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LAND TAX A REMEDY

Another Cure For Panics and Hard Times

THAT WILL STOP SPECULATION

The Noted Single Tax Advocate Addresses the Conference at the Murray Hill Lyceum—He Advocates the Postal Savings Bank System as a Remedy For the Financial Stringency.

New York, Special.—Henry George, Jr., was the principal speaker at the single tax conference at Murray Hill Lyceum. Others who spoke were Mayor Brand Whitlock, of Toledo, O.; Raymond Robbins, of Chicago, and William L. Garrison.

At the day session a number of resolutions were passed and addresses were made. The conference will conclude with a banquet Tuesday night.

Mr. George prefaced his remarks with a discussion of the late financial upheaval, and as a remedy for currency stringency advocated the postal savings banks system. Even this, however, or any other elastic currency plan, would not prevent business depressions, he said, because "the cause of such depressions goes deeper—goes to the root of production, the land."

Iron and Steel.

Chattanooga, Special.—The Tradesman says this week:

"Southern steel and iron interests feel the general flurry in business and financial circles as well as other sections. The iron and steel market is very dull. Manufacturers are hopeful that there is soon to be an improvement in conditions. There is a curtailed production in the South, but the inquiry for iron shows a splendid condition in this region. Several furnaces are cold in Alabama. Other states report a curtailed production. There is some complaint as to car shortage, so that the blowing out of furnaces cannot be charged altogether to the flurry throughout the country. Some good orders are being worked by the east iron pipe manufacturers, the largest consumers of pig iron in the territory.

"The steel interest in the South appears to be in splendid shape. The Southern Steel Company (in the hands of receivers) has all of its plants in operation. With the exception of the new construction work the plants of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company are also producing large quantities of steel and the various shapes are in good demand."

Germany in Trouble.

London, By Cable.—A financial crisis is impending in Germany now, British financiers think. Commercial authorities liken the situation to the one which caused the recent flurry in the United States and fear the storm may be more serious in Germany than in America. Over-capitalizing has gone farther, while the country lacks America's recuperative powers and wealth. It is pointed out that several German banks have recently failed. Financial houses are trying hard to conceal the fact that stringency already exists, and greater difficulty is being experienced in finding outside capital.

News Notes.

The trial of John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National Bank, on the charge of misapplying the bank's funds, was begun.

Extraordinary heavy deposits in New York savings banks is taken to mean that the public is satisfied as to their solidity.

The Philadelphia Mint is working overtime turning out gold coin.

Secretary Taft to Cut Trip Short.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Taft, in a cablegram dated Vladivostok, to Major McIntyre, acting chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, directed that accommodations be engaged for himself and party on the President Grant, sailing from Hamburg December 7. It is understood that the secretary will make a hasty journey from St. Petersburg to Hamburg and not see either Emperor Willem, King Edward of President Palheres.

THE APPOINTMENTS MADE

Appointments For the Current Conference Year Announced—Where the Preachers Go.

The annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for the current year, which was held at Salisbury, closed Monday night with the announcement of the appointments. The next session will be held in Asheville. The appointments follow:

Charlotte District.

Presiding Elder, F. Siler, Charlotte.
Tryon Street—H. K. Boyer.
Trinity—E. L. Bain.
Brevard Street—Harold Turner (W. W. Bays, supernumerary).
Calvary—J. F. Totten.
Epworth and North—Charlotte—A. R. Surratt.
Dilworth and Big Springs—A. L. Coburn.

Belmont Park—W. S. Hales.
Chadwick and Seversville—W. O. Rudisill.
Ansonville—M. T. Steele.
Derita—J. H. Bradley.
Litesville—E. J. Poe.
Matthews—O. I. Hinson.
Monroe Station—H. F. Chreitzberg.

North Monroe and Teemore—Supplied by A. W. Rooten.
Mount Zion—D. Atkins.
Unionville—A. J. Burrus.
Prospect—J. P. Hips.
Morven—J. A. Cook.
Pineville—J. H. Bennett.
Polkton—L. J. Cordell.
Wadesboro—J. H. West.
Waxhaw—M. D. Hix.
Weddington—W. E. Abernethy.
Missionary to Japan—S. A. Stewart.

Principal Piedmont Industrial School—J. A. Baldwin; assistant; N. S. Ogburn.

Asheville District.

Presiding Elder—L. W. Crawford, Asheville.
Central—G. T. Rowe.
Haywood Street—J. P. Rodgers.
North Asheville—G. E. Eaves.
Bethel—J. D. Arnold.
Biltmore and Beaverdam—G. H. Christenberry.
Swannanoa—A. H. Harrison.
Weaverville Station—G. W. Crutfield.

Weaverville Circuit—D. R. Provett.
Marshall—R. J. Parker.
Hot Springs—To be supplied.
Hendersonville Station—J. W. Moore.
Hendersonville Circuit—Supplied by J. B. Hyder.
Bald Creek—Supplied by L. H. Griffith.
Burnsville—Supplied by D. C. Ballard.
Cane Creek—Supplied by E. G. Pusey.
Riverside—Supplied by J. J. Brooks.

Ivey—Supplied by J. I. Hickman.
Tryon and Saluda—Supplied by W. L. Edwards.
President of Weaverville College—L. B. Abernethy.

Franklin District.

Presiding Elder—R. M. Taylor, Franklin.
Franklin Station—F. L. Townsend.
Franklin Circuit—W. H. Perry.
Bryson City—J. J. Eades.
Dillsboro and Sylva—C. H. Neale.
Glenville—A. N. Lewis.
Hiwassee—R. L. Doggett.
Macon—R. E. Atkinson.
Murphy Station—G. G. Harley.
Murphy Circuit—J. R. Fry.
Robbinsville—Supplied by J. H. Honkins.

Webster—C. H. Clyde.
Whittier—W. P. McGhee.
Andrews—C. S. Kirkpatrick.
Hayesville—A. G. Loflin.

Greensboro District.

Presiding Elder—S. B. Turrentine, Greensboro.
West Market Street—G. H. Detwiler.
Centenary—A. T. Bell.
Spring Garden—N. R. Richardson.
Walnut Street—L. A. Falls.
Carraway Memorial—To be supplied.

East Greensboro—A. S. Raper.
West Greensboro—J. A. Bowles.
Reidsville—L. T. Mann.
Wentworth—Seymour Taylor.
Ruffin—B. F. Fincher.
Pleasant Garden—Supplied by E. G. Kilgore.
Liberty and Bethany—W. L. Griswold.

Coderidge—V. E. Edwards.
Ramseur and Franklinville—J. E. Woosley.
Asheboro Station—C. A. Wood.
Uwharrie Circuit—J. W. Ingle.
Randieman and Naomi—C. M. Campbell.
Randolph—R. L. Owenby.
Washington Street, High Point—

J. E. Thompson (G. H. Crowell, supply).
South Main Street, High Point—O. P. Ader.
Ashboro Circuit—R. L. Melton.
Editor North Carolina Christian Advocate—H. M. Blair.
Assistant Editor—W. L. Sherrill.
Secretary and Treasurer Greensboro Female College—W. M. Curtis.
Professor in Trinity College—J. C. Wooten.

Morganton District.

Presiding Elder—C. F. Sherrill, Morganton.
Morganton Station—W. F. Womble.
Morganton Circuit—P. I. Terrell.
Comely Springs—D. F. Carver (R. S. Abernethy, supply).
Marion—H. H. Jordan.
Table Rock—W. F. Elliott.
Rutherfordton—T. J. Rogers.
Henrietta and Caroleen—L. P. Eogle.

Forest City—J. C. Moek.
Broad River—W. S. Cherry.
Thermal City—V. L. Marsh.
Bakersville—Supplied by J. F. Shelton.
Spruce Pine—E. S. Richardson.
Elk Park—J. H. Robertson.
McDowell—A. P. Foster.
North Catawba—R. L. Fruit.
Cliffside—S. E. Richardson.
Old Fort—W. G. M. ...
Chaplain in United States Navy—W. E. Edmondson.
Green River—J. D. Gibson.
President of Rutherford College—W. W. Peele.
Professors in Rutherford College—W. E. Povey and O. J. Jones.
Student in Vanderbilt University—W. O. Goode.

Mount Airy District.

Presiding Elder—W. M. Bagby, Mount Airy.
Mount Airy Station—D. Vance Price.
Mount Airy Circuit—Z. E. Barnhardt.
Rockford—J. Honek.
East Bend—P. D. Eridges.
Yadkinville—W. T. Albright.
Elkin—D. M. Litaker.
Jonesville—Supplied by T. H. Stimpson.
Wilkesboro Station—J. B. Craven.
North Wilkesboro Station—Z. Paris.

Pilot Mountain—W. Strider.
Boone—J. H. Brendell.
Creston—To be supplied.
Helton—Supplied by J. A. Honek.
Jefferson—W. T. Carner.
Laurel Springs—J. W. Cordell.
Sparta—S. B. Brown.
Watauga—J. B. Doughton.
Rural Hall—J. H. Moore.
Daubury—Supplied by D. A. Brinkley.
Wilkes Circuit—W. L. Dawson.

Salisbury District.

Presiding Elder—A. W. Plyler, Salisbury.
First Church, Salisbury—E. K. Melarty.
South Main Street, Salisbury—J. A. J. Farrington.
Holmes Memorial—A. H. Whisner (C. M. Short, supernumerary).
Spencer—R. D. Sherrill.
East Spencer and North Main Street—J. P. Lanning.
Lexington Station—A. L. Stanford.
West Lexington and Denton—Supplied by J. T. Folger.
Linwood—J. W. Clegg.
Salisbury Circuit—P. W. Tucker.
Woodleaf—C. E. Hypes.
Gold Hill—G. A. Stamper.
New London—A. L. Aycock.
Albemarle Station—H. C. Sprinkle.
West Albemarle—J. P. Davis.
Albemarle Circuit—J. T. Stover (C. M. Gentry, supernumerary).
Norwood—R. M. Courtney.
Salem—J. A. Peeler.
Cottonville—T. T. Salyer.
Big Lick—E. M. Avent.
Mount Pleasant—B. F. Hargett.
Central Church, Concord—J. C. Rowe.

Forest Hill—M. M. Long.
Epworth—J. W. Long.
West Concord—W. C. Jones.
Concord Circuit—B. A. York.
Bethel—S. S. Higgins.
China Grove—W. L. Nicholson.
Kannapolis—W. L. Hutcheson.
Principal of New London High School—J. D. Rankin.
Student in Vanderbilt University—R. A. Taylor.

Shelby District.

Presiding Elder—R. M. Hoyle, Shelby.
Shelby Station—G. D. Herman.
Shelby Circuit—B. Wilson.
Elbethel—T. S. Ellington.
King's Mountain—G. F. Kirby.
Main Street, Gastonia—W. R. Ware.
West End and Franklin Avenue, Gastonia—J. C. Harman.
Bessemer City—J. E. Armstrong.
Lowell—W. V. Hunsyett.
McAdenville and Ozark—C. V. Caviness.
Stanley Creek—C. M. Pickens.
Mount Holly—J. B. Tabor.
Lowesville—D. P. Waters.

Lincolnton Station—J. A. Jay.
Lincolnton Circuit—C. R. Ross.
Crouse Circuit—M. B. Clegg.
Cherryville—A. C. Swafford.
South Fork—E. N. Crowder.
Belwood—L. E. Stacey.
Polkville—H. G. Gamm and W. M. Boring.

Statesville District.

Presiding Elder—J. N. Huggins, Statesville.
First Church, Statesville—J. H. Weaver.
Rae Street—H. H. Robbins.
Statesville Circuit—J. E. Wagg.
Alexander Circuit—E. Myers.
Catawba—J. M. Price.
Caldwell—A. E. Wiley.
Clarksburg—Supplied by J. R. Brantley.

Granite Falls—A. R. Wolfe.
Hickory Station—J. R. Seroggs.
Hickory Circuit—J. J. Edwards.
Iredell—J. C. Keever.
Lenoir Station—Ira Erwin.
Lenoir Circuit—J. M. Downum.
Marden—T. S. Couble.
Mooreville Station—S. T. Barber.
Mooreville Circuit—J. W. Jones.
Newton—E. W. Fox.
Troutman—T. B. Johnson.
Stony Point—J. E. Weaver.
Rock Springs—N. M. Medlin.
President of Davenport College—D. C. Weaver.
Financial Agent of Davenport College—H. H. Jordan.
Davidson—R. S. Howire.
Lenoir Circuit—M. H. Tuttle.
Missionary Evangelist—D. H. Colman.

Waynesville District.

Presiding Elder—W. A. Willis, Waynesville.
Waynesville Station—M. A. Smith.
Brevard Station—R. G. Tuttle.
Brevard Circuit—J. F. Starves.
Bethel—P. C. Battle.
Canton—D. P. Tate.
Clyde—J. H. Green.
Haywood—J. W. Kenedy.
North Haywood—Supplied by J. B. Parham.

Jonathan—C. E. Steadman.
Leicester—J. W. Campbell.
Mill River—J. W. Williams.
Spring Creek—J. L. McNair.
Sulphur Springs—C. H. Curtis.
West Asheville Station—M. J. Moore.

Winston District.

Presiding Elder—T. F. Marr, Winston.
Centenary—J. E. Abernethy.
Burkhead—E. E. Williamson.
Grace and Salem—W. M. Robbins.
Kenersville and Southside—W. M. Biles.
Forsyth Circuit—V. J. Hyatt.
Lewisville—J. T. Radledge.
Farmington—J. G. W. Holloway.
Davie—C. P. Goode.
Coalemees—H. C. Byrum.
Mocksville—J. F. Kirk.
Advance—W. G. Seales.
Davidson—M. H. Vestal.
Thomasville—Parker Holmes.
North Thomasville—L. L. Smith.
Summerfield—T. C. Jordan.
Leaksville—J. H. Barnhardt.
Spray and Draper—Albert Sherrill.

Stoneville and Mayodan—A. W. Jacobs.
Madison—B. Margison.
Walnut Cove and Stokesdale—R. Bell.
Walkertown—W. A. Lambeth.

Transferred.

E. O. Cole to Montana Conference.
P. T. Durham to North Carolina.
T. W. Watts to Kentucky Conference.
R. H. Hobbs to Kentucky Conference.
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D. L. Reid to West Virginia Conference.
C. R. Canipe to North Carolina Conference.
J. A. Cook to South Georgia Conference.

News in Brief.

The Duchess of Marlboro visited the Tombs Prison, in New York, and talked with some of the prisoners.
A meeting to start a boom for Southern man as President was held in Nashville, Tenn.
Senator Tillman says Cannon and Bryan will lead the opposing Presidential tickets next year.
The West Virginia Supreme Court at Charlestown is in session.

Charleston's Fall Festival.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—Charleston's annual fall festival was inaugurated Monday, and already hundreds of visitors are gathered in the famous old city by the sea for a week of un-restrained merriment. Many novel and unique and fantastic pageants and other amusements have been arranged for the week and there is every indication that the celebration will be the most successful of its kind ever held here.

City air contains 14 times as many microbes as that of the country.

Washington, Special.—A new star was added to the American flag Saturday by the admission formally into the Union of the State of Oklahoma. President Roosevelt at 10:16 o'clock Saturday morning signed the proclamation admitting the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory jointly as one of the American States. Little formally attended the ceremony which meant so much to the people of the two territories. In appending his signature to the proclamation the President used a pen formed from a quill plucked from the wing of an American eagle. The pen will be deposited with the Oklahoma Historical Society.

OUR FORTY-SIXTH STATE

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Admission Marked by Jubilation.

Guthrie, Okla., Special.—The admission of Oklahoma to statehood was marked by jubilation throughout the two territories by the installation of Governor Charles N. Haskell and by a parade and barbecue in Guthrie.

Will Issue Panama Bonds.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Cortelyou has made the important announcement that, as a means of affording relief to the financial situation, the Treasury would issue \$50,000,000 of Panama bonds and \$100,000,000 certificates of indebtedness, or so much thereof as may be necessary. The certificates will run for one year and bear 3 per cent interest. The Secretary's action in coming to the relief of the financial situation meets with President Roosevelt's hearty approval, and the plan is the outcome of the several White House conferences which have been held within the past few days when the financial situation was under consideration. Secretary Cortelyou says that the Panama bonds will afford most substantial relief, as the law provides that they may be used as a basis for additional national bank circulation. He also states that the proceeds from the sale of certificates can be made directly available at points where the need is most urgent, and especially for the movement of the crops which, he says, "if properly accelerated will give the greatest relief and result in the most immediate financial returns." The Secretary calls attention to the attractiveness of the bonds and certificates as absolutely safe investments.

Fire at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Special.—An estimated damage of \$85,000, practically all insured, is the result of a fire which gutted the two upper stories of the five-story building occupied by the Willis Smith Cralle Company, furniture dealers here, and by the immense amount of water thrown into the structure. A general alarm brought all the fire fighting force of the city to action and the fire was confined to the upper stories. The building faces 200 feet on Main and 300 feet on Church street and was formerly the old Purcell House, one of the early hotels of Norfolk.

Football Team on Strike.

Deland, Fla., Special.—The Stetson University football team, recognized throughout the South as one of the strongest eleven on the gridiron has struck because President Lincoln Hulley has refused to permit "Speck" Campbell, Stetson's quarterback, to play. President Hulley refused to give any reason for his actions, and members of the team decline to play, claiming they have no other man to take Campbell's place. All scheduled games have been canceled.

Georgia Farmer Kills a Tenant.

Hazlehurst, Ga., Special.—A. O. Strickland, farmer, is under arrest for killing John Cole, a tenant, and shooting Cole's brother. John Cole asked Strickland for a settlement when Strickland reached for his shotgun and with the words, "I will give you a settlement" discharged it into Cole's breast. Strickland also shot a brother of Cole, but not seriously.

Taggart Calls Meeting of Committee.

French Lick, Ind., Special.—Chairman Thomas Taggart, of the Democratic national committee, announced that he had issued a call for a meeting of the members of the committee at French Lick November 22d. The time and place for the next Democratic national convention will be discussed among other subjects but no final action will be taken. The time and place for another meeting of the committee to decide as to the national convention will be fixed.

BRYAN A CANDIDATE

Willing to Accept Democratic Nomination For President

THINKS CHANCES TO WIN GOOD

Mr. Bryan Oft-Repeated Question by Saying That He Will Accept Democratic Nomination in 1908—Does Not Seek Nomination and Will Not Assume to Decide Question of Availability.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—William J. Bryan will accept the Democratic nomination for President in 1908, but he will neither ask nor make a fight for it. He says that for a year or more he has been pressed to answer the question "Will you accept the nomination?" and he believes the public is entitled to an answer and to know the position he occupies. The question that ought to weigh most, he says, is whether his nomination will strengthen the Democratic party more than the nomination of some one else. Not only will he not seek or ask for the nomination, but he will not assume to decide the question of availability, and if the prize falls to another he will neither be disappointed or disgruntled. At the same time, he denies that he has waited this long in a desire to see whom the Republicans are likely to nominate, or to ascertain the chances of victory.

Mr. Bryan says: "Now that the election of 1907 is past and plans are being made for next year's campaign, Mr. Bryan feels that a statement is due to the public. Those who prefer another candidate are entitled to know his position and those who favor his nomination have a right to demand an answer to the question so often put 'Will you accept a nomination?' His refusal to answer the question, has led to the circulation of many false reports and unfriendly newspapers have taken advantage of his silence to misrepresent his attitude.

Will Not Seek Nomination.

"Mr. Bryan will not ask for or seek a nomination and he will not assume to decide the question of his availability. He has been so amply recompensed by his party for what he has done and for what he has endeavored to do that he cannot claim a nomination as a reward. Neither should his ambition be considered for he has had honors enough from his party to satisfy any reasonable ambition. The only question that ought to weigh with the party is whether the party can be strengthened and aided more by his nomination than by the nomination of some one else. If he can serve the party by being its candidate, he will accept the commission and make the best fight he can. If, however, the choice falls upon another, he will not be disappointed or disgruntled. His availability is a question to be decided not by him, nor by a few leaders, not even by the leading newspapers that call themselves Democratic, but by the voters of the party and to them, he entrusts the decision of the question—they are the Supreme Court in all matters concerning candidates, as they are in all matters concerning the platform.

Party Must Depend Upon Its Merits.

"He assumes that they will not select him unless they desire to make an aggressive fight for the application of Democratic principles to present conditions, and he also takes it for granted that the organization of the party will be in harmony with the platform, and will be composed of men who see political records and will invite confidence and give assurance that a victory, if won, will not be a barren victory.

"The Republicans must nominate either a reformer, a stand pater or one whose position on public questions is unknown, and the course of the Democratic party should be the same no matter which element controls the Republican convention. The Democratic party must make the fight for what it believes. While it may take advantage of Republican mistakes, it must depend upon its own merits for success and not upon the error of its opponents.

"The action of the Republican convention may have its influence in the determining of the relative availability of Democratic candidates, but it ought not to have any influence in determining the question whether the one chosen by the Democrats should accept the nomination. If the rank and file of the Democratic party desire Mr. Bryan to make the race, he will make it no matter who may be the Republican nominee."