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"I think it is admitted on all sides that the power of Congress to levy taxes extends to every description of property that is not exepmted by the character of its ownership. If it belongs to a State, or to the Federal Government, or an instrumentality of such Government, it is exempt from taxation; but all kinds of property not so exempted are subject to taxation by act of Congress. If it is real estate the taxes must be apportioned among the States according to population. These are the \$7.50; cement filling 50c.; Amal. only restrictions upon the power of Congress to tax any description of 25c. Office over Belk | property that I need advert to.

"A corporation is an 'artificial person' whose property is as liable to taxation as that of a national person, and the capital stock and all assets of a cor poration are taxable as property.

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"The general welfare demands the axation of corporations rather than to add to their special privileges by exempting them from a just share in the burdens of government, and this principle is acknowledged in many State and Federal laws.

"Outside the limits of express restrictions there is no power of taxation under the Constitution that is a necessary element of such power, and it relates to the general welfare, as a special function of the laws of taxation, confided to their protection.

"This is especially exemplified in the axation of opium and intoxicating iquors, which are taxed for the purpose of repression, as articles of commerce, and also for the preservation of peace and public morals.

"It is also a wholesome exercise of retributive justice that corporations created by law should be taxed to the full extent that they tax the people by the abuse of the powers given them through the creation of monopolies and 'trusts,' which they are the principal

"The plan I would suggest in addition to the Sherman law is a graduated tax on all business corporations, with an exemption in whole, or in part, as to such as can establish to the satisfaction of the Government that they are not engaged in any agreements or combinations that are intended to control the prices or the cost of transportation of commodities that are of the description that enter into domestic or foreign commerce.

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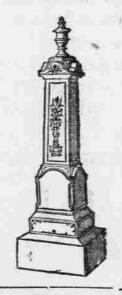
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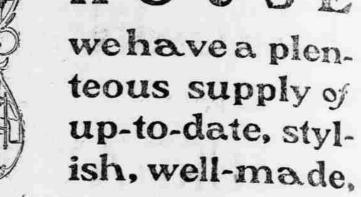
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