

the rate levied for municipal purposes on land and franchises in public ways; and the tax rate then levied for municipal purposes on personal property and improvements on land shall be reduced 10 per centum each year until such taxes are completely abolished."

The campaign waged for this measure was limited by the very modest funds at the disposal of the sponsors, Messrs Barney Haughey, Frank Springrose, Michael O'Keefe, John M. Doyle and Charles Ahistrom. Much literature was distributed and the example of Pittsburgh was put before the voters. Thousands of copies of Harry Willock's pamphlet, "Unused Democracy," were distributed. The papers gave but scant space to the arguments for or against the amendment though the sample ballot printed in the *Rocky Mountain News* marked "No" to the Lower Rent amendment as its advice to the voters. Some opposition was aroused and money was spent for Anti-Single Tax advertisements in the papers of the city. In these the Single Tax was grossly and ignorantly caricatured. Though the measure was but a small installment of the Single Tax it brought out all the opposition that the unlimited measure would arouse.

Here is the record of the vote in Denver for modified Single Tax for four successive election years:

1915	For 7,777	Against 27,014	Total 34,791	22.35%
1917	5,033	20,844	25,877	19.45%
1921	7,295	32,050	39,345	18.54%
1923	13,439	32,282	45,721	29.39%

New York

DURING the past two months a number of lecture engagements have been filled by Oscar H. Geiger, Morris VanVeen and George Lloyd, before community councils and other societies. Invitations to address various bodies are more frequent than in the more recent past, which is a sign of awakening interest in the land question. Requests for literature are also greater in number.

The present headquarters of the New York Single Tax Party, at 3 East 14th Street, affords temporary facilities for such business as must be transacted. The Saturday night lectures at the Hotel McAlpin, 33rd St. and Broadway, have been well attended. Following have been the subjects and speakers for the period covered since the last issue of the REVIEW.

April 15. George L. Rusby, The Single Tax, the Most Radical and the Most Conservative of all Reforms.

April 21. Florence Kelly, The Minimum Wage.

April 28. Hon. Edward Polak, What Should be the Future Policy of Single Taxers?

May 5. Philip Randolph, editor of the *Messenger*, a paper devoted to the colored race, on The New Negro.

May 19. Lawrence Tracy, George Lloyd and Morris VanVeen, symposium, How Should the Single Tax be Presented?

May 26. Oscar H. Geiger, The Electron, Religion and the Single Tax, an Attempt at Reconciliation.

June 9. Charles LeBaron Goeller, Single Tax the Solution of the Labor Question.

On Decoration Day a number of Single Taxers journeyed to Henry George's grave in Greenwood.

Ohio

ABOUT two hundred persons are now circulating petitions in order that they may run for members of the city council under the new proportional representation charter. There are a total of twenty-five to be elected from four districts. Peter Witt, A. R. Hatton (framer of the charter), M. C. Harrison (48er), Rev. David R. Williams (Farmer-Labor), are among the more prominent candidates who have Single Tax leanings.

Mr. R. C. Barnum, Treasurer State Committee of the Single Tax Party, is recovering from a fourteen weeks' illness. He has been reading a great deal of biography and history during his convalescence, and says that what most strongly impressed him was the fact of the ultimate certainty of success for those who never gave up but just kept on keeping on.

The Ohio Single Tax Party will send at least one delegate to the Oxford Conference.

George Edwards, of Youngstown, spoke before a Jewish society recently and at the Labor Lyceum on May 27.

JAMES BRUCE LINDSAY.

Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA SINGLE TAXERS TENDER DINNER TO ROBERT C. MACAULEY

ONE hundred Single Taxers and their friends testified by their presence and enthusiasm their appreciation of Robert C. Macauley's splendid work in behalf of Single Tax during the recent Great Adventure campaign in California.

This reception which, by the way, was one of the most brilliant social events in the history of the Single Tax Party of Pennsylvania, was given under the auspices of the State Committee at the headquarters, 842 N. Broad St., Saturday evening, June 12, 1923.

Mr. John Dix, of Ardmore Park, chairman of the reception committee, delivered the address of welcome.

He said that he considered it a great honor to be selected to welcome Mr. Macauley home after his long absence in California and to voice the appreciation of those present for the work that he had accomplished in the Golden State. The chairman then briefly, but eloquently, gave an account of Mr. Macauley's work and, amidst a burst of enthusiasm, introduced the distinguished guest of the evening.

In reply Mr. Macauley said that while he deeply appreciated the kindly sentiments expressed by the distinguished chairman, yet that he personally would not be satisfied until California was won for Single Tax. He pointed to the large number of voters who, while not voting for Single Tax, showed by their not voting against it that they were

not opposed to it. He also pointed to the still larger number who had not voted at all. He declared that these voters must be reached to win the State, and to do this needed the co-operation of Single Taxers everywhere.

He then directed attention to the tremendous importance of the International Single Tax Conference to be held at Oxford, England, August 13th to 20th, 1923, and said that regardless of all obstacles, it was the sacred duty of everyone present to attend the conference.

At the conclusion of Mr. Macauley's speech one young man, James Black, said "he seemed to speak directly to me." Very likely everyone else thought the same thing.

The chairman then announced Mr. James A. Robinson, whose popularity was shown by the splendid ovation that he received. As there were present many who had but a slight knowledge of the basic principles of Single Tax, Mr. Robinson devoted a large part of his address to an exposition of its philosophy. He pointed to the injustice of the present system, and to the inevitable poverty and suffering that follow. He explained the beauty and justice of Single Tax, and the happiness that it would bring to mankind.

The effect of Mr. Robinson's speech may be judged by the remark of one young lady, Mrs. James Black, who declared that in future she would vote for Single Tax and get all her friends to do the same. This young lady is very popular among a large circle of friends. No doubt many more went out from this reception with the same missionary impulse.

Mr. J. B. Chamberlain, who is one of our most effective campaign speakers, revealed himself in a new light. His anecdotes and humorous stories were one of the big hits of the evening, and added greatly to the success of the reception.

Mr. Oliver McKnight showed his devotion to the cause and his high regard for Mr. Macauley by sending an original poem of welcome.

When the addresses were finished, the chairman told all present to make themselves at home, and invited everybody to the commodious ballroom of the Party.

The Entertainment Committee, Mr. George Haug, Rodney Emsley and Raymond James, had provided a splendid orchestra which furnished music for the dancing.

This feature of the programme was greatly enjoyed and Mr. Sobel received requests from twelve young men to be admitted to the Party. At a previous celebration, held in December to celebrate our great gain in the recent election, we received a number of new members.

The great value of these social gatherings is that they bring us in contact with a large number of young men and young women whom we could meet in no other way. It is simply working in harmony with the social instincts of the young.

The result may be seen from the following extracts from *The Philadelphia Record*, May 18, 1923:

"A social club as an auxiliary to the Single Tax Party was formed yesterday. The object of the association is to furnish a meeting place for young persons. The officers elected

were: President, Raymond James; Vice-Presidents, John Koch and Harry Weisher; Executive Secretary, Pearl Sobel; Recording Secretary, Rodney Emsley, and Treasurer, D. Oscar Sobel."

This plan, if adopted in other communities, would, in my opinion, be rewarded by a rapid growth of Single Tax sentiment among the young. CHARLES J. SCHOALES.

Committee of the East Welcomes Back Macauley and Robinson

ON May 10, members of the Committee of the East and their friends held a dinner at the Civic Club, N.Y. City, to welcome Messrs. Macauley and Robinson on their return from California and to listen to their reports of Single Tax conditions in that State.

W. J. Wallace presided. He paid a tribute to the efficient and self-sacrificing work of these two men, saying that it was not in our power to repay them. And he added with quiet emphasis, "We shall be in California in 1924."

Lawrence Tracy, Chairman of the New York Single Tax Party, said while it was impossible for us to predict the results of any given course of conduct, he believed that our action would help to speed the work in California, and thanked Messrs. Macauley and Robinson in the name of the New York Party.

George Lloyd said that he thanked God in a most reverent spirit that he had been permitted to do his small part in this great work. At a time when humanity was staggering in the dark it was a great privilege to know that we were the bearers of the message that alone could save the world.

Mr. VanVeen told a good story in characteristic fashion and used the story to point a moral.

Mr. Macauley reviewed in a temperate tone his experience in California, and announced his plan to organize the State for the fight in 1924. He said that the California vote had cost us just six cents a man, and he had urged on the Republican campaign manager that a Single Taxer might profitably be called in to run the Republican campaign next year!

James H. Robinson read a poem by the indefatigable Oliver McKnight, of Centreville, Md. He paid an eloquent tribute to Lona Ingham Robinson, on whom had devolved so much of the work of the campaign.

Chairman Wallace now called upon Antonio Bastida. Mr. Bastida is here on a visit from Cuba. Chairman Wallace referred to him as one of the first members of the Single Tax Party, and, indeed, one of its organizers.

Mr. Bastida considered himself exceedingly favored that after three years' absence he was again permitted to sit down with his old friends. He used as his text the Fourth Commandment, ending with "the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee," to impress upon his hearers that Single Taxers had the support of the Scriptures in their most authoritative utterance.