

leaving the past as it is. It does not invade the equities of the future to correct the iniquities of the past. It recognizes past abuses as abuses and seeks to have the State of Washington go and sin no more.



At a Democratic dinner in Pittsburgh on March 21, City Solicitor Michael J. Ryan of Philadelphia, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination announced as his taxation platform: "I especially advocate home rule for towns, cities and boroughs, so that they may follow in this world-wide movement to tax land values and encourage industry by exempting improvements from taxation."



In answer to questions of the Woman's Party of Cook County and of the Chicago Single Tax Club the following aldermanic candidates have declared themselves in favor of abolishing taxes on personal property and improvements: William J. Pringle, Republican, Third ward; Allen Hoben, Independent, Sixth ward; John N. Kimball, Independent, Seventh ward; Ernest M. Gross, Republican, Eighth ward; Joseph T. Spiker, Republican, Ninth ward; Charles J. Lucas, Republican, and Charles G. Dixon, Progressive, Fourteenth ward; Hugo Krause, Progressive, Twenty-first ward; Alfred J. Schroeter, Republican, Twenty-second ward; Lee M. Pedigo, Democrat, Twenty-fifth ward; M. P. Dempsey, Progressive, Twenty-eighth ward; Fred W. Radcliffe, Progressive, Thirtieth ward; Julia Agnew, Progressive, Thirty-first ward; Melville G. Holding, Democrat, Thirty-second ward; Arthur H. Webb, Independent, Thirty-third ward; Bert E. Smith, Independent, Thirty-fourth ward; Otto W. Struben, Republican, Thirty-fifth ward.



Governor Cox Establishes a Precedent.

A respite for a year and a day was granted by Governor Cox of Ohio on March 25 to Leslie Humphries, sentenced to die on March 27. Governor Cox declared that he will urge on his successors to continue this respite from year to year provided Humphries makes a good record as a prisoner in the Ohio penitentiary. In the meantime his wages as a prisoner will be turned over to his family.



Toledo Street Railway Situation.

The last act of the administration of Brand Whitlock as Mayor of Toledo was the signing of an ordinance establishing three-cent street railway fares with universal transfers on expiration of then existing franchises. These franchises expired on March 27 and the three-cent fare ordinance went automatically into effect. In the meantime the street railway company applied to Federal Judge Killits for an injunction to re-

strain the city from enforcing the ordinance. No decision having been rendered on expiration of the franchises, the company, while refusing to accept three-cent fares, made no attempt to eject passengers from cars who refused to pay more. As a result street railway transportation has been practically free since March 27. On March 30 Judge Killits refused to issue the injunction asked by the company.



The Labor War.

Striking West Virginia miners who had been living near Colliers in tents were evicted on March 25 by United States deputy marshals acting under orders of Federal Judge A. G. Dayton. The evicted miners with their wives and children to the number of 200 persons were compelled to walk ten miles to Steubenville, Ohio, where union officials took charge of them.



Frank Tannenbaum, leader in New York City of the homeless unemployed, arrested for demanding shelter in St. Alphonsus church, was found guilty on March 27 of "participating in an unlawful assemblage" and sentenced by Judge Wadhams to one year in the penitentiary and payment of \$500 fine, which practically makes his prison term about two and a half years. In passing sentence the judge said this extreme penalty was necessary "for the protection of society."



A professional strike breaker, Charles Killman, on pleading guilty at Seattle on March 24 to a charge of conspiracy, confessed that he had planted dynamite in order to incriminate leaders of the teamsters' strike. He claimed to have been employed by the Team Owners' Association to find evidence of lawlessness on the part of strikers.

NEWS NOTES

—Frances Squire Potter, author, educator and woman suffrage leader died in Chicago on March 25, at the age of 46.

—The new civil government of the Panama Canal Zone, headed by Colonel George W. Goethals, as governor, went into effect April 1. [See current volume, page 129.]

—Senator Crawford of South Dakota was defeated for renomination on March 24 at the primary by Congressman C. H. Burke. The Democratic nominee is E. S. Johnson.

—On March 26 the lower house of the Massachusetts legislature by a vote of 168 to 39 favored a State referendum on woman suffrage in 1915. [See current volume, page 206.]

—Federal Judge Walter Evans of Louisville, on March 25, upheld the Louisville and Nashville Rail-