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SOME POINTS ABOUT TAXES.

According to Burke, all political questions are, in the last analysis, questions of taxation. With a new tariff law now pending, and with strong advocacy of income tax or inheritance amendments pending with it, taxation is just at present before the American public in an unusually conspicuous manner.

PENNY-WISE, POUND-FOOLISH.

Are the Guilford county people ashamed of their macadam roads and trying to hide them from public observation? The Greensboro Record says that one of these roads is being covered with dirt shoveled out of the ditches alongside.

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THOSE OLD JOHNNY CAKES.

The Montgomery Advertiser notes the Observer's deliverance on the 'Johnny Cake' and takes us to task for some of the statements made therein.

Beginning with our contemporary's allusion to whiskey, it is not out of place to remark that corn is not the only grain that has been systematically labeled by manufacturers of whiskey.

We shall make no controversy over that point. We admit every word of it to be true and we assure our esteemed contemporary we intended no invidious comparison between the two grains in omitting to state that what was said of 'corn juice' could also be said with equal truth of 'fluid rye.'

The Advertiser admits as correct our statement about decadence of the use of cornbread. After giving some of the reasons for this and deploring the existence of the fact, it comes to the main point—the material of which the Johnny cake was made.

Now, did you ever hear the beat of that? Not knowing the difference between crackling bread and Johnny cake and taking us to task for saying the latter was made of flour.

FROM CHARLESTON.

On the morning of May 19 a distinguished party will leave Charleston in a private car, headed, of course, for Charlotte.

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FINES THAT WILL COUNT.

Says The Greensboro Telegram: "Five officers of the American Naval Stores Company have been found guilty in the case brought against the turpentine trust for violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

As a general rule the Telegram's proposition is correct. When a corporation or its officers are fined for the violation of a law the fine comes out of the company's treasury and by that much reduces the fund which is held for the benefit of the stockholders.

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UNJUST FREIGHT RATES.

THIS STATE LONG-SUFFERING. Greensboro Citizen Likens the Southern's Attitude to the Old Frog Story.

To the Editor of The Observer: When I was a boy some years ago an old pedagogue, (then called a teacher), used to have a catch question somewhat like the following: "If a frog in a well 50 feet deep jumped up 3 feet every day and fell back 4 feet every night, how long would it take him to get out of the well?"

It was reported that one fellow, who was particularly strong on mathematics, after figuring on this for some weeks was finally approached by the teacher with the inquiry as to whether he had gotten the frog out of the well. He said he has not, but he had reported to the teacher to be silent for a few moments for he had figured that the frog was within about 4 feet of the top.

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A Congressional Sweet-Box Needed.

Anderson, S. C., Mail. Speaker Cannon is of the opinion that it will take a temperature of from 96 to 100 degrees in the shade to get the tariff bill out of the Senate.

Warned by Raleigh's Experience. Raleigh Times. Wilmington is to vote on a special school tax. If the tax fails to carry her schools next year will run but five months.

A Greatly Needed Railroad.

Lexington Dispatch. Irrevel, Yarkin, Surry and Alleghany people should not rest until they get their railroad. They have a great country, rich in natural resources, and a railroad would bring development in a whirlwind fashion.

Can Write Better Than Speak, Perhaps.

Winston Journal. Judge Mann, one of the candidates for Governor in Virginia, is opposed to free discussions on the grounds that they injure the party, but he is perfectly willing to carry on controversies in the newspapers with his opponents.

Proud of His Confederate Title.

Spartanburg Herald. A newspaper man once asked the late J. K. Hudson whether he should call him "major" or "general." Hudson was a major in the civil war and was made a brigadier general in the Spanish war, but in the latter conflict he did not get into active service.

For New Political Alignment.

Spartanburg Journal. There ought to be a new political party in this country, composed of the progressive and liberals from both the old parties.

Turn About Fair Play.

To the Editor of The Observer: Now that Judge Connor has landed the eastern judgeship and a vacancy made on the Supreme Court bench, how about Governor W. W. Kitchen appointing Judge W. P. Hynum, Jr., or some other good Republican of high character to fill that vacancy?

More Cause For Envy.

Greensboro Reflector. The government Postoffice Department has issued an order giving the rural mail carriers of Mecklenburg county a holiday on May 20.

Let the Good Work Go On.

Salisbury Post. Neither the insanity nor the unwritten law plea availed in the case of Captain Hains, who was convicted yesterday of manslaughter. If this thing keeps up there will be no justification for the complaint that it is impossible to convict a defendant of wealth or prominence.

Good Times Spread.

Greensboro Record. Whether this is winter or summer, cherry pie is coming along, while dewberries and blackberries are not far away. And there are also a good many peaches hereabouts.

Where the Last Is First.

Asheville Citizen. Have you ever noticed in your dealings with lesser government officials, national or municipal, that the farther down the line you go the more importance and self-consciousness you meet. And you will find it so in every walk of life.

The Laugh With the Country Jay.

Wilmington Star. The Washington people should never again believe that the countryman is an unhesitating and gullible guy when a crazy man can scoot in their wealth to the tune of \$400,000, more or less.

No, But It May Help.

Durham Herald. It wants to be understood that Mr. Manning's friends are not asking it just because begin to be made to be Mr. Kitchen's manager during the campaign.

A Complicate dProblem.

Winston Journal. The problem of taking care of Judge Adams and Mr. Thomas Settle has now been complicated to a considerable extent.

DON'T FORGET YOUR FRIENDS WHO WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION MAY 20.

You are invited to write and tell your friends all about the big celebration next week. The Observer suggests an easter pig. Read it on page 10.

The Little-Long Co. DEPARTMENT STORES, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Trade Street -- -- Ladies' Store

Do You Know That Exclusiveness and Magnitude Can Go Together?

The example is seen in the fast growing Little-Long departments. We have now arranged to have our best of ladies' nifty furnishings, stay in the markets longer and go much oftener, there keeping in closer touch with the ever changing fads for women's fancy. Money making is as much a godly calling as any other to make legitimate profits, is our every motto purpose.

In one of our Trade Street windows are a host of chet mats—in sets of 25 and singles. They are said to be hand made but we did not see them made. They certainly look like hand made goods and at the prices marked are going fast—sets of 25—\$10.00 to \$12.00. Single mats from 15c to \$3.00.

In our Number 5 window on Trade Street is a lot of Colored Lawns, in stripes, dots and figures—this son's colors are Heliotrope, Alice Blue, Tans, Green Old Rose, etc. The whole lot sells at 10c per yard which is better value than you can find every day.

We're not stretching it a bit when we say that today's arrivals of new goods, the New Linen Embroidered Collars and Jabots are the best we ever have had at the prices. Linen Collars finely embroidered, 50c. and 65c. Jabots, beauties at 15c, 25c. and 50c.

Something that the ladies have been clamoring for but in vain till we—yes WE came along with the goods. We're talking about very fine, rather expensive Embroideries and Flouncings. Some of this class of goods came in awhile ago and went out as quickly—

Now we have more and they are such beautiful terms we almost hate to part with them. But we'll give you the price and leave it to people of exclusive taste to demonstrate their worth. Wide Flouncings, sheer lawns, deep, finely embroidered \$1.25, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per yard. Full Skirt Flouncings and bands to match at \$3.00 the yard.

New Cluny Laces, both linen and cotton—you'll buy these on \$1.00 at 10c, 12-1-2c and 15c per yard.

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