

## THE HENRY GEORGE STANDARD

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### NEWS NOTES

George A. Briggs, manager for the Single Tax League, spent several days in San Francisco recently arranging details with William L. Ross for the joint management of the campaign. At a meeting of over a dozen Single Taxers interested in pushing campaign work various features of the campaign were discussed with Messrs. Briggs and Ross, who hope to do good team work together.

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Dr. Ethel Lynn, experienced woman suffrage organizer and lecturer, who has spent much time working among the farmers, has been engaged to assist Mr. Ross in organizing the San Francisco District. Dr. Lynn expects to get prominent women interested in the work. Dr. Mary Hussey is expected here soon to help Dr. Lynn mobilize an army of workers.

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Mrs. Lona Ingham Robinson, one of the most loyal, able and devoted supporters of the Single Tax movement, is now doing excellent work in Los Angeles in developing a woman's organization to have for its object the promotion of our amendment. Mrs. C. F. Hunt is assisting Mrs. Robinson. Miss Cooley, daughter of Stoughton Cooley, is secretary of the organization.

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Frank D. Butler, a well-known Single Taxer of Chicago and now a resident of Los Angeles, is to co-operate with William L. Ross in editing the Henry George Standard.

### CAMPAIGN DINNER

The campaign for the adoption of the Single Tax Amendment at the November election, 1922, will be opened by a dinner to be given at the Washington Hotel, corner Grant Ave. and Bush St., San Francisco, Wednesday evening, June 22, at 6:30 sharp. We extend to you and your friends and the friends of your friends a cordial invitation to attend. Subscription, \$1 per person. Reservations must be made not later than June 21. Write to Single Tax Headquarters, 211 Charleston Bldg.; phone Douglas 6882. The gain of 100,000 votes for our amendment at the last election over the vote of the previous election in 1918 has stimulated great activity in Single Tax circles throughout California.



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By WILLIAM L. ROSS

Our friends naturally will be curious to know why we have changed the name of our little paper. I shall tell you why. The paper is now published jointly by The Great Adventure League and The Single Tax League. I confess that I have a leaning toward the former name. But we believe that here, where the movement was so closely identified with Henry George, considering all the circumstances, we have chosen wisely.

As I write the past again comes to mind. It was here at the Golden Gate that Henry George had his long, hard struggle that gave us "Progress and Poverty"; here his children were born. It was here he began to deliver his message. It was here, over forty years ago, to use his own words, that he spoke to a "beggary array of empty benches." It was here that Judge Maguire rendered such valiant service to the cause; and James H. Barry, the friend of the Judge's boyhood days, was so loyal and true during the long years of his illness. It was here that Henry George, with all the earnestness of his soul, said: "The standard I have tried to raise tonight may be torn by prejudice and blackened by calumny. It may now move forward and again be forced back. But the good tree will grow. So little now, only the eye of faith can see it. So little now, so tender and so weak. But some time the birds of heaven shall sing in its branches; some time the weary shall find rest beneath its shade!"

When, years afterward, Henry George returned to San Francisco he was famous. "Progress and Poverty" was being circulated in the leading languages of the world. The truths he discovered have been revealed to tens of thousands, and are steadily gaining followers.

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By WILLIAM C. DE MILLE

The title at the head of this article is the name of the Single Tax paper which is the official organ of the United Single Taxers of California.

But the name is more than a title: it implies a duty. It means that the Henry George Standard of Single Tax has been adopted as the standard around which all California Single Taxers will rally.

Henry George was a man who never let personalities interfere with his work for the economic ideal which will ultimately save the world from the chaos in which it is at present.

And the merging of interests by all the Single Taxers of the State marks a positive step forward.

Single Taxers are usually highly individualistic. In fact, I have thought for some time that a characteristic definition of a Single Taxer might be, "One who knows more about the Single Tax than any other Single Taxer."

This quality, which inheres in the real fundamental Single Taxer, has been the cause of such misunderstandings as have arisen in the past.

But the founding of this paper marks the end of that era. World affairs have reached such a state that every man and woman who has realized the tremendous importance of seen the light must stand together if truth is to prevail.

Details and petty politics are insignificant in the light of the great principle to which we are all pledged and for which we are all prepared to fight.

From the bottom of my heart I rejoice that real harmony has been finally achieved.

Seven years ago, when I first came to California, it seemed to me that such differences as existed were rather the result of misunderstanding than of any real difference of belief—family quarrels rather than political distinctions.

But I feel now that every Single Taxer in the State is able to co-ordinate his efforts with the rest; that in the next campaign we will be doubly strong, because we are really united. Such "irreconcilables," who may still remain, will be too insignificant in number to matter and I, personally, know of no such people.

There will be, in the immediate future, Single Taxers and Anti-Single Taxers; but the genus "Single-Taxer-who-won't play" is now extinct.

Mr. John D. Barry, prominent lecturer and well-known writer, is expected to speak at the dinner June 22.

With this record of progress behind us, and as a tribute of honor in remembrance of his services to mankind, we have decided to call our little paper: "The Henry George Standard."

When I arrived in Los Angeles, just two years ago, William C. de Mille and I had a conference. Mr. de Mille is a Single Taxer of the Henry George kind. He has the courage of his convictions. To him the movement is bigger than his own pride and purposes. We both knew that all was not "Quiet along the Potomac"; so we promised each other in de Mille's own home that we would do all in our power to quiet the troubled waters. Then George Briggs, David Woodhead, R. E. Chadwick, J. H. Ryckman, R. R. Waterbury, Mrs. Lona Ingham Robinson, and a few others took an active part in ironing out the rough places. We tried to bring order out of chaos; tried to have harmony instead of discord. At first we failed. We finally tried again, and after nearly three months, with the help of W. S. U'Ren of Oregon we formulated an amendment that all could unite on.

Now we have reached another milestone in our progress. William C. de Mille and I have signed an agreement which has been unanimously endorsed by the officers and executive committees of both The Single Tax League and The Great Adventure League. It provides that The Great Adventure League shall have charge of the campaign in Northern California and The Single Tax League in the southern end of the State. All well-meaning Single Taxers realize that it is better to have harmony than discord; better to have co-operation than antagonism. Some say they will have it even if they have to fight for it. They say there is no place for the irreconcilable. Let us give a good account of our stewardship. Let us pursue our task in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, "With malice toward none and charity for all."

Let the standard be lifted that all may see it;

Let the advance be sounded that all may hear it.

Let those who would fall back, fall back;

Let those who would oppose, oppose—

Everywhere are those who will rally.

The stars in their courses fight against Sisera!

—Henry George.

Mr. Ross, who has spent several months in the East, will speak at the dinner at Washington Hotel on the evening of June 22, on "Our Golden Opportunity." Dr. Ethel Lynn will speak on "Building an Organization," and Dr. Henry F. Dessau will take for his subject, "Our Immediate Program."

Joseph S. Thompson, president of The Pacific Electric Manufacturing Company, will preside.