

gration to this State many large tracts of land have been thrown on the market at reduced prices.

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#### DEMONSTRATION AT COOPER UNION.

THE MANHATTAN SINGLE TAX CLUB HOLDS A MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF SUBWAYS—SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT LEUBUSCHER, HON. BIRD S. COLER, JUDGE JOHN FORD, HON. ROBERT BAKER AND HENRY GEORGE, JR.—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The Manhattan Single Tax Club, feeling the impulse that is now stirring among Single Taxers everywhere urging them to renewed activity, held a meeting, enlivened by a band of music, on the night of July 1st, in the big hall in Cooper Union for the purpose of urging upon the newly appointed Public Utilities Commission the calling for bids for the construction of the new subways, leaving their operation or leasing until after completion, and urging that body to keep to the routes already selected. President Leubuscher opened the meeting in a vigorous speech, after which the resolutions prepared for submission to the meeting were read by the editor of the *Single Tax Review*. Speeches followed by those named at the head of this column. That of Hon. Robert Baker drew attention to the undemocratic nature of government by commission, and the small hope that existed of such a commission doing anything effective to correct monopolistic abuses. "No Pass Baker," as he has come to be known, no longer in derision, since there are dozens of "no pass" governors now-a-days since Congressman Baker took that bold stand, and more who wish they were, aroused the enthusiasm of his audience. Mr. Coler, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, went into the debt limit bugaboo, and made short work of that contention to prevent the people from escaping the toils of monopoly. Judge Ford, author of the Ford Franchise law, touched aptly upon the situation, and the meeting wound up by Chairman Leubuscher putting the resolutions to a vote, and their adoption by acclamation.

#### A REFERENDUM LEAGUE FOR NEW YORK STATE.

There has been organized in this State for active work an Initiative and Referendum League, the objects of which are "to render bribery futile, needed reforms possible and make the government more directly answerable to the people." The president of the league is Hamilton Holt, and among its vice-presidents are F. W.

Hinrichs, Rev. Newall Dwight Hillis, Josiah Strong, James B. Reynolds and Edward M. Sheppard. George Foster Peabody is the treasurer, and the chairman of the executive committee is John Martin. Among the members of such committee are the well-known names of A. J. Boulton, John B. Clark, C. H. Ingersoll, Herman G. Loew, Milo R. Malthie (just appointed member of the Public Utilities Commission), Gustave Thompson, John De Witt Warner, and Judge William H. Wood. The secretary is Henry B. Maurer, and the office of the league is 299 Broadway, this city.

The work of the league will be to propagate its doctrines by means of lectures and a press bureau, etc., to secure legislation providing for the referendum in the cities, and to put candidates on record respecting this much needed reform. It will start referendum leagues wherever possible, and will co-operate with all bodies, farmers' Granges, labor and suffrage organizations, etc., which will aid the work. A bill has been framed, combining the advantages of the Maine and Oregon amendments, and is now in the hands of Senator Fuller, of Brooklyn, who may introduce it at the next session of the legislature. It is proposed to call a convention at Carnegie Hall, perhaps some time in January, at which it is hoped John Wanamaker will preside. One night will be given to mayors of cities where the initiative and referendum are operative, and another night to the governors of States similarly situated.

Single Taxers will give this movement their support without relaxing their efforts to popularize the Single Tax, realizing that the electors must be trained to the intelligent use of political instruments even before the instruments are perfected.

#### THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF LABOR.

There was held on May the 13th, in this city, the Fifth Annual Convention of the C. A. I. L., which is short for The Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor. Bishop Potter is president. Its specialty seems to be rummage sales, advancement of legislation respecting the prohibition of child labor and tenement betterment. Worthy objects, all of these. But like all people who are fighting symptoms rather than causes, and who, all things considered, rather prefer that kind of campaign, since it arouses no antagonism and threatens nobody's special interests, they evince a decided aversion for doing anything that would go to the roots of privilege.

Mr. Alexander Law, who was a delegate from the St. Chrysotom Chapter to the convention, is not that type of man. He knows what is the matter with society and is will-