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DEMOCRATS HAVE KEPT FAITH.

A great deal has been said about the Revaluation Act and the subsequent increase in taxes; but while much has been said about these things, the fact remains that taxes will not be very materially increased. The law provides that the sum total of taxes collected cannot exceed ten per cent above the amount collected last year.

The legislature, in its special session, made provision for the various public needs. The schools are to be well taken care of; teachers' salaries increased, the construction of roads continued. Yet, such a sound system of taxes was devised that the rates of levy are so low as to be a source of surprise to the taxpayers.

Under the old system, the tax burden was not equalized. The wealthy were able to get their property on the tax books at ridiculously low valuations. They often took advantage in every possible way, to evade the payment of their just part of the taxes. Millions of dollars worth of personal property was never even placed on the tax books. The poor man, who owned little property, could not so easily conceal his small holdings. He was often compelled to pay more than his just part of the taxes. Under the present system all are taxed alike. All property is placed upon the tax books at its true value. Millions of dollars worth of property has been brought from its hiding and placed upon the tax books. The poor man will now pay only his just part of the taxes. The rich man can no longer evade the law, but must also pay his part.

As soon as the taxpayers get acquainted with the law, it will doubtless be the most popular law ever enacted dealing with taxation. Taxpayers should take it upon themselves to learn the facts as soon as possible in order that they may be able to meet some of the insidious propoganda that is being circulated against the new scheme.

ROAD COMMISSIONER

TO BE ELECTED.

Under the law providing for a board of county highway commissioners, it will be necessary to elect a member at the November election. The board is composed of three members, one of whom retires each and every two years. The term of Mr. W. P. Artz, of Old Fort, we understand, is the first to expire.

The position of county highway commissioner is a very important one. It is an office that should not be political. In fact it was the intention of the Legislature that the office should not be considered political, inasmuch as the Legislature appointed members from both political parties, thus establishing a precedent that should be followed. So far as we know the present board has given entire satisfaction. We believe it would be for the best interest of the people that Mr. Artz, the retiring member, be re-elected. He is a man well known throughout McDowell county. He is a business man of ability and is highly in favor of good roads. We would suggest that both parties agree upon Mr. Artz and that he be re-elected without opposition.

OWN YOUR OWN HOME.

Is there any valid reason why a man should not own his own home? The man who has always owned his own residence and enjoyed the undisturbed pleasures of cultivating his own vine and fig tree can never know the hardships, trials and anxieties experienced by those who are pushed "from pillar to post" in finding a suitable location and place

to shelter themselves and family. Under present conditions, when wages are good, suitable locations with attractive terms are in reach and the sensible thing is to begin at once, buy a lot or small tract of land suitable to your taste and income, secure the aid of one of the Building & Loan Associations in the town of Marion and erect a home, with suitable outbuildings, and have a place for you and your family to spend some of the spare moments in doing something profitable, beautifying your own home and teaching your children to conserve the most priceless element in life's race "TIME."

In a town that is growing as rapidly as Marion, the increased valuation of any improved piece of real estate will far exceed six per cent interest on the investment. If that is true, any man whose heart yearns for a home of his own is amply justified in making a little sacrifice to build that home according to his own taste, desires and ambitions, and then pay for it as he may, and should unfortunate conditions arise which would force him to sell, undoubtedly in Marion, North Carolina, he could any time get more than six per cent plus the principal—but even that, business men say, is good money. It is sound gospel to say that a married man can have no more worthy object than the establishment of a neat, beautiful home for his own wife and children. **THINK! THINK! THINK!**

EXPLANATION CONCERNING THE OVERALL FACTORY.

To the Editor Marion Progress: Possibly citizens of Marion and members of the Marion Board of Trade will be interested in the following statement made by Mr. F. A. Henderson, of the Hickory Overall Company, in a letter to the secretary of our Board of Trade; which answers the question, "What has become of our Overall Factory?" This letter was received August 31st and is self-explanatory:

"After our last visit to your city, we could not convince ourselves that we would be able to secure sufficient power to meet our requirements for a factory. Since that time we have become interested in two other plants. We have constructed outright a plant in West Hickory, where power is plentiful and help galore to meet the requirements of our expansion.

"As soon as your city acquires ample electric power, we would be glad to make business connections in running a plant with from seventy-five to a hundred machines. ***** Also, on further investigation we find our power rate here is only thirty per cent of the rate quoted us while in Marion. Considering the above, we think it not a good time to establish a plant at Marion, but assure you that as soon as the above obstacles are remedied, we will then be interested."

The above statement is typical of many I have received by letter and otherwise. Undoubtedly many new enterprises could be established in Marion if "the above conditions could be remedied." I received a communication this morning, and the letter is on file in my office, proposing the establishment of a \$100,000 manufacturing establishment at Marion, and a postscript to the letter states: "What is price of electric power?" "Are there desirable residences available?"

The Home Building Association will undoubtedly aid in the construction of desirable residences and a general awakening of our citizens along many business and economic lines will help in many ways, but the question of adequate electric power remains yet unsolved and it is up to somebody to get busy. I don't hesitate to state that within the last six months many manufacturing plants would have already been erected at Marion had we had sufficient electric power at a reasonable rate to justify capital coming here. The proposition made us by the Hickory Overall Company through its vice-president and treasurer, Mr. F. A. Henderson, was that it would put up dollar for dollar on an overall factory in Marion. It is unfortunate that propositions of this kind must be turned down and our community be deprived of the benefits derived from such enterprises.

Respectfully,
B. L. LUNSFORD, Sec'y
Marion Board of Trade.

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SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL CLOSURES AT CHERRY SPRINGS.

The revival meeting conducted at Cherry Springs by Rev. Curtis P. Holland, of Old Fort, closed last Sunday night. It is said to have been the best meeting ever held at Cherry Springs—a meeting in which the "old time" religion was present. Mr. Holland's messages were filled with the old time gospel spirit which reached the hearts of men that had never been reached before. As a result of the meeting there were nineteen additions to the church, thirteen by baptism and five by letter. The church has been awakened to its full duties and has taken on new life.

At the close of the meeting Rev. Mr. Holland left for Asheville for a brief stay for recreation before beginning another meeting elsewhere.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Sept. 8.—W. G. Kaylor had the misfortune of getting his arm broken Saturday evening.

Mark Parker, who has been very ill, is reported improving.

A. S. Coats and C. L. Holland captured a wild cat Saturday morning which has been visiting poultry yards for some time. We are glad to be rid of so great a pest.

We are glad to see the sunshine again after so much rain and cloudy weather.

J. T. Haney spent Sunday with relatives at Gardin.

M. A. Swann of Marion spent Sunday in this vicinity.

J. J. Parker, Republican candidate for governor is expected to invade western North Carolina on Friday, September 17, for a whirlwind tour of the section.

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Notice is hereby given that I have sold my interest in the firm of J. M. Gibson & Son, of Old Fort, N. C. All debts due the above firm on or before August 30, 1920, should be paid to me, and all outstanding claims of the old firm will be assumed by the new firm of Gibson & Noblitt. This Sept. 1, 1920.
J. M. GIBSON.