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One Dollar a Year.

THE PEOPLE FOOT THE BILLS.

High Cost of Living is the Chickens that Come Home to Roost from Extravagant Expenditures and High Protection.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Washington, May 30.—One hundred and thirty-three millions of dollars!

Try to comprehend the magnitude of this sum if you can, and then pause and reflect over the fact that it is the amount the Senate has voted to spend on the navy in a single year, and in a time of profound peace. Then consider that only twelve years ago, in 1898, the naval appropriation was but \$33,003,234, or one hundred millions less than the amount appropriated for the coming year.

A fact in connection with this awful increase which the public seldom hears is that every penny of this \$100,000,000 which is to be spent in excess of the amount used in 1898 comes from the people; not from the rich, but largely from the working men and women.

It is the ultimate consumer who pays the battleship bills, who maintains an ever-increasing army of officeholders in Washington, and who meets the one-hundred-and-one extravagances of the government. He does it by paying excessive prices for the things he buys.

The government raises practically all of its funds through the custom houses and the internal revenue offices, where taxes are levied on things eaten, worn or used by the people. When the consumer purchases a protected article—and practically all of the necessities of life are protected—he pays the real or natural value of the article and in addition thereto the amount of the tariff tax.

The more battleships constructed, the greater the amount the government must raise through the tax on consumption, and the greater the cost of living.

Thus it is not strange that under the Taft administration, which is spending more than twice the amount used by Cleveland to run the government, the cost of living is 50 per cent. greater than under the Cleveland administration.

While the hat, coat and shirt of the masses are taxed almost 71 per cent. to build \$11,000,000 battleships and keep an extravagant government in spending money, Messrs. Rockefeller, Morgan, et al., are not asked by the Federal government to pay any tax whatever on their swollen fortunes.

Wealth escapes bearing its just share of the burden of taxation because of the absence of a Federal income or inheritance tax, such as were long ago adopted by Great Britain, Germany, France, Japan, Holland, Austria, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand.

A majority of both branches of Congress were in favor of tacking an income tax clause to the new tariff law. Such legislation would now be upon the statute books had not President Taft and Senator Aldrich defeated the project by substituting a corporation tax. That the necessary three-fourths of the State legislatures will not vote to amend the constitution is now practically certain, which means that an income tax can only be secured at the hands of a Democratic administration.

It is estimated that in 1908 the cost of living was nearly 12 per cent. higher than it would have been without a tariff. Hence, calculating that the average family consumed \$911 worth of supplies per year, its increased payment on account of the tariff was \$111. Of this \$111, \$16.50 went to the government in collections, and \$94.50 went to the trusts in high prices. Of this \$94.50, \$9.25 was on woollens, more than \$17 on other clothing, \$6.25 on furniture, \$4.25 on beef and mutton and pork, \$10.25 on building materials and so on.

In 1910, the cost of living being 15 per cent. higher than in 1908, the average family pays \$1,080, of which 10 per cent., or \$108, is tribute to the trusts and other protected industries.

Here is a little table which speaks for itself. It compares the expenditures on the army and navy in a period of peace with amounts expended for features of civil establishment. Expended since 1897—For rural free delivery, \$173,755,313; for rivers and harbors, \$296,075,191; for public buildings and grounds, \$128,172,407; for the navy, \$1,126,210,

193; for the army, \$1,044,101,188.

The exposure of Ballinger's secret relations with George W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan & Co., in Alaskan matters, has started reports that the usefulness of the present Secretary of the Interior to even the land grabbers has been destroyed. It is anticipated that as a compromise the investigating committee will not only whitewash Ballinger, but will enamel him as white as the lady of spotless town, and that in acknowledgement of this courtesy he will hand in his resignation.

President Taft, in an interview printed in the June McClure's, praises Aldrich to the skies and says "there were not a few reductions in the tariff schedules which were introduced at his instance or with his consent." In other words, concessions in legislation which was to affect the cost of living to 90,000,000 Americans could only be had with the "consent" of a political boss, and that political boss the acknowledged representative of the tariff trusts and Wall Street millionaires!

"We all know that Taft will be re-nominated. That is inevitable," says the Washington Post, which in the national capital is considered by many to be an administration mouthpiece.

There is little doubt but that the standpatters still seriously consider Taft the logical candidate in 1912, and if they are in the majority in Congress after the approaching congressional elections are over, the President will have little or no difficulty in securing a renomination if he desires it. It is understood in many quarters that the promise of a renomination was the price paid by the powers-that-be for the presidential signature to the upward revision tariff bill.

Lock of Andrew Jackson's Hair.

C. P. Hallett, a storekeeper in Spokane, Wash., has come into possession of a lock of iron gray hair, cut from Andrew Jackson's head after the battle of New Orleans in 1816, says the Fort Mill Times. His mother, Mrs. A. M. Hallett, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., received the relic in 1848 as a present from Mrs. Donelson, wife of Andrew Jackson Donelson, nephew of "Old Hickory," with a double page of black bordered stationery, bearing this inscription:

"Mrs. Donelson's respects to Mrs. Hallett, with a small quantity of Andrew Jackson's hair, cut from his head after the battle of New Orleans in 1816, together with a keepsake for the little boys, hoping they are good Democrats."

Mrs. Donelson reigned as mistress at the White House during Gen. Jackson's term as President, when her husband was his private secretary and confidential adviser. Mrs. Hallett died near St. Paul, Minn., in 1889, when the relic was handed to her eldest son, who in turn passed it to the Spokane man.

"My father was intimately acquainted with Andrew Jackson," said Mr. Hallett. "He was chairman of the committee which greeted 'Old Hickory' on his return to the Hermitage at Nashville, after retiring as President. My father was the first man to shake hands with the general when he arrived in Nashville on the steamer Buckeye, on which he made the journey up the Cumberland river."

Mr. Hallett added that he would not part with the relic for a fortune, but intends to make some provision for its preservation after he is gone, when it probably will go to one of the historical societies in Tennessee. He intimated, however, it might be presented to the city of Nashville, his birthplace, after his death.

All Teachers Elected.

The list of graded school teachers for the coming year has been completed by the election of the following:

Principal, Mr. Horace Stewart of Kernersville. Mr. Stewart is a teacher of several years' experience and is highly recommended.

Second grade, first division: Miss Florida Morris. Miss Morris taught in the school prior to last year and has many friends to welcome her back.

Third grade: Miss Mamie Robertson of Matthews.

Seventh grade: Misses Bessie Widenhouse of Cabarrus and Helen Morrow of Graham. Miss Widenhouse is a sister of Mrs. W. T. Albright of Monroe.

North Monroe school: Miss Mildred Stephenson.

'Squire McWhorter Brings In Some Early Plants.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Mr. L. E. Brown is spending a few days in Baltimore and New York in the interest of his firm, Messrs. Rodman & Brown.

The congregation of Steele Creek church will celebrate its 150th anniversary in August, and appropriate exercises will be held on that occasion.

Misses Pauline and Essie Neely of the Tirzah neighborhood have returned home from Linwood College, where they have been attending school the past session.

If that wasn't a regular "toad-strangler" and a "trash-mover" that visited this community Tuesday afternoon, then a toad can't be strangled and trash can't be moved by a flood.

Miss Mary Godfrey, daughter of Mr. John Godfrey of the Unity neighborhood, died Friday after an illness of several days. She was about 22 years of age. The remains were buried Saturday at Waxhaw Baptist church.

'Squire Henry McWhorter brought to this office last Saturday a cocklebur weed and also a jimson weed, both of which had several fully developed burs on them even at this early season of the year. Such a thing as fully developed cocklebur and jimson burs at this season is quite rare indeed, and some of the 'Squire's friends here think it goes to indicate that there must be a fully developed candidate somewhere down that way. It may be that later developments will serve to bear out this conclusion.

Considerable damage to growing crops is reported from the heavy rain and wind storm that visited this community Tuesday afternoon. It was by far the heaviest rain that has fallen here within a year, and sent the water courses fairly brimming. Corn and other stuff planted in the lowlands suffered greatly. Farms in many places were badly washed. Some hail fell but not of sufficient size or quantity to injure vegetation. At one time the down-pour of rain assumed almost the proportions of a cloudburst, and reminded one of the one that made "Taft day" at Charlotte, a year ago, memorable.

Miss Jessie Ratchford, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Ratchford of the Tirzah neighborhood, died Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock after an illness of several days of stomach trouble. She had been critically ill for the past week, during which time little hope was entertained for her recovery. She was 23 years of age and was a member of Tirzah church. Miss Ratchford has many friends in this part of the county who will be sorry to hear of her death. The remains were buried at Tirzah church Wednesday afternoon with funeral services conducted by Rev. Mr. Frazier of Lancaster.

Working for Agricultural High Schools.

Mr. P. P. W. Plyler of Buford attended a meeting of the State executive committee of the Farmers' Union at Raleigh last week. The summer meeting of the union will be held at the A. and M. College in Raleigh June 26th. At that meeting plans for agricultural high schools will be adopted. The plan in brief contemplates the teaching of elementary agriculture in all of the country schools and then the establishment of county agricultural high schools wherein not only will all agricultural topics including domestic science be taught, but where practical demonstration will be given as well.

Meetings in Behalf of Special Tax.

Fowlers, No. 6, Monroe township, at Roanoke church—address by Mr. R. W. Lemmond, Wednesday evening, 8:30 o'clock.

Mt. Pleasant, Buford township, at school house—address by Mr. J. C. M. Vann, Thursday evening, 8:30.

Black Jack, Marshville township, school house—address by Mr. B. C. Ashcraft, 8:30 o'clock.

Yours very truly,
R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.

Fine Compliment to Central Choir.

When Dr. Chreitberg arose to begin his sermon Sunday morning just after a finely rendered selection by the choir, he said:

"I want to say here that on last Sunday I had the pleasure of worshipping in one of the fashionable churches of Boston, the city famous for literature, music and culture, and I heard no such soul thrilling, life giving music as we have right here in Monroe."

Meeting of Union and Anson Mail Carriers.

The association of Anson and Union mail carriers met in the court house here yesterday and spent a most enjoyable day together. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. T. V. Howell of Peachland. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick and an address of welcome made by Postmaster W. B. Love.

The address of welcome was fittingly responded to by Mr. L. E. Huggins of Our Home.

Roll call showed the following members present:

Monroe—T. L. Love, A. B. Helms, J. T. Cox, G. W. Helms and John H. Mills.

Waxhaw—P. B. McNeely, J. E. Garrison, Belk McNeely, F. H. Cunningham, R. C. Nisbet.

Unionville—L. S. Griffin.

Wingate—J. L. Watson.

Marshville—A. C. Penegar, L. E. Huggins.

Peachland—T. V. Howell, Postmaster Bryant and Master Seawell Howell, the youngest sea-carrier in the association.

Wadesboro—A. S. P. Smith, F. C. Eason, J. B. Watson.

Pee Dee—D. S. Liles.

Indian Trail—Z. A. Pressley.

Officers for the following year were elected as follows: T. L. Love, president; A. C. Penegar, vice president; S. H. Rogers, secretary; J. B. Watson, assistant secretary; A. B. Helms, treasurer; L. S. Griffin, T. V. Howell and Belk McNeely, executive committee; L. S. Griffin, Belk McNeely, Floyd Moore and Z. A. Pressley, delegates to State meeting.

After the morning session the boys went to Mrs. Griffin's boarding house, where a fine dinner was served. The afternoon session began at 3 o'clock. Peachland was selected as the next meeting place; time, first Monday in September.

After the business was transacted the meeting was turned over to speech-making and a general good time. Snappy talks were made by Messrs. B. C. Ashcraft, W. B. Love, L. E. Huggins, W. L. Belk, A. C. Penegar, T. V. Howell and Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick. The occasion was a most pleasant one and the entertainment by the Monroe boys to the visitors was fine.

The Campaign is Now Open.

If any candidates were holding back with the idea that the campaign had not yet opened, they may now come out of the woods and announce themselves. The campaign is now officially open. The Journal never considers the campaign officially opened till 'Squire J. C. Laney wears his Cleveland beaver to town. Just about this time each two years 'Squire Laney pulls out the old white beaver and wears it to Monroe. Then he lays it aside for another two years. After that day politics get hot. We had begun to get uneasy for fear that this important ceremony was about to be overlooked by the jovial philosopher of Buford, but yesterday he came up alright with the goods. The historic hat is a little battered this year, owing to the fact that some of the boys had the audacity to get it out and wear it in the field, but we have given them notice never to do such a thing again, and we expect this "white plume of Navarre" to wave in many another campaign yet.

Base Ball Association.

The Monroe Base Ball Association has elected officers as follows: R. A. Morrow, R. Armfield, T. P. Dillon and J. C. Sikes directors; Lee Williamson, Manager; Herndon Hasty, captain of team.

As mentioned elsewhere, the boys are preparing to give the town some sport if there is any appreciation of it. They will secure about five good players besides the home boys and will have a fine team. Mr. Chatham Bivens, who has just come from the University team, will play with Monroe and has already arrived here.

It being necessary to have some money to put the ball rolling a subscription list has been circulated and between three and four hundred dollars subscribed. Meanwhile the first game will be on June the second with the Western Bloomer Girls.

Thanks.

Our heartiest congratulations to the esteemed Monroe Journal. Ground has been broken for its new building on Jefferson street. It will be known as The Journal Building and is in keeping with the progressive policy of the paper.

Real Estate Transfers in May.

The following real estate transfers were recorded by the register of deeds during the present month:

Division of Eli W. Webb estate lands of 434 acres in Marshville township: Raymond Webb, 140 acres; May Elizabeth Webb, 179 acres; Blake and Thurlow Deese, 70 acres each.

J. C. Sikes, commissioner, 70 acres of Elijah Simpson land to J. D. Brooks, \$1,150.

C. F. Lowe to Mrs. Isabelle E. Beasley, lot on Church street, 100 x 184, \$2,000.

L. C. Polk to M. C. Funderburk 61,400 square feet at Indian Trail, \$500.

H. M. Life to M. P. Life & Co., 46 acres in Goose township, \$1,200.

J. H. Lee to T. C. Lee, oil mill lot, No. 9, \$160.

Frank R. Whaley of Erie Co., New York, to Indian Trail Mining Company of New York, 200 acres, known as Black Lands, in Vance township, \$1.00. Same land conveyed by Louis Dunker of Salisbury to same company \$6000.

Monroe Insurance and Investment Co. to Miss Drucilla Broom, Willard Wolfe lot in North Monroe, \$750.

Wm. V. Tucker and wife, Jennie L. Laney and others, to A. D. Deese, 21 acres of Brown Laney land, on Twelve Mile Creek, \$546.

Frank R. Whaley of Erie Co., N. Y., to Louis Dunker, 31 acres in Vance township, \$1,000.

R. B. Redwine, commissioner, to B. F. Mangum, 68 acres Thos. Gay land, \$1,400.

J. E. Thomas to W. B. Belms, lot in Marshville, \$25.

R. H. Cox to B. F. Phifer, one acre near Wingate, \$25.

R. S. Boger to W. T. Houston, 1-5 interest in 43 acres of mining land in Vance township, \$350.

John I. Long to J. E. Thomas, hotel and foundry lots in Monroe, \$9,300.

J. E. Thomas to Jno. I. Long, lot and machinery in Marshville, \$5000.

N. C. English to J. L. Massey, lot on Vann Heights, \$325.

John Barrino to John R. Barrett, 4 acres on Meadow Branch, \$225.

J. W. Bivens to J. B. Outen, two acres near Wingate, \$100.

W. H. Smith to J. H. Little, 38 acres on Crockett Creek, \$318.

J. J. Lockhart to Epharim Laney, one acre lot, \$125.

E. A. Armfield to Annie English Armfield, 119 acres in Buford township, \$2,280.

J. R. English to H. D. Stewart, lots 28, 29 and 30 in western part of Monroe, \$900.

M. C. Broom to H. J. Hinson, lot and two houses near graded school, \$3,500.

C. W. Barrino to E. C. Griffin, 71 acres on Gourd Vine creek, \$1000.

E. A. Armfield to M. M. Broadway, lot on Hudson alley, \$125.

D. A. Houston to J. C. Winchester, 11 acres on Newtown road, \$450.

A. T. Austin to Jas. C. Austin, 35 acres on Richardson creek, \$800.

G. W. Deese to F. P. Deese, 117 acres on Stump Lick Creek, \$1.

C. W. Barrino to Griffin-Harrel Co., 243 acres in Lanes Creek, \$1000.

J. W. McCain to R. C. Nisbet, 64 acres on Cain creek, \$700.

F. W. Walters to J. B. Arant, 30 acres in Lanes Creek, \$450.

E. M. Griffin to W. L. Earnhart, 5 acres on Wadesboro road, fronting Moore place, adjoining C. C. Sikes, \$1000.

E. M. Griffin to D. A. Houston, 5 acres on Griffith road, \$2,385.

Daniel Deese to Bettie Keziab, 30 acres on Stump Lick branch, \$1.

C. N. Simpson to Albert L. Helms, 55 acres on Waxhaw creek, \$200.

E. A. Armfield to Mrs. Lina A. Hudson, lot on Hudson alley, \$625.

E. A. Armfield to Emsley Armfield, lot near Hudson alley, \$350.

E. A. Armfield to Mrs. Wilma Laney, lot on Hudson alley, \$400.

J. M. Blair and others to F. E. McQuirt, lot on Vann Heights, \$300.

In Plain English.

Modern scientific farming requires a knowledge of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Agronomy, and a few other sciences little understood by men who farm for a living, but The Progressive Farmer and Gazette explains modern farming methods so simply and clearly that the plain people can understand.

Take advantage of their 10-weeks' trial offer and see for yourself. Cut this clipping from The Journal, wrap ten cents in it, with your name and address and send to Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.

Judge Manning Should Stay on the Bench.

Moore County News, May 17th.

There has been more or less discussion in the press of the State for several months regarding the Associate Justiceship of the Supreme Court now held by Judge Manning, who was appointed by Gov. Kitchin to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Conner to go on the Federal bench.

The only excuse we can see for discussion, is the laudable ambition of Judge William R. Allen and his friends to put that gentleman on the Supreme bench in place of Judge Manning. Of Judge Allen's learning, ability and judicial fitness, Judge Manning's most ardent partisans will frankly admit. But an admission of Judge Allen's ability, detracts in no way from Judge Manning's standing as a learned jurist and a talented gentleman.

He has "made good" on the bench, and has perfectly justified Gov. Kitchin in elevating him to this exalted position. No sounder nor abler opinions have been written by any member of our strong court.

The Governor needed no justification for appointing Judge Manning, but if he had needed any, the fact that the Democratic convention of his district nominated him for Superior court judge in 1894, it seems to us, is amply sufficient.

If Judge Allen is defeated, it will in no wise reflect upon him, because he is already holding one of the most honorable positions in the gift of our people—a seat on the Superior court bench. On the other hand, if Judge Manning is defeated, it will be a very serious reflection, not only upon him, but would also be a slap in Gov. Kitchin's face, in rejecting his appointee.

We repeat that the result of this nomination is of small consequence to Judge Allen, but is of the supreme importance to Judge Manning.

Judge Manning is an able, upright and honorable judge, and has every legitimate claim on the nomination for associate justice, and we believe the honest Democracy of North Carolina will confirm the Governor's act in putting him on the bench.

Boys and Girls from School.

Miss Eula McRae, one of the young ladies of Monroe attending Greensboro Female College, has returned home.

Miss Berta Ieeman has returned from Converse.

Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr., has come home from Bingham School, Asheville.

Misses Ruth Williams, Pearl Nance and Hallie Neal have returned from Meredith College, Raleigh. Misses Williams and Nance graduated this year with honors.

Mr. Henry Crow graduates with honor at the A. and M. College today. Mrs. Crow and Mrs. Ellie Wilson are in Raleigh attending the commencement.

Miss Marguerite Houston, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. R. V. Houston, who attended commencement, has returned from Virginia College at Roanoke. In giving an account of the play by the senior class, the Roanoke News says: "Little Miss Octavia Houston of Monroe, N. C., was a most attractive mascot. Although she had but one rehearsal she played her part without a stumble or halt. Miss Octavia is a sister of Miss Marguerite Houston, one of the seniors, and is visiting her sister."

Misses Lura Heath and Mabel Lane returned last night from Converse College, Spartanburg.

Mr. Lee Stack has returned from Oak Ridge Institute.

Mr. Earl Shute returned last night from the A' and M. College.

Thanks Lot of His 'Little Beauty.'

Mr. A. S. McCollum, a native of this county who has been living in Georgia for many years, writes The Journal that he is well pleased with the "Little Beauty" knife sent him as a premium and has had it attached to his key ring. It is a pretty thing sure enough and light enough to go on a key ring. Mr. McCollum writes that he hopes to visit his relatives in this county this summer.

Old Soldiers, Come and Get Your Crosses.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will deliver crosses of honor to old soldiers at the Jackson Club in Monroe June the 3rd. Old soldiers who are entitled to the honor are requested to be on hand that day.

The regular meeting of the Daughters will be held in the club rooms tomorrow at the usual hour.