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That Justice May Ever Have A Champion; That Evil Shall Not Flourish Unchallenged.

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The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household.—Matthew 10:24, 25.

I think that to have known one good, old man—one man, who through the chances and mischances of a long life, has carried his heart in his hand, like a palm branch, waving all discord into peace—helps our faith in God, in ourselves, and in each other more than many sermons.—G. W. Curtis.

Schools of the county are working with real spirit in the live at home program this week. If the theory advanced in the school room is followed by the actual practice of work on the farm, we may look for a big improvement in agricultural conditions. They must go together.

CHANGE FORM OF TAXES

There is a general cry in North Carolina and in the East particularly that the State is exacting too much in taxes on real estate. There seems to be a growing feeling in favor of a sales tax as a form of relief.

Collected at its source and placed upon luxuries or high priced necessities, if we prefer, a sales tax is the fairest form of securing revenue to operate the government. As it is today land and personal property that is visible bears virtually all of the burden. When it comes to the tax books, intangibles are as bashful as a gay gazelle attending a convention of wolves. They just don't attend, that's all.

We must have the revenue and the ideal manner in which to raise it is naturally a system which falls equally upon all insofar as possible. The user pays under a sales tax. The present system has burdened land too heavily, and the legislature—though we do not see any necessity whatever for a special session—should give time, study and deep investigation to this paramount subject when next the solons saunter to Raleigh.

BAD BEDFELLOWS

Chicago is having a terrible time these days.

Taxes for 1928, ordinarily collectible in April, 1929, have not yet been collected, and probably will not be for another six months.

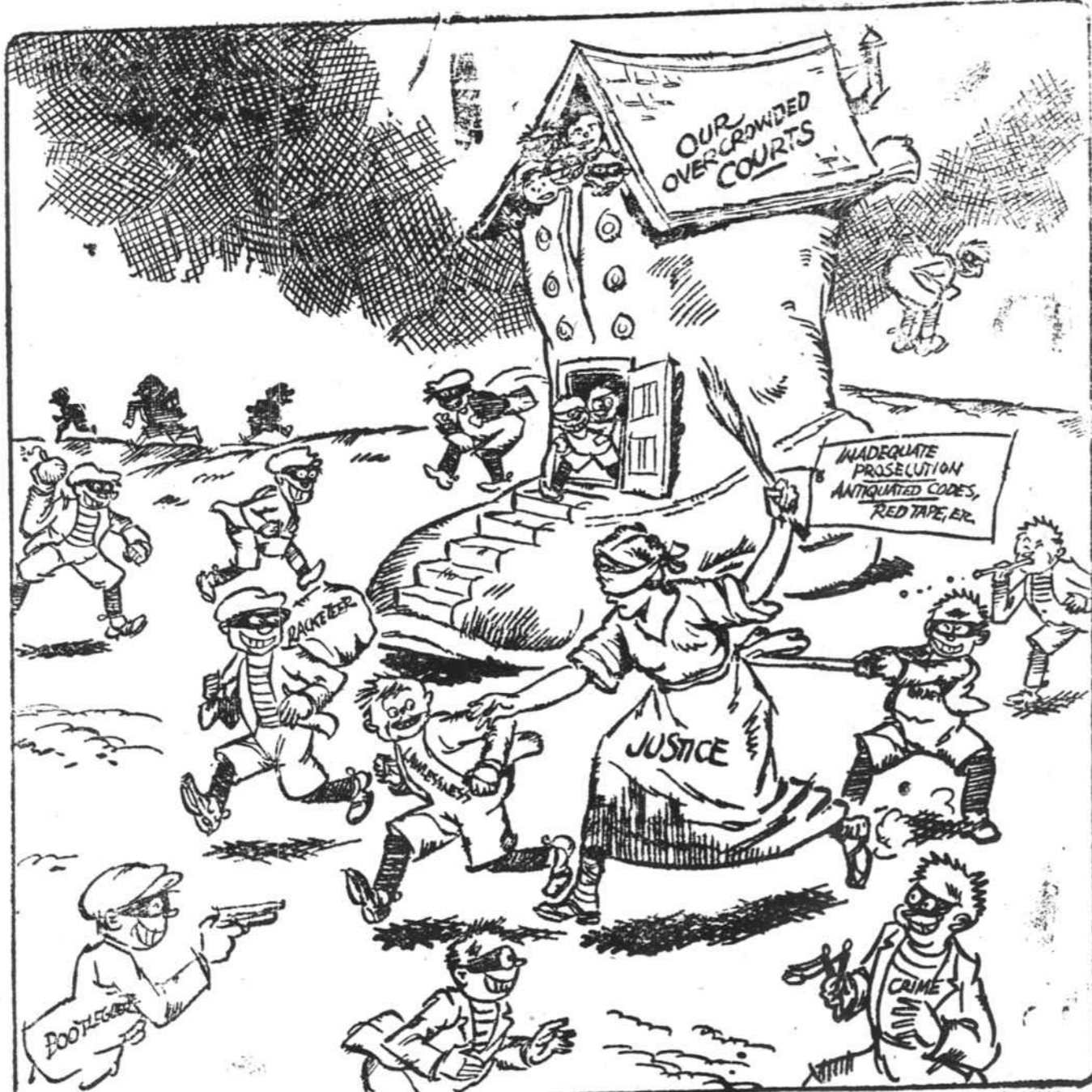
Millions have been borrowed in anticipation of taxes. And the end is not yet.

The reasons for all this are many and complicated, as is invariably true in a financial tangle. However, there is one thing that is basic. The moment politics begins keeping company with administration, trouble begins. It's a bad combination.

Business can't be successfully run on a political basis, and the service a government renders is business.

It doesn't make any difference whether we're talking about Raleigh, Charlotte,

The Woman Who Lives In A Shoe!



Chicago, or Paris,—the same thing is true.

Politics and administration have been bedfellows in Chicago. They will have to be separated before real progress can be made.

MORE ABOUT LAWYERS

Editor, Warren Record, Sir:—In the fifth paragraph of my article in your paper last week your printer misquoted the price of my bale of cotton. Please reproduce that comparative statement as the error destroyed to a large extent the sense of that statement.

(The paragraph to which Mr. Davis refers reads as follows: "If productive labor was rewarded proportionately according to outlay compared with corporations, tobacco would be bringing \$7 per pound, cotton \$200" (edition last week had it instead of \$2000) "per bale, peanuts \$10 per bushels and millionaires would be ploughing mules."—Editors.)

When I was a boy I read a story in a book, now discarded to the junk heap, and I guess that was done by the action of lawyers, precious book that it was, which told of two cats quarrelling over the division of some cheese, and a monkey was called to make a fair settlement of it. He proceeded to do so by biting a little from the larger of the two pieces, and of course, being a smart monkey, bit off too much. Then he bit the other piece the same way and continued the process until the cheese was exhausted and the matter settled, to the satisfaction of the monkey.

The point in the case is so often exemplified in litigation, the litigants taking the place of the cats and a lawyer that of the monkey, and it represents to a perfect degree the major political parties of this nation (Democratic and Republican) as the two cats ever contending for supremacy, snarling and biting, scratching and fighting as only cats and politicians can, never surrendering, never satisfied, consuming and squandering the substance of the people regardless of distressing results—with lawyers as the monkeys, egging them on, operating under the increased stress of political excitement to grip a tighter hold, and increase their advantage while none oppose.

Republicans nor Democrats nor the people manages the affairs of this government, but the lawyers of both parties operating jointly. A lawyer is loyal to his profession first, and a politician as a necessary sideline second for investment, and they exact their toll from whoever has the cheese.

As the big lawyer operates on big opportunities in the nation, lesser lawyers operate on lesser opportunities in the State and our people pay the toll, and all of it is covered up or camouflaged in a way in some form or other.

I will refer briefly to one example in this State that is costing the taxpayers enormous sums of money every year. Our State law-maker lawyers made law forbidding State prisoners being employed in making any commodity for sale by the State, that is made or sold by free labor in the State, thereby creating an acknowledged deficit of nearly \$200,000 and possibly more for lack of profitable employment for prisoners. They might if law

allowed be employed in the making of any of many hundreds of articles, bought and used every day by wage earners and farmers (poor people who must sometime, somehow, meet and bear the burden of this deficit) and at a cost of half or slightly more than the present cost, and at a self-supporting basis by the State prison, thus eliminating the heavy yearly deficit, and offsetting a lawmaker lawyer legalized national robber tariff to a great extent. But instead of making some plow points that sold fifteen years ago for 50 cents a dozen and now \$1.50 a dozen, or plow bolts that sold then for ten cents a dozen and now at 30 cents, and so on through the list, the prisoners by the hundred are employed producing all the cotton, corn, peas, wheat, peanuts and potatoes, etc. that they can in competition with

the hard-pressed farmers of our State, the most noble and honorable of all occupations.

Now who gets the benefit from it? Manufacturers and speculators, and lawmaker lawyers did it, most likely for rich fees or partnership profits, and they call it statecraft, but don't give or care a darn if it does hurt the fellow lower down.

Another thing that increases the laboring man's burden unfairly is the exemption of tax on out-of-state securities amounting to millions of dollars, and it works this way:

Mr. Bilson, general supply man and speculator, accumulates many thousands of dollars, taking a liberal toll of all supplies coming to his patrons through him, and a generous profit from their produce going through his business, instead

of loaning his money to his patron at lawful interest or investing it in the State so that its taxes would reduce the burden of taxes of those out of whose necessities it was extracted, it is sent over into another State and invested in stocks, bonds or securities of 6 per cent bearing value or better. That may be good business for Mr. Bilson but it treats those out of whose misfortunes he obtained it, with unfair and unjust consideration. This is a typical case of thousands of others who own money for investment in our State. They are not required by law to list those foreign bonds and securities for taxation, so they escape that much of its burden, making the rate higher on listed property. They are sending the money out of the State, making it scarcer, harder to get, more in demand, bonuses and services higher, and harder to get with which to pay when the time comes, and so it goes on, bleeding those who are least able to bear it, creating more and more litigation, material for lawyers to work upon. So I say that these are the farmers burdens. Short crops and low prices are contributory, though low prices are largely regulated under the same general scheme. Lawmaker lawyers did that, not to help the man who toiled and sweated and suffered and earned it.

And there is some of the same kind of business going on in our county which I intend to write about later. And the cure of all depends on proper legislation which no thoughtful person can hope to secure through lawyer-politicians.

God help the country. Some time it will find itself in the situation the great city of Chicago now is in. So much above its base with no tangible support, it must fall. And lawmaker lawyers did that too.

What I have said is in the greatest good will to everybody and I hope the laboring people will profit by it.

J. S. DAVIS.

Creek, N. C.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Resolutions passed by the Woman's Missionary society of the Warrenton Baptist church on the passing of our sisters, Mrs. Sallie Miles and Mrs. Mattie J. Miles:

In His all-wise providence our Father has seen fit to remove from their earthly homes to the mansions which our Saviour went before to prepare for them, the souls of our much loved sisters in Christ, Mrs. Sallie Miles and Mrs. Mattie J. Miles.

Mrs. Sallie Miles went to be with Her Saviour, whom she loved and served so faithfully, on December 13, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie J. Miles, who while upon this earth witnessed so faithfully for her Master, entered the great beyond on January 3, 1930.

We, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Warrenton Baptist church, wishing to memorialize these sisters in some permanent way, wish to present this tribute for record in our minute book:

That we lift our hearts to the Father of all in gratitude and thankfulness for the lives of these sisters, who lived among us for so many years such beautiful Christ-like lives, leaving us a pattern like unto that of the Master's for our encouragement and for the strengthening of our faith.

That we extend to the families of each of these dear sisters our warmest sympathies, our deepest

love, and pray that He who can heal the broken hearted be very near and dear to each of them in their sorrow.

That a copy of this tribute be sent to members of each of the families and a copy be sent to the paper for publication and a spread upon our minutes.

Respectfully submitted, EDNA E. ALLEN, GEORGIE C. LACOSTE, Mrs. R. E. BRICKHOUSE

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