political reform work. He could have attained to political prominence had he not preferred to sink his fortune and energy in the real fight for liberty.

In his life work he was earnestly supported by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Stretton, who is a member of the executive board of the Colorado Single Tax Association.

We shall miss him, for his presence was an inspiration to us all.

J. R. HERMAN.

THE FIGHT IN PUEBLO.

Of all the cities west of the Mississippi River there is none that has so many natural opportunities, and that makes so little use of them as this city of Pueblo. The proof of this is to be found in the fact that Denver with fewer opportunities, and with an unfavorable geographical location as compared with Pueblo, has a population five times (or more) as great as that of the "Pittsburg of the West."

The reason for this is simple: Monopoly. Of what good to any community are vast natural opportunities that have been gobbled up and are being held out of use by speculators? For all the good our resources are to us at present, we might as

well be altogether without resources. Industry and commerce are taxed to death, as we get \$1.45 from business for every \$1.00 we get from land, without counting the licenses at all. Did we count in the multiplicity of business licenses, we would probably find that we are getting about \$1.75 from industry and commerce, for every dollar from land.

Our campaign is for the adoption of an amendment to the city charter. It provides for the exemption of fifty per cent. of the value of improvements during the first year after its adoption, and for the exemption of ninety-nine per cent. after the first year. It provides for the start that not more than one mill shall be levied upon personalty for municipal purposes. The fact that we are leaving one per cent. of the value of improvements subject to tax and are leaving a one mill tax on personalty is made necessary in order to safeguard the amendment, in case it is adopted, from the poisonous fangs of the courts.

But these taxes on personalty and improvements are so small that to all practical purposes we will have Single Tax for municipal purposes if the amendment carries.

At the present time we have one weekly paper with us, and the chances are good that we will have at least one daily. There is much discussion, and a strong sentiment among the leaders of public opinion in favor of the amendment. There is no doubt that if we can raise the money to place before the people the figures compiled from assessor's books, we will sweep the city. The entire schedule books of the assessor are being copied and each taxpayer will be told what his city tax will be under Single Tax; provided, as stated, that we can raise a fund large enough to enable us to do this.

The laboring men are almost a unit in favor of Single Tax, and the business and professional men are, I believe, at least fifty per cent. in favor.

The Denver Single Tax Club has given some help and the Kansas City Single Taxers are now preparing to send out a speaker for two weeks at their expense to help us out.

As is usual in a political campaign we are hard up for money, though we are fairly well supplied with everything else. Anybody, at any time or place, wishing to help out in any way, should address the Secretary, Pueblo Single Tax Club, 118 West Third Street, Pueblo, Colo.

GEO. J. KNAPP.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania is getting to be alive with Single Taxers; you find them everywhere all over the State; in Pittsburgh, two of the leading candidates for Mayor approve the new act lowering the assessment of buildings, and a number of councilmanic candidates are avowed Single Taxers.

Philadelphia Officialdom is permeated with Single Taxers

In Carnegie, R. J. Hardy, an old time Single Taxer, is candidate for Burgess at all three primaries with no opposition.

As a candidate for a place upon the Superior Court Bench, Edmund E. Kieran, of Sommerset, has very good chances for election upon a non-partisan ballot. His nomination petition was circulated, and his campaign is being actively pushed by Single Taxers all over the State. At a recent meeting of the Federation of Democratic Clubs in York a large crowd of Single Taxers drifted together who came there as delegates, and there was a great deal of discussion about a straight Single Tax ticket at the Democratic primaries for State officials next May. A ticket headed by Congressman Bailey of Johnstown for Governor, and Joseph Fels of Philadelphia for U. S. Senator would certainly sweep everything before it. Men like Robert Devine, of Erie, Earnest Koser of Sommerset, Charles L. Prizer of Dolphin county and Eckert of Beaver county, as candidates for Congress at large would also be a source of strength, and for Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of Internal Affairs, Henry Niles of York, and R. E. Smith, of Pittsburgh were suggested.

There is hardly a congressional district in the State that could not furnish Single

Tax candidates for Congress. Of course the contest at the primaries over the State would be very bitter as the stand pat element of the party has the handling of the Federal patronage. In the Western end of the State the general manager of the public service corporations is the official dispensary of Federal jobs, and he would use this power to the limit against the Single Tax ticket, but the matter of jobs is not of such weight as formerly, and those long-haired "Jabos" who have gone into practical politics enthused and inspired by the principles of Henry George will soon be a great power in determining the policies of the Democratic party.

A Single Tax campaign is the logical thing in Pennsylvania. The people have read a great deal in the magazines on this subject and are ready to try it. Pittsburgh has started in that direction and no alarming results have followed.

What a source of satisfaction to see Newton Baker from Ohio, John Z. White from Illinois and Joseph Fels of Pennsylvania enter the U. S. Senate next year!

WM. N. McNAIR.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES.

The following story was told by Janet Calder, aged five, the niece of John Paul. It was at school and the children were telling stories. When it came Janet's turn she told this:

"Once on a time, a very long time ago, in a far-off country, there were plenty of men who had no work to do. They had no wages to take home to buy food, and the children were starving. Then a man came whose name was Henry George, and he told them what was wrong. He said that the land was not being used, and that the idle men should have the idle land, and then there would be lots of work and wages for everyone, and the children would get plenty of food and not be hungry any more. Another man stood up and said that the men must first love one another. Henry George said that was right, but before the men could love one another the land must be free."