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State vs. Federal Taxes.

For the support of the State government proper, counting in everything, the people of North Carolina pay a tax of about 40 cents a head. For the support of town, county and State administrations, all put together, they pay but little more than \$1 a head. The cost of the United States government last year was not far from \$400,000,000-a sum so big that one can only get an idea of it by reflecting that it is four times the value of all the land in North Carolina; that if in silver dollars there would be enough to lay five rows of them around the whole State, and if in paper dollars, enough to cover its entire surface; that it is over \$6 taken from the comforts or necessities of every man, woman and child, white and black, in the United States. North Carolina's share of this tax is, at \$6 a head, over \$10,-000,000.

The home governments dispense justice, support the public charities, make the public improvements, educate our children, protect us in our labor by day and while we sleep by night; in short, do for us all that and cost us one dollar a head. The United States government collects from us \$6 a head, or over \$10,000-000 in all, and comes in direct contact with us or our interest only in disposal. the ugly shape of internal revenue tax collectors. To no man, woman it that her full duty is done towards or child, white or black, in North Carolina is there, ordinarily, any direct return for this enormous taxation, save only to the Federal office-holders.

pay the Federal government a bless- magnetic Republicans." ing. Exactly! But we can't see it.

The surplus revenue in the Federal treasury at Washington this year, it is believed, will amount to not far from \$150,000,000, or about equal to \$2.50 for each man, woman and child in the Un ted States. North Carolina's proportion is \$4,259,000. It needs no arguent to prove that North Carolina will gain more by the reduction of taxation than by any direct appropriation for improvements that is within the range of probability. Reduce the taxation, stop wasteful expenditure, and put an end to this unnecessary accumulation in the public treasury of the millions raised by obliging the people to pay higher prices for every article they consume in living and for every article they use in making a living. A Democratic Congress would stop the waste and reluce the taxes, but we have not a Democratic Federal Senate. The House of Representatives only is Democratic.

It is simple impossible, upon any ground, to defend the collection of such a vast sum of money from the people of the country. Experience has shown, and has shown for a long time, that the taxes were largely in excess of the real wants of the government, but still the government goes on collecting them in a reckless disregard of the necessities of the people. Two facts, then, are certain: 1st. The money is there; and 2d, there is no use for it.

Are the people willing to keep in power a party that thus reckless such vast sums of money? We \$1 oo think not.

Let North Carolina, then, see to securing the success of the only party that will bring the Federal government to the same strict economy the State government uses.

But think for a moment what a vast sum \$150,000,000 is. If it were in silver it would require 12,000 horses and mules and wagons to haul it to Raleigh, twice, as many as there are in all the country, and after it got there no building could be found to hold it. Why, there would be enough of it, and more than enough, to lay a double row of silver dollars along every railroad in and saved the hangman a job. the State; enough to lay a double row of them all around the State; being much more than enough to buy every foot of land in North Carolina at its assessed valuation.

Think of it, North Carolina tax-

A surplus revenue is a public nuisance. It gives to the government a dangerous control over the moneytary affairs of the country, and a control almost certain to be used for the promotion of party purposes. It takes productive capital from the hands of the owners, and vests it in hands where there is every temptamen institute governments to do, tion to use it uselessly if not viciously. The world has never known a government so pure that it would not become corrupt if a surplus revenue were permanently placed at its

Let North Carolina, then, see to securing the success of the only party that favors the destruction of a surplus by reduction of taxation.

A CORRESPONDENT of the News The home governments take the Observer tells us that John Nichols comparatively small sums required and T. R. Purnell opened their canfor their administration by direct vass in Alamance county, at Lea's taxes, taxing each man according to Store, in Pleasant Grove township, the value of his property, imposing on Monday. The correspondent goes the public burden in exact propor- on to say: "This is a Republican tion to the share each individual re- township and after beating the ceives of public protection. The bushes and covering all the public enormous taxes collected by the places with hand-bills they were United States government are in- greeted by six negroes, four white direct and paid by consumers, who Republicans and two Democrats; the pay not according to the benefits last two being there for the purpose they receive from the government, of asking a division of time in the but according to the products they speaking. Johnny and Tommy consume in living or in making a looked sick and when they hear from living. The millionaire, if he con- Alamance in November next Johnny sume no more than the day laborer, will be past recovery. They drove will bear no larger share of the pub- off to their next appointment withlic burden. But as men feel direct out speaking at all. The six netaxes more severely, that is to say, groes and four whites went away know when they pay them, and how disappointed, and the two Democrats much, Colonel Dockery and his party followed the footsteps of Johnny think to persuade them that the dol- and Tommy very much amused at lar they pay the State government the air of disappointment manifestis a burden and the six dollars they ted by the two distinguished and

> AT LAST the Senate substitute for the House tariff bill has been put into shape sufficiently to be reported to the finance committee, but the Republican Senators are still so fearful of the effect of their measure that they are taking extraordinary pains to let no one see it. It is said that Senator Beck, who is off at a safe distance, has been allowed to have a copy, as he is to have the privilege of presenting a minority report, but with this exception the awful secret is still locked up.

As the bill is not expected to pass there need be no particular haste to learn its provisions. It is important only as an indication of the revised Republican police on the tariff. Whatever its details, it will necessarily put the Senate at issue with the platform and the candidates, but there are so many contradictions in this campaign that a few more will make no great difference.

JOHNNY NICHOLS-very beguiling, About this time comes 'round smil-

Indeed full of laughter -Its votes he is after: To Congress he wishes to go faster than hoppin'-

To see him frown, And take him down. Just ask him how he treated L. C.

WHAT IS NEEDED in Texas and other portions of the Southwest terrorized by highwaymen and train robbers is a few more women like grinds from their hard earnings Mrs. Lizzie Hays, of Banndero county, Texas. Mrs. Hays not only his posse after them I mean busiknows how to shoot, but dares to ness. shoot. A masked highwayman preit that her full duty is done towards sented himself at her house one morning recently, when she told him to leave or she would kill him. He didn't believe she meant business until she had snapped her gun at him. He then tried to kill her, but in the battle which ensued her tardy needle gun was induced to go off with such good effect that the robber went off, too, with a bullet in his thievish body. Mrs. Hays' bullet was like the gun from which it was fired, a little slow in getting in its work, but by the time the robber had ridden twenty miles it finished him

> THE Third Partyites seem to be dividing among themselves as to whether Prohibition or Woman Suffrage is the "dominant issue in national politics." Their party platform says Prohibition is, and so says General Fisk in his letter of acceptance; but Prof. Samuel Dickie, Chairman of the National Committee of the Prohibition Party, thinks there is a greater evil to overcome than the liquor traffic-namely, the subjection of women. Mr. Dickie speaks out thusly: "I am profoundly convinced that for women to be unrepresented in the Government at this late day in the nineteenth century is a relic of savagery remaining to us from the age of physical force more barbarous and more harmful than the liquor traffic!"

A pretty "kettle of fish" they are

MR. HARRISON'S idea of disposing of the surplus is that "it should be used in the purchase of bonds." That is good financial wisdom. A Republican adminstration funded the bulk of the debt in bonds that are not now redeemable and that can only be bought now at a premium approaching thirty per cent. and the people are now to be taxed a hundred and thirty dollars to pay each hundred dollars of 'debt. No doubt it would be better to spend the surplus in this way than to give it away or than to keep it locked up, but it would be better still not to secent stam.

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3 urham, N. C. collect any surplus.

An alarming feature of indiscriminate immigration is the arrival of twenty-four Swedish maidens in this country, under contract to marry. The question naturally arises, that if laborers under contract are not to be permitted to land here, are maidens under matrimonial contract to be allowed to slip in. As the Louisville Courier-Journal says, are not our own maidens, not to mention our widows, to be protected from this foreign competition? How are we to Americanize our foreigners if they do not marry American

THERE was frost in many parts of Alabama Monday night, and the temperature at Montgomery was 54. It is hoped that this cool spell will extend into Florida and check the yellow fever scourge. At Jacksonville the weather is clear and cool Thirty new cases were reported there yesterday morning No official reports of deaths. The scare and panicky feeling at Memphis has given way to a more rational view. There is still much suffering and want and our people should not relax their efforts to render assistance

GREENSBORO is aglow with enthusiasm to-day. The occasion is the Fireman's Tournament. A large crowd is in attendance and from all we can learn they are having a grand time. It will last to-day and tomorrow. We wish Greensboro the greatest success and most abundant joy; and then we invite her to our Exposition.

MAJ, W. A. HEARNE is now connected with the editorial staff of our esteemed contemporary, the Wilmington Messenger. We welcome him back to North Carolina journalism. Maj. Hearne is a deep thinker, a sound reasoner and an ornate writer and whatever his pen touches gleams with mature judgment. The Messenger is fortunate.

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