

should have a candidate for Governor with the Single Tax as his chief plank. There has been considerable discussion, with final decision against the move now. It is the belief here that the State is not ready for it. Two years from now it can be. The issue was raised in the present legislature. It will be fought for in the next in such a way as to carry the fight into the election of 1922.

Missouri Notes

WM. MARION REEDY, the esteemed and sadly abstemious editor of *Reedy's Mirror*, is again at his desk, after a delightful sojourn in the Jewish Hospital. He wishes the REVIEW to correct the report current that while there he conducted a "hunger strike" and was completely and forcibly fed. But let evil men beware, and good men rejoice, Bill's again at large.

There is a gathering of Single Taxers formally and officially once a month in the Public Library, but the real headquarters is 1026 Broadway, St. Louis. Here presides the veteran Steve Ryan, the man who dared introduce Rev. Father McGlynn to a St. Louis audience in the "dark days" when it meant sacrifice, and courage to stand for truth.

W. J. Flacy, of Kansas City, Mo., an untiring worker for the Single Tax, keeps literature in his establishment at 1018 East 8th St. ready to hand out to his customers and has made many converts to our cause, by his simple and effective style of presenting the problem and its remedy.

Harlan E. Read, author, and perhaps the best of story tellers (in both senses), spun to a delighted group in the "Statler" one evening a plain and unvarnished tale of a "movie picture" he had recently seen, something about the "Last of His Line." With rare skill he pictured it for us, and commented thereon, and with wit and fascinating humor portrayed the characters and the scenes. Well—Marion Reedy listened and when it was all told I noticed Reedy held a whispering session with friend Harlan Read and lo! the whole story appears in the next issue of the *Mirror* uncensored. Quick work.

The Single Taxers were so numerous at the Conference of "48" that friend Hopkins was fearful that if an announcement "that after the session the Single Taxers will meet in Room 1216" were publicly made, it would stampede the Conference. Why," he added, "I would feel obliged to go for I, also, am a Single Taxer."

Dr. William Preston Hill, State Chairman of the Single Tax Party of Missouri, is a potent force in this State. His scholarly attainments enable him with masterly skill to state his propositions and an inexhaustible fund of historical data furnishes convincing weight to his statements. He is a debater of rare skill, and an accomplished public

speaker. Dr. Hill's merit, distinction, and equipment, deserve a national audience.

Mr. Henry Priesmeyer, Treasurer of the Single Tax League, now a member of the State Committee of the party, has been an indefatigable worker in every movement for the advancement of the Single Tax.

It is comforting to announce that there is at least one young Single Taxer in St. Louis, in the person of "Bob" Webster, only sixteen years of age, but nearly six feet tall, a son of that sterling worker, Mr. Sheridan Webster. "Bob" has read "Progress and Poverty" twice and will be heard from in the future councils of the party.

JAMES A. ROBINSON,
National Organizer Single Tax Party.

Fairhope's Quarter Centennial.

ON Jan. 1st of this year was celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of Fairhope, the Single Tax colony on the shores of Mobile Bay. There was a dinner at noon and a general reception in the afternoon and evening of the same day.

Among the speakers at the dinner were Mrs. Cora Potter, Mrs. Young, Mrs. M. L. Johnson, President Commings, J. P. Hunnel, William Call and C. L. Coleman. Mr. E. B. Gaston then read the history of the Fairhope colony which appears in full in the issue of the *Fairhope Courier* of Jan. 9th. We quote a single paragraph:

"Unquestionably, the success of Fairhope has caused thousands of people to whose attention it has come, to consider the Single Tax as something of merit, containing some germ of great truth, even though in many cases, they have not been sufficiently impressed to become careful students of the proposition."

Mr. Gaston urged that the results achieved by the Fairhope policy should be brought before the Public Lands Committee. Mr. Gaston concluded his admirable history of the colony in these words:

"Certainly we Fairhoppers have cause for congratulation at the end of our first quarter century. But the question naturally arises, will the good work go on? Will those who succeed the pioneers 'carry on?'"

"I have faith that they will, for while another quarter century will, perhaps, see none left of the pioneers, a new generation is coming on, a generation trained to the conception of land as a common heritage, to be reduced to individual possession only for use in the production of real wealth, not as a means of extracting wealth from others; of public utilities to be conducted with a view solely to public service not of private graft."

POLITICAL economists talk as if the food supply was the result of years of saving. The truth is, the supply of one harvest is necessarily almost all consumed before the arrival of the succeeding harvest.—FRANCIS MINTON, M.A.