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France's Bachelor Tax.

France has made an increase of 25 per cent. in the income tax of bachelors over 30 years of age, and an increase of 10 per cent. in the income tax of childless couples who have been married for two years or more. The reason for this legislation is simple and easily understood; there are 1,400,000 Frenchmen dead on the old battlefields of the five year's war, and the nation in 1914 consisted of only about 40,000,000 people. The most valuable contribution that a Frenchman can now make to his country is a child.

Yet a plausible argument is made out for such a tax without any reference to the possibility of increasing the birth-rate. If the theory of the income tax is sound, the financial burden of maintaining the government ought to be placed mainly on those best able to bear it. The United States recognizes that principle by exempting small incomes from all taxation, and by graduating the tax in conformity with the increasing size of the income. We even have a small tax on bachelors, although we do not call it that. We have reversed the process; instead of levying an additional tax on bachelors, we exempt part of the married man's income.

However, although we have recognized the bachelor tax in principle, we have never carried it to the logical conclusion of making the difference great enough to amount to something. A man with an income of \$2000 a year in this country saves \$40 a year in income tax by marrying—hardly an encouraging financial proposition. A married man saves \$8 or so for each child; but unfortunately \$8 will not support one child for one year. Any way you figure it, the married man in the United States gets it in the neck.

For that matter, so he will in France, even under the new law. But with the enormously heavier income taxes that France is bound to levy soon, a difference of 25 per cent will really amount to something. Perhaps it will amount to enough to test out the theory that financial considerations do have a material effect on vital statistics. It is a theory that is widely accepted, but no nation has as yet really put it to a test. The new French law will therefore command attention as an interesting experiment, at least; and if the first few years indicate that it is going to work satisfactorily, the open season for bachelors will begin for the budget makers the world around. —Greensboro News.

No Gold Mine.

Contrary to general belief, these are hard days on the newspapers. The Birmingham Ledger has ended its troubles by merging itself with The Birmingham News. The World's Business, which was recently launched in New York as a daily commercial paper, has concluded to print but once a week, and everywhere the papers that are going are finding it a source of constant anxiety to keep on hand a sufficient supply of print paper to insure regular publication. It is truthfully remarked by the Charleston News and Courier that "there never was a time when publishing a newspaper was as expensive a proposition as it is today, or when there were so many hazards to overcome." The Birmingham Ledger is but one of many papers that have not been able to fight against the multiplying odds and the end is not yet. It is

The Country's Progress Depends Upon the South.

Manufacturer's Record.

The thrill of life stirs the South, its prosperity amazes its own people, its farmers are developing their crops to such an extent that cotton now yields only one-fifth of its farm output, its factories of every kind are crowded and many are running night and day to keep them somewhere near the demand for their products, its oil industry which is spreading over a vast area is pouring forth a never-ending stream of wealth matching in value the world's gold output.

Prosperity, rampant prosperity, is now beginning to make itself felt from Virginia to Texas, and a region which was once poor and unable to buy much is now one of the world's greatest markets for everything from diamonds to cook stoves, from automobiles and motor trucks to locomotives, from plows to costly works of art.

This section long recognized as the greatest undeveloped asset of America, is now rapidly becoming the greatest developed asset. It furnishes 99 per cent of the country's sulphur, without which we could not have made war. It grows two-thirds of the world's cotton, without which mankind would go unclothed and without which we could not have entered the war. It is one of the world's greatest sources of oil, now fast supplanting coal on the sea and on the land. It is a land rich in mineral and agricultural potentialities unknown elsewhere on earth.

All Americans may well look to this marvelous store of latent and now of rapidly developing wealth as the greatest power in carrying forward our country's mighty march of progress.

Every business man in this country should study the South from the viewpoint of his individual interest in the nation's progress, for upon the South's resources must be built the nation's business structure.

The Nation's Population

The census of 1910 made the population of continental United States 91,972,266. The Census Bureau's estimate of this population in 1918 was 105,253,000 and unofficial estimates put in at 106,871,294 for 1919. The popular belief has been that the census of 1920 would show at least 110,000,000 persons. But the rate of growth of the cities counted indicates a population of only about 106,000,000. War conditions, and especially war industries, made unprecedented shifts in the population. The complete returns may show results entirely different from those already recorded. —New York Sun.

Valuable Real Estate Changes Hands.

Messrs. Grady and Roby Greer closed a deal last Friday with the heirs of the late Rudy Vannoy, for their fine New River farm, the purchase price being \$14,000. The Greers own an adjacent farm, and the two taken together, constitutes, possibly, the best single farm holding in the county.

A particularly hard time on the publishers of country papers and the people may yet be brought into realization of the fact that any sort of a home paper they may be given is worth the \$2.00 generally charged for it, and about the cheapest bargain the rural household can secure. —Charlotte Observer.

Women Think They Will Not Have to Pay Poll Tax.

Advocates of woman suffrage who have been studying the question of whether women will be required to pay poll tax when they become voters say they will not have it to pay and that the matter can be easily understood simply by reading the constitution. The argument of the suffragists is somewhat as follows:

"Under the constitution of 1868 there was a poll tax required 'never to exceed \$2 and to be applied to education and the support of the poor.' The poll tax was authorized to be levied, however, only 'on every male inhabitant of the State over 21 and under 50 year of age.' There was no authority to levy it on males under 21 nor over 50, nor on females of any age. There is no authority therefore given to any officer to collect poll tax on any one except 'males between 21 and 50.' Constitution of North Carolina, Art. V, Secs. 1 and 2. The XIX Amendment, when ratified, will not affect this matter of poll tax, which is purely a State regulation restricted by the State constitution.

"The provisions as to poll tax were in the constitution of 1868 in which there is no requirement that it shall be paid as a prerequisite to voting. The article in the constitution on suffrage is Art. VI, (a different article from the one authorizing the poll tax) and in the amendment to Sec. 4, Art. VI, known as the Grandfather Clause, there is a provision that any one promising to vote must have paid on the first of May previously 'his poll tax for the previous year, as prescribed by Art. V Sec. 1 of the Constitution.' It will thus be seen that prepayment of the poll tax is not required of every voter but only 'as prescribed by Cons. Art. V, Sec. 1.' Turning to that article, it will be seen that what is prescribed is that males between 21 and 50, shall pay the poll tax. There is no authority to collect poll tax from anyone else nor to require any one else to pay poll tax. As to suffrage (Art. VI, Sec. 1) provides simply that male persons who are citizens or naturalized and over 21 shall be entitled to vote. The word 'male' in this section will be stricken out by the ratification of the XIX amendment." —News and Observer.

The Overall Clubs and Their Result.

Although the "overall club" idea has found many followers in towns and cities throughout the country and some have embraced it in Lexington, the general tendency here seems to be to disregard it as a means for reducing the cost of clothing. More conservative sentiment here is that the wearing of old clothes and the liberal use of patching and mending would prove far more effective. A large proportion of the population here must wear overalls at daily work, and the tendency now seems to be to agree with Governor Bickett that the "overall club" idea might merely result in putting up the cost of an article that is a necessity to many folks. —Lexington Dispatch.

A GOOD MOTOR CAR (and we said a good one) makes ten miles seem like two, saves time that you need to spend in your business or crops, enables you to widen your acquaintance, brings you new opportunities, allows the family pleasures they need and are entitled to, and makes life worth living. And why not enjoy life if you can afford it. Highway Motor Co., Dealers in Automobiles and Trucks, Boone, N. C.

Judge Walter Clarke For Lady For the Legislature.

Miss Clement, Asheville Lawyer, who is a candidate for the Legislature of Buncombe, makes public the letter she received from Judge Walter Clark. It follows:

"My Dear Miss Clement: I am gratified to note that your friends are thinking of nominating you for the Legislature from your county. I should be glad to see North Carolina take this forward step in recognition of the service women have rendered this State—though a tardy recognition—and hope that you will not decline the honor.

"Napoleon's power was largely based upon his assertion of the Republican doctrine, 'an avenue open to merit without distinction of birth.' It is equally necessary that we should assert the doctrine of 'an avenue to merit, without distinction to sex.'

"If a woman can make a better legislator or a better lawyer, or write a better book than a man, she should not be barred. At any rate, they should be given an opportunity to do their best, not only for themselves, but for the State.

"I hope in your case that you will accept the nomination, for by your service in the legislature you will do much to shatter the age-old tradition that women are incompetent to share in the making of laws under which they live.

"I have never found anything in the constitution of North Carolina which debar women from holding office. There are at least 100 women holding office now in this state, as you know, and I hope that you'll come down next winter and aid in making broader and wider field for the women in the repeal of the statutes which have hindered women from having a fair and full opportunity of using their abilities in the public service or in whatever field they may see fit to seek."

"Oh, Let's Don't"

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Buy Pepto-Mangan at your druggist's. Be sure the name "Gude's" is on the package. Without "Gude's" it is not Pepto-Mangan. —Adv.

Forest Fires Raging.

The latter part of last week, during the dry, windy days, forest fires swept great areas of Watauga forests. Friday a fire was started on the railroad right of way near Mr. R. R. Colvard's, supposedly by a spark from a passing engine, and within a very short while had spread largely over the wood lands of the Winklers, but, thanks to the efforts of a band of fire fighters, the loss, aside from the damage done to standing timber and a small amount of fencing destroyed, the loss was light. Mr. Colvard lost pulp wood to the amount of approximately \$100. The same day, a spark from a railroad engine fired a barn on the farm formerly owned by Mr. Joseph Phipps at Foscoe, and the building was soon destroyed. We hear also that fire went wild from the steam drill on the Boone Trail Highway and the Sands section had a big proposition to hold the flames in check, and save much property from destruction.

Mr. G. M. Henson, of Sherwood, was in to see us Friday. He had just returned from Charlotte, where he had spent two weeks with his son, Lawrence, who is in one of the city hospitals recovering from an attack of double pneumonia, following influenza. Mr. Henson said the young man had been extremely low, but was now very much improved, and it now seems that he will be able to return home in the very near future.

Dwelling and Barn Destroyed By Fire.

On Friday evening last, Mr. Herbert Cook, of the Deerfield section, lost his home and barn by fire, the entire contents of both being destroyed with the building. We are told that some small children were responsible for the conflagration. The family is left entirely destitute.

NOTICE OF SALE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court, before the clerk, Charles H. McGinnis, Virgie Hodges and husband, L. F. Hodges, Mrs. Mary McGinnis, Lillie Cornell and husband, Eli Cornell,

vs. P. P. M. McGinnis and wife, F. M. McGinnis, Mc. Holler and wife Jennie Holler, North Harman and husband, E. M. Harmon, Cora Chapel and husband Frank Chapel, Hannah Heffner, and husband Berton Heffner, Dock McGinnis and James McGinnis.

By virtue of an order of the Superior court, in the above entitled action, I will on Monday May the 3rd 1920 at 1 o'clock p. m., sell to the highest bidder, at the court house door in Boone N. C., on the following terms to wit: One third cash on day of sale, the remainder in one and two years time with note and approved security, the following described tracts of land.

Adjoining the lands of G. W. Moody, W. C. Lyons, E. M. Gragg, Noah Bentley and others, and known as the lands owned by I J McGinnis and Naomi McGinnis, at the time of their death.

Tract one: being more particularly described in deeds from W. C. Lyons and wife to Naomi McGinnis dated March 1, 1906, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga county, in book 7 at page 103, and from W. L. Trivett and wife to Naomi McGinnis, dated Oct. 7th, 1907, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga county at page 104.

Tract two, being a part of the tract of land conveyed to I J McGinnis and wife Naomi McGinnis by Loyd M. Hodges and wife, by deed dated the 5th day of December 1908, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Watauga county in book 12, page 26. This 5th day of April, 1920 R. A. ADAMS, Commissioner

JOIN THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA COLONY WHO HAVE JUST RECENTLY BOUGHT FARMS

in Southern Ohio, all located from 15 to 20 miles from the heart of Cincinnati. New State roads, fine public schools, churches and factories, steam roads and electric cars, country noted for its fine water and healthy climate, this colony is being established in and around Amelia, Ohio. Farms recently sold through my Amelia, Ohio agency, by Frank Middler special representative there, was bought by W. W. Church, James B. Calaway, W. Church, a Mr. Gragg and several more under contract. Write or wire my agent, Frank Middler, Amelia, Ohio when you will arrive at my Cincinnati office. I am submitting a few of our many bargains which are located in the above settlement. Over 30 special bargains to choose from. Write me the kind of a farm you want, I have it at a bargain price.

EXTRA SPECIAL, JUST LISTED. STOCK, CROPS AND TOOLS INCLUDED. 215 acres, level and gently rolling blue grass, limestone and alfalfa soil, on county pike, 1 mile traction, 1 mile of village, 3 miles of good large town, 25 miles of Cincinnati, O.; excellent 8-room house, 4-room tenant house, extra large combination stock, grain and dairy barn, silo, wagon shed, corn cribs and outbuildings, good pond, several wells, cistern, never failing springs and small creek, 20 acres timber, large fields of clover, timothy, meadows, number acres alfalfa, 35 acres rye and wheat, balance blue grass spring fed pasture; include 20 head cattle, 40 head sheep, 2 young mares number of hogs, sows, 15 tons of hay, 100 bushels rye, corn, etc.; binder, mowing machine, hay rake, disc riding cultivators, wagons, manure spreader, plows and harrows of all descriptions; give immediate possession; owner non resident and will sell for the low price of \$21,000, part cash, good terms, real value \$25,000, if you want a good farm and mean business.

58 ACRES—Rich limestone, well drained soil; good 6-room house, cellar, large barn, garage, other buildings; orchard, excellent water; 25 acres bluegrass, 20 acres clover, balance timothy, etc.; include 2 young horses, 6 cows, sows, 100 chickens, complete set farming implements, 000 farm priced for a quick sale feed; owner retiring; \$6,800; edge at \$7500; \$3000 down. Never off-good village on county pike, 3 end cars, Cincinnati, to Carrel-station; C. G. & P. to Amelia, O. bacco land see this. 6 miles of new

loose leaf warehouse, East-end city car, to Carrel st., C. G. & P. Traction to Amelia. Frank Middler, Amelia, O.

FRUIT FARM: Three acres; excellent 6-room 2-story house; newly painted; good cellar, good small barn, well, cistern, etc.; 20 bearing apple trees number peach plum, cherry and pear trees, 1 acre fine strawberries; 1-3 acre dewberries; 1/2 acre red raspberries; other fruit; fruit paid owner \$300 last year; located on good pike; telephone and rural route; few minutes store and postoffice; 16 miles court house; 2 miles of excellent town; owner buying larger farm; sacrificing at \$2000.

50 ACRES. Smooth, rich soil; 6 room cottage, good barn, out-buildings, fine fruit and water attraction, 25 miles of Cincinnati, near school and store; include 2 horses, 2 cows, farm implements feed; \$6000, one half down.

8 1/2 ACRES. White burley tobacco land; on good pike, 2 1/2 miles county seat, 25 miles Cincinnati; excellent 7-room frame, porches, cellar, huge barn and outbuildings; land is level and gently rolling; limestone, bluegrass and alfalfa soil; excellent water, wells, cistern, spring and good creek, beautifully located in a fine neighborhood, with pleasant surroundings; include 2 young horses, 6 good schools and churches; a \$10,000 farm priced for a quick sale feed; owner retiring; \$6,800; edge at \$7500; \$3000 down. Never off-good village on county pike, 3 end cars, Cincinnati, to Carrel-station; C. G. & P. to Amelia, O. bacco land see this. 6 miles of new

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