

# The Jackson County Journal

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## REVENUES FROM TAX ON MALT SHORT OF EXPECTATIONS

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—The Treasury Department has had a big surprise in the failure of the tax on brewers' wort and grape concentrates to produce the revenue that was estimated when the revenue bill was adopted. It was estimated that the tax of fifteen cents a gallon on wort and twenty cents a gallon on grape concentrates would bring in eighty-two million dollars in taxes. So far the income from this source since the law went into effect on the first of July is at a rate which would amount only to about three million dollars for a full year.

The failure of this tax to produce what was expected is in line with the falling off of government income from several other tax sources. The beer tax is not producing anything like the revenue which was expected at the time of the increase in the income tax rates.

It becomes more evident every day that the best job of the next session of Congress will be, besides cutting down governmental costs, to find sources of tax revenue which are more certain and easy of collection. The general retail sales tax is gaining support in all directions, regardless of party lines. It would not be at all surprising to see a sales tax bill put through early in the coming session.

### Depreciated Currency

Of more serious consequence from the point of view of the protection of American industry and labor are the measures made before the Commission of Customs, of the Ministry of Japan and other countries operating on a depreciated currency basis to sell commodities in America at a lower price in our money than they could be made for in the United States.

There are only half a dozen countries in the world today whose money is worth its par value in gold. The only important nation of which this is true are the United States and France. English money is at a discount of more than 30 per cent from par, Canadian money is 10 per cent below par, Japanese money is more than 50 per cent below par.

The problem of stabilizing the currencies of all of the principal countries on a gold basis is an extremely complicated and difficult one in which the various nations concerned must all take a hand. For this reason great hopes are being built upon the outcome of the World Economic Conference, which is to consider this subject particularly and which will meet in the course of the next two months.

One outcome of that conference may be the restoration of silver to its former monetary position, thus increasing the available amount of metal on which to base currencies is still uncertain.

### Expect Currency Bills

This inequality in international money values lends great strength to the argument that, by some means the currency of the United States should be inflated, so as to give our dollar a lower purchasing power, thus increasing commodity prices and enabling debtors to pay with less difficulty.

Every other important nation, in the world has either officially reduced the gold value of its currency, or has found itself unable to maintain its money at its nominal gold value. Even England is deliberately keeping its money considerably below its nominal value and there is a strong movement in England to change the gold value of the pound sterling from its former price of \$186 to a figure around three dollars and a half.

In the days when the United States was a debtor nation, and our business and industry owed more money abroad than was owed to us, there was a much stronger and widespread sentiment in favor of cheap money than there is today. The situation has now been reversed. The United States has become, by the accident of war, the largest creditor nation, and the other nations are playing the same trick on us that we played on them in our struggling debtor days.

## COMMISSION LETS CONTRACT FOR CULLOWHEE ROAD

The contract for grading and paving Highway 106 from Sylva to Cullowhee was awarded on last Thursday afternoon by the State Highway Commission. The paving is to be of black-top traffic-bound macadam, which is similar to the surface on Highway 28 from the Transylvania county line to the concrete in Macon county.

E. A. Wood and Company of Andrews were the low bidders on the grading and paving, their bid being \$76,664. Howerton-Hagoman, Incorporated, of Asheville was awarded the contract on the structures at \$31,765.25.

The date upon which the contractors will begin has not been announced; but it is presumed that they will start operations at an early date. The projects let to contract will complete the paving from Sylva to Dick's gap, where it will connect with the section of 106 that is paved from that point to the Forks of Tuckasee. Every effort will be made by local people and organizations to promote the completion of the highway through, via Glenville to Cashier's Valley, at the earliest possible date, which the Chairman of the Highway Commission has promised to do.

The paving that is to be begun shortly will connect Sylva and Western Carolina Teachers College, and is a part of the great trunk line highway that will eventually run through the county from the Southeast to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Mid-west, and will be the shortest and most scenic of all routes to the Park.

### MISS RAY PASSES IN ATLANTA

Relatives and friends in and about Sylva have learned of the death, in Atlanta, on Sunday, of Miss Blanche Ray. While not unexpected, the intelligence of her passing was a shock to many friends here. Miss Ray had been unwell for the past several months. Funeral and interment were held in Atlanta on Monday.

Miss Ray was the daughter of Mrs. Maggie Ray, and the late Roy Ray, and was a native of Dillsboro. She, her brother and brother lived in Sylva, a few years ago, coming here from Florida. Surviving are her mother, her brother, Herbert Ray, a sister, Mrs. Edwina Mahoney, of Atlanta, her grandfather, Esquire R. P. Potts, of Sylva, and other relatives.

### WESTERN CAROLINA COMPANY ACQUIRES CULLOWHEE SYSTEM

E. L. McKee, a director of the Western Carolina Telephone company has announced that the Western Carolina Telephone Company has purchased the Cullowhee telephone system, and that at a meeting of the directors, last week, appropriations were made to practically rebuild the present plant and install the most up to date dial system, which will give Cullowhee one of the most modern plants in Western North Carolina. These improvements will call for the expenditure of several thousand dollars.

The Western Carolina Telephone Company has gradually expanded their holdings until they now own the plants at Clayton, Ga., Franklin, Bryson City, Highlands, Sylva, Cullowhee, Dillsboro, Sylva - Cashiers-High Hampton-Fairfield line.

### BOILING SPRINGS-CULLOWHEE GAME HERE ON NOVEMBER 11

Coach C. C. Poindexter, of Western Carolina Teachers College has announced that Boiling Springs has been signed up for the November 11 game in Sylva. It is thought that the Cullowhee home games and the one in Sylva on November 11 will test whether or not people in this section will support college football. If proper interest and support is manifested it is planned to have an annual game in Sylva. Stores in Sylva will be asked to close in the afternoon for the game of November 11.

## In Final Drive For Votes



Two very informal pictures of the presidential candidates, President Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, as they started on their final drive to win votes for the Republican and Democratic tickets. Here they are, two aggressive candidates . . . so take your choice.

## Democrats Continue Drive For Votes In This County

### CROWD HEARS WEAVER PLAY HOOVER AT COWARTS

A crowd of Jackson voters, that filled the large auditorium at Cowarts, last Friday evening, heard Congressman Zeb Weaver castigate and condemn the Hoover administration, for its failure to fulfill the campaign pledges of four years ago, and for allowing conditions to become as they have been for four years, by the enactment of the present Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which Mr. Weaver said, has initiated the tariff war, a retaliatory measure on the part of other nations that has brought about the present stagnation in business and thrown millions of men out of employment.

Mr. Weaver told of how the prices of wheat, corn, cattle, cotton, and the whole list of farm products have shrunk, by reason of the tariff act, while there is a surplus, and men and women are suffering for the want of things that the farmers have and can't sell, while those who need it are without money or jobs with which to make the money to buy from the farmer.

Other speakers on the program were, W. R. Francis, candidate for state senator, Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, and Dan Tompkins candidate for the house of representatives.

Before the speaking, the crowd consumed a barbecued steer, two sheep, and quantities of pies, potatoes, slaw, and numerous other good things prepared by the people of Caney Fork. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Caney Fork Democratic Club, of which Jas. Shular is president.

### BOX SUPPER AT OLIVET

There will be a box supper at the Olivet school house on Halloween night, sponsored by the local P. T. A., for the benefit of the school.

The public is invited. A Halloween program and special music will be rendered.

## 150 Local People To Appear In Play November 3 and 4

On the nights, Thursday and Friday, November 3rd and 4th Sylva is promised something unusual in the play "Once in a Blue Moon," that is being sponsored by the Rotary and Junior Clubs. One hundred and fifty prominent townspeople, business and professional, will be included in the cast. The play is under the direction of the Misses Frances Barnes and Ruby Rogers, of the Dramatic Department of the Southern Arts Studio of Winston-Salem.

About once in a Blue Moon, something queer, something phenomenal, something ridiculous or absurd

### DEMOCRATS HOLD BARBECUE AND SPEAKING AT GAY

Hundreds of people jammed the Savannah school house Tuesday night, in an enthusiastic Democratic meeting, following a huge barbecue, on the school ground.

The speakers were Judge Johnson, Mrs. E. L. McKee and Dan Tompkins. Mrs. McKee, the first speaker, directed her remarks to the women, and called attention to the vital connection between the home and the government. She related the story of good government in North Carolina, and told of how we have made greater progress along educational, health, highways, and good government generally than any State in the Union; and contrasted the record in this State with the policies of the Hoover administration, which, she blamed with the depression that has cut the family budget and put millions of the heads of American heads of families out of work, and in such position that they are unable to supply their wives and children with the necessities and comforts of life. She stated that prohibition is not an issue in this campaign and urged her hearers not to be deceived with propaganda seeking to inject it into the campaign, which would be hurtful to the campaign, and also to the cause of temperance and sobriety.

Judge Johnson questioned the sincerity of Hon. Jake Newell, who, he said is a convert to the cause of prohibition. He stated that after North Carolina went dry in 1908, Mr. Newell was a member of the platform committee of the Republican State Convention and helped draft a plank that condemned prohibition. He said that prohibition is not an issue; but that the real issue is written in the faces of millions of men out of jobs, in the worried features of farmers, whose farms have been sold or are to be sold, of tired house-wives, of distraught business men, and in the pinched faces of millions of little children, crying for relief from government for the few.

## Small Town and Country Sentiment For Roosevelt According To Straw-Vote

### MASSIE FURNITURE STORE WILL OPEN ON NOV. 3RD

Announcement is made that the new Massie Furniture Store in Sylva will open for business on next Thursday, November 3, at 9 o'clock.

The new store is located in the New Jackson Hotel building, in spacious quarters recently leased from J. S. Higdon.

Mr. T. N. Massie, Jr., will move to Sylva and will be the manager of the business.

### TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

#### Rattlesnakes . . . a Home

"Rattlesnake Pete" Gruber died the other day at 75. I knew him many years ago in Rochester, N. Y., whence he used to sally forth into the haunts of rattlesnakes and capture the reptiles for the sake of their venom: which, well diluted of course, is used for several medical purposes.

Pete Gruber used to say that he had been bitten by rattlers more than 500 times. He knew how to treat a snake-bite, however, and he contributed much valuable knowledge to the medical profession.

One of his favorite hunting grounds for rattlers used to be in the limestone cliffs on both sides of the Niagara canyon. I don't know whether there are any rattlers there now, or not, but there are few places in America where some variety of this serpent cannot be found. In my New England boyhood we used to have a saying that wherever you found huckleberries you'd find rattlers. That was, because huckleberries grow best on limestone hills where the underbrush has been burnt over, and that is just the sort of country rattlers like best.

#### Graft . . . a training school

Waiting with a friend for the traffic to change at a Fifth Avenue corner a well-dressed young man addressed us. His manner and tone were those of a cultivated, educated person.

"I'm ashamed of this gentlemen," he said, "but I'm actually starving. I know I don't look it; I've been trying to keep my self-respect by dressing as well as I can—but I'm hungry."

He was so convincing that my friend handed him half a dollar. The young man slipped around the corner and we followed him. In front of the Ritz-Carlton we saw him address another man, the other man's hand go to his pocket.

"Don't give that man a cent!" my friend exclaimed. Then to the beggar, "Give me back my half dollar!" The young man pulled out a handful of silver and bills, and calmly gave up the coin. "It's a good graft, anyway," he said, as he walked away.

One of the worst effects of the depression has been to get tens of thousands of men into the habit of grafting on the generosity of others.

#### Pensions . . . for Old Folks

Eighteen states now provide cash pensions for the aged poor, instead of penning them up in almshouses, at the mercy of politically-appointed poor-masters. New Jersey is the latest to join the movement, providing pensions up to \$30 a month for persons past 70 years old.

In the whole United States there are now more than 90,000 old folk getting pensions, and the movement is spreading. A national old age pension system is proposed, and its discussion will be one of the important things before Congress next winter. It is estimated that there are more than six million Americans over 65 years old, of whom a third are not able to support themselves.

The Association for Old Age Security, with headquarters in New York, is back of this movement, and is doing a good job. Anyone who wants to know more about it ought to write them for information.

With the national presidential election less than two weeks away the weekly newspapers' nation-wide poll is piling up impressive totals for the consideration of political minded folks everywhere. The votes in the weekly newspaper poll represent the run of the tide in small town and rural America. The Journal, together with some 3,000 weekly newspapers located in states throughout the nation has been conducting this straw-vote test for the last several weeks, with the Publishers Autoeaster News paper Service in New York operating as national headquarters.

Votes tabulated from 36 states for a total of 129,490 received show:

Roosevelt ..... 77,331  
Hoover ..... 52,159

The weekly newspaper straw-vote returns this week bear out an early indication that Roosevelt may expect as much support, and a little bit more, from small towns and rural districts as he has received in large city and thickly populated district polls. In other words, The Literary Digest poll showed Roosevelt in mid-October with 53.54 per cent of the vote cast to Hoover's 39.39 per cent of the total of 1,983,634 votes cast.

In the Hearst newspaper poll of larger cities, Roosevelt with 58 per cent leads Hoover with 42 per cent in a total of approximately 500,000 votes cast. The weekly newspaper poll this week with a total of 129,490 votes shows Roosevelt leading 59 plus per cent to Hoover's 41 minus.

But here are the actual figures in the weekly newspaper poll. They show the returns in 36 states.

State	Hoover	Roosevelt
California	62,579	4,713
Colorado	431	537
Connecticut	1,152	745
Florida	211	904
Georgia	169	863
Idaho	281	479
Indiana	2,920	4,157
Illinois	6,892	3,259
Iowa	3,569	4,312
Kansas	2,389	3,863
Kentucky	1,566	2,734
Maine	997	701
Maryland	283	561
Massachusetts	2,931	2,032
Montana	450	890
Michigan	807	2,122
Minnesota	2,988	4,177
Mississippi	167	852
Missouri	450	890
Nebraska	175	684
New Hampshire	671	481
New Jersey	709	513
New Mexico	25	350
New York	8,213	9,444
North Carolina	377	2,104
North Dakota	433	761
Ohio	3,828	7,937
Pennsylvania	2,791	3,573
South Carolina	117	516
Tennessee	718	3,003
Texas	395	1,926
Utah	189	339
Virginia	765	1,902
Washington	832	1,387
West Virginia	341	2,526
Wisconsin	597	1,710
Wyoming	201	274
Total	52,159	77,331

As shown by the table above, Roosevelt is leading in thirty states, to six for Hoover. The Hoover states are Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New Hampshire. This is directly in line with the Literary Digest poll except that The Digest shows Hoover leading in Illinois as well as New Jersey outside New England.

Republican leaders scoff at the idea that Hoover will fail to carry a greater number of states than is shown in any of the polls, and maybe rightly so. However, if Hoover carries no more states than the different straw-votes now indicate, he will have less than 100 electoral votes of the 266 necessary to elect.

There are 531 electoral votes of the States. These have been reapportioned since the 1928 election, due to population changes. New York state has the greatest vote with 47. Pennsylvania has 36; Illinois, 29; Ohio, 26; Texas, 23; California, 22; and Michigan, 19.

#### THE VOTE IN JACKSON

The vote in this county shows: Roosevelt 25; Hoover 1; Thomas 3

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