

From second hand book stores 27 different editions of George's works were secured.

William H. Faulhaber, organizer and first president of the Manhattan Single Tax Club, gave the death mask made by Richard George.

Other material has been contributed by Morris Van-Veen, Edward S. Ross, and Anna Ross, widow of Will Ross, pioneers in the movement.

The estate of the late Sylvester Malone will give all the George McGlynn collection. Mr. Malone was president of the Anti-Poverty Society.

The galley proofs of the review of Progress and Poverty printed in the *Manchester Guardian* were found among papers and books in a second hand store.

Many of the friends in the east have been called upon to search their effects for photographs, books, pamphlets, letters, clippings and badges of the campaigns to be added to this collection. It is sad but true that many must be prodded in making the search. The writer has spent several weeks in visiting Single Taxers in several cities. So far he has been met with the kindest reception in inducing them to cooperate. Should he seem to some too insistent he begs forgiveness.

If this memorabilia is not gathered now much of it will in time disappear and future historians will find it impossible to properly appraise Henry George and his work.

There is no telling what material can be had. It is therefore important for all Single Taxers to exert themselves and search for matter of interest to the collection. It is a labor of love and those interested in the cause should give what they can to make this collection of the great historical value intended.

Mr. Burger's address is 233 Broadway, this city.

## Let Organizer Robinson Tell Them

MR. JACOB PFEIFFER, of the Miller Rubber Company, of Akron, Ohio, had an article in a recent number of *The Nation's Business* entitled "Twenty-three Kinds of Taxation." Mr. Herman Hermelink, of the Buick Motor Company, of Kansas City, Mo., wrote Mr. Pfeiffer suggesting that the latter invite Mr. Robinson, now campaigning in Ohio, to speak before the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

## Death of Jerome O'Neill

NEWS has reached us of the death of Jerome O'Neill, whom old Single Taxers knew better as "Jerry" O'Neill, and who was the well beloved friend of our prophet and teacher, Henry George. Details are lacking of his illness and death. We reserve fuller account of his life and work for our next issue.

## Commonwealth Land Party's Nominee for Governor of New Jersey

DR. FERGUSON TELLS OF HENRY GEORGE AND  
HIS FIRST PUBLISHER

DR. JOSEPH FERGUSON, candidate for governor on the Commonwealth Land party ticket in New Jersey, has long been a believer in the cause and during the last twenty years has spent much of his time in trying to make others see the big vision. He was presidential elector on the party ticket for William J. Wallace at the last national election. He is a strong believer in party action.

While practising osteopathy in Middletown, N. Y. from 1911 to 1917, he associated himself in the work for the cause with Stephen Wolf, Z. K. Green, Charles Fuller and others. Dr. S. D. Butler, of the Universalist Church in that city, joined the group, at which time the parsonage and sometimes even the church itself, were devoted to speakers telling of the great measure of industrial emancipation.

Owing to a physical breakdown Dr. Ferguson was compelled temporarily to abandon the practice of osteopathy, but found time and opportunity to explain our doctrines to any one who would listen. Since moving to New Brunswick he has united with those who believe that the party method offers a most promising form of propaganda. To neighbors who now quiz him as to our principles he is able to tell what we stand for and he will make speeches in Middlesex County where opportunity offers. He reports that a few promising converts are swinging in our direction.

Dr Ferguson in an interview with a representative of LAND AND FREEDOM related a number of incidents connected with the life of Henry George which may not be known to many of our readers.

"About my first recollection of the Single Tax movement was when my father took my mother and me to a dinner in a hall in Union Square, at which dinner, Mr. George, Tom L. Johnson, Dr. McGlynn, Louis F. Post and Thomas G. Shearman spoke. I was too young to feel more than the slight interest of childhood but later I can recall a trip of the Anti-Poverty Association on a barge up the Sound. Several incidents come to my memory of that trip.

"Still later I looked after the book stand at the old Criterion Theater in Brooklyn on Sunday afternoons, when Hugh F. Pentecost addressed large audiences. During my early school days at the Adelphi Academy in Brooklyn I was frequently in arguments on the Single Tax theory and when about seventeen years of age was a watcher at the polls in the old 7th Assembly District of Brooklyn when Mr. George ran the last time for office, the year he died in harness.

"My father read part of the proof on "Progress and Poverty" when it was going through the press of D. Appleton & Co., in 1879, and became a convert. It was then he first saw Mr. George and admired him for acts of moral courage which few men at that time possessed. One act he remembers, referred to the copyrighting of the book. Mr. Wm. Appleton asked Mr. George if the firm should do the copyrighting, as was customary. Mr. George said "No, I shall attend to that; all blame or credit for the publication will rest on me." Mr. Appleton, greatly annoyed, answered, "Oh, very well; we don't believe in your theories anyway," or words to that effect. Mr. George, (about 5 ft. 5 in.) to Mr. Appleton, (about 6 ft. 3 in.) tapping him on the shoulder: "Young man, you will live to see my theories put in practice." The few printers near by who heard and saw what passed were astounded at the temerity of a poor man touching the person of a millionaire. Those who have copies of the Appleton edition will find the copyright thus:

Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year, 1879  
By Henry George.

In the office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington

Mr. George paid for this copyright. The Appleton's did not push the sale of the work, and he was at last compelled to take it from them and place it in the hands of another publishing house.

"When Mr. George ran for Secretary of State on the United Labor Party ticket in 1887, my father was nominated for the Assembly in the 7th District of Kings County."

## San Diego

THE Single Tax Club, of San Diego, California, celebrated Henry George's birthday on Sunday, the day before Labor Day, by a picnic at the lemon ranch of Brother Billy Edwards. The gathering was much larger than was anticipated. The general secretary of the club, Cary Richard Colburn, was fortunate in securing the services as speaker of Dr. Henry Frank, noted international psychological research worker.

Every one present listened with rapt attention to his eloquent words. He indicated that the great principle was enunciated by such men as Patrick Edward Dove, Turgot, and Herbert Spencer, but that it was reserved for Henry George to resurrect these doctrines which otherwise might have perished. Without a university training but with a wide experience and wide reading this printer and common sailor discovered the basic laws of true economics and the relation of rent, wages and interest. It is to Henry George the honor should be given. He startled the world with his proposed remedy, which is slowly but steadily advancing in the thought of the greatest minds and the greatest thinkers of the day.

Dr. Frank expressed himself as greatly pleased with the good showing made by the San Diego Georgists and offered

to assist with his lecture work the cause of Land and Freedom.

Mr. Johnson, president of the Club, called upon Brother Charles Rodd, who will be recalled by New York Single Taxers, and Mr. Rodd, his body racked with pain and a lingering malady, responded with all his old-time earnestness and wonderful eloquence. He told how he had fought with Henry George in the memorable campaign waged in New York.

So imbued with the spirit and philosophy of Henry George was he that he has devoted practically all his life to the gospel preached by the "Prophet of San Francisco," neglecting to scramble for the dollars. Often, as readers of LAND AND FREEDOM will recall, has he stood on soap box or truck holding his crowds spell-bound with his eloquence, with the result that he finds himself poor and broken in body, but with all his old-time enthusiasm. As Henry George said: "There will be those who will work for it, and even die for it. Such is the power of truth."

—BOB WHITE.

## Georgia

AT the close of the sixty day session of Georgia's legislature, the following on taxation matters appear definite enough for brief comment:

A Constitutional Amendment repealing State inheritance was passed, subject to ratification at the next general election. An amendment proposing an income tax and another for classification of property for taxation were defeated, partly because of opposition per se, partly because so many members tried to put every detail in the amendments instead of a simple measure permitting the constitutional change, leaving details for a subsequent legislature to determine. Thus it is not easy to tell exactly what the sentiment for either measure was within the houses.

At the 1924 election an amendment was ratified authorizing counties to exempt from taxation new factories and enterprises for a period of five years upon application by bills in the legislature. A measure was introduced attempting to grant permission, upon local elections, to do this without the red tape of a legislative bill, but it appears to be one of many measures never reached upon the calendar.

I have done considerable work for Single Tax at the present session, talking with members and handing out literature, but the whole subject of taxation seems to be a confusion in the mind of the average man.

—DR. GRACE KIRKLAND.

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