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## Campaign of the Single Tax.

The attention of the single taxers of America, if not of the whole world, is now centered upon the state of Delaware, where, as has heretofore been stated by the TRIBUNE, a movement is under way to capture control of the next legislature. For years the believers in Henry George's theories were firing off their guns aimlessly, having no particular target, until the leaders finally realized that the conversion of a nation to the doctrine of taxing land values alone is too large an undertaking to be successfully accomplished without having some state, county or town to hold up as an object lesson for the doubtful. A few years ago they succeeded in getting control of the town of Hyattsville, Maryland, but before the new tax system had been given a fair chance to prove what is claimed for it in theory, it was declared unconstitutional, inasmuch as it conflicted with the state constitution in some small degree.

Its success, the short time it was in operation, gave single taxers courage to try again—next time in some state where a more liberal constitution exists. A careful examination of the constitutions of the various commonwealths was made. In many the framers, doubtless, had not thought that the time would ever come when an effort would be made to impose but one tax, consequently some queer paragraphs relative to personal and property taxes found their way into several of the state constitutions.

In Delaware it was found there would be less probability of having it declared illegal than in any other state. Delaware, then, was chosen. At the recent session of the legislature a single tax bill failed of passage by a very narrow margin. This was because the nature of the proposed law was not fully understood by either the legislature or the people at large, and they were frightened by the claims of its opponents, who predicted confiscation of land, property, and homes and otherwise misrepresented an act which would merely give the state power to concentrate its tax levy upon the value of the land within its borders.

The closeness of the vote on the bill and the friendly feeling shown for it encouraged the Delaware single taxers, and upon the adjournment of the legislature steps were taken to obtain control of the next house and senate, the election for which takes place in 1896. The number of voters in the state is something in the neighborhood of 40,000, considerably less than there are in this county, and to convince a majority of those citizens that the single tax system is right and just a movement was inaugurated last June. From its inception it has met with unbounded success, and the crusade that its projectors would not fear a test of the issue now, feeling confident that two-thirds of each branch of the legislature could be carried.

The Delaware campaign, however, has been but started. It is more than a year until the vote will be taken, and the national committee, in whose hands the movement has been placed, intends to put this time to use. Though the little state has already been shaken from centre to circumference by single tax orators, the committee proposes to continue the work with increasing vigor until November, 1896, and, if the object in view is attained, the country will have an opportunity, in a few years, to witness the single tax in operation.

So much interest has been aroused in the matter that contributions to push the campaign have been received from every quarter of the globe, and, to judge from the editorial expressions that appear in the Delaware newspapers, the money received is going direct for the purpose it is given. At present the state is invaded by a small army of orators, who speak no less than once a week in ever town or hamlet, and the number of converts, real and ostensible, that are reported by the public press is very encouraging. Nightly meetings are held in the cities, where the system of taxation is debated and explained. The first speech by any of the "big guns" of the movement was made in Wilmington last week by Congressman Maguire, of California. Ex-Congressmen Johnson and Warner, Louis F. Post, Dr. McGlynn, Henry George and others prominent in single tax circles are booked to speak in the state later in the campaign.

Taking it all in all, the assault made upon Delaware has astonished both the natives and the public in general, especially the professional politicians. The latter cannot understand why money will be contributed and orators' ex-

penses will be paid by people who have no apparent interest in the laws of Delaware, and that not a single contributor or lecturer is asking for an office. The campaign is so novel, when contrasted with the selfish methods of ordinary politics, that it excited interest immediately.

This work of the single taxers to obtain a practical illustration of their theories is one of the greatest efforts put forth by any class of political economists, and the result in our neighboring state will, to a great extent, be the turning point in the history of the movement. If the workers fail to carry the legislature, there will be much disappointment and the single tax will receive a setback that will hamper it for a time; if they succeed and are given a fair field, it will be but a question of a few years until every state in the union will collect all its revenue by a tax laid upon the value of land.

Single taxers in this vicinity, and there are many here, can receive whatever information they desire about the Delaware campaign by addressing Harold Sudell, New Castle, Del.; Justice, Philadelphia, Pa.; or *Single Tax Courier*, St. Louis, Mo.

## A Winning Ticket This Year.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader. The Democracy of Luzerne never had a better assurance of victory that is apparent this year. And there are good reasons for this hopeful condition of things. Aside from the betterment of the times, due entirely to Democratic influences, and which naturally fill the hearts of the masses with gratitude to a party which has so handsomely fulfilled its promises and will bring a grand support to its candidates everywhere this year, the ticket put in the field by the Luzerne Democrats is made up of candidates who are essentially magnetic and attractive. They are of the people, with unimpeachable records behind them and competent to fill the positions for which they have been nominated.

William S. McLean, the head of the ticket, is known throughout the county. A working attorney all his life, conspicuous for his legal acumen and breadth of culture, he will, if chosen to the place he seeks, grace the bench and add to the learning and dignity which already distinguish the Luzerne county bench. He is the unanimous choice of an honest convention. He did not seek favor at the hands of the delegates. They reached out for a candidate who had winning qualities and who, besides that, was endowed with the energies, eloquence and experience demanded of a judge. These they found embodied in William Swan McLean and they unanimously selected him.

No mistake was made when A. Lee Stanton was nominated for sheriff. He was thoroughly equipped in all that pertains to mental endowments, and his official career has supplied him with all that experience which is so valuable to the man who occupies so high a place as that of sheriff. Mr. Stanton is a man of quiet ways, but attractive. He is bold and courageous and is not dismayed over little things. He believes in hard work and is irrevocably devoted to the principles of sound Democracy. Mr. Stanton is a winner and will prove it next month.

For recorder, James J. Maloy presents claims that are conspicuously attractive. Maimed and crippled by accident while toiling at his dangerous occupation as a miner, he is popular with his working associates and all who know him. The fourth district will rally to him with a strength that will surprise. He is the only candidate on either ticket from that part of the county south of Nanticoke. He will poll a heavy vote and will deserve it.

The nominee for coroner, John E. Perkins, is too old and sound a Democrat to need any introduction. A man who went to the front in the dark days of the civil war to defend the flag, he made a splendid record as a soldier, and has added to it as a citizen. His ability to fill the duties of the office are undeniable, his experience as deputy coroner acquainted him fully with the demands. In supporting him the old soldiers of the county will be serving a faithful comrade, a man fairly entitled to universal favor.

J. K. P. Fenner, the Democratic candidate for controller, is another popular man. He is well and widely known and his splendid business ability makes it certain that he will fill the exacting place with conspicuous credit. Mr. Fenner is a devoted Democrat and is a worker of instructive force.

The nominee for surveyor, H. E. Myers, is a young man who hails from Pittston and has a host of friends. He is at present city engineer of Pittston and hence has that experience which is necessary. He did not seek the nomination, but the convention sought him.

The fact is the Democratic ticket is a superb one, made up of attractive candidates, strong in themselves, strong in their friendships and strong in their devotion to party principles. Not one of them bought his nomination. There were no unfair bargains, like those which Bennett and Martin are accused by their own party papers of having made, in and out of the convention that named them. Each Democratic candidate was the choice of the delegates. The people know this and will show on the fifth day of next month their full appreciation of the ticket named by the Democracy, by electing it with a rousing majority.

Regular correspondence from the surrounding towns and communications upon local or general subjects are solicited by the TRIBUNE. The name of the writer must accompany all letters or items sent to this office for publication.

# DEATH BY ELECTRICITY

## Franklin L. Pope Killed in His Cellar.

### Received a Shock of 3,000 Volts While Adjusting the Bearings of a Converter—He Was an Old and Well-Known Electrician of Great Barrington, Mass.

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 14.—Frank L. Pope, aged 65 years, one of the most prominent citizens of Great Barrington and with a large acquaintance among the electricians of the eastern states, was instantly killed by a shock of 3,000 volts in the cellar of his house last evening. He was manager of the Great Barrington Electric Light company, the principal buildings of which are located at Housatonic, five miles north of here. To facilitate the operations of the plant he had placed in his cellar a large and powerful converter. When the power was turned on last evening he visited the cellar to adjust the bearings. His family, up stairs, heard a heavy fall, and upon investigation found Mr. Pope dead on the floor. Doctors say death was instantaneous. Mr. Pope was a native of Great Barrington, being born in the house in which he met his death. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son. For some years he was interested with his brother Ralph in the editorial management of the *Electrical Magazine*, published in New York. His sudden death created a great sensation in this community.

## THREE KILLED, SEVERAL HURT

### Pittsburg Trolley Car Runs Away and Is Smashed to Splinters.

Pittsburg, Oct. 14.—Three persons were killed outright and nine others injured by a runaway trolley car on the West End electric line jumping the track and going over an embankment at 6:30 o'clock last night. The killed are: George Rothman, aged 50, furniture dealer, Carnegie, Pa.; Fred Heisel, aged 55, glassworker, Carnegie, Pa.; unknown woman, about 30 years old, body taken to the morgue. The most severely injured are: Mrs. Michael Foley, Pittsburg, bad scalp wound and internal injuries; may die; Conductor Albert McGuire, aged 35, Pittsburg, scalp wound and internal injuries; Michael Foley, Pittsburg, bad scalp wound; Prof. Alex. Phillips, Crafton, right knee lacerated, and may have to be amputated. The car wrecked was No. 56 on the Carnegie branch of the West End electric line. Just before the city limit is reached there is a sharp curve and hill along the track for about a quarter of a mile. When the car reached this point the brake rod broke and the motorman lost control. The car dashed down the hill until it reached McCartney street, where there is a sharp curve. Here it jumped the track and turned completely over, landing in a ravine alongside the road. The car was broken into splinters, and the three persons killed were horribly mangled. Just before the car jumped the track the conductor yelled to the passengers to all fall down to the bottom of the car. Before they obeyed the order Mrs. Foley dropped her young daughter Kate out of the car window and probably saved the child's life.

## DISPATCH BOAT SEIZED.

### Cuban Rebels Help Themselves to Ammunition and Then Depart.

Madrid, Oct. 13.—A dispatch boat from Havana to the Imperial says that a band of insurgents recently captured the Vele Mercante, a small steam dispatch boat that was moored near Santiago de Cuba. The vessel carried only one cannon, which, together with the small arms and ammunition on board, was seized by the rebels. The vessel was commanded by a lieutenant and had a crew of twelve men, none of whom was a prisoner. The rebels left after spending what they wanted making no attempt to hold the vessel.

## Crow To Be Court-Martialed.

### The crew of the Vele Mercante were conveyed on a gunboat to Santiago de Cuba, where they will be court-martialed.

They profess that resistance was impossible. The dispatch boat is a sailing vessel, and she became becalmed close to the coast, when her anchors were dropped to keep her from going ashore. While trying in this position she was surprised by overwhelming numbers.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HERSELF.

### Sad Death of a Popular Young Lady of Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 13.—Miss Stella West, a well-known and popular young lady of this city, accidentally shot and killed herself with a revolver yesterday afternoon at her mother's summer home at Montgomery, one of Savannah's suburban resorts. Miss West was about twenty years of age and was a very popular young lady among her numerous society friends here. As she did not speak after the shot, and as no one was near her at the time, there is no telling how the accident happened.

## THE PORTE PROMISES.

### Will Deal Severely with Any One Who Has Tortured Armenians.

Constantinople, Oct. 12.—The Porte has appointed a commission of inquiry into the recent Armenian arrests and has given its promise to the powers to deal most severely with any one who has tortured the Armenians in prison. Many persons were killed and wounded in the recent disturbance in the Ismid district, southeast of Constantinople, in Asia Minor, but order has finally been restored there. Ismid is the residence of both a Greek church archbishop and an Armenian archbishop.

## Racing License Filed.

Albany, Oct. 13.—A license of the state racing commission to the Westchester Racing association to conduct running races and race meetings and steeplechases and steeplechase meetings from October 14, 1895, to November 15, 1895, was filed yesterday with the secretary of state.

## To Offset A. P. A. Efforts.

Erie, Pa., Oct. 15.—Actuated by the great activity of the A. P. A. societies in this city the Catholics will have a series of big mass-meetings next Monday to take steps toward united political action at the polls and in the party primaries.

# BENEFIT TO JOHN L. SULLIVAN.

## The ex-Champion Says He Is No Friend of Corbett.

New York, Oct. 15.—Fully 2,000 persons were present at the Hudson County Athletic club, Oakland rink, Jersey City, last night, the occasion being a boxing entertainment in the form of a benefit to John L. Sullivan. The ex-champion met with a great reception and had a hard time in getting back to his dressing room after his set-to with Paddy Ryan. Sullivan is celebrating his thirty-seventh birthday to-day. He made his usual speech last night, in the course of which he thanked the New York press for its kind treatment of him and said: "I was never so treated by newspaper offices to put up my money, and I fought every one that came along of every nationality. I was twelve years in the ring and was never beaten but once. I wish the present champion every success, but, without beating about the bush and to come straight out, I say right here that I am no friend of his."

## SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT.

### Water Never Before So Scarce in the Connellsville Region.

Dunbar, Pa., Oct. 15.—The continued drought is having its effect to an alarming degree on the coke works in the Connellsville region. If relief does not come soon a large number of plants will be obliged to close down. At many places the only supply now available is the water pumped from the mines. At Anchor, Atlas and Mahoning works the coke burned up owing to lack of water. The Youghiogheny river and mountain streams have never been so low as they are at present. The water is greatly handicapped by the water famine. Great fear is felt from probable mountain forest fires, common at this season.

## U. P. REORGANIZATION.

### Just Claims of Government Will Be Met If Possible.

New York, Oct. 15.—Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, chairman of the Union Pacific railway reorganization committee, said last evening: "This committee does not propose to advise the government what steps it shall take for its protection, but with due consideration for all necessary requirements every thing possible will be done to meet the just claims of the government and to secure its co-operation. In the meantime the interest of the first mortgage bonds of the main line and of the Kansas Pacific line, entrusted to this committee, will be allowed to go on with the foreclosure of the properties."

## COMSTOCK TUNNEL COMPANY.

### Annual Meeting of Stockholders Held in New York.

New York, Oct. 15.—The stockholders of the Comstock Tunnel company held their annual meeting yesterday. The treasurer's report shows cash on hand to be \$14,588, as against \$15,440 a year ago. Receipts for the year from royalties and transportation were about \$33,000. Bond coupons to the amount of \$840 were paid off. The profit of the last six months was \$2,100. All attachments against royalties have been vacated. The obligation of the company has been reduced \$60,300 since the new management came into power about five months ago.

## FIVE CHILDREN AT ONE BIRTH.

### They Are All Boys, and Although Frail Will Probably Live.

Dela, O., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Joseph Langdon, the wife of a farmer living near Dela, gave birth yesterday within a space of three hours to five children, all of them males. The children are apparently fully developed, though frail specimens of humanity, and the attending physician believes they will all live. Mrs. Langdon has experienced no serious results from the extraordinary accomplishment. She is past thirty-five years and has three other children.

## COLLISION AT SEA.

### The Emma Sinks the Pacific with a Loss of Twelve Lives.

London, Oct. 15.—A collision resulting in the loss of twelve lives has occurred off Dudgeon. The steamer Emma, bound from Rotterdam for Buenos Aires, ran into and sank the French bark Pacific, from Shields for Valparaiso. The bark foundered so quickly after being struck that she took down with her the pilot, the captain and ten of the crew. The Emma rescued the others and landed them at Hull.

## MURDERED TO DEFEAT JUSTICE.

### Witnesses in a Sensational Case Brutally Assassinated.

Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 15.—News has just been received of the assassination of Cadet Miller and his wife in bed at their home on the Oklahoma border. This is the fourth assassination of persons who are important witnesses in the "Dutch John" murder trial. The other two were Bruce Miller and the deputy sheriff of Pawnee county, Oklahoma.

## Regents of University Investigation.

Albany, Oct. 15.—Assemblyman H. A. Abel, chairman of the special legislative committee which is investigating state departments expects to resume the investigation of the department of the regents of the university to-day. Secretary Melville Dewey of the regents has returned from Lake Placid, where he maintains a summer office at his own expense.

## Stabbed at Willet's Point.

Flushing, L. I., Oct. 15.—Matthew Gray, the attaché of the Willet's Point engineer staff, who stabbed Mr. Shea, surrendered himself. He was locked up in the guardhouse and afterwards taken to the Queens county jail in Long Island city to await the result of Shea's injuries.

## Breaking Up at Gray Gables.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., Oct. 15.—All arrangements were completed last night for the departure of Mrs. Cleveland and children for Washington to-day. The trip will be made by rail on a special car, and no stops will be made by the family enroute.

## Money for the West and South.

New York, Oct. 15.—Telegraph transfers of currency to the south and west through the sub-treasury yesterday were \$74,000. Exchanges of large or small bills over the counter at the sub-treasury were \$500,000.

# MAY BE TWO WEDDINGS

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Cheese—White scarce and nominal; cream firm. State, full cream, large size, white, choice, 8 1/2c; large colored fancy, 8 1/2c; state part skims, choice, 7 1/2c; fair to prime, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c; common, 3 1/2c.

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