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DELAWARE SOUVENIR.

For some months past, the writer has been engaged in the difficult task, of gathering a collection of photographs of the representative single taxers of the United States, who have to some extent participated in the single tax campaign. When the object was first conceived, all seemed easy of accomplishment, but the experience gained proved quite the contrary. After continuous efforts, however, the undertaking has in a large measure been successful.

The photos in this interesting collection are grouped in a large frame, with the name of each attached, thus readily identifying the various persons represented in the group. In the center of the picture, the face of Henry George and the members of the campaign committee, Stephenson, Sudell, Stephens and Rolston are placed, surrounded by upwards of thirty familiar faces, members of the Philadelphia Club, who are best known for their activity during the campaign. Heron, Millikin, Callingham, Frost, Ross, Pleydell, Lippincott, Miss Musson, Mrs. Burleigh, etc., etc. In the outer circle are placed the photographs of Hon. Jas. G. McGuire, Hon. Jerry Simpson, Dr. R. S. Law, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Ralph E. Hoyt, Thos. G. Shearman, Bolton Hall, Louis F. Post, W. B. Addington, Alfred J. Wolf, Edward Osgood Brown, Rev. Jesse C. Taylor, Rev. Dr. E. McGlynn, and a score of others whose names and services are familiar among single taxers everywhere. Dr. B. F. Longstreet, McCarron Hand, Henry W. Hetzel, Samuel Milliken, Leonard Tuttle and R. F. Gibson—men who have rendered valuable service in Delaware, are represented in attitudes quite different to any of the rest, and in the arrangement of the group appears every unique. Many States in the union have their representatives, for instance, Texas is honored with Mr. Alex. Herr, one of the most indefatigable workers known. Kansas has two in the persons of Mr. John S. Crosby and Hon. Jerry Simpson. Massachusetts is represented by Mr. C. B. Fildbrown and Mr. Garrison, and California has three. New York and Pennsylvania of all the states naturally are better represented.

The whole collection is of national interest to single taxers, and will no doubt be appreciated by the Philadelphia Society, to whom the group collection will shortly be presented. For the satisfaction of many single tax friends, duplicates of the original are now offered for sale, printed on platinum paper, and reduced to 11 x 14, a convenient size for framing. Those who are desirous of obtaining a copy, should send in their order as early as possible, which will be attended to without any unnecessary delay.

Our modesty prevents us from publishing the many complimentary notices of the Search Light.—Thanks.

Twenty-five cents will pay for the Search Light until March 1897. Give it a trial, anyway. The following monthly issues will be well worth reading.

The December and January numbers of The Searchlight will be issued as a double number, and it will make its appearance in the latter month.

Twenty-five cents will pay for The Searchlight until March 1897. No subscriptions will be received for a longer period, after that subscriptions may be renewed if desired.

WHO PAYS YOUR TAXES ?

The facts and figures adduced from Mr. Alexander Manning in the Revision Court last week, in connection with the land and property situated at the southeast corner of King and Yonge-streets show a state of affairs that ought to be digested thoroughly. It came out in evidence that Mr. Manning is lessee of the land, 20x100, from the Bostwick estate, for which he pays \$2500 yearly for ground rent. On this land Mr. Manning constructed a building at a cost of about \$12,000, part of which he leases to the Canadian Pacific Railway at a rental of \$4000 and taxes. From the Yonge-street stores he receives \$1350 and taxes, and from the upstairs flats \$2700, making a total of \$8050 received yearly. From this latter amount the Bostwick estate receives \$2500, and the City Treasury \$1050, leaving clear in Mr. Manning's pockets, the large sum of \$3500 or 34 per cent. interest on a \$12,000 investment. The total assessed value on building and land being only \$3,800, yet to the surprise of the court, Mr. Manning pitifully appealed to it, to have the assessment lowered. The strange part of the whole proceedings is that, Mr. Manning should come forward to do any complaining at all. It could well be understood if it was the purpose of this gentleman to have the court make the Bostwick estate pay something towards the support of the city government as well, but not so; he appealed for relief on his own behalf, because he was not getting more than 34 per cent. interest. This is an injustice! The real sufferers—the tenants—were not represented. There was no one present on their behalf, that is denied them, although it falls to them to fork over nearly all the expenses for governing the city. The taxes collected presumably are in payment for public benefits, but in addition, they must pay several times over the amount of taxes to support several individuals in luxury. The land referred to became valuable owing to nothing done to it by its "owner," yet the community which created its value receives not one cent of the \$2500 economic rent now collected by the Bostwick estate. The injustice to the community of this transaction, and which is quite apparent, can be overcome by only one method, viz., the taxing of the \$2500 ground rent into the City Treasury, where it properly belongs. This course will stop the complaints of users of land, and the \$2500 taken by the city will suffice to pay for city expenditures without imposing additional taxation on buildings and other forms of wealth. B.

MEXICAN BURIALS.

The Mexicans have a queer way of burying the dead. The corpse is tightly wrapped in century-plant matting, and placed in a coffin hired for about a shilling. One or two natives, as the case may be, place the coffin on their heads and go at a trot to the grave, where the body is interred, and the coffin is then returned. The wealthy class use the tram cars as hearses, and the friends follow beside the car on foot.

"Wickwire—"You seem to be pretty well trained down since you got your wheel, and yet I never see you riding."
Mudge—"I don't have to ride. It keeps me thin worrying about the payments."

She—"You saw the Count of Brasse, did you? Now, tell me, don't you think he is a striking personage?" He—"Yes, I do. I had been introduced to him an hour when he struck me for a loan

A LITTLE HISTORY OF DELAWARE.

Notable Events of the Single Tax Campaign in Delaware.

A page of the history of Delaware, when it is written, will embrace the following notable events:

June 15, 1895—The inauguration of the Single Tax Campaign in the State of Delaware was begun by thirteen persons, members of the Philadelphia Pa., and Camden, N.J., Single Tax Clubs.

June 29—The Town Commissioners of Middletown refused to allow the privilege of speaking in the public square.

July 6—Again the Commissioners of Middletown would not allow the use of the public square.

July 13—Campaign headquarters established in Wilmington. A large meeting was held in the public square, Middletown, and no interference was attempted.

Mr. L. Irving Handy, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, was challenged to meet in joint debate a single tax speaker to be later decided upon.

July 20—Herman V. Hetzel, while addressing an audience in Middletown, was pulled forcibly from the speakers' stand, but remounted the stand only to be forced down again by an officious town constable, who requested Mr. Hetzel to accompany him to the magistrate's court. At Mr. Hetzel's suggestion Mr. J. L. Shoemaker immediately remounted the stand to address the excited crowd. In the meantime Mr. Hetzel came before the court and was charged with "disorderly conduct, obstruction of the sidewalk and breach of the peace." After hearing witnesses the judge justified the prisoner and at once dismissed the case.

August 10—Up to this time over 156 meetings had been held in the State, with 384 speeches by 51 different speakers.

September 21—The beginning of club organizations, the first being started in Wilmington.

October 3—Congressman Hon. Jas. G. McGuire's first visit to Delaware, who rendered valiant service to the cause of tax reform.

October 31—The Rev. Merrit Hulbard and other opponents of the single tax doctrine, sought to suppress a meeting in the opera house, Wilmington, Sunday, November 3rd, at which Henry George was announced to speak. The Police Commissioners were advised by City Solicitor Harman to arrest Mr. George if he attempted to speak. The commissioners doubted the constitutionality of the act. Eventually after much discussion by the single tax representatives and the police board, it was decided to allow Mr. George to proceed, on the understanding that he eschewed politics, otherwise his immediate arrest would follow.

November 3—Henry George addressed an overflowing audience in the opera house, thousands being turned away unable to gain admittance. Mr. A. H. Stephenson, the chairman of the campaign committee, briefly explained the incidents leading up to the attempted suppression of the meeting and plainly intimated that the subject of taxation and politics would be treated, and that if Mr. George was arrested the meeting would continue, as there were enough speakers present to keep the police busy until 10 o'clock. The meeting passed off without any interruption.

November 16—The Rev. Jesse C. Taylor, rector of the Episcopal church at Lewes, Del., closed up his church and spoke in the Wilmington opera house to a large and enthusiastic audience.

From November 16 onwards until April 26, 1896, the following well-known persons addressed audiences on Sunday evenings in the opera house, Wilmington: Louis F. Post, Edward Lawson Purdy, W. M. Callingham, T. W. Swann, Rev. Dr. J. H. Amies, Jos. Farris, Jas. A. Herne, Hon. Jas. G. McGuire, Col. W. B. Norton, Jas. McGregor, Henry B. Davis, A. F. Bromhall, Rev. Father W. E. Johnson, Bolton Hall, Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, Thos. G. Shearman, Ernest Howard Crosby, Hon. Jerry Simpson, Edward Osgood Brown, Henry C. Lippincott, Dr. S. Solis Cohen, Herman, V. Hetzel, Alfred B. Cruick-