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#### TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1909.

CORPORATION TAX AND PUBLIC. Naturally there is much desire to know what progress, if any, President Taft's proposed corporation-income tax has made in public favor since he premulgated it in a special message twelve days ago to-day. The views of journals directly representing business and financial sentiment possess especial interest. Let us see, first, what such journals have to say.

The New York Commercial and The Commercial and Financial Chronicle take strong ground against the tax. This attitude on their part might have been confidently predicted. The decisive objection with them is precisely what more than anything else commended the measure to Mr. Taft. "Roosevelt doctrine all over again," protests The Commercial and Financial Chronicle indignantly, "but it surpasses any scheme of Federal control ously suggested. Just think of makcountry.' If any business men conducting their affairs as a corporation still imagine that the proposed law got away from it, and the knowledge to-day. gained would be made public prop-

Much less nearly a foregone conclusion was the attitude of The New their marriage the other day made plied. We quote at some length;

counts in the perfunctory way likely to prevail would not ascertain the truth, and returns for this tax would invoive every conceivable degree of evasion and inbe a large percentage of the net revenue.

"An objection that must come home to

rated companies is the intolerable nulsmany scattered stockholders and control Danville contemporary then one usees in a few hands, may willingly publish the proposed constitutional amendfor the year, and their net income subconcern or materially affect individual passage by two-thirds of each house shareholders or the business of the concern. But the thousands of small corporations in competition with each other sions." Here we quite agre. A meas-and with individuals and firms in various lines of business will have good reason ure may be almost undeniably right Roxboro Courier. for objecting to this inquisition, and we and public sentiment may favor it, may be sure that when they realize what but what is to be done if the other

merce objects, further, that the Presi- melt away like ice before the sun. dent's proposed exemption of national banks would work injustice to State banks, already forbidden to issue licitor Clarkson's published suggestion notes under a purposely prohibitory that the Legislature give Superior tax of ten per cent. A way around Court judges power to commit to have long exercised in the Senate. this injustice is said to have been the asylum for the criminal insane for gound by including national banks but a period of two to ten years all pergrediting them with the tax on their sons charged with homicide and denote circulation as an offset or part clared not guilty by a jury on the "inof the tax on their net income. It sanity plea." It would have a wholereally no way at all. "There is some, tendency, beyond question. proft in virculation even with the fax," truly says The Journal of Composed upon State and national banks with success, to keep it there.

00 proportion to banking profits than commercial wrapping paper per day national and State banks alike or else paper from cotton stalks. exempting both altogether.

Foremost among organs of the fi-

Most of the distinctively business still be the gainer. and financial journals favor a stamp tax rather than a corporation tax in order to tide over the Treasury's Joining them in this are newspapers

ment and ruin to corporate morals."

as wide apart from each other as The New York Sun and The New York Tribune-the latter a Republican "progressive." The Sun wants the features of its pet detestation, the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, placed upon the stamps as a reminder of his alleged work in making them necessary.

Among the press of the country at large, especially the Democratic press, a bellef that Senator Aldrich accepts the corporation income tax measure solely as the means of accomplishing two ends: First, of defeating the in dividual-income tax measure which threatened to pass at this session without any long wait for the coning public knowledge of the real busi- stitutional amendment asked for by Mr. Taft in his corporation-income profits of every corporation in the tax message; second, of throwing an unavoidable sop to the President and the public while he puts through his indefensible tariff programme and its would not affect them, the language many exaltations of prohibitory proquoted must serve to disabuse their tection above revenue. This belief minds. The inevitable effect of such we share. But it does not follow that a law would be that every one en- Mr. Taft has been buncoed. Senator gaged in business would constantly Aldrich's position was very strong, ton, Richmond, Norfolk, Charleston, have a pack of government officials and doubtless the President made as Montgomery and Houston. at his heels; the government would all good a bargain as he could under the prying into his affairs, circumstances. We thought well of examining his books and accounts to his course when he transmitted the make sure that no portion of the tax special message; we think well of it

> SOMETHING NEW IN WEDDINGS. A Wisconsin couple on the eve of

York Journal of Commerce, which is an announcement of a novel departure accustomed to look at business and from the ordinary procedure on such financial questions from a rather occasions. They let it be known that broad standpoint. The Journal of no invitations to the wedding would Commerce is as much opposed to the be sent out and no presents would be fense is indeed a humiliating calamtax as the other two are. It has no expected, but that an admission fee ity to law-abiding men and women quarrel with "Rooseveltism," meaning would be collected at the church door It is a victory for the vicious and Federal supervision of large inter- from all who wished to witness the state corporations, but it does con- ceremony. This was done, as stated in sider this tax objectionably inquisi- the announcement, for the purpose of justice. torial. President Taft, it thinks, did raising a fund upon which the cou-not realize all that his own words im-ple might begin their married life. So, instead of getting a lot of useless spirit over untrained and puny minds "The plan is said to be to require sworn returns to specially named agents sum in cash, and with it they were ful lawyer and twelve servile juryof the bureau of internal revenue in accase, and with it they were cordance with a prescribed form. Experience tells the sad story that the requirement of sworn statements does not make men honest or truthful, and the government in its customs service acts practical.

The subtle will of the great master the subtle will of the great master than th ly apon the assumption that such statements are of little value. Where it is a question of evading taxation we know wedding presents without being struck fame won by the lawyer at the exhow little reliance is to be placed upon with the number of useless things pense of his country and the ignosuch unverified statements, unverified except as to the oath. The requirement puts there were in the lot and thinking of JNO. S. WALTERS. cept as to the oath. The requirement puts a premium upon false swearing and taxes how much money had been wasted by fully the honest and conscientious, while the unscrupulous practically determine their own burden. To verify stalements by an examination of accounts would require a horde of inspectors, mostly illustrated by the trouble of taking care of a said register of the trouble of taking care of a said register. paid political parasites of indifferent hon-esty. To perjury corruption would be lot of extra pickle forks, butter

multitudes engaged in business as incor- probability the prospects for the enance of an examination of books and in-spection of accounts. Large corporations comes by this extra session of Conactment of a tax upon individual inengaged in transportation or in large gress have gone glimmering. Our many scattered stockholders and control Danville contemporary then discusses bus expenses, their bonded and floatindebtedness, their profits and losses more faith in the adoption of such an amendment by the people than of of Congress for two successive sesto rivals by dishonest government offi-cials their protests will be many and votes enough? Subjected to the double test of right and public sentiment, Elsewhere The Journal of Com- Senator Aldrich's tariff measure would

We are favorably impressed by So-

The Southern Senators did a good merce, "and there would be more if day's work yesterday, when they got the tax should be practically remitted cotton bagging placed on the free list. by being made part of another im- They will work hard, and, we trust,

alike, and it would tend further to PAPER FROM COTTON STALKS. promote the conversion of State into . It seems that success is about to national banks or to force them out crown the oft-repeated, but heretofore CORONER'S JURY EASTMAN CASE. of existence. It would also increase unsuccessful efforts to manufacture the incentive for issuing circulation paper from cotton stalks. As we notby the national institutions, which is ed some time ago, there has been distoo great now, considering the lack of covered in Georgia a process whereby, effective means of reducing the it is claimed, the difficulties which volume of notes. It would affect na- other experimenters found insurtional banks themselves unequally, mountable are overcome. The first for the volume of outstanding notes mill will be located at Cordele, Ga., bears no fixed relation to net earnings. and will be completed by October 1. With some they bear a much smaller Its initial capacity will be 25 tons of with others." These contentions on Later on the capacity will be greatly the bank aspect of the subject appear increased and higher grades of paper to us incontrovertible. President made. The company is headed by W. Taft and his advisers have here a H. Crole, a paper manufacturer of fif- either '... 'ed, or was accessory to the ger. It is always and everywhere the problem far from solved. We do not teen years' experience, who has desee how they can avoid injustice with- voted the last six years to perfecting out either levying the income tax on his process for the manufacture of

If this company makes the success nancial world which defend the tax will revolutionize newspaper manufacis The Wall Street Journal. This ture and will be a godsend to the high-class newspaper admits that the South, where there is an inexhaustmeasure has faults, but in its opinion lible supply of the raw material-s much of the protest "is rooted in supply unending because, of its annual rottenness rather than rightcousness." renewal; and when the manufacture it apparently regards the publicity becomes general it will add an estifeature as an unmixed benefit, "Fore- mated increase of fifty million dollars most of all among corporate interests to the value of the Southern cotton which have aught to fear from the crop. A product of the farms which tax on net earnings proposed by the now not only brings the planters no Federal government," it declares, "are return but is an expense in the matthose who shake in their shoes at the ter of clearing off the land, will then thought of the kind of publicity which be a source of revenue. We hope that turns the light upon inside graft. In- the owners of this new process will side graft is to-day the thing that is not allow themselves to be taken in doing probably as much as anything by the paper trust, but will maintain their independence. Even should they go into the combination the South will

> ill on the east shore of Maryland was a magazine writer. Thornton J. is a magazine writer. Broughton Brandenburg, forger of a Cleveland article during the last presidential campaign, is a magazine writer. At this rate it will soon be suggested that all magazine writers be placed under bond to keep the peace.

rear and along the guards Mr. W. R. Cooper, a British investigator, produces comparatively dustless automobiles. The production of fool-less automobiles, however, is unfortunately n the dim distance,

affoat about the contemplated resignet; but Secretary Wilson is the last one of them on whom it ought to be started if its originator expects the public to give it any credence.

Slightly warm in Charlotte? Well, rather. But just think of the thousands who are driven to sleep on the the wretched inhabitants of Washing-

# THE BIGGERS CASE VERDICT.

It Was an Outrage Upon Justice and is Bound to Exert a Demoralizing

Permit me to congratulate you on your very expressive and correct editorial in to-day's issue of your paper. It is just what I expected-strong, clean and true, and it volces the sentiment of all who really and rever-

ently respect the law. The acquittal yesterday of William S. Biggers, murderer, on such an absurd defense as was pled in his debloody-minded element and will justify them in holding in more than ever our so-called courts of The trial of William S. Biga trained master mind and dominant There was no farce about the trial, as I have heard it said; it was to perjure themselves and prostitute

# "HOW BIG WAS ALEXANDER?"

A Song Whereof Most is Missing and Very Much Desired. To the Editor of The Observer;

As a loyal reader I try to be interested in your poetic and near-poetic department. But I feel that if I fail it not my fault .- I keep on trying. Lately I've been trying to teach my children a little piece of real poetry that appeared in some of the school readers when I was a boy. It begins

"How big was Alexander, Po. That people call him great?" I recall some parts of it, but not all. Please turn your near-poet edltor's mind backward 35 years and ask him to reproduce it in your columns If he cannot find it in your library I trust some reader of your paper will from memory.

T. T. HICKS, Hendersonville, N. C., June 23.

# Taft Helped Too Much.

The President did not undertake to force his ideas on Congress until the Senate leaders appealed to him for assistance to head off the income tax. but when they asked his help he gave it in such form that they now find ty of them is only in degree less repugnant than the income tax. This situation constitutes a material victory for the President and a serious blow to that autocracy which Senator Aldrich and a few chosen colleagues

# Thomasville Orphanage Auditorium.

Charity and Children. A contractor from Blue Mont has The accoustics are well nigh perfect, the man on the last seat being able to hear a speaker almost as to its opportunities in cotton growwell as the one next the stage. It is ing, so long as it means, as we becomposed mostly of shingles, there lieve it does, more corn, grain, truck, being no less than 80,000 on the roof. grass, cattle, etc.

# COMPROMISE VERDICT

Four Members of the Jury Refused to State's Attorney Taylor Announces That He is Through With the Case —Authorities Believe That Eastman Been Binckmatting Mrs. Woodill and That She Finally Rebelled-Mrs. Eastman Visits the Grave of Her Husband.

St. Michaels, Md., June 28 - With he compromise verdict of the coroner's jury that Robert E. Eastman murder of, Edith May Woodill, and act of a craven coward and deserves, the declaration of State's Attorney Taylor that he was through with the ease, the strange dual tragedy, which has for nearly a week focused the eyes | Kenansville News. of its venture which it anticipates it of the entire country upon this little

> Folr of the twelve jurors who istened to the testimony at the repened inquest refused to sign the out in the bushes for Simmons' shoes, erdict until the words "or accessory to the crime" were added to the draft gent enough to know that Mr. Simwhich, approved by the majority, mons has never fooled or misled them accussed Eastmar of the murder. None of the four dissenting

> murder. None of the four dissenting negroes while other men wanting jurymen would say that any other high places in '92-'94 and '96 were person that Eastman was responsible for fusion with Marion Butler. for the girl's death. They merely wished to protest, they said, against the manner in which the inquiry was conducted, declaring that much available evidence was not adduced.

The jury sat for a time to-day in ight of Eastman's unmarked grave. ot fifty feet away. Mrs. Eastman had visited the place earlier in the out such a statement. The Greens-boro Record says—and that rightly—that Prof. Coon should have called lanted a tomato vine on the grave has no business jumping on to some drs. Eastman, thinking the vine a "party" some "citizen," ative flower, asked what it was. No ling names, if the thing is worth menstood by the grave until at last a out in the open and tell who you are convultive shudder shook her should- talking about.

wich the Sunday when Mrs. Woodill was slain. There was absolutely no Greensboro Telegram. e-idence that any one other than Castman could have been responsible or the crime

And the final theory of the authori-

noney; that he probably had been getting money from Mrs. Woodllt for some time; that he undoubtedly knew something of her past life and that he liad been blackmailing her; that he attempt I to continue this practice and that the woman rehelled, intimating that she, toe, had found out certain things about Eastman and that if driven to it would expose him

An interesting development of to day was the finding of the scraps of a Little of sense could be made from the fragments of the letter, but the writing was identified as of Mrs. Woodill. dently was about the visit of some

There was talk to-day of having an contents of the offile found in the shack on yesterday and which is believed to have contained narcotic drugs, which may have been used upon Mrs. Woodill prior to her murder. But the analysis was regarded as unncessary in the finding of the jury, and the coroner remarked that the county already had spent enough money upon the lamentable case

Mrs. Fastman was granted letters admission to-day and all of her husbard's real estate and personal property will be turned over to her will go back to New York soon and return to the stage.

#### The Heathen Chinee, Washington Herald.

The murder of a young white girl one of New York's byways is only on incident in the yearly criminal calendar, but it is not overstating the case to say that it has shocked the pa-tion, not so much because of the evident brutality of the crime as from the fact that the murderer was a son does, dence of his victim through his profession zeal foretaoinetaoinetaoin sed zeal for Christianity.

that all would do well to heed. that lesson is that, though we boast of the knowledge we have acquired of natives of the Celestial Empire, we know, in reality, very little about frightened away many suitors. We do know, however, that these strange beings from the Orient possess a singular fascination for certain white women. A visit to the so-called Chinatowns of such vities as San francisco, Boston and New York finds many Chinese who have taken white women for wives.

Ordinarily, it is impossible for any into social contact with young women Illinois Innovation. of good families, but this opportunity comes to the low-class Chinese in the missionary settlements and Sunday missionary settlements and Sunday schools, where young girls are often induced to act as teachers of Christianity.

Open the door of your heart, my lad.

To the angel of love and truth, When the world is full of unnumbered

#### Satues of Stonewall Jackson Richmond News Leader.

Discussing the movement for the erction of a monument to Stonewall Jackson "by the Southern people, but mainly by the Virginia people," The harlottesville Progress says: "There s a marble effigy of him (Jackson) upon a small pedestal in the capital square in Richmond." The Jackson statue in the capital square in Richmond, by Poley, the English sculptor, is not in marble, but in bronbe, and Are yours, if you'll only give them room; its unveiling was the occasion of one of the most imposing demonstrations incident to such events ever witnessed in Richmond. There is also a lifethemselves compelled to provide a size, if not heroic bronze, of Jacksystem of excise which to the majori- son over his grave at Lexington, the work of Valentine. This, too, was unveiled with most impressive ceremonies, military and other.

# Cotton Growing Easily Overdone.

Statesville Landmark. Figuring on the cotton grown in different counties in North Carolina The Charlotte Chronicle estimates that the output could be easily doub-Maybe so, but let us hope that been here looking over the orphan-age outdoor auditorium, so fearfully to 15 cents the pound. Cotton is all and wonderfully made. If they can right as a money crop, but the all-cotduplicate that pavilion at the moun-tain city they will be fortunate in-and debt. The Landmark is gratified -and, of course, The Chronicle is, too-that the State does not live up

# Charity and Children.

The Charlotte Observer, discussing the question as to whether courage or cowardice predominates is the act Sign Verdict Until It Was Made to of suicide, says; "Suicide has been Read That Robert Eastman Either committed from metives of courage Killed or Was Accessory to the and from motives of cowardice; from Murder of Edith May Woddill— the most selfish motives and from the most unselfish motives. It all de-pends." We are sorry The Observer. a paper so widely influential, would thus give the least countenance to the most brutally selfish and cowardly act that can be committed. Except the dethronement of reason not the shred of an excuse can be offered in justification of self-murder. The killing of another may call for courage, but to commit the outrage upon one's self involves not a single element of dan as it receives, the opprobrium of all

### Senator Simmons' Record.

If Senator Simmons was a good to victory in four campaigns, why is it now that he is called a Republican and singled out among all the other Democrats as a traitor to his party principles? We answer his enemier and that he drove from the State the

#### Should Give Names.

Monroe Enquirer.

At the Teachers' Assembly, held last week in Morehead City, Prof. C. L. Coon jumped on a college in this State sat for a time to-day in for saying in its catalogue that a bungalow itself, within home school is no place for a boy over 13 years old, but Professor Coon did not say what school sent one one with ill-judged humor had names. A public speaker or an editor he had the temerity to tell her. She tioning it is the manly thing to come

The killing in New York of a young girl by a Chinaman suggests to one newspaper the criticism that American men as a rule are too indifferent as to what becomes of their daughters. The criticism is well founded of American men know more about the than American women know. they are often too busy accumulating wealth or riding some other hobby to give the serious consideration that it deserves to the problem of shielding their daughters.

#### The Bryant-Hilderbrand Discussion. Greensboro Record.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, Washington correspondent of The Charlotte Obtorn letter in the cracks of the bunga- server, and Mr. Hilderbrand, editor of The Asheville Gazette-News, have are fived at a misunderstanding and Mr. Bryant rises to a question of personal The letter eylor more. Red Buck sught to know that Mr. Hilderbrand wants no raw one to some place, to be "chaperoned or not, as she saw fit." that Mr. Hilderbrand wants no raw recruits; it makes the division of the offices too long. Mr. Bryant has no notion of turning Republican, but evi-dently Mr. Hilderbrand thinks so.

# For Good Roads.

Burlington State Dispatch. Now that there will soon be a lull in national politics, the people of the Old North State would do well to turn their attention to the subject of road building. The next Legislature should he importuned to enact laws looking to the betterment of our system too soon to begin the agitation of the

# Monument to Stonewall Jackson.

Winston Sentinel.

Now that the South is building monments and perpetuating the memory of its heroes in this way to a greater extent than ever before Jackson should not be slighted. One of the greatest military geniuses in

# Works Both Ways.

Wilmington Dispatch. The Newark, N. J., young woman for 10c yard. who horsewhipped the man who jilted her may have given warning to the next chap who engages himself to her, but she has also, no doubt,

An Innovation on the Curtain Lec-

Weldon News.

Because she was "vexed with her husband," an Illinois woman poured kerosene over him and set him afire. The average husband will much prefer except the educated Chinese to zet the old style curtain lecture to this

# OPEN THE DOOR.

In the beautiful dawn of youth. Casting aside all things that mar, Saying to wrong. "Depart!" To the voices of hope that are calling

Open the door of your heart.

pen the door of your heart, my lass, To the things that shall abide; o the hely thoughts that lift your soul Like the stars at eventide. All the fadeless flowers that bloom In the realms of song and art Open the door of your heart.

Open the door of your heart, my friend, Heedless of class and creed; When you hear the cry of a brother's voice. The sob of a soul in need.

To the singing Heavens that o'er you You need no map nor chart:

But only the love of the Master; Open the door of your heart. -EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

#### WOMEN WHO ARE ENVIED. Those attractive women who are levely

in face, form and temper are the envy of many, who might be like them. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation or Kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin scuptions and a wretched complexion. For all such, Electric Bitters work wonders. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood, give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, levely complexion. Many charming women owe their health and beauty to them. Soc. at all druggists.



Did you take advantage of the by saying that there is a horse tied out in the bushes for Simmons' shoes, but the people of North Carolina have but the people of North Carolina have sacrifice suit and silk dress sale? We are still closing the entire lot of ready to wear at hal price, and on many the price is less than half. Come to-day, they are

# onvulsive shudder shook her shouldtalking about. No one was seen about the bungawen the Sunday when Mrs. Wooddli as slain. There was absolutely no idence that any one other than The requirement of the sunday when the sunday one other than The requirement of the sunday of the

A very large bath towel, the usual 25 cent kind are still selling here at 17c each.

More of that pretty quality 36 inch all linen suiting at 25c yard.

50 more pieces of that fine building and improving the public highways of the State. It is none Blarney Linen Suiting for pretty white suits or skirts, 15c yard.

> Still selling beautiful quality white lawns, values up to 25c

Some striking bargains on our colored wash goods tables at 5 and 8c yard.

We added some very pretty and fine Laces to our already tempting tables at 5c yard.

