

a most promising field for the Single Tax. The vote of the State is two-thirds farmers and that means slower work. There has been no representative farmers' organization in the State through which we could reach them en masse. We have to depend upon individual work. Several thousand farmers today understand the Single Tax more or less but until there is a farmers' organization with a definite political policy our work will still have to be through individuals.

The Nonpartisan League may prove to be our saving instrument. The first plank in their State platform reads: "Exemption of farm improvements and equipment from taxation and taxing undeveloped lands at least as high as developed lands of the same class."

Organized Labor is our strongest dependence at this time. We are now reaching the rank and file. It votes at least 60,000 strong. We are reaching them through their own declarations. Nearly twenty-five years ago the State Federation in its Declaration of Principles said; "We favor a separate assessment of land values from the values of improvements and other labor products, as a first step towards a more equitable system of taxation, which would relieve labor of the disproportionate burden which it now bears." We also have had specific resolutions passed at every convention for the past five years. Labor is rather proud of its record on things accomplished and we find them responsive to complete their unfinished programme.

A "Labor Nonpartisan League" is being organized. This League is not a part of the State Federation of Labor, but its work is encouraged by Labor leaders generally. This organization declares for "Taxation on land values and exemption from taxation of improvements." We believe this Labor Nonpartisan League will prove the connecting link between the farmers and organized labor. Already one political campaign has been made with these combined. Harris County, including the city of Houston, recently elected three members of the legislature and a State Senator to fill vacancies. Organized labor and members of the Nonpartisan League met in conference and drafted a constitution. The first plank of their platform reads: "Encouraging home ownership through revision of taxation laws, so as to tax speculative land holdings at least as high as improved lands of the same classification." This Harris County platform has been copied in other parts of the State. There is promise of this being made a political issue in many legislative districts this Summer. In fact, the outlook for Single Tax legislation is most hopeful. Unless greater reaction than now seems possible comes, a Constitutional Amendment embodying the Single Tax principle will be submitted two years from now. We are patient but persistent.

The work in the State is largely supported by new recruits. Many of the old time Single Taxers cannot get over their accumulated pessimism. We are getting some generous support from outside. That will increase as the Single Taxers of the country realize that Texas is really moving toward the goal.

WM. A. BLACK.

John Z. White's Lecture Engagements

Following are the lecture dates definitely assigned to be filled by Mr. John Z. White—March 22nd to June 18th:

PORTLAND, ORE: Y. M. C. A., Monday, March 22;
VICTORIA, B. C.: Wednesday and Thursday, March 24 and 25.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.: Section Industrial Relations, Commonwealth Club of California, Monday, March 29.
Kiwanis Club, Tuesday noon, March 23.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.: Sunday, April 4, to Thursday, April 8, inclusive.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Kiwanis Club, Friday noon, April 9.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.: Rotary Club, Tuesday noon, April 13.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA: Wednesday, April 14, to Sunday, April 18, inclusive.

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA: State Normal School, Monday, April 19.

FARWELL, TEXAS: Wednesday, April 21.

AMARILLO, TEXAS: Rotary Club, Thursday, April 22.

CANYON, TEXAS: West Texas State Normal College, Friday, April 23.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Kiwanis Club, Monday, April 26.

TEXARKANA, TEXAS: Rotary Club, Tuesday, April 27.

MARLIN, TEXAS: Kiwanis Club, Thursday, April 29.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS: Rotary Club, Friday, April 30.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS: Rotary Club, Wednesday, May 5.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS; Rotary Club, Thursday, May 6.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.: Rotary Club, Wednesday, May 12.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA: Rotary Club, Wednesday, June 2.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA: Rotary Club, Friday, June 4.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA: Concord Club, Thursday, June 17.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA: Kiwanis Club, Friday, June 18.

Organizations desiring to secure Mr. White may communicate with the Henry George Lecture Association, 538 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The Association is offering prizes of \$10, \$20 and \$30 for the best essay on the Single Tax, prepared by any student in any high school of the country.

Mr. White will prepare an article each month to be sent to papers which have shown a friendly spirit to his work in cities where he has spoken.

THE power which the ownership of valuable land gives, is that of getting human service without giving human service, a power essentially the same as that power of appropriation which resides in the ownership of slaves.

—HENRY GEORGE.