

TAXATION, REVENUE, EXPENSE

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(Continued from last week)

Now the question of taxing is a serious one, when we realize that the power to tax is authorized by law but that same law only gives the power to tax sufficient to run the necessary expense of the state, county or municipality as the case may be. When every dollar taken as tax should be for a necessity, and if not a necessity, then it is wrongfully taken, and now it can be seen what I meant in last issue when I said we are paying too much overhead expenses and too much salaries, for in many cases it is not necessary to pay as much salaries as we are paying, for there are others who would take any of the jobs, like Supt. of Schools, teacher and other positions which might be mentioned, for less money, and therefore the whole thing is wrong and in a sense illegal.

The state has no money and its only source now for revenue is from the taxes levied, either direct or indirect and from this it will be seen that the taxpayer is the stockholder in the state, county or municipality in which he lives, because he must furnish the funds with which the state, county or municipality has to do business; that is, to run all public enterprises or expense of the government. If these are held down to necessities and the money spent economically then the government will succeed and the stockholders—the taxpayers—reap his reward or dividend on his investment or stock paid in as taxes, but if there is extravagance, misrule or bad management then the people mourn and the great structure called the state suffers.

I take it that any one with ordinary sense can see that there is something wrong in our management

when it is known that our county is today in debt around a million dollars, and the state one hundred million and more.

And yet for the last ten or fifteen years taxes in the county have gone up from 25 to 100 per cent.

Twenty years ago in this county the total taxes was from \$25,000 to and this year's tax in the county, we are told, is about \$350,000 and has, for years been increased \$100,000 and more, and yet the county today is in debt apparently for all that we have, including roads, school houses, bridges and other improvements. So it would seem that we have come to the parting of the ways and something must be done.

And I must confess that I do not know but one remedy, and will suggest it here and now and with it will close this article. It is this: All the tradesmen and professions are organized, the lawyers, the farmers, the mechanics, doctors, teachers, bricklayers and in fact every craft, except the taxpayer and the remedy is, as I see it, for the taxpayers to organize a Taxpayer's Association and then they can fix salaries of every one in the employment of the state and county from constable to governor, and not only so, but say what appropriations shall and shall not be made. And why not, for it is the taxpayer that supports all and why not fix the price or salary for each servant of the state? So let's organize and get down to business and something will happen.

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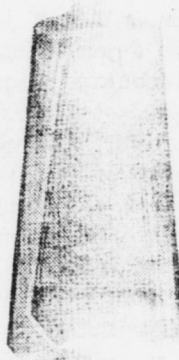
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