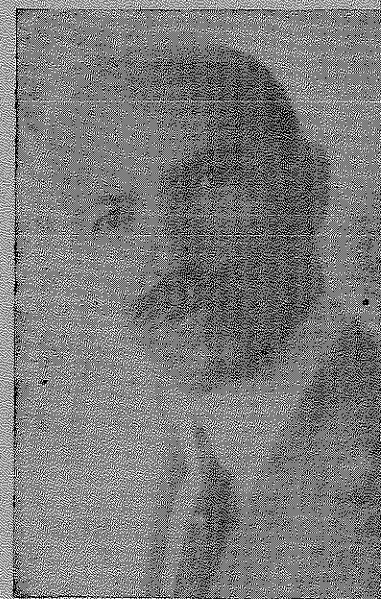


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TAX Party Ticket
For Governor



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It is customary for a candidate to make known to the voters his stand on various public questions, and I take this means of advising you of the Single Tax Party's beliefs on several important problems of the day.

Cost of Living

Peace has come and with it great difficulties. It was to be expected that during the war the cost of living would mount higher and higher, but it was reasonable to feel that at the cessation of hostilities prices would tend to their former level. Has this been the case? Instead of lower prices after the war, they are now even higher. It is true wages have increased somewhat, but not nearly in the same proportion as the cost of living. We have difficulties which were once foreign to the former spirit of America, the land where, in years gone by, such a thing as economic discontent was unknown. It is up to Americans to put America's population again on the road of economic security and liberty. If we Americans, with the American spirit of freedom do not, then slowly but surely will such evil ideas as Bolshevism, Sovietism, Socialism, take hold and drag us down to the level of Russia and certain other European countries. The Democratic and Republican parties stand helplessly by, advocating now and then some innocuous price-fixing or business regulating law, while the Socialist party openly advocates those doctrines which lead to such spectacles as in Russia. We must lend all our aid to build up a new party with a definite, workable plan for solving America's problems on an American basis.

What is the cause of the trouble? Nothing more than that the population of New Jersey and the rest of America has grown tremendously, while the amount of land in use necessary for the sustaining of this population has not increased in proportion. When I talk about land, perhaps you will jump to the conclusion that I am talking about farming land only. While farm land has a great deal to do with the problem, being the base of industry, I mean all kinds of land—householding land, mining land, factory building land, forest land, water front land, railroad land, and all other kinds of land. All about us can be seen thousands of acres wholly unused. I don't believe New Jersey is 10 per cent. in use. Every city in the State has square miles of idle lands within its limits, and yet in some places there are agitations bordering on revolution against increased rents and lack of homes. Miles of idle factory sites can be observed close by railroads and other transportation; hundreds of thousands of idle farming acres can be glimpsed when we look out of the car window as we pass from town to town. There are parts of New Jersey which could furnish some of the best shipping and docking locations in the world, and yet they are practically 90 per cent. idle. This land is idle because our laws, supported by Republicans and Democrats, permit the owners to make more profits out of holding it idle than by using it. Our crazy-quilt tax laws actually penalize a progressive citizen who would improve some of these idle acres, thereby giving employment to labor, beautifying the towns and cities, giving New Jersey better facilities for doing business, tending to reduce rents and the cost of living in general, etc. If I am elected Governor, my first efforts will be devoted to a change of the tax laws, removing all present taxes from industry and enterprise and placing very heavy taxation upon land, according to its rental value, making the taxation on land so heavy in fact that the owners will either have to improve it or get rid of it to other people who can and will improve it.

Soldier Employment

Unemployment will be a serious menace to our nation if something is not done to create more opportunities for employment. I could not look a returned soldier in the face after he has made the noble and altruistic sacrifices for our common country and feel that I had not raised my voice in behalf of obtaining for him increased opportunities for employment. I am filled with indignation when I see New Jersey soldiers returning to their homes and loved ones and find their opportunities for employment curtailed and barred by the people who speculate in land; these land speculators who demand a hold-up price before they will let the building of homes proceed, before they will allow capital to embark into new enterprises, who hold back factory erection, who prevent the mining of metals and minerals in our State; these land speculators who demand a hold-up price before they will let ships land on our shores, who prevent crops from being raised, railroads and canals from being built, who are in short at the very root of all of our industrial ills. I am not a profane man, but I hope and pray for the day when every citizen of New Jersey will "cuss" every time he passes a vacant lot.

Americanism or Bolshevism?

We positively must bring the lands of our States into better use if we would prevent the spread of Bolshevism and Socialism. Every business man in the State should be behind me and my party. First, because we stand unequivocally and unalterably upon the right to private property. We believe it is a great evil to have the State and national government interfere in any manner whatsoever into privately owned business. We are against the taxing and regulating by either the State or national governments of any industrial enterprise. Such taxing and regulating but add to the cost of running business, which increased cost is added to the selling price of commodities, thereby tending to still further increase the cost of living. The using of more of New Jersey's natural resources will create new markets for the products of the State's factories, mills, mines, forests, farms, etc., thus stimulating business in all of its branches. For these lands cannot be used without the purchase of untold quantities of supplies. When I say we do not believe in governmental interference in private business I wish to call your attention to the fact that holding land idle is not a business, but is a preventative of business, and every real business man should be against it.

Labor

Every working man should be behind my party, because its plan will increase his opportunities for employment, thus lessening and finally abolishing his competition with other working men for a job. It will give him cheaper homes, for it will increase the number of homes. It will reduce his cost of living, for it will increase the supply of food, clothing and other commodities. It will do everything in the line of shorter hours and increased wages, for which honest working men have been struggling. In short, it will produce industrial harmony, a thing which is the one most desirable goal to be at present obtained.

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