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A TAX ON IMMIGRANTS.

Senator Overman's Suggestion Would Keep Out Much That is Undesirable.

The suggestion of Senator Overman, of North Carolina, that the government impose a tax of \$12 per capita upon all immigrants coming into this country, would, if adopted, serve the dual purpose of raising revenues and of limiting immigration to this country. We have always contended that it was inconsistent in the Republican party to insist upon high duties on the product of foreign pauper labor for the protection of the American mechanic and laborer, and yet permit this same pauper labor to come into this country almost without restriction and here compete with us on our own ground. If the foreign laborer is willing and able to underbid Americans in the labor field, why can they not also underbid them after coming to this country? We do not believe that such a tax per capita as that suggested would deter any desirable immigrants from coming to this country and that it would, on the other hand, suffice to keep out much that is undesirable. We would bar no honest, law-abiding, industrious foreigner from these shores, but, on the other hand, would welcome them. That is the class we desire. But we would draw the line against the lawless, the shiftless and improvident element as far as practicable and more particularly against the anarchistic element.

We would be very glad to see the Overman suggestion taken up seriously and an experiment made along the lines he suggests. If the Republicans are sincere in their protectionist theory, we cannot see how they can consistently oppose this proposition.—Danville Register.

President Taft at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., May 20.—President Taft came today to Charlotte, the home of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, signed in May of 1776, and without entering into the discussion as to the wording of those resolutions of liberty placed himself square on the side of those who look back upon this declaration as one of the first significant steps which led ultimately to American Independence.

In his address to the people of North Carolina late in the day, the President took occasion to explain more fully than he did at Petersburg on yesterday his policy toward the South. His own recent appointment of a Democrat to the Federal bench in this State gave him an opportunity to expand upon his views. Mr. Taft urged again the advisability of an intelligent logical opposition party.

"I do not believe that we are on the point of a political revolution in the South," said the president. "I never had had such a dream. What I do desire, and believe we are on the eve of is a complete tolerance of opinion and that there shall grow into respect and power an intelligent fighting opposition party in each State of the Union."

The President's political utterances were received with the same fervor of enthusiasm as his tribute to the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration. The auditorium where he spoke was crowded in its capacity and he constantly was interrupted by the cheers that rose spontaneously from his Southern hearers. As to his appointment of a Democrat upon the bench in this State, the President declared that throughout the South he intended to pursue the policy he already had indicated of appointing to office only that man who, Republican or Democrat, can command the highest confidence and commend himself to the community in which he lives.

Mr. Taft's plea for political tolerance in the South and his statement that he wanted the people of the South to know that the Washington Government was not a Government alien to them, had all the effect of extemporaneous utterances for the President spoke without notes or manuscript once he had drifted into politics.

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GOOD ROADS AND GOOD SCHOOLS.

Charity and Children.

They are closely related and usually go together. In fact both are marks of the civilization of a people. The country or the section that takes no interest in them brands itself as wanting in the spirit of progress that has become so general in our good State. The time was when we could better afford to rock along over red gulleys and send our children to log school-houses than now. We were struggling to get on our feet for a decade or two after the close of the war, and could not do then what we are abundantly able to do now. The fact is the prosecution of our own business and the enhancement of the value of our own property demand that we provide better facilities for transportation and that we educate our children that they may meet the new and larger opportunities of this new and brighter day. Besides, the forward movement of those countries that have been wise enough to supply themselves with good roads and good schools is an object lesson before our eyes that we can neither gainsay nor resist. There is nothing for us, who have been backward in these respects, to do but to join the procession that is marching along. We cannot afford to be mossbacks. It is folly to cry out for economy when it comes to vital questions such as these. Indeed we cannot afford to delay what we should have begun ten years ago.

Summer Schedule.

The summer schedule of the Southern railway which will go into effect May 30 shows that Asheville and western North Carolina will this season enjoy the best service in the history of the Southern. New trains will be put on and additional Pullman lines inaugurated. A through train daily will be operated from Lake Toxaway through Asheville to Waynesville and from Waynesville to Toxaway, while the Murphy train in from Waynesville in the late afternoon will be extended and made to run through to Blue Mont returning the next morning. New trains Nos. 41 and 42 between Asheville and Columbia will be inaugurated, the first train leaving Columbia May 28. Train No. 41 will leave Asheville at 8:50 in the evening and reach Columbia at 5 a. m., while No. 42 will leave Columbia at 11:15 p. m. and reach Asheville at 7:10 a. m.

Railroad News and Industrial Items.

Construction work on the machine shops, coal tipples, turn table, ash pit, etc., of the C. C. & O. Ry. at this place is being rushed to completion with all practical expedition, with a view to the establishment of division headquarters here by June 15th, and notice has been served on all the occupants of company houses to vacate prior to that date, in order that the company employes may be put in possession at that time. The laying of steel on the yards has been somewhat delayed, owing to the fact that the first consignment of steel was improperly made, and had to be returned to the factory for correction, but the grade has been made ready for the ties, and the steel is expected in the near future.—Erwin Magnet.

The contract for Salisbury's new postoffice and court house building has been let by the government, the successful bidders being George W. Ashley & Co., of Baltimore. In the bidding several months ago this firm made the lowest bid, but it was above the appropriation and it was necessary to make some changes and lower the bid. The sum named now is \$109,411 and the builders are given until December, 1910, to complete the work. It is expected that the building will be started at an early date.

REV. I. W. WILLIAMSON'S LETTER

Rev. I. W. Williamson, Huntington, W. Va., writes: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that it will do all that you can claim for it." Foley's Kidney Remedy has restored health and strength to thousands of weak, run-down people. Contains no harmful drugs and is pleasant to take. Morphey, Druggist.

The Sort of Schools The South Needs.

But without disparaging the college or the university, I would say that first of all, we must give greater attention to the public schools. It is in them that the farmer, the average man, gets his education. We cannot make our Southern farmers adopt Iowa methods so long as in the average Southern State, there are five times as many white farmers who can't read a farm paper or fertilizer formula, as there are in Iowa. We cannot improve our farming until we educate our farmers, we cannot develop the South until we develop our Southerners.

Nor is it enough that we have longer public school terms, we must make them train for life, for practical things. Teach the farm boy how to plant and hoe and to select the best seed, and how to select the best soil, and how to select the best fertilizer, and how to select the best method of agriculture in the rural districts, but there should be a revolution in the text books for other studies. In your spelling book, for instance, where do you find such words as nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, and such common farm words as the singletree, matted, etc. Made by city people for city people, the books and teaching have not been adapted to the needs of the country children. We shall take a long step forward when the farm boy has proportionately fewer problems in arithmetic about foreign exchange and latitude and longitude and the metric system of weights and measures, and more about how to calculate a feeding ration for cows or fertilizer for corn, and when he studies geology, not about far away Australia and Kamchatka, but more about the soil he walks over, and plows in every day of his life.

From an address by Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer and the Southern Farm Gazette, before the Southern Commercial Congress, Washington, D. C.

To Corn Growers

Commissioner Graham asks that the following letter to the corn growers of the State be given wide publicity.

"With the approval of the Board of Agriculture, the Department desires for North Carolina to make an exhibit at the National Corn Exposition to be held at Omaha, Neb., December 6-18, 1909.

"We request the corn farmers of the State to pay particular attention to the corn crop this year, and be prepared to furnish the Department with specimens of ears and amount of yield when the crop is harvested. Each exhibit will have the name of the producer attached.

"With proper attention, the North Carolina farmer can take high rank as a corn producer in quality and in quantity per acre. If the board approves the exhibit, the subject will be more fully presented at our institutes this summer.

"Respectfully,

"W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture."

President Taft has appointed Williams S. Washburn, of the District of Columbia, civil service commissioner, to succeed Jas. T. Williams, Jr., resigned. Again the North Carolina Republicans are aggrieved. They alleged that Williams was improperly credited to this State and wasn't a Republican, anyhow, but of course when he resigned they doubtless felt that his successor should have been chosen from among their number.

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Inter-State Fiddlers' Contest

Members of the fiddle and the bow will gather from Virginia, Tennessee, South and North Carolina at the great Auditorium Building in Greensboro, N. C., Saturday evening, June 5, and hold an old time fiddlers' contest, which same will be a national event long to be remembered.

The music on this occasion will not be of the brand which dominates at the Metropolitan or the Manhattan Opera House in New York but the genuine folk type, primitive such as "Arkansas Travlers," "Poked Down," "Nashville and the Hill," "Home Sweet Home," etc.

About two hundred musicians are expected to participate from nearly every town in the four states having the contest. Attention of coming to Greensboro with their faith pinned to some rural fiddler of great note.

A long list of prizes has been arranged. The musician in charge also announced that United States Senator, J. H. Taylor, of Tennessee is expected to preside the contest in Greensboro.

Fiddlers should make application for free transportation to Greensboro, N. C., at once.

Storm Damage Severe on C. C. & O.

Greenville, Tenn., May 21.—Damage done to the C. C. & O. by the storm of Wednesday, Sunday, and East Tennessee met might and this morning. Some 700,000 ft. of the track of the C. C. & O. was washed away for some distance of a mile and traffic suspended for several days. Damage was extensive and heavy generally throughout the high waters.

Cable Not Yet Restored

The restoration of the cable between New York and London is not yet complete. It is expected that the cable will be restored by the end of the month.

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