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THE REVALUATION LAW.

Ligant Analysis Of Its Salient Features By Mr. G. Ed Kestler, Repub- lican Editor of Concord.

Mr. G. Ed Kestler, prominent publican editor of Concord has written another analysis of the revaluation Act, which was published in the Charlotte Observer Monday, as follows:

"So general has been the treatment of my few thoughts on the new revaluation law, and, by request, I extend this research in the law. The legislature will meet to fix rates and a public discussion of the matter is the best way to bring out the salient points in the law, so it can correct the errors and add remedial provisions to it. To get an absolute equality of property is a hard task for property values change with the conditions, they are affected by the prices of the products from the farms, from the financial situations, and by the profits the factories make on their products. Plenty of money means high prices and scarcity of money low prices. Adam Smith and all the authorities prove this. Low tax rates stimulate the purchase of real estate and high taxes discourage purchases. The prospects of low rates have created a great demand for property as has the high prices of cotton, tobacco and lumber. I say high prices, yet North Carolina is the best and cheapest dirt in the states. Excepting Virginia we have got the lowest values in real estate. South Carolina is double in value what our land is and thousands are selling out there and buying the North Carolina farms. If I were in the legislature I would amend this law by making the state pay one-half the cost of its administration and the county the other half and where there are large cities I would make those cities pay the county one-fourth of their cost. With the three divisions benefitting by the law it is not fair to make the county pay all the cost. The counties also should appoint the man to administer the law, always keeping both parties represented, as this is local self-government and it eliminates the political element from the law. After this year the district supervisors will not be needed and they should be released of duty.

"The constitutional limitation of 66% should be greatly reduced, as our governor recommends. The constitution should be changed so that the income from certain kinds of taxed property can be taxed. As it now is a big merchant or mill man pays a man \$3,000 a year salary and he, if married, has to pay income tax on \$1,000 while the owner of the store or mill may receive in dividends \$50,000 a year and yet he pays no income tax. This is unjust, and it taxes labor and relieves capital.

"There is or should be no politics in taxation administration. All the people must pay taxes and in order to make this law non-political the coming legislature should increase the tax commission by one more and put a republican upon the board and make the law so that each party shall always have representation on the commission.

"Another thing the legislature should do and that is to so amend that every deed and mortgage should show the address of the grantor and grantee and also the township, ward, or other description by which any one can easily locate the property. This would aid greatly in the enforcement of this revaluation law. A

gain, every deed should be registered before it is valid and should state the exact amount paid under the deed. The custom of selling a \$10,000 piece of property for \$10.00 and other valuable consideration is intolerable and tends to injury in the administration of the law, and if there really other consideration it should first be appraised and put in the deed at its real cash value in money. In transfers among relatives this should be required also.

"Again, every holder of notes, bond stock certificates and other evidences of concealed wealth should be made to register them if their value is over \$100, as deeds, mortgages and trust deeds are now registered.

"This should apply to personal and corporate property alike. This law should make it impossible for any one to conceal any kind of wealth, and this done all will pay taxes alike and the rate must be so low that everyone will be delighted with it.

"Now, the next issue that appeals most strongly to the taxpayers is that the money should be economically expended when once collected. These tax boards might in time be given power to advise as to the expenditure of public monies and see that none is wasted. This should not be done though until every county is given the power to appoint its own board or until every county is allowed to elect its own board. This, if done, should not in any way embarrass or attempt to usurp the constitutional rights and prerogative of the county commissioners but should only aid them in the science of county government by advising along

Congressman Hoey Will Not Stand For Re-Election.

Stating emphatically that his course is not prompted by the exigencies of the gubernatorial contest, says the Statesville Landmark. Hon. Clyde Hoey has made the expected announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election to Congress from the ninth district. Here is the reason as Mr. Hoey gives it.

"It had never occurred to me that the fact that I lived in Cleveland county and that other of my fellow-county men were holding public offices would be made the basis of a fight against me, but such a campaign was waged, and while nine of the ten counties in the district decided overwhelmingly in my favor, yet the fight in Mecklenburg succeeded in creating such a sentiment in that county in favor of Mecklenburg having the candidate for Congress that it seriously threatened a division in the Democratic party in that county, and I fear has left the party there in an unwholesome condition. Mecklenburg is the most populous county in the district with the largest Democratic majority and any diminishing of the majority in that county would be unfortunate for the party in the district.

"Unquestionably I could be re-nominated and re-elected, but I am unwilling to be the occasion for any division in the Democratic party in Mecklenburg, or to be a further stumbling block in the way of any Mecklenburg Democrat, and I shall not permit any ambition of mine to interfere with the fullest party harmony. With no divisions in the party any Democrat can be elected this year by the normal Democratic majority, because it is a regular election when the voters will be going to the polls anywhere to vote for all county, State and national candidates.

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The Republican State Ticket.

Mr. W. T. Bost, writes to the Greensboro Daily News a very voluminous account of the Republican State Convention held in Greensboro on Wednesday of last week. One lady candidate was placed on the ticket, and in referring to the part played by the ladies in the convention, Mr. Bost said:

"The convention made history yesterday in bringing to a present issue the women voters of North Carolina. Scattered women delegates voting on minor proposals sent a thrill into the convention which in its platform had extended the privileges of government to all qualified people. But when Mrs. Mary Settle Sharpe was placed on the state ticket as state superintendent of public instruction, the big convention could not contain itself. It wept and it howled."

The following ticket was nominated without a dissenting vote: Governor—John J. Parker, of Monroe.

Lieutenant-Governor—I. B. Tucker, of Whiteville.

Secretary of State—Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville.

Treasurer—J. J. Jenkins, of Siler City.

Auditor—J. Ed. Mendenhall, of Asheboro.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Mrs. Mary S. Sharpe, of Greensboro.

Commissioner of Agriculture—French Draper.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing—J. F. Barrett, of Asheboro.

Commissioner of Insurance—G. W. Stanton, of Wilson.

Corporation Commissioner (to be filled.)

Attorney General—Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage.

Supreme Court Justices—T. T. Hicks, of Henderson; J. E. Alexander, of Winston-Salem.

State Chairman F. A. Linney, of Boone, who was not able to attend the convention, being ill with influenza, was unanimously elected for another term.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, the eye of our Loving Heavenly Father, who knoweth what things are best, has seen fit to remove from our lodge, Brother F. P. McGuire. He was a charter member of Bald Mountain Rebekah Lodge No. 126, and in losing him, we lose one of our most loved and devoted members. Therefore be it resolved:

1. That while we greatly miss Brother McGuire that we bow in humble submission to the will of our all-wise Father who knoweth and doeth all things well.

2. That we extend to the bereaved widow and relatives of Brother McGuire, our deepest sympathy, and commend them to the care of our Father who is able to comfort at all times.

3. That Bald Mountain Rebekah Lodge no. 126 be draped in mourning for thirty years.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our Lodge record book, and copies be sent to the widow of the deceased, the North Carolina Odd Fellow, the Watauga Democrat, and the Ashe Recorder, with request that they be published.

M. ELMA MCGUIRE }
SALLIE GRAHAM } Com.
JENNIE TODD RAY }

The Humorous Mr. Hoover

Mr. Herbert Hoover evidently has the saving grace of humor, the capacity to take criticism in the lighter vein. Writing to a friend who persistently urged him to answer some of the charges brought against him, Mr. Hoover says:

"Some things that have been said of me cause me a sense of financial oversight. For instance, I have made quite careful inquiries and I regret that so far I cannot find:

"(a) The \$10,000,000 I am said to have made in my early youth, or any respectable part of it.

"(b) The investments that I am supposed to have in Great Britain.

"Like the negro porter who was asked to change \$10, I am grateful for the compliment. I am sorry that these sums do not exist, for they would be useful for children's relief.

"I have also given deep consideration to the other items mentioned:

"(a) Am I a British subject? Did I ever apply for such citizenship? No, Many generations of persecuted Quaker ancestors would rise in their graves at such a discovery. They should remain quiet, however, for no Californian could live three months in London climate and become a British citizen if he knew it. One thing that reassures me that this did not happen without my knowledge is that the British refused to allow me to come into their island during the war without an American passport. Also, I feel that my accent was disinfected of any English, French, Chinese Russian or other taints by my presence in the United States a portion of every calendar year of my life, except three—even including the five in which the United States has exercised its right to draft my services, a good portion abroad.

"(b) Did I ever rent a 'residence' abroad? I plead guilty of this crime, but in mitigation I do appeal to the feelings of fathers who object to hotel life for babies and children.

"(c) What about the political lunch where I was supposed to have entered upon a dreadful conspiracy against the weal of the American people? My real distress in this matter is not to prove an alibi or even to complain that my name was not even mentioned, as the guests assert, but it is that I was not even invited, and therefore lost an excellent lunch.

"(d) I plead guilty to the criminal charge of pursuing my engineering profession in foreign parts again and again. I have a fervent hope however, that this new doctrine of criminality will not deter our criminality will not deter our citizens from extending business anywhere in the world. They always bring something home and pay taxes on it.

"(e) I gather also that is moral turpitude on my part to have managed large enterprises. The hope to rise from the ranks of labor to the ranks of management will, however, probably not be crushed from the hearts of the American boy even by this onslaught."

Entry Notice No. 2548.
State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker for said county.
H. W. Bressnell locates and enters 3 acres of land, more or less, on the waters of Laurel Creek, in Laurel Creek township. Beginning on the Eric Presnell Grant corner and runs east 40 poles to a stake, thence south with a branch 25 poles to a stake, thence west 30 poles to a stake, thence north to the beginning.
Entered February 11, 1920.
H. J. HARDIN,
Entry Taker.

THEY'VE FIXED PAUL.

The Amiable Dr. Johnson, of Charity and Children, who does not take kindly to woman suffrage, is disturbed about the women speaking in the churches. He says:

It is a grave question that confronts us as to what we are going to do with Paul. If we discredit any of his writings, do we not discredit all? If we refuse to accept one of his injunctions and claim that it is not inspired, down goes the whole body of what this great apostle to the Gentiles has left on record.

Thereupon Greensboro News about "teetotally ruined" the doctor with the following observation:

Charity and Children knows, of course, but for the benefit of any of our readers who may not be well instructed in Biblical lore, let us explain that Paul is the man who wrote, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for the stomach's sake."

He also wrote "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also sayeth the law."

Come to think about it, what is Charity and Children going to do with Paul? We must confess that we haven't an idea.

That should hold the doctor for a while. It was all right from the prohibitionists standpoint—which was the standpoint of Dr. Johnson—to reverse Paul on the wine and water injunction; but the doctor forgot temporarily that, according to his own logic one of Paul's injunctions having been ignored, "down goes the whole body." The water drinkers having destroyed Paul's doctrine that one should take "a little wine for thy stomach's sake," with that blow they also set aside his injunction against the ladies speaking in the churches. You need not longer worry about Paul Dr. Johnson. You've helped to put into the discard the very injunction about which you are concerned.—The Landmark.

Work then we must if we would be honest at heart.

Work we must with all might if we would not, looking deep into our souls, see that there is a weakness there which tends toward ultimate moral decay.

Work is Heaven's great law and our supremest privilege. Indeed, in all the work we do that is honest and honorable we are co-workers with God.

With God as his partner are we willing to be a slacker and a shirker?

That question every man, rich or poor, employer of employe, old or young, must honestly face now, or in an agony of shame face it on the great Judgment Day.

Let us glorify work as a privilege as well as a duty; as a blessing, not as a curse.—Manufacturers Record.

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"My Work! My Work! I Must Get Back To My Work."

As she lay dying in a Red Cross hospital in France, Miss Jane A. Delano, an American nurse whose life had been given to heroic work said: "My work! my work! I must get back to my work!"

Every man has a work to do which is as solemn a duty as was this work of this nurse, who was literally giving her life for others.

The world is suffering for a thousand things, for food, for clothing, for cars and locomotives and many other things, but the thing which it most needs next to religion is a new conception of and a new consecration to work, not merely because it needs enlarged production, but because, to an infinitely greater extent than it needs food or clothing, it needs a rebirth of character.

Without consecration to work there can be no upbuilding of character.

Without a deeper realization of man's responsibility to God and man to work with wholeheartedness, with joy for the privilege of working, with the thrill of creative work, whether one be shoeing a horse, planting a crop, building a locomotive or cooking a meal, there can be no moral advancement.

Into every work one must throw his whole life or else be a failure.

Knowing that the needs of the world are as great as were its needs when this nurse gave her life to serve others, the slacker in work, the shirker, the time-server, the indifferent and indolent are sinning against their own character, against their character forming influence upon their children, against all humanity, and against Almighty God, who is our supreme example as a worker.

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Go to your druggist and ask for "Gude's Pepto-Mangan." Be sure to say "Gude's." If Gude's is not on the package it is not Pepto-Mangan. It is put up in both liquid and tablet form. Tell the druggist which you prefer. There is no difference in medicinal value.

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