

NEWS—DOMESTIC

Arizona

IT is one thing to be an active Single Taxer in a great city, but quite another thing to be eternally at it where the touch of elbows and the friendly spirit of encouragement are lacking.

Away out in Camp Verde, Arizona, N. A. Vyne is upholding the standard. He gets out a mimeographed paper which he calls *The Arizona Single Taxer*. In it he puts matters of local interest and strong, vigorous articles on the S. T. He writes amazingly well. The *Verde Copper News* of Jerome, Arizona and other Arizona newspapers are copying the stuff and this has given our cause quite a little publicity in the state. Mr. Vyne believes that other Single Taxers could adopt this method, which is not a costly one, with advantage to the cause.

This he thinks is proven by the result of the campaign which he made under the Single Tax party designation for State Senator. He received 400 votes, and these are from points where his little sheet is circulated.

In a recent letter he says:

"Somehow the plan of making an independent living and working for the Single Tax during spare time seems to have a better effect than professional Single Tax speakers and it costs the cause nothing. I would be mighty glad to see a number of such sheets published throughout the country. I believe the effect will be a surprise."

We have a very pleasant recollection of Mr. Vyne in the old days. It was shortly after the Spanish-American War that Mr. Vyne returned from Cuba where he had served as one of the Rough Riders. At the charge of San Juan Hill, Captain Bucky O'Neil, of Phoenix, Arizona, another Single Taxer, had been killed at his side. Vyne did not know at the time that that venturesome spirit was a Single Taxer, a fact he learned long after. On his visit to New York Vyne spoke from the platform at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, and his picturesque style caught the crowd. He writes as he speaks in the racy vernacular that is all his own. Success to him in his faraway field where as a soldier in a greater war he has need of a finer courage than enabled him to face undaunted the bullets of Spanish regulars.

New Jersey

THE vote for the Assembly candidates of the Single Tax party in Bergen County are as follows: E. M. Caffall, 565; D. Alessandro, 586; Mrs. Shannon, 578; and Henry Rottman, 614. There was no campaign and no speech-making or soliciting of votes anywhere in the county.

The *Palisadian* of Palisades, N. J. has this to say:

"The Single Tax candidates of course never dreamed of being elected, but they polled a pretty good vote at that, at least locally, and we couldn't get any information regarding the total vote in the county. In Cliffside Park the

vote was as follows: Henry Rottman, 63; Mrs. Shannon, 53; Caffall, 47, and D'Alessandro, 41. In Fort Lee, as far as could be found out, it was as follows: Henry Rottman, 49; Caffall, 33; Mrs. Shannon, 28, and D'Alessandro, 28. Palisade contributed toward the above total as follows: Henry Rottman, 38; Caffall, 21; D'Alessandro, 19, and Mrs. Shannon, 14.

In Essex County the 12 Single Tax party candidates for the Assembly did not do so well, but in neither case was there any active campaigning.

New York

THE Single Tax Party of New York did not get on the ballot in Manhattan, but had a full ticket in Brooklyn. Dr. Schneidmann, candidate for State Senator, appears to head the list in the number of votes cast. His vote is 1400.

The Saturday night lectures at the McAlpin continue and have been provocative of much interest. Saturday November 17, Oscar Geiger spoke, his subject being The Single Tax a Misnomer.

On Saturday, November 24, Hon. Fred Hinrichs spoke on Compulsory Voting.

On December 1, Dr. Hubert Harrison, an eminent leader of the Negro race, gave an interesting lecture on The Economic Problem. Dr. Harrison is a Single Taxer.

On December 8, Ruth White Colton gave a most instructive discourse, her topic being The Economic Roads to Peace.

Ohio

OHIO'S legislature passed two tax bills over the governor's veto—one changing the assessment machinery in a clumsy way, and the other increasing the tax-rate limitation two mills and doing other things which no two speakers could agree about and make clear to audiences. The real estate boards used the referendum law to force a popular vote on these measures, and on Nov. 6 they were both defeated—one by a majority of about 300,000 and the other by nearly half a million. Single Taxers who took any interest in these bills voted against them on the grounds that no one seemed able to comprehend them and Ohio's Tax laws were already in such a terrible tangle as to make it a moral and legislative crime to add another law to the bewildering maze. There have been similar rebukes, by popular vote, administered to the law grinders at Columbus, indicating, what is well known, that the legislature, under the present constitutional provisions, is hopelessly unrepresentative of the people. A minority of the voters, it has been asserted by competent observers, choose a majority of the lower house at least. Now that Cleveland elects her council by proportional representation, it is not infrequently urged in speeches and newspaper articles, that this method be adopted for electing the legislature.

Since THE REVIEW's last number, the following speaking engagements have been filled by Cleveland Single

Taxers: By Henry P. Boynton: Before economic and history classes (150 students) of Case School of Applied Science; Mercator Club—subject, "The Earth and Its Owners;" Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, Ohio—same subject. By Virgil D. Allen: Before Gyro Club, on "How Taxes Make a Town Grow." By E. W. Doty: Before five classes of seniors studying economics, civics and history in Cleveland's East High School. By Charlotte L. Smith: Before Forensic Club, a girl's debating society in East High School; 250 students in High School of Shaker Heights, a suburb of Cleveland; Exchange Club; high school in Bedford, Ohio; classes in Shaw, Detroit, and South High Schools of Cleveland; Brooklyn Grange of Brooklyn Heights Ohio; Boyd Business College; Thursday Night Club, an organization of young women; 100 nurses belonging to the District Association No 4 of the Ohio Association for Graduate Nurses. In some of the meetings, especially so in schools, keen and intelligent interest was maintained by the questions asked. Copies of Henry George's essay, "Single Tax—What It Is and Why We Urge It," were distributed. Several other engagements, it is certain, will be filled too late to report in the December number of THE REVIEW.

"THE Meaning of Free Industry" was the subject of a Single Tax lecture, delivered by John C. Lincoln, of the Lincoln Electric Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, before the Unity Club of that city, December 3. Harry J. Willock, of Pittsburgh, addressed the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, December 18. The Cleveland Single Tax Club is sending its list of local speakers to all the schools of Cleveland and numerous suburbs.

Oregon

IN a total vote of 116,000 the State Income Tax was carried by the narrow margin of 494. In Multnomah County which includes the city of Portland the vote was 14,572 ayes and 26,437 noes, a majority in opposition of nearly 2 to 1. This is significant as showing the growing unpopularity of the income tax. It was carried in the state, curiously enough, by the votes of the farmers if we are to judge by the large adverse vote in Portland. We say curiously enough, since farmers have not the same opportunity of escaping their share of the income tax as has the business man more familiar with the legal devices of evasion.

The large adverse vote is, however, a cause for congratulation. We imagine that J. R. Hermann is to be credited with a share in the result, which was so near a victory for the opponents of the Income Tax.

C. J. McLemore, of Portland, is on his way East in the interests of the Oregon movement. A warm welcome will be given him on his arrival in New York.

SOME are so innocent as to favor giving a government bureau \$1,000,000 a day to spend, and then be surprised when an investigation seems necessary.

John Z. White's Appointments for November and December

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Exchange Club; Saginaw, Mich., Exchange Club; Grand Rapids, Mich., Association of Commerce; Kiwanis Club; Rotary Club; Lansing, Mich., Rotary Club; Bay City, Mich., Exchange Club; South Bend Ind., Optimist Club; Fort Wayne, Ind., Kiwanis Club and Exchange Club; Cincinnati, O., Gyro Club; Montreal, Can., Reform Club; Calvary Church, Men's Club; Forum; Rutland, Vt., Exchange Club; Albany, N. Y., Exchange Club; Fall River, Mass., One Week; Boston, Mass., Brotherhood of the Kingdom; New Church Club; Lions' Club; 20 Century Club; Worcester, Mass., Rotary Club; Auburn, Mass., Men's Church Club; Danvers, Mass., Rotary Club; Springfield, Ohio.

Toronto

AFTER much jockeying on the part of the local assessment board and the city council the Single Tax measure will be submitted to the voters in January. The *Globe* has insisted that regardless of the merits of the proposition it was the duty of the city council to submit the measure to the people. The temptation to disregard the petition has been very strong, and had the authorities dared they would have openly defied.

That danger is now happily past and the wise course has been adopted of submitting the measure and instituting a campaign of education against the dangers that impend should the voters adopt this modified form of Single Tax. We are therefore fully prepared for a "campaign of frightfulness." Terrible images will be conjured up to drive the voters away. Already we are hearing of disasters that in out-of-the-way and wholly unheard of places have followed the adoption of the Single Tax.

South America

WE learn from the *Revista del Impuesto Unico*, (*Single Tax Review*), of Buenos Aires that that city has abolished all taxes on improvements and will derive most of its revenue from land values.

As the tax will be a light one we must again warn our readers that the result of this new movement will probably be without any social effects. When we reflect that the tax on land values in that city of nearly two million is only about one third of what it is in New York, we may anticipate a movement of land speculation resulting from the exemption of improvements. It is only a question of keeping on, however, and this depends on the spirit of the Single Taxers in the city and the Single Tax party of the Argentines. We shall continue in hope and faith.

We join in congratulation to the Argentine Geogist's on the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the *Revista del Impuesto Unico*, official order of the Argentine Single Tax