

**EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY
IN EXPENDING TAX MONEY**

With regard to this matter we believe our people in every county and state should consider five principles as follows:

1. Distinguish clearly between productive and non-productive forms of government work. Let us be liberal and progressive with all productive forms—those which make people more intelligent, healthful, efficient; such as educational work, agricultural work, health work, etc. Money spent for such purposes is really not an expenditure but an investment. It makes people richer and produces wealth to repay the tax money spent. In most counties and states we ought to spend more for such productive purposes, but we ought to spend relatively less for the merely routine, tax-eating, non-productive or consumptive expenditures. We should economize on the non-productive expenditures and give more to the productive sort.
2. Consider the commission form of government for counties. We believe there is far less efficiency and far greater waste of tax money in county governments than in our state governments. We have previously quoted Mr. J. Z. Green's remark about a county in which \$46,000 was spent for county officials, whereas an efficiency expert, after examining the situation, declared that capable men under the commission form of government could run the county for \$9,000. Not long ago we also mentioned the case of a county which sometime ago abolished the office of county treasurer, the county paper reporting that the abolition has saved "more than \$2,000 a year and no one has been inconvenienced in the least."
3. Every state and every county should have an "efficiency and economy commission." Such a committee should be composed of competent business men and farmers; courageous men who are not politicians, and representatives of both political parties should be included wherever an important minority party exists. These men should be authorized both to investigate for themselves and to employ capable experts to help them investigate all branches of state or county government (as the case might be), to find out just where economies could be abolished, other consolidated, inefficient officers put to work, or commission government substituted. Such an efficiency and economy commission would help almost any county.
4. Don't sacrifice efficiency to politics. In order to get efficient men, men who can give the people their tax money's worth, we should keep positions requiring technical knowledge (such as state and county educational, agricultural, and health officials) out of politics. That is to say, men who administer (1) agricultural, (2) educational, or (3) health work should not be chosen by ordinary political methods, but selected by competent boards solely on the ground of fitness for the particular task in hand. We know it is popular to say, "Elect by the people," but it is impossible for the average voter to judge the qualifications of candidates for such positions, and the net result is that men often get into these offices merely because they are good hand-shakers, stump-speakers, joke-tellers, etc., and there is waste of tax money in consequence.
5. Don't erect magnificent courthouses till the people get good schools and roads. We know a county which recently completed a quarter-of-a million dollar courthouse and then refused to vote a decent school tax to educate its children! Let a coun-

ty get good schools and good roads with proper public health work and home and farm demonstration work, and its people will soon be able to erect suitable public buildings. But to have mansions for courthouses and shanties for school houses is not our idea of progress.—Progressive Farmer.

William Allen White proclaims Barlow as the logical candidate for President. It would be a bright idea to send him the nomination by mail.—Toledo Blade.

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FIRST SKIRMISHES ON SUFFRAGE IN DELAWARE

Dover, Del., March 24.—Friends and foes of woman suffrage both

WOULD DRAW PUBLIC AND ARMY TOGETHER

Secretary Baker Wants Closer Communication and All To Aid in Plan.

Washington, March 22.—Efforts to effect "closer communion" between the army and public were ordered by Secretary of War Baker in a letter today to the chief of staff, General March. He directed that all officers be instructed to establish cordial and personal relations with civilian officials, business men and heads of civil organizations in order that they might be made agencies for "an active" working force for the upbuilding of the new army.

The Secretary wrote that Governors of state already had been asked to issue proclamations calling attention to the educational and training features of the army.

"The very salvation of the army," he continued, "depends on a properly co-ordinated development of the educational, vocational, recreational and character building system with our system of military training."

Regiments have been stationed, Mr. Baker said, with the community idea in view. A plan to furnish speakers to civic gatherings will be put into operation soon; and the assistance of the churches and parents has been sought by means of letters.

claimed points in today's preliminary skirmishes in the Legislature to make Delaware the thirty-sixth State needed for ratification of the equal suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Introduction today of ratification resolutions in both Senate and House opened the actual struggle. Plans to delay a final vote until next week were made by the suffragists while the opponents pressed for decisive action on Friday. Both sides continued confident of the outcome and veteran suffragist campaigners said the fight transcends that experienced in any other State.

**TAX SALES
COMING**

On April 1st I will have to advertise For Sale, land on which Tax has not been paid. It is embarrassing to me and to you to advertise your land For Sale; but the only way to avoid it is to get your Tax paid before the law compels me to get up this list.

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—IT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE ENTIRE WEEK, GIVING YOU PLENTY OF TIME TO PUT A COAT OF PAINT ON THE HOUSE, THE GARAGE, THE BARN AND THE COW SHED. YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO STAIN THE FLOORS AND PAINT THE CEILING.

—PAINT IS THE GREAT CLEANSER. IT KILLS ALL THE GERMS, SMOTHERS THE DUST AND BRIGHTENS THE CORNERS. YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE PREPARING TO USE IT. YOU MUST IF THE OLD HOME IS GOING TO HOLD ITS HEAD UP AMONG SURROUNDINGS THAT ARE TO BE MADE SO MUCH BRIGHTER.

—COME ON DOWN AND PICK OUT THE COLORS YOU WANT. WE HAVE THE GOODS IN READY-MIXED, READY TO APPLY, OR THE LEAD AND OIL; A BIG STOCK OF BRUSHES YOU CAN USE YOURSELF AND ANY QUANTITY OF STAINS AND VARNISHES.

—WHILE YOU ARE IN THE PAINTING NOTION YOU WILL FIND IT WELL TO BRIGHTEN UP SOME OF THAT OLD FURNITURE THAT NEEDS ONLY A LITTLE FURNITURE VARNISH TO MAKE IT LOOK AS GOOD AS NEW.

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