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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 on an unusually conspicuous manner. Two among our contemporaries make themselves heard upon different aspects of the subject.

"During the tariff depate in the Senate one day recently," remarks a citizen could be defended success-Southern State and a large majority of the cities rely to a great extent on made it out of flour. is the system pernicious as carrying with it double taxation, for it not only takes toll for a license and then be the first object of every community to encourage. New York does not invite people to open shops or carry on trades or professions within her and under her laws Norfolk must."

has license taxes quite so numerous, While we hardly care to go as far as condemning the whole principle of 11- burg stands at the head of the list our Norfolk contemporary does in cense taxes, we quite agree that there are few forms of taxation which more easily become oppressive. North Carolina may not for years feel able to dispense altogether with income from such sources, but rational tax State, would at once remove all occaelon for inflicting any actual nuis-

The Macon Telegraph, discussing State income tax laws, considers as typical the cases of Massachusetts. Virginia and South Carolina. Massachusetts exempts incomes under \$2. 000. Virginia taxes all incomes over \$600. South Carolina has a graduated tax, exempting all incomes below \$2,50%. The law is very unequally enforced, with the result that some of the wealthiest countles in the State, like Greenville, pay scarcely any income tax at all. "Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Louisiana." remarks The Telegraph further, "have had at one time or another such a tax, but it was seldom and irregularly levied. We must say that with North Carolina rests the unenviable distinction of exempting only \$1,000. Virginia alone does worse. And it goes without saying that in both States taxes due upon incomes so small are not collected very effectively.

Among North Carolina's many causes for self-congratulation tax the latest "universal language" to be methods cannot be included. The manufactured. Not very long ago heavy license taxes from a political standpoint is that they lurden and shift takes place so long as people Tow votes. Inequalities of property something to amuse themselves with. assessment work in a good deal the same general mantier, since their ad-Carolina.

Attorney General Wickersham's recent opinion that it is "a matter for the discretion of the directors and officers of a national bank to deter- that ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid has handmine whether they will enter into a contract with an insurance company million dollars of the funds deposited guaranteeing the selvency of the by him abroad. Abdul is a pretty bank" was doubtless evoked by con- tight wad, even with his head still in ditions which have arisen in Kansas. some little danger. There a corporation now forming with a capital of half a million dollars proposes to insure bank deposits for going up for cobless corn. Why in the benefit of the depositors. How the world should anybody want cobfar this latest development of the less corn—unless, indeed, it be those bank guaranty idea will materialize citizens and citizenesses who have lost is a matter worth watching.

THOSE OLD JOHNNY CAKES.

The Montgomery Advertiser notes he Observer's deliverance on the Johnny Cake" and takes us to task for some of the statements made It seems aggrieved because we, in remarking on the fact that there was nothing but the name to connect much of the "fluid corn" with the cereal, singled out the coarser grain and did not apply the same criticism to "fluid rye." On this sub-

whiskey was never within speaking dis-tance of a rye sink, but rye is a popular brand of drink among the lovers of such things and its name on a package made it sell better 'A rose by any other of name, you know.'

We shall make no controversy over two grains in omitting to state that what was said of "corn juice" could

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 mateand most emphatically denies our was used, and attempts to throw ridcule on our position in the follow-

Observer knocks us out when it tells. The Tribune that johnny cakes were made of flour, not meal. The writer of made of flour, not mean. The writer of this was born and bred at a time and in a region where this bread was com-mon, and he never saw one made of flour, though possibly some of the cooks ray have put a little flour in them. Good, home ground meal, clean fresh cracklings and a little salt were the ingredients."

Now, did you ever hear the beat of that? Not knowing the difference becrackling bread and johnny ing the latter was made of flour.

Maybe the people down in Alabama The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, "one of but that did not make it so, and we the speakers uttered a truth of wide are not responsible for their lack of 'No tax on the business occupation of my cake we were speaking of was the real genuine article as made in that part of the country where people knew what it was, and where they

PENNY-WISE. POUND-FOOLISH.

Are the Guilford county people ashamed of their macadam roads and trying to hide them from pub-He observation? The Greensboro is being covered with dirt shoveled out of the ditches alongside. We can't be to prevent the public seeing the unsightly holes which have been worn by constant use into the macadam. Burely. for the privilege, but Virginia does, stone roads by filling the holes with mud. That's time and money thrown tricts or inhabitants of small towns And likewise with North Carolina away and won't foot anybody into but it will leave much to be desired and with Charlotte. We doubt very thinking they are good roads. (Juli- as regards denizens of crowded dismuch if any other State in the Union ford folks ought to come to Mecklenburg and see how her roads are so vexatious and in many cases so kept up. They won't find any filling burdensome as has North Carolina. of holds with soft mud or sand out of the ditches. There is no such system here and that is why Mecklenin matter of good roads.

woman who participated in the Whitla kidnaping, has any idea of committing suicide as she so often said she would do if sentenced to the property returns throughout the penitentiary. However, if she was in put it in her power to do so. That into the prison would do the thing easily. What more convenient instrument of death to a prisoner when slone than a jagged piece of glass with which to open an artery? It is rather strange she was allowed to take such an article into her cell after she had declared so positively that she would commit suicide soon after entering the penitentiary.

> Mr. Roosevelt is too busy killing lions, rhinoceroses "and other small deer" to take notice of the fart that the Republican he chose to be judge has been superseded by a simon pure Democrat But as the Hon. William H. Taft did it he will hardly make any public kick on the subject, especially as his magazine would most likely not care to pay a dollar a word for an expression of his views on this subject.

A serious schism from Esperanto is now taking favor in favor of the principal recommendation of the Esperanto displaced Volupuek. However, it matters little how often the annoy people who have comparatively who must have such fads do not lack

Sidney C. Tapp, Georgia's superla werse effect falls almost nitogether - tively illustrious son, announces that the license taxes do-upon the he is going to reorganize his Liberal towns. But tax reform should be in- party and run for the presidency some augurated, none the less. It is one more President Taft, if he takes on of the needs of the day in North advice, will sidetrack Tapp by offer ing him some high appointive just which shall be worthy of his ambition though not of his merit

ed out to the Turkish government ten

We hear with astonishment a yell their front teeth?

PINES THAT WILL COUNT.

Says The Greensboro Telegram: "Five officers of the American Navai Stores Company have been found guity in the case brought against the turpen-tine trust for violating the Sherman anti-trust law. The best way to stop this law. The best way to support of organizing trusts and squeezing of organizing trusts and squeezing out is to put someall the little fellows out is to put some-body in jail for it. Fines do no good It is like selling liquor in violation of law. Pines for such an offence consti-tute a license to commit it, nothing less.

As a general rule The Telegram's proposition is correct. When a corallusion to whiskey, it is not out of place out of the company's treasury and by to remark that corn is not the only grain that much reduces the fund which is that has been systematically libeled by manufacturers of whiskey. Many a bar- held for the benefit of the stockhold-rel and jug and bottle labeled 'tye are But it to account the Ameriers. But in the case of the Ameriother or most of them large stockholders money of the convicted men which well, will pay them. If the fines are made ness. They won't be willing to conalso be said with equal truth of "fluid tinue the same with the expectation a fee for the privilege of keeping up their former unlawful practices.

FROM CHARLESTON.

On the morning of May 19 a disinclude Editor James Calvin Hempstatement that flour and not meal hill, of The Charleston News and Courier: Col. Philip H. Gadsden, owner of the Hong Kong Gander and the Crusades "Europe was lifted from scholar, had evidently mixed with the its foundations and hurled upon Asia," so Charleston will be lifted from its foundations and hurled upon harlotte And Charlotte will be alogether delighted.

have been said at times to try to de-

pending shock will be able to so im might suffice for dwellers in rural districts in large cities.

"The upreme Court knocked the teeth out of the commodities clause while imanaged to retain the clause itself. The court is nothing if not ingenious "-Bir mingham Age Herald.

This takes one back to the last session of the Legislature when there was so much talk and so much writ-We do not suppose Mrs. Boyle, the ten about that body passing an antitrust bill with teeth and the friends of the trusts in the Legislature drawing those very teeth which "the peopie were demanding."

The Tennesseans are going to give compulsory education a trial. It has small mirror she was allowed to take been put in force by the Legislature in 32 counties, most of them in the eastern or mountain part of the State. The other Southern States will watch developments with great interest.

Ranks of Veterans Thinning Rapidly. Winston Journal.

Death during the past year cut a wide swath in the ranks of the men who were the gray. The Norfleet Camp, of this county, was not shake a stick at, and then they will spared and since the last reunion sixpersistent frequency and the comrades ed over the river with their great Taps has sounded with have lain down their arms in greater and greater numbers.

Not Governor Glenn's Style.

Charleston, S. C., Post. Ex-Governor Glenn, of North Caro ina, will be asked to put on the soft addle when he speaks of prohibition a Columbia. The good people of Coimbla are afraid that the orator may offend those who peddle liquor softly

I he speaks too frankly. On the Move, Anyhow! Anderson Daily Mail.

bad to worse, as it were. One of the Victims.

Spartanburg Journal. The usual way of introducing two people, Marie, is to bring them to-gether with a sort of mumble and leave them to ask each other what their names are.

Tough on Tar Heel Republicans. Anderson, S. C., Mail.

President Taft has appointed in North' Carolina. Which shows y what kind of Republicans they have in its docks. North Carolina.

Georgia's New Party,

Anderson, S. C., Mail. In view of the number of pardons hat have been granted. The Augusta hronicle says it begins to look as the ex-convict might be worth considering in Georgia.

What's Bothering the Mossbacks.

Durham Herald. It would seem that Mr. Taft hopes to build up a new Republican party in the South by first killing out the

UNJUST FREIGHT RATES A Congressional Sweat-Box Needed

THIS STATE LONG-SUFFERING.

Greensboro Citizen Likens the Southern's Attitude to the Old Frog Probtem—The Cock-and-Bull Story But Up by the Railroads is Told and Re-Told and Still the Discriminatory Freight Rates Are in Vogue-Some lilustrations and a Few Facts and Figures.

to the Editor of The Observer When I was a boy some years ago an old pedagogue, (then called teacher), used to have a catch quessizing up of the situation, tion 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," and it was reported that one fellow, who men who have been convicted are all was particularly strong on mathematles, after figuring on this for some weeks was finally approached by the and if the company should pay such teacher with the inquiry as to whethfines as may be imposed it will be the er he had gotten the frog out of the He said he had not, asked the teacher to be silent for a few moments for he had figured that teemed contemporary we intended no heavy enough, those five men won't the frog was within about 4 feet of their the feel they have simply paid the lirense fees for doing an illegal busi- some of the conditions that prevail with regard to the railroad rates that the Southern Railway Company exer-cises between North Carolina in its of being fined again in the future as discrimination against it in favor of Virginia.

> sounding speeches, flatter our business sources, and a railroad would bring ommunities with the prospect of the future growth and development and tell what a great people we are and for it, unlike the other, hasn't a road how wonderful we are developing and at all. The people there are in a then go back and the next week put into operation rates that are so diseriminatory that if figured on the musis that the boy figured the frog

Mr. Finley and Mr. Green both

problem we would have all been withfour feet of a country in which lothes would be a burden on acount of the heat. This reminds me of another incl-

A short time ago a Quaker preacher down on the Asheboro & Southern Railway, after waiting for a train some two or three hours and having it marked up from time to time, perfectly willing to carry on controwith a depot half full of people waiting or it to arrive, and there happened to be a drummer in the crowd, who, if he had ever been a Sunday school world to that degree that he Had learned some of the strong expres sions used by the men of the world, and when the agent marked up the last delay about half an hour or more, the drummer could contain imself no longer, and gave forth some of these strong expressions he should cann him "major" or "genhad learned. The Quaker preacher eral." listened to him and being a Godly man civil war and was made a brigadier went up in front of him and looked general in the Spanish war, but in The at him seriously and said: "Thee is the latter conflict he did not get into not a Methodist; thee is not a Baptist, thee is not a Quaker nor a Pres- Hudson, in reply to the question, "I Thy swearing is unknown to my ears but if thee was ever justified in doing so wicked a thing as thou art doing now I am satisfied that It seems that this this is the time." It seems that this is very applicable to the management of the Southern Railway in their discriminatory rates against North

As an illustration, take the Cities f Charlotte, Greenaboro, Raleigh and Winston-Salem on goods coming from South, say Chattaneoga:

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You will notice from the above that it is another case of the Indian and the trapper—buzzard every time to the Indian and turkey not one time. We take buzzard all the time while Virginia takes turkey. We don't want any more buzzard; want turkey; and why the Southern Railway Company should be color blind and insist that turkey should arolina is a mystery to me. What have they got against North Caro ma anyway? Is it because our people are long suffering and forbearing is it that we can be soothed gentle duicet voice of Mr. Finand the falsetto voice of Mr. Green elling us to be quiet and hush-a-bye day to us? This is inexcusable, unreasonable and unjust. It is absolute-

Now they can give you a cork-andbull story that is as long as from here to Massachusetts if you would ask them the reason for this and they can bring in more things that they haven't any control of than you can go and do the very same thing.

world as those opposed to corporate interest and from the Governor down State. It is even said that they forevery man who dared to place his un- got to say that the peach crop in sanctified hands upon the ark of sacred railroad rates was depicted as an enemy of public zood, as long haired and socialistic, radical and unsafe and people believed these things un-til most men would as soon be acsed of theft as of radicalism. While demagogue who has fed on peromons for a month can be made to stretch his mouth from ear to ear if you accuse him of being conservative. Well, the last Legislature was conservative enough for any one; even for the railroads. But in the meantime, I'd like to know who pays The North Carolina liquor dealers the freight?

In the above I mention the rates who moved to Kentucky now announce that after July they will be from the South. My reason for doing so is that the railroads always found in Cincinnati. Just going from claim that they are a Southern corporation and cannot control the rates that have their origin outside of their territory, and we have accepted this as measures beyond hope of redemption, and when contrasted with the rates above mentioned show even a worse discrimination against North Carolina, but in the present case it starts in the South, passes through North Carolina, the distance is from fifty to one hundred miles shorter haul, and the deep water argument will not hold good in this case as Democrat to the Pederal judgeship Dan river, deep as it is, will not permit ocean-going vessels to approach

It was a sad day for North Caro lina when the coy maiden Pocahon-tas had that historical firtation with John Smith in Virginia instead of North Carolina soil. ERIN.

Greensboro, May 12, 1909. P. S .- If you know of the denom nation from which aprang he can get a government con-tract if he will come up in certain sections of North Carolina.

FOR SALE-Tools, fixtures and good will of old established top roll cover-ing business. Change of residence rea-son for selling. Address XII., care

Speaker Cannon is of the opinion take a temperature of from 26 to 100 degrees in the shade to get the tariff bill out of the Senate. The Speaker was at the White House the other day and after talking with the President said: "If you will tell me when the Senate will pass the tariff bill I will give you a pretty good guese as to when Congress will adjourn. The only thing that can move the previous question in the Senate is hot weather." And we have no doubt that this is a pretty correct

Warned by Raleigh's Experience. Raleigh Times.

Wilmington is to vote on a special school tax. If the tax falls to carry her schools next year will run but five months. We hope the good people of Wilmington will do their duty and vote for the tax at the first opportunity and not have to through the experience that Raleigh did. Of course they will vote the tax sooner or later, and they might profit by Raleigh's experience, for the same conditions exist there as existed here, and vote it at once.

A Greatly Needed Railroad. Lexington Dispatch.

IreJeil, Yadkin, Surry and Alleghany people should not rest until

come down to this country, visit our they get their railroad. They have a cities and towns, give forth high great country, rich in natural redevelopment in a whirlwind fashlon. Yadkin, especially, must have a road temper to do anything to get a road, and if the other counties come up to the proposition, Yadkin will be on hand.

Can Write Better Than Speak, Perhaps.

Winston Journal.

Judge Mann, one of the candidates for Governor in Virginia, is opposed to joint discussions on the grounds that they injure the party, but he is versies in the newspapers with his opponent, Mr. Tucker. The judge overlooks the fact that written accusations carry farther than verbal and that the effect on the party in this case would be even more disastrous.

Proud of His Confederate Title. Spartanburg Herald.

A newspaper man once asked the ute purpose. Hudson whether he Rudson was a major in the active servise. "Call me major," said was vaccinated for general, but it didn't take.

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. The ultra-consevatives and reactionaries in both parties should flock together. The present party alignment and organization is a frauton the public, for both parties stand for the same things.

Turn About Fair Play.

To the Editor of The Observer: Now that Judg the eastern judgeship and a vacancy made on the Supreme Court bench how about Governor W. W. Kitchin appointing Judge W. P. Bynum, Jr., some other good Republican of high character to fill that vacancy W. J. TODD.

Bladenboro, May 12, 1909.

More Cause For Envy Greenville Reflector.

The government Postoffice Department has issued an order giving the rural mall carriers of Mecklenburg county a holiday on May 20. Now listen out for more envy from unbelleving South Carolinians of this further recognition by the government of the to Virginia and buzzard to North Mecklenburg Declaration of Independ-

Let the Good Work Go On. Salisbury Post

Neither the insanity nor the unyesterday of manslaughter. Il this thing keeps up there will be no justification for the complaint that is 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 And when we North Carolinians far away. And there are also a good teen of the gray heroes were gather- are held up to the execration of the many peaches hereabouts. With a bumper crop in various parts of Georgia was killed.

Where the Last is First.

Asheville Citizen. Have you ever noticed in your dealgs with lesser government officials. national or municipal, that the farther down the line you go the more importance and self-consciousness you

neet. 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 unsuspecting and guilible guy when a crazy man can scoop in their wealth to the tune of \$400,000, more

No. But It May Help.

Durham Herald. It wants to be understood that Mr. Manning's friends are not asking it just because Mr. Manning happeend to be Mr. Kitchin's manager during

To Stand by His Principle.

the campaign.

Paylorsville Mountain Scout. President Taft has demanded genuine revision, and there is nothing for him to do but stand by his principles.

A Complicate dProblem. Winston Journal.

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

DON'T FORGET YOUR FRIENDS WHO WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND

THE CELEBRATION MAY 20 You can't begin to write and tell your friends all about the big cele-bration next week. The Observer suggests an easier plan. Read it on



Trade Street

Do You Know That Fx clusiveness and Magnitude Can Go Together?

The example is seen in the fast growing I tle-Long departments.

We have now arranged to have our but of ladies' nifty furnishings, stay in the m kets longer and go much oftener, then keeping in closer touch with the ever char ing fads for women's fancy. Money make is as much a godly calling as any other to make legitimate profits, is our every m

Come with us while we show you new things prices that the people themselves are the best judges both as to price and texture.

In one of our Trade Street windows are a host of chet mats-in sets of 25 and singles. They are said be hand made but we did not see them made. They tainly look like hand made goods and at the pt 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 lo Colored Lawns, in stripes, dots and figures-this son's colors are Heliotrope, Alice Blue, Tans. Gre Old Rose, etc. The whole lot sells at 10c per yard w is better value than you can find every day.

We're not stretching it a bit when we say that it day's arrivals of new goods, the New Linen Embroi ed Collars and Jabots are the best we ever have sh of Captain Hains, who was convicted at the prices. Linen Collars finely embroidered, 50c. and 65c.

Jabots, beauties at 15c, 25c. and 50c.

Something that the ladies have been clamoring but in vain till we-yes WE came along with the We're talking about very fine, rather expensive Embroideries and Flouncings.

Some of this class of goods came in awhile ago went out as quickly-

Now we have more and they are such beautiful terns we almost hate to part with them, but we you the price and leave it to people of exclusive demonstrate their worth.

Wide Flouncings, sheer lawns, deep, finely embra ed \$1.25, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per yard.

Full Skirt Flouncings and bands to match at and \$3.00 the yard.

New Cluny Laces, both linen - cotton-you'll buy these on s at 10c, 121-2c and 15c 9

