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More Tax Talk.
If \$100 lent at interest should pay the tax rate on \$100 what should land and personal property pay?

The Southerner is publishing now and then the tax problem, not with a view to reflect on any one, but with the hope that the public conscience, which means of course the individual recognition of accountability, may be so awakened that every dollar may bear its just burden in paying the expense of carrying out the constitutional guarantee of the protection of life, liberty, and property. We submit that it is unquestionably unfair, absolutely unjust, to make one pay tax on \$1,000, which, if invested in land, would be assessed at \$250 or \$500 and on which the tax would be paid. That there have been solvent credit dodgers we have never doubted; that is to their shame; that land and all realty and personal property have been valued far below their worth, not a sensible man in the county will deny. We can name lands that are assessed at three dollars an acre for which the owner would not take thirty which price would be given and more.

Such inequities in tax valuation brood no good, they savor of that which is so much dishonest, that the weak, to say aught of the miser is tempted to take advantage. It should be plain to the intelligent that value is an equal appraisal of property, money must be run out of the community. It can not pay full tax and other property one fourth or one third. This proposition must be grappled with. If the state would find its revenue from some other than property and solvent credits, the problem would then be up to the counties and we believe that the people thereof would see that justice is done.

Lee-Jackson Day.
The following are the committees to serve at the celebration of Lee-Jackson Day, Jan. 19. The exercises will be held in the court house and luncheon will be served in the bridge building.

Dinner Committee.
Mrs. Wooden, Chairman, Mrs. Currier, Mrs. W. H. Powell, Mrs. McCraw, Miss Sallis Porter, Mrs. G. T. DeBerry, Mrs. R. B. Hyatt, Miss Sarah Hyman, Mrs. S. P. Beatty.

Music Committee.
Miss Mary Austin, Chairman; Mrs. L. L. Staton, Mrs. A. Williamson, Mrs. E. N. Harrell, Mrs. Whitney Bridges, Mrs. Brooks Peters, Mrs. Matt Whitworth, Miss Lucy Barlow.

Luncheon Committee.
Mrs. Jno. L. Bridgers, Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Wiggins, Mrs. Nora Jenkins, Mrs. T. W. Thrash, Miss Rosa Bridges.

There will be a call meeting of the Daughters of Mrs. Don Williams Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 3 o'clock.
MRS. S. J. SUGG, President.

PREDICTS SMALL CROP OF COTTON.

Bill Weevil One of the Causes Expert Declares.
Washington, January 8.—The cotton crop for the year 1909 is going to be the smallest since 1899 according to a statement of W. D. Hunter, of Dallas, Texas, expert of the department of agriculture. "It is due," he said, in addressing the House committee on Agriculture, "to the weevil in Louisiana and in portions of Arkansas and Mississippi and to the extreme dry weather in Texas."
The boll weevil, he declared, undoubtedly would cause a remarkable redistribution of the production of cotton first in large areas. What were large centers of production formerly were going to fall down and more than that there would be a redistribution in the small plantations.

Married.

Yesterday at the residence of her brother-in-law, P. A. Lewis, on East Granville street, Miss Margaret R. Carr and W. Asa Williams Jr., by Elder P. D. Gold. The ceremony was simple, plain, but impressive. That evening a reception was given them at the home, near here, the groom's brother, Latham Williams.

A More Descriptive Name.

Beginning with the year, the Roberson Supply Co. was succeeded by the Roberson-Ruffin, Co. There has been no change in personnel, stockholders, or clerical force. The active and directing minds in this corporation are Messrs. Roberson and Ruffin. The change is made to indicate and account for the fact.

Two better business men and clever gentlemen have seldom jointly directed a large and steadily growing business.

SITE OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Also the Volcano That Destroyed Them—Cave Where Lot Stayed.
Ellsworth Huntington, head of the recent Yale expedition to Palestine declares that he has verified the Bible story of Sodom and Gomorrah.
"Hundreds of pages," he says in Harper's Magazine have been written to prove that the story is a myth, or that the ancient towns were destroyed by the bursting forth of oil wells like those of Texas or Bakken, which sometimes are ignited and burn for days. Other hundreds of pages have been devoted to proving that Sodom and Gomorrah were or were not at the north end of the Dead sea, and that they were or were not buried under the saline deposits at either end of the lake.
"Among recent writers there seems to be a tendency to believe that Sodom and its sister town were probably located at the south end of the lake, where the name Udam and thought to represent Sodom and where Arab tradition now locates the site of the cities. The means of their destruction are believed to have been the oil wells mentioned above. This rather unsatisfactory conclusion has been adopted largely because it has been supposed that no volcano is located in such a position that it could have borne any part in the story."
"According to the story in Genesis, Lot and Abraham were at Bethel, ten miles north of Jerusalem when their herdsmen quarreled and they decided to separate. "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest into Zoar. So Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan."
"Then the story goes on to the time when "Jehovah rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Jehovah out of heaven while Lot fled to the near town of Zoar. He did not stay there long, but went out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains—in a cave."
"Having freshly read the story and having looked over the strong arguments for locating the towns south of the Dead sea and for believing them to have been destroyed in the nature of bilamious outbreaks, I was taken by surprise when I visited the little ruin of Sawwelm and picked up bits of genuine scoriaceous lava, while the sheikh who acted as guide told the story of Sodom as the story of Suweim or Suwelm. The name may be a corruption of Sodom.
"I went into the mountains at once from Suweim in order to see where the lava came from. As we climbed the lower hills the sheikh noted that I picked up black pieces of lava and broke them open.
"Don't bother with those," he said. "Up here," pointing southeast, "there is a whole mountain of black rock like that."
"Not two miles from Suweim, a bag the size of the great wall which separates the Ghor from the plateau of Moab, we found the mountain, a genuine little volcano of very recent date geologically. From it flowed a sheet of lava which made the small headland already mentioned between Suweim and Ghuweir. The name Ghuweir is believed by many students to be a corruption of Zoar, although it may also be an Arabic word, the diminutive of Ghor, meaning "the valley."
"A late eruption of ashes from the volcano may easily have wrought havoc in a town located near Suweim. On the other hand Ghuweir lies in such a position that it would be protected by intervening hills.
"The present ruins of Ghuweir, doubtless date from a time many hundred or even one or two thousand years after the days of Abraham and Lot. There is one work of man however, which may go back to the period of the Patriarchs and which may have played a part in the Biblical narrative.
"Near the head of the valley which leads eastward from Ghuweir up towards the plateau of Moab we discovered a carefully excavated cave among the mountains at a place called El Ghutter, between Abu Hassan and Beth Peor. It is about twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide, carefully hewed out of the limestone above a spring. Two windows look down the wadi toward Zoar, and a door with a rock cut through to lead off the water of rains has been so located that it can be reached only by climbing a precipice by means of six or eight little niches cut in the rock or by climbing down over some difficult steps in the rock above.
"Nowhere else in this region is there known to be an artificial cave upon which any such care has been bestowed as upon this. The discovery of the cave, together with the volcanic and the tradition of Sawwelm, supplied all the elements of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in exactly the location where the Biblical account would lead one to expect them.
"The supposition that the climate of past time was different from that of today disposes of the difficulty which has arisen from the rains having reference to the fertility of the land. On the whole, the result of a strictly geographic study of the region tends to show that the Biblical account is correct almost exactly as it stands. The fact that students of the highest ability have been in much doubt as to the location of Sodom and Gomorrah shows how imperfectly the Ghor and the shores of the Dead Sea have been explored."
—New York Sun.

R. E. L. Cook has closed his Drug Store near the Pamlico Bank and is consolidating his stock in his Temple Pharmacy, the lightest and in many ways the most attractive drug store in forty-seven counties.
The many friends of Mrs. James Pender will be glad to learn she is improving, but still confined to her bed.

GRAFT VS THE PEOPLE.

The Administration Helping Predatory Wealth.
Washington, Jan. 7.—Oxford pinchot, chief forester and intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt, tonight was dismissed from the service of the United States by President Taft for insubordination. Associate Forester Overton W. Price, and Assistant Law Officer Alexander Shaw, Pinchot's immediate assistants followed their chief out of government employ.
Thoroughly indignant over the action of Mr. Pinchot inducing Senator Dolliver to read a letter from him in the Senate yesterday, President Taft would listen to no advice that the Forester's violation of executive orders be overlooked pending the inquiry soon to be undertaken by Congress. He declared the dignity of the office had been chosen by the people to fill was being attacked and he would be unfaithful to his trust if he submitted longer.
Mr. Taft undoubtedly realizes fully what the dismissal of forester Pinchot means in a political way. He has been convinced for some time that the so-called "insurgents" and other critics of his administration had entitled the services of Mr. Pinchot and practically were defying to separate Pinchot from his office. The latter's letter of yesterday, few here doubt, was written with the direct purpose of "putting it squarely up to the President."
The President sought to avoid the threatened war as long as he could, but decided today that patience had ceased to be a virtue. He picked up the gage of battle thrown down by Mr. Pinchot by the hand of Senator Dolliver in the Senate and with the administration supporters, is ready for the fray which is certain to ensue.
Political observers in Washington declare that the situation created by today's developments is the most tense for many years. What the outcome will be, no one is willing to prophesy.
Cannon Spiked.
In the House of Representatives today Speaker Cannon lost his first fight to the "insurgents," who complaining with the Democrats, caused to be adopted an amendment to the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry resolution so as to take from the Speaker the power to appoint the House members of the joint special committee of investigation. The margin of victory was a narrow one of three votes, but the insurgents and Democrats, who profess their friendship for Pinchot, voted with the "insurgents" and the Democrats for the amendment which calls for the selection of the House investigators by election from the floor.
These two incidents at Capitol and White House, kept Washington in a political ferment all day.
The cabinet was in special session during practically the entire afternoon, following the regular session of the morning. Secretary Ballinger, cognizant of the action that was about to be taken remained away from the afternoon session. It was at the end of this special session tonight that the President gave on the letter he had written to Mr. Pinchot notifying him that his usefulness as a public servant under the present administration was at an end.
"You'll feel better after taking Dewitt's Little Early Risers, the safe, sure, pleasant gentle little liver pills. If you would be sure of good results insist on Dewitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve, the original. It is good for big cuts or 100 cuts, small scratches or bruises or big ones, but is especially good for piles. Sold by all druggists."

HIDDEN DANGERS.

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Mrs. Charles J. Jackson, 222 Telfair St., Washington, N. C., says: "I suffered from kidney troubles for some time, the kidney secretions being so frequent in passage as to cause me great annoyance. My back ached almost constantly and was so tired I had such sharp, shooting pains through my loins that I could hardly perform my household duties. I finally heard about Doan's Kidney Pills and began their use. They strengthened my kidneys regulated the passages of the secretions in my back. I have not had a sign of kidney trouble since using Doan's Kidney Pills and can recommend them as being far superior to any other kidney remedy I have ever tried."
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VALUABLE LAND SALE.
By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Edgecombe County made in the special proceeding thereto in pending, entitled C. P. Bouldin and Horace Doupin Et Parte, we will on the 14th day of February, 1910, at 11 a. m., in the town of Battleboro, N. C. sell at public auction for cash the following described two lots of land, situated in Edgecombe County North Carolina:
(a) Beginning at a stake C. P. and Anzi Bouldin corner on side walk, thence North 61 1/2 degrees, East 123 yards to stake on ditch bank, thence North 23 1/2 degrees, West about 30 yards to ditch, (dividing line between this and lot of J. P. Stewart) thence South 16 1/2 degrees West and up center of said ditch 18 yards to sidewalk, thence South 23 1/2 degrees, East about 30 yards to the beginning—containing one and one-fifth acres more or less.
(b) Beginning at a stake B. B. Quion's corner on sidewalk, thence North 61 1/2 degrees, East 95 yards to stake on ditch bank, thence South 41 1/2 degrees, West 30 yards to a stake on side walk, thence South 28 1/2 degrees, East 30 yards to the beginning—containing one and one-fifth acres more or less.
This January 12, 1910.
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You take no risk, for every piano is a bargain, and, if within three years, you wish to exchange for a new STIEFF or SHAW piano, we will allow you the FULL PRICE PAID for one of these instruments in payment for the new piano.
No. 1.—MARSHALL & WENDELL Upright, Mahogany case. Splendid condition, and a good bargain, \$ 75
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No. 5.—EMERSON Upright, Ebonyized case. Only 613 octaves, but in splendid condition, and a genuine bargain for a beginner. Only \$110
No. 6.—KNABE Upright, Walnut case. Traded in on a Player Piano. Been used very little, and is in first class condition, \$275
No. 7.—STIEFF Upright, Rosewood case. Rebuilt throughout, and good as new, \$275
No. 8.—STIEFF Upright, Ebonyized case. Has been used only for concert purposes, and is as good as new, \$300
No. 9.—STIEFF PLAYER PIANO. Beautiful mahogany case. Been used only for demonstrating, and is as good as new. Only \$650
No. 10.—KNABE Square. Rosewood case. New strings. Case refinished, \$75
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WE THANK YOU

we have received many favors from the people of this community in the way of good will and patronage during the past twelve months we believe it fitting that we should express our appreciation. We hope to merit a continuance of your patronage. We shall endeavor during the coming year to serve you still better if possible, and shall neglect no means that may contribute to that end. To All Our Friends and Patrons we extend best Wishes for a Prosperous and Happy 1910.

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AN OPPORTUNE TIME

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Notice to Creditors.
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. P. Armstrong, late of Edgecombe County, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against my late estate to present them duly proved to me on or before January 13th, 1910, or this notice will be void in bar of recovery.
All persons indebted to him must make immediate payment.
This January 6, 1910.
S. G. WHITFIELD, Adm'r. Enfield, N. C.

Driving Horses

Magdon Gerard and wife of Asheville are here visiting her father, J. R. Gastlin.

LAND SALES

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by John L. Brigance, Edgecombe County, Registry Book 141, page 520, I will offer for sale on Saturday, Feb. 12th, before the Court house door in Tarboro, one lot in the town of Chatham to-wit:
Beginning at Corner next to church on Church street, then northeastward 62 feet to a corner, then southeast 42 feet, then northwest to the beginning—containing 1.14 square yards, being a part of the lot bought by N. B. Dawson from the Warren heirs. Deed from said Dawson and wife registered in Book 135, page 83, Terms Cash.
JNO. L. BRIDGERS, Trustee.

LAND SALES

By virtue of a trust deed to me executed and delivered on the 15th day of January 1909 by Edmond Hart and wife, and upon the demand of Abraham Wooten the cestui que trust therein named, I will on Tuesday the 15th day of February, 1910 sell at public outcry at the Court House door in Tarboro town, Edgecombe Co. N. C. to the highest bidder for cash, two certain parcels of land:
First: The land described as Frances Hart by her father, Chesterfield Clark, see Will Book, "F" at page 239 for further description.
Second: The tract in Princeville conveyed to Edmond Hart by B. J. Keech and wife, see Edgecombe Registry, Book 82, page 234 for better description. Trust deed under which sale is to be made is recorded in Edgecombe County Registry in Book 116, at page 181.
This January 11, 1910.
G. M. T. FOUNTAIN, Trustee.

LAND SALES

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a trust deed executed by Godfrey Walker and his wife, to me, registered in Book 112, page 566 of the Edgecombe Registry, I will on Monday, January 17, 1910, at the Court house door in Tarboro, sell all the right title and interest or such right title and interest as they may hereafter have of Godfrey Walker and his wife in and to a tract of land in No. 2 township, said county and State, adjoining Arnold Worsley, L. F. Whitehurst, R. X. Taylor and others, containing 100 acres, more or less, and being land conveyed to George Walker and Leona Walker by Littleberry Worsley by deed recorded in Book 36, page 353 of said registry.
This Dec. 15, 1909.
W. O. HOWARD, Trustee.

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