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"THE REAL TAX PROBLEM."

Under the above caption, the Rich iond Times-Dispatch says, in a leadng editorial

"The Central Railroad of Georgia has filed with the Comptroller-Gen-eral of the State its tax returns for he current year, aggregating \$16,823, 250. This is characterized by the Atlanta Journal as absurdly low. The value of the road, in the eyes of those who own and operate it,' says the Journal, 'depends entirely on the end they have in view in making the showing. If they wish to show that there is a large amount of money invested in the road on which they have a right to earn dividends, it is one of the most magnificent pieces of property in the State, but when they are called upon by the State to pay taxes by way of a slight return for the privileges they enjoy, it becomes a poor little jerk-water system worth only a

few paltry, millions.' That is un-doubtedly true, but that method of valuation is not confined to railroads. Not long ago a Virginia farmer had a cow which was killed by a railroad engine. He put in a claim for dam-ages and swore that the cow was worth \$60. Upon investigation it was scertained that the cow had recently been assessed at \$20. The editor of the Birmingham Age-Herald knows of piece of property in that city assessed at \$30,000, for which the owner ecently refused a cash offer of \$200. 000, and adds that there are numerous cases of the same kind. The Fort Worth Record has been making inquiries relating to the assessment of eal estate in Texas, and the replies indicate that the ratio of assessment varies from 30 per cent. to 90 per cent. of the true value. The same cry comes from many sources. The lack of uniformity is proverbial and univer The greatest need of our sys tem of taxation is a method that will insure a full, fair and uniform as sessment of all property. That done the tax problem would be solved."

Uniformity of Assessment is the Real Point.

We find the following in the report of the proceedings of the Cumberland County Commissioners:

"The board held a conference with a number of the tax assessors, and the matter of the tax rate was thoroughly discussed. It was finally agreed tha all assessors should adhere to their eaths, to put the real valuation on property, and it was generally under stood that the present rate of assess-ment would be increased on an average of at least 25 per cent."

We imagine that the expression, "i was finally agreed that all assessors should adhere to their oaths" is mistake. It is not possible to suppose that there was a debate on the sub ject of the obligation of the oath taken by the tax-assessors. We suppose the intention was to convey the their former oath-bound estimates of "real value."

A financier recently said to this writer that a proper valuation of property in Fayetteville-that is, upon the average basis in the cities throughout the State—would yield a total valuation something over 1 million, as now. That would mean an advance of 300 to 400 per cent., instead of the 25 per cent, mentioned in the extract quoted by us above from the report of the County Commissioners' proceedings; and, if carried out, such an advance, while redeeming us from the stigma of being one of the "pauper counties" of the State, would enable us to reduce our tax levy from \$1 on the \$100 to 50 cents on the \$100, and at the same time secure double the revenue for the city which it now receives from the \$1 rate. The same would be true of the county at large, if the assessment in the county is as much below 'real value" as the figures given above assume for the city.

Now, the great desideratum-like the crucial point in the railroad rate problem-is the adherence to uniformity in ssessing values and a rigid oathbound rejection of discrimination in assessing them. If that is the meaning of the expression quoted by us concerning adhering to the obligation of an oath, then we can only commend the

We say "the new policy" in the course of pursuing the logical deduction. We do not assert that nondiscrimination would be a new policy; for we do not know. But we think there is a considerable sentiment to that effect. This impression the assessors should take speedy steps to prove untrue. We know of no way in which this can be done except by publishing the assessments. As there is no law requiring this, The Observer will publish them without charge. We think the assessors owe it to themselves to avail themselves of this offer.

The subject is of such vital imporance, and in so many ways, that the press of the State is generally discussing it. In a well-considered editorial CALA- the Raleigh News and Observer says:

Ideal Assessment Policy. There is no exercise of power so important and wide-reaching in its enefits or embarassing in its mistakes as the quadrennial assessments of property for taxation. Particularly important in North Carolina this year is the fact that railroad and certain corporation values are to be fixed by mission. On the income from taxation from these sources largely depends the degree of progress which the State shall make in the next four yars. A just share in the burdens of State taxation with the individual of the part of railroads and corpora-tions will serve to put in the State treasury tangible dividends upon the

expansion of the State's business. Even more important is the neces sity that real estate should be fairly and adequately assessed. Every county and community has in this question its most vital interests at stake. The duty is a complex one, calling for a high order of intelligence and no mean degree or courage. List takers should be chosen for their fitness. And no public office has been more the subject of such barter than that of list taker. After the usual shorus of funded. Sold by McKethan & Co. an degree of courage. List takers

profitable to enquire whether the conditions which called it forth have not been tacitly invited by the people who make complaint. Nevertheless, although adequate assessment is a duty, it is true that nothing is so delicate of adjustment as real estate values

A hundred questions of location, earnng capacity and reasonable contin gency enter into its equitable exer Over-zeal may well be as dan gerous as ultra conservatism. He is a wise man who can steer the middle course of justice without error.
In Winston-Salem, which has fre quently afforded valuable object les

sons to the State, the matter of the forthcoming assessment is already being mooted and discussed. Says the Winston-Salem Sentinel: "The tax assessors are already b ginning to discuss the question of increasing present valuations on real estate and personal property. The matter was informally referred to by some of the assessors who were her yesterday. Several agreed not to increase present valuations on average farm lands. One assessor said: 'I am

heartily in favor of reducing present

rates and then assessing all property

at its true valuation. This would

prove advantageous, I am sure, to real

and personal property.' The plan suggested is, of course, the ideal of conditions of taxation, and should embody the aims of the taxing power everywhere. The lower the rate the less is the burden. If the property is properly assessed at its true sult tends towards that equalization of taxation between all classes in proportion to property holdings which is so desirable. As it has been, there have been many compromises with right principles on account of hard conditions. As a result large properties have not been assessed at a sufficient figure and small ones have been assessed too high. What is needed is a stable basis of values, and then a rate as low as economy with progress in public development will

WHAT WE ARE GETTING FOR DE-FEATING BRYAN AND ANTI-IM-PERIALISM IN 1900.

A contemporary, not over favorable to Mr. Bryan, quoting the speech of Representative Clark, of Florida, preents the following balance sheet of our pecuniary losses and gains in the foolish (as well as wicked) attempt by a republic to govern alien and subject peoples. It is almost a reproduction of what The Observer used to be laughed at for predicting in 1898. Says this writer:

The \$20,000,000 given Spain for the islands was but a beginning. There followed years of war for the suppression of the local aspiration for independence, together with costly participation in the Boxer war in China, growing out of our presence in the Philippines. To the direct cost of idea that the assessors would revise these wars must be added the expenses intident to our attempt to govern an unwilling people, including such items as the \$7.500,000 paid for the friars' lands, the \$363,000 paid for damages to churches, the \$179,000 which the first Philippine Commission cost, the \$100,000 paid for an unproductive coal mine, \$400,000 given for carrying coal from the country and of 5 or 6 millions of dollars, instead of \$3,000,000 given to relieve the people cornething over 1 million, as now. famine caused by our war of subjuga-Much more important than the sums here named is the immense increase of our yearly appropriations policy of foreign adventure of which the acquisition of the Philippines was but one expression. To hold an empire on the other side of the globe necessitated an increase of army and navy commensurate with our enlarged responsibilities. While we remained a continental power, with a purely de ensive policy, a small force sufficed for our protection, our position being invincible, but by taking Hawaii, Por o Rico, Guam and the Philippines we have given pledges to fortune. These over-sea acquisitions enormously in-creased our liability to loss and humiliation at the hands of powers hav-

ng larger means of aggression. The effect is seen in our annual appropriation bills. We appropriate in 1906 for the army \$71,817,165, against \$23,129,344 in 1898, an increase of nearly 300 per cent. ost us \$1,644,707 in 1896, against \$479.572 in 1898, an increase of much more than 300 per cent. For the navy in 1906 the appropriation was \$102, 091,670, against \$33,003,234 in 1898, an increase exceeding 300 per cent. For these three items—West Point, army and navy, exclusive of new pensions caused by service in the Philippineswe pay at present yearly \$175,773,542 more than in 1898. This increase is due almost wholly to the colonial poley-to the new venture in world politics. Up to June 30, 1903, in fine, according to Representative Clark, we paid out on account of the Philipp not less than \$647,599,250, and in the last four years they have undoubtedly cost us half as much more, or a to-tal of \$1,000,000,000. This averages \$110,000,000 for the nine years we have had our new responsibilities in the Far East.

What we receive in return is the profit on a ridiculously small trade, mounting-imports and exports to gether—in 1905 to but \$18,857,000. This trade, Mr. Clark observes, "constitutes the only offset to the imm and irreparable losses sustained by this country in the attempt to govern an allen people in a distant land with-out their consent and in violation of the basic principle of the American Constitution.

More News from the New England

States. If any one has any doubt as to the virtue of Foley's Kidney Cure, they need only to refer to Mr. Alvin H. Stimpson, of Willimantic, Conn., who after almost losing hope of recovery, on account of the failure of so many remedies, finally tried Foley's Kidney Cure, which he says was "just the thing" for him, as four bottles cured him completely. He is now well and free from all the suffering incident to acute kidney trouble. McDuffie Drug-Store (O. O. Souders, prop.)

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abuse shall have subsided, it will be "A POSER FOR THE PRESIDENT."

Under the above caption, the Balti more Sun publishes the telegram below from its Washington correspondent. It is interesting as an exhibition of one of the causes of the unequal distribution of wealth in this country-a feature of our econom life which is so faithless to the promise of the democratic experiment in class legislation—the protective tariff re-inforced by the demonetization of silver-in a government founded upon hostility to classes. Says the correspondent

Mr. Charles A. Keene, of New York, president of the Independent Watch Dealers' Association, which is fighting the so-called "Watch Trust," upon Assistant Attorney General Purdy at the Department of Justice to-day in connection with the Government's investigation of the Watch Trust, and also upon President Roose relt. Mr. Keene informed the President

that he was presenting to him one of these foreign-bought, American-made watches as a demonstration of the methods of the Watch Trust and of the inequalities of the tariff. President Roosevelt refused to accept the watch, saying that it was against the policy of the White House for him to do so. The watch, however, had alvalue, and the rate is lowered, the re- ready been mailed to the President. who will receive it, and if he cannot accept it may return it to Mr. Keene Mr. Keene to-day sent two letters to the President. The first of these two letters reads

> "Can Undersell the Market," Mr. President: I am president of the Independent Watch Dealers' Assodation. I came here to present you with a watch, not because of the intrinsic value, but simply to call your attention to an injustice which is beng done the American watch dealers. as you will see by the inscription on the case. I actually go to Europe and buy Waltham and Elgin watches made n this country, in substantial quantiies, and bring them back to New York and undersell the market; be stop my supply in Europe in a way case the present union of Democrats that I think is in direct violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust act. I have if it is not broken it is admitted that forwarded several documents to the Department of Justice and trust that New York will retire from business you will see that the matter is thoroughly investigated. I sail for London the 21st of this month, where I shall vigorously prosecute the Watch Trust, through the British Board of Trade. I think I have sufficient evidence to convict the trust criminally for conspiring with English dealers to prohibit my agents from executing my orders for the purchase of American watches in the English market.

Rubs It in on President. The second of Mr. Keene's letters to President Roosevelt is as follows:

Dear Mr. President: Fearing you did not understand my reason for offering you the specimen watch this morning, I take the liberty of forwarding you this particular watch, with the request that you keep it until after the Department's inves-tigation is closed. You will find engraved on this watch in as few words as possible indisputable evidence of the Watch Trust's methods, which show serious discrimination against the American dealer in fayor of the

foreigner.
I would see for yourself that this is really an American-made watch and that it is exactly as described on its cases. Under the circumstances, if you feel that it is against the policy of the White House to retain this watch, will you kindly return it to the under Respectfully CHARLES A. KEENE.

What Is on the Watch. On the front face of the watch engraved the following inscription: Presented To PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Demonstration of the Methods of The American Watch Trust. By Charles A. Keene

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The inside of the watch contains the following inscription: This watch was purchased in Enland by Charles A. Keene, a dealer

in watches at 180 Broadway, New fork. It is a Waltham movement, with a 20-year, gold-filled case. was sold by the American Watch Trust in England for \$7.98; in America the dealer must pay the trust \$10.58. Here is the number of the case-1183646—and movement—9848299. This statement can be verified by the books of the maker.

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"By their fruits ye shall know them, and that one may judged by the enemies he has made as well as by the friends who surround him, are harmonlous admonitions, sacred and profane, which may never be lightly esteemed. We are inclined to think The Observer owes Governor Hughes, this virgin land. It is the outcome of of New York, an apology for expressing the belief, before his inauguration that he was a sham reformer and the tool of the corporations. His course in office would indicate that he is neither. As a result he has arrayed against himself the corrupt Republican and Democratic machine which has so long ruled at Albany.

The following extract from an Al bany telegram is interesting, if not reassuring to the friends of good government:

To Overthrow Hughes Legislative Albany awoke to-day after its Kelsey jamboree to read the news of the actual formation of a programme for the overthrow of Go ernor Hughes and the defeat of his policies, and to realize that the State was on the verge of the greatest po-

litical contest ever known.

The whole question as to the influence of Mr. Hughes with the legislature must depend on the voters of the State. If the men are with him with such earnestness as to make their desires felt on the legislators, Mr. Hughes will be able to get his meas ures through. It is believed that the present temper of the leaders is not to permit the Governor to have his way, even though it causes the destruction of the Republican party. It must not be supposed that the lovernor feels in any sense that he has been isolated by the vote on the Kelsey bill. Twenty-two Republican Senators stood by him, while ten fol lowed the opposition course. He still retains the support of an easy majority of the Republican caucus. An effort will be made in the stirring days of the session to the Utilities bill, the Removal bill, the Ballot bill and the Primary bill considered in caucus. cause of this, the trust is trying to This wil be absolutely necessary in

> for a series of years. Lines of battle are now being drawn up in the movement to emasculate Governor Hughes's Public Utilities bill. Senator Raines, following up his victory over the Governor yesterday in the Kelsey matter, to-night came out in favor of the radical amendments to the measure desired by the corpora-The most important amendtions. ment that Leader Raines advocates is to allow the operation of the securities holding companies, so much desired by Wall Street interests.

the Republican party of the State of

AN IMPORTANT POLITICO-HISTOR ICAL DISCOVERY.

When The Observer editor has occasion to refer to the dictionary for the meaning of an important word, it is his habit to look up the definition of the same word in "Webster's Unabridged" of the ante-bellum period, which served him at the University in those days. It would be surprisng to those who have never pursued this course to find what changes have taken place in our language in the fifty or sixty years since.

We see that Mr. Matthew Page Andrews, a Marylander, who, it seems, had a New England grandfather, is n the habit of making similar comparisons, and, in a letter to the Baltimore Sun, he gives the result of one of his quests for information about our Federal pact, which is very important, indeed. He says:

A Change in Historical Standpoint. Recently I happened upon an edi torial article in the Sun of some years back adducing proof of historical sup-pression of the facts with regard to the former prominence of the move ment favoring "a peaceful dissolution of the Union" throughout the New England States, when that section anticipated unfair treatment at the hands of a political party hostile or adifferent to its interests.

Although Mr. Charles Francis Ad ams, to whom you allude in your ar ticle, has been instrumental in bringing out much of this "suppressed" or forgotten history, to the enlightenment of the general public, I have pever seen published the interesting contrast between the earlier and the definitions of constitutional later The terms in Webster's dictionary. editions of 1828 and 1847 defined the adjective Federal, for instance, as follows:

"Consisting in a compact between parties, particularly and chiefly between states and nations; founded on alliance or contract or mutual agree ment; as a Federal Government, such as that of the United States." In 1864 the authorities on American history in New England evidently be-

gan to look at constitutional terms in a different light, calling the preriously accepted conception of State "ridiculous" or "treasonovereignty (Cf. Channing and Hart.) Then, in keeping with the change of historical standpoint, the lexicograph ers proceeded to revise the dictionaries and encyclopedias. The follow-ing is the definition of Federal in Webster's dictionary of 1864, on which edition Profs. William D. Whitney and Daniel C. Gilman were appointed to revise the definitions of "the principal words:

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ting or pertaining to such a govern-ment, as the Federal Constitution." I am inclind to believe that the authorities who revised these historical definitions for the instruction of the public were not right in reversing their signification without reference to, or repitition of, the original acceptation of the terms. I do not mean to say that the revisionists were dishonest; but the abrupt revision or reversal of the meaning of terms derived directly from the Federal founders, without comment or explanation, is misleading to the casual reader and even to the professed students of work. United States history, and it is not in accordance with the expressed purpose of the dictionary to give the orig inal or primary meaning of the words included in the work. As I have found

tionaries as being historically as well as etymologically correct.

I would add that I am not setting down aught in unfriendly criticism of the people of my grandfather's section of the Union; they are all right; but frequently their histories are altogether wrong, have misled them in the ast seriously to misjudge other Amercans quite as honorable as they, and are misleading them to-day as this kind of history repeats itself. I am eeking the truth of history in a philosophical spirit of research, and if my deductions are wrong I welcome con-viction of error.

other instances of change of definition

at variance with the original inter

pretation, I suppose the revision was

complete with regard to all "treason-

able" constitutional terms. I do not

wish to revert to the original concep-

tion of the Union, if it would mean "peaceable dissolution;" but we should

all like to have confidence in our dic-

THE STATE CHAIRMANSHIP

The Raleign News and Observer "The statement recently made by Hon. F. M. Simmons that he would hortly resign as State chairman has called forth many expressions of ap-preciation of the distinguished service e has rendered the party during the years he had held that important po-There have been some suggestions that Mr. Simmons might be pursuaded to continue to act as chairman, but this should not be entertained Mr. Simmons has given serious consideration to the matter and his de ermination is fixed. He believes-and he is right—that save in rare exceptions a United States Senator ought not to be a State chairman, and now that he can properly do so, he has resolved to lay down this work. Accepting his action as final, no other idea can be entertained, but many who have the interest of the party at stake entertain the cpinion that the resig nation should be accepted, not to take effect until the meeting of the next State convention. That course would prevert any contest within the party for the clairmanship at this time The man who is to conduct the next campaign should be chosen after conference with the candidates in the campaign of 1903. If a man should be selected now uracceptable to the nom iness of next year's convention, it might produce embarassment, and for other reasons the selection of a State

chairman should be deferred until the next State convention. If the State committee should accept the resignation of Chairman Simmons to take ef fect upon the assembling of the State convention in 1908, there is no room Mrs. Spell's sister. to doubt that Senator Simmons would What has become of "Scotch Irish?" continue to act until that time, with e plain understanding that his resignation, thus accepted, would be final, and under no conditions would he accept re-election at that time. That undoubtedly would be the wise course to

Upon the same subject, the Raleigh

Times says: "There seems to be in some quar rs a definite idea that the chairman of the State Democratic Executive ommittee should not be any man who holds an office, whether State or national. We do not by any means agree to this. There may be reasons why a Congressman should not hold the position, but they are not prohibitive by any construction. And there may reasons why an officer of the judicial department of the government might not with propriety guide a political party through a campaign. But we see no reason why a State officer should be debarred from rendering this service to the party. We will, of course, except a Governor, for he is the Chief Executive of the entire State, and while in office ought not to take active part in partisan politics. He is the servant of all the people of his State and not those of his party only. If we were to eliminate all the office-holders, we would eliminate, as conditions are now, the greater part of the men availabe for the position. It is true that office-holders are few comparison with the whole number of Democratic voters, but office-holders are many in comparison with the Democrats fit and ready to take charge of the details of a party campaign. Few men in private life capable of directing a campaign have either the time or the inclination to undertake a task so onerous and responsible. On the other hand officeholders owe much to their party and are generally willing to pay the debt by service of this kind, and added to

in the political affairs of their State WARNING. If you have kidney and blader thouole and do not use Foley's Kidney Cure, you will have only yourself to plame for results, as it positively cures all forms of kidney and bladder dis/ ases. McDuffle Drug Store (O. O. Souders, prop.)

all this is the fact that they are gen-

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litical, which cannot be learned in a

day. That some of these things are

facts is unfortunate. We would that

all men took such an earnest interest

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that any of them would be ready and fit to respond to a call from his party to lead in a great battle. But, in the words of Grover Cleveland, 'It is a condition and not a theory that confronts us' We have noticed in some of the Sate papers an intimation that Senator Simmons may be pursuaded by the Executive Committee to reconsider his determination to lay down the reins of party management. We are assured that the Senator's decis ion is irrevocable, and, feeling as he does in the matter, we do not believe his party will ask him to continue the

Recognizing the impracticability of excluding office-holders from positions of party trust The Observer has often pointed out what, in its opinion, is the true rule under the handicap just mentioned. It is this: No office-holder should accept, or be allowed to hold if he would, a party office whose jurdisdiction is coterminous with his public office. And the greater the gulf between the area covered by the public office and the party office, the better: for, by so much, would the ideal (referred to by the Times, above) be approached. Acting on this simple doctrine-

which needs only to be stated to be an-

proved-and responding to the com-

plaints of representative constituents, this writer objected to a resolution approving Mr. Simmons offered in the last Cumberland County Democratic convention. Upon giving his reason for this objection-viz: that Mr. Simmons had held the office of State chairman for four years after he had been elected II S. Senator by the State-the convention sustained the objection. By some oversight, the correspondents who telegraph ed the proceedings of the convention to the State press, omitted mention of this most important incident-the most important, in fact, of the convention. The writer, therefore, wrote to Mr. Simmons informing him of his action and of his reason for it Mr. Simmons, of course, took the affair in good part, and remarked that he had long desired to resign his position as chairman, but was prevented by the urgent request of the

committee We think, under the circumstances that Mr. Simmons should be allowed to have his way in this matter; and that his successor should be elected now, or at some time in advance of the meeting of the State convention, with the understanding that the field he left entirely open for selection of a new chairman by the convention's new committee

TOMAHAWK ITEMS.

Dear Old Observer: Mr. D. B. Johnson, who went to Wilington Thursday night and returned back to-day, reports a nice time. ...Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Spell and little on, Lang, went lown to Atkinson Sat urday night to see Mrs. Janie Autry

think he has forgotten his native State since he has got in the orang state. Master David Sloan, who came down from Garland Saturday night to see

Mr. Robert Murphy, returned home this morning. All the gardens in Tomahawk are

growing rapidly.
The Johnson Lumber Company have ut in a large case boiler. Mr. McCaskill filled his regular apointment at Tomahawk the fourth Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m., with a very

large crowd. We are having a very nice little Sunday School at Tomahawk conducted by Mr. D. P. McDougald. Mr. Lewis, of White Lake, was vis-

ting his daughter, Mrs. D. P. Russ, last Week. Mr. J. L. Maxwell, of Stedman, was visiting his sister, Mrs. J. S. Spell, ome ays ago. Mr. J. M. Monroe went to Fayetteville a few weeks ago to see a doctor

but is better now.
Mr. R. J. Bland was visiting his cousin last week, Mrs. T. J. Brown, of l'omahawk.

Mr. D. P. McDougald and daughter, Miss Bertha, made a flying trip to Garland last Monday. Mr. J. D. Merrison, from Lillington, s a pleasant caller at Mr. D. P. Mclougald's this week. Mr. A. B. Kelly, of Sanford, came

back Monday to work for the Johnson

Lumber Company. Mr. Kelly had worked here before, but went home some time ago.

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