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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 promulgated it in a special message twelve days ago to-day.

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.

Much less nearly a foregone conclusion was the attitude of The New York Journal of Commerce, which is accustomed to look at business and financial questions from a rather broad standpoint.

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alike, and it would tend further to promote the conversion of State into national banks or to force them out of existence. It would also increase the incentive for issuing circulation by the national institutions, which is too great now, considering the lack of effective means of reducing the volume of notes.

Foremost among organs of the financial world which defend the tax is The Wall Street Journal. This high-class newspaper admits that the measure has faults, but in its opinion much of the protest "is rooted in rottenness rather than righteousness."

Most of the distinctively business and financial journals favor a stamp tax rather than a corporation tax in order to tide over the Treasury's present and prospective difficulties.

Among the press of the country at large, especially the Democratic press, opinion is in many cases affected by a belief that Senator Aldrich accepts the corporation income tax measure solely as the means of accomplishing two ends: First, of defeating the individual-income tax measure which threatened to pass at this session without any long wait for the constitutional amendment asked for by Mr. Taft in his corporation-income tax message; second, of throwing an unavoidable sop to the President and the public while he puts, through his indefensible tariff programme and its many exaltations of prohibitory protection above revenue.

SOMETHING NEW IN WEDDINGS. A Wisconsin couple on the eve of their marriage the other day made an announcement of a novel departure from the ordinary procedure on such occasions.

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PAPER FROM COTTON STALKS.

It seems that success is about to crown the oft-repeated, but heretofore unsuccessful efforts to manufacture paper from cotton stalks. As we noted some time ago, there has been discovered in Georgia a process whereby, it is claimed, the difficulties which other experimenters found insurmountable are overcome.

If this company makes the success of its venture which it anticipates it will revolutionize newspaper manufacture and will be a godsend to the South, where there is an inexhaustible supply of the raw material—a supply unending because of its annual renewal; and when the manufacture becomes general it will add an estimated increase of fifty million dollars to the value of the Southern cotton crop.

The murderer of Mrs. Edith Woodruff on the east shore of Maryland was a magazine writer, Thornton J. Hains, co-murderer of Wm. E. Annis, 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.

By applying air deflectors at the 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 in the dim distance.

THE BIGGERS CASE VERDICT.

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

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 voices the sentiment of all who really and reverently respect the law.

"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 is not my fault—I'm trying on trying.

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 themselves compelled to provide a system of excise which the majority of them is only in degree less repugnant than the income tax.

Thomasville Orphanage Auditorium.

A contractor from Blue Mont has been here looking over the orphanage auditorium, so fearfully and wonderfully made. If they can duplicate that pavilion at the mountain city they will be fortunate indeed.

A COMPROMISE VERDICT

CORONER'S JURY EASTMAN CASE.

Four Members of the Jury Refused to Sign Verdict Until It Was Made to Read That Robert Eastman Either Was Accessory to the Murder of Edith May Woodruff—State's Attorney Taylor Announces That He is Through With the Case—Authorities Believe That Eastman Had Been Blackmailing Mrs. Woodruff and That She Finally Rebellled—Mrs. Eastman Visits the Grave of Her Husband.

St. Michaels, Md., June 28.—With the compromise verdict of the coroner's jury that Robert E. Eastman either killed, or was accessory to the murder of, Edith May Woodruff, and the declaration of State's Attorney Taylor that he was through with the case, the strange dual tragedy, which has for nearly a week focused the eyes of the entire country upon this little out-of-the-way hamlet of Maryland's famous eastern shore became a closed incident to-day.

Four of the twelve jurors who listened to the testimony at the reopened inquest refused to sign the verdict until the words "or accessory to the crime" were added to the draft which, approved by the majority, bluntly accused Eastman of the murder. None of the four dissenting jurors would say that any other person that Eastman was responsible for the girl's death.

The jury sat for a time to-day in the lonely bungalow itself, within sight of Eastman's unmarked grave, not fifty feet away. Mrs. Eastman had visited the place earlier in the day and had stood dry-eyed for a time beside the new-made mound. Some one with ill-judged humor had planted a tomato vine on the grave.

No one was seen about the bungalow on the Sunday when Mrs. Woodruff was slain. There was absolutely no evidence that any one other than Eastman could have been responsible for the crime.

THEORY OF AUTHORITIES.

And the final theory of the authorities is this: That Eastman was in need of money; that he probably had been getting money from Mrs. Woodruff for some time; that he undoubtedly knew something of her past life and that he had been blackmailing her; that he attempted to continue this practice and that the woman rebelled, intimating that she, too, 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 torn letter in the cracks of the bungalow floor. Little of sense could be made from the fragments of the letter, but the writing was identified as that of Mrs. Woodruff. The letter evinced a knowledge of the visit of some one to some place, to be "chaperoned or not, as she saw fit."

THE HEATHEN CHINEE.

The murder of a young white girl in one of New York's byways is only an incident in the yearly criminal calendar, but it is not oversteating the case to say that it has shocked the nation, not so much because of the evil, but because of the crime as from the fact that the murderer was a Chinaman who had won the confidence of his victim through his professional zeal for the attainment of a goal for Christianity.

WORKS BOTH WAYS.

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AN INNOVATION ON THE CURTAIN LECTURE.

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Open the door of your heart, my lad, To the angel of love and truth, When the world is full of unnumbered joys In the beautiful dawn of youth. Casting aside all things that mar, Saying to whomever "Depart": To the voice of hope that are calling you, Open the door of your heart.

WOMEN WHO ARE ENVIED.

Those attractive women who are lovely in face, firm 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 the face, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. For all such, Electric Bitters work wonders. They regulate the stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, give strength, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion. Many charming women owe their beauty and beauty to them. 50c at all druggists.

As to Suicides.

Charity and Children. The Charlotte Observer, discussing the question as to whether courage or cowardice predominates in the act of suicide, says: "Suicide has been committed from motives of courage and from motives of cowardice; from the most selfish motives and from the most unselfish motives. It all depends." 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.

Senator Simmons' Record.

Kenansville News. If Senator Simmons was a good enough Democrat to lead the party 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 enemies by saying that there is a horse tied out in the bushes for Simmons' shoes, but the people of North Carolina have long memories and they are intelligent enough to know that Mr. Simmons has never fooled or misled them and that he drove from the State the carpet-baggers and disfranchised the negroes while other men wanting high places in '92-'94 and '96 were for fusion with Marion Butler.

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 for saying in its catalogue that a home school is no place for a boy over 13 years old, but Professor Coon did not say what school sent out such a statement. The Monroe Record says—and that rightly—that Prof. Coon should have called names. A public speaker or an editor has no business jumping on to some "party" some "citizen," without calling names, if the thing is worth mentioning, it is the manly thing to come out in the open and tell who you are talking about.

American Men Careless About Their Daughters.

Greensboro Telegram. 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. American men know more about the lures and snares of the worldly life than American women know. But 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 Observer, and Mr. Hilderbrand, editor of The Asheville Gazette-News, have argued at a misunderstanding and Mr. Bryant rises to a question of personal privilege, in which he says a column or more. He says he ought to know 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 evidently Mr. Hilderbrand thinks so.

For Good Roads.

Burlington State Dispatch. Now that there will soon be a ball 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 be impudently to enact laws looking to the betterment of our system of building and improving the public highways of the State. It is none too soon to begin the agitation of the matter.

Monument to Stonewall Jackson.

Winston Sentinel. Now that the South is building monuments and perpetuating the memory of its heroes in this way to a greater extent than ever before, Stonewall Jackson should not be slighted. One of the greatest military geniuses in history he holds a high place in the regard of every true Southerner. If anybody deserves a monument Jackson does.

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Did you take advantage of the sacrifice suit and silk dress sale? We are still closing the entire lot of ready to wear at half price, and on many the price is less than half. Come to-day, they are going fast.

SPECIALS

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 Blarney Linen Suiting for pretty white suits or skirts, 15c yard.

Still selling beautiful quality white lawns, values up to 25c for 10c yard.

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.

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