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THE FEAR OF TAXES.

The most sensitive nerve is the one which connects with the dollar in the brain's possession, and at no time does this nerve tingle, so as to make a man cringe, and commit almost any act, abandon any position, give up any trust as when the matter of taxes is presented to him

And singularly enough, it is usually the intangible, the indefinite expendi ture of the tax money, which causes no protest. Every delay is made, every excuse is tendered, so that the taxes may not be paid, but once paid, where is the tax payer who gives though enough to want to see, much less de mand that an itemized statement of how his tax money was spent, be given

Perhaps it may be that taxes once paid is money gone beyond recall, but while in one sense this is true, it does not mean that a citizen should pay taxes and be indifferent as to what disposition was made of the money.

But in no way is the dollar nerve acute than in the matter of any direct tax. The citizen will ask for the amount and pay his taxes and hardly give a glace to the several items upon his receipt. But let there be a proposition to issue bonds for any local improvement, at once there is a great cry over the interest to be paid, while the bond issue may be offered to offset and lessen some cost in the carrying on of municipal affairs, which actually costs the taxpayer more money, and which a bond issue would save him. But this is

And in counties where tax payers are so oppressed with this direct tax fear, there is likely to be found little actual progress or improvement. There is no inclination to try new methods, to attempt new things; or wish for a change from the ways and times of the genertaxes is spent, and a refusal to go into any project which means betterment, because it upsets the old system.

KANSAS' ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL.

A bill has passed in the Kansas House of Representatives, which provides for the establishment of a State oil refinery and as this bill has passed the Senate, it only remains, and that promises to be at once, for the Governor to sign it and make it a law.

To assure the success of this State refinery, a bill called the Maximum Rate bill has passed the Kansas Senate, but, the opponents of the Anti-Discrimination bill have referred the Maximum Rate bill to the judiciary committee in hopes of defeating it.

Some features of this bill which will fix maximum freight rates are as fol-

"The rates fixed in the bill are those used in Texas and they work well in that State. We can ship a carload at the proposed rate and get something for our oil. The difference to us is about 26 cents on every barrel of oil. The present rate is about 51 cents a barrel and the proposed about 25 cents. From and after the taking effect of this set it shall be unlawful for any common carrier in the State of Kansas to charge, exact, or receive for the transportation of illuminating oil, gasoline, fuel oil or crude petroleum, in cans, barrels or tanks or tank cars believes any points within the State of Kansas in excess of rates of 80 to 100 miles, 7 cents and on up in proportion."

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possible competition. with pheamenia." W. D. Wiless as has always been a leader in gan, New York. For sale by all one hand things, and this State at gints.

legislation os will give it a chance against the Standard Oil people, will be of interest to watch, if it proves a cess. If it is, it will be a new venre in fighting a monopoly in a field hich merit must prove the winner and not as hithertofore, discrimin in favor of the monopoly.

DOLLARS, SENSE AND SERVICE

Comparative calm has again come up in the people of New Beru in regard to he question of what may, or shall be ne with those public utilities, water, ewerage and electric light systems which are at present under municipal

The commissioners of these prope ies have made public statement of heir stewardship, so far as their books how. The citizens at public meeting ecided to continue this commission. a the same time voting to so amend the city charter that these properties may pe sold, under certain provided restricions and conditions, by the city alder-

Upon the surface there appears a se lement of the questions recently rought up, first in petition, then a this public meetings of citizens. The mmissioners report is no suprise The fact that the men composing this mmission can show a clear record, was not at all a question. There was never a doubt of their integrity and honesty; or a thought that they would miscor duct the affairs entrusted to them.

But so far as the Journal regards th uestion of municipal ownership, it ees nothing today to change its views as expressed in these columns two weeks ago, "Why Municipal Ownership Fails."

The commissioners report shows a

approximate profit of \$11,000, but what is the character of this profit? It may be answered that the new consumer has been benefitted, because of service tendered. But to the average consume what has the service been, and it only needs a half glance at the incandescent any night to note the insufficient light. and an inventory of the present physical condition and capacity of the power which furnishes the supply of water and light, to realize that the present service is very deficient, and that thousands of dollars must be secured in some manne by a bond issue or some other financia method, so that the citizens will have water in sufficient supply for fire protection and local consumptive use, and ight enough to make good the candle power which their incandescents call

Municipal ownership in New Bern has the handicap of attempting to have too apparently a direct tax, and better its affairs run by looking at the price pay more and not see how the tax is paid the men who must conduct them cost, but to the capacity of the man, and placing upon the employee the burden of giving perfect service in knowl edge and carefulness. There is not a commissioner who would take the entire burden and responsibility of the present service, for the salary paid the entire board, therefore it is not to be expected may be warded off, or greatly lessened ations that have passed. It is just that one third of these salaries will find in severity, by taking a dose of these paying taxes under protest, giving no the work done as it could be by paying attention as to how the money for these a superintendest, a man upon whom all responsibility and work should fall, who would receive the pay due such responsibility and work.

Municipal ownership is a practical affair. It involves money to properly conduct the utilities in the ownership and in no wise an inferior [service, because it is municipal ownership, a joint stock company including every citizen and tax payer, If this ownership can prove capable of not merely showing a book keepers profit, but keeps up the property so it can render the service which is demanded of it, for which the consumer is paying, then it may be said that such ownership is a success. But can the citizens of New Bern say that such is the case? Not when it is known that the physical condition of its prop-erties demand considerable expenditures upon them, in order to give a service which is promised every consumer. There is nothing to prove that munici-pal ownership in New Bern is anything but a failure in its supply to its patrons of service, and it promises to be a burden upon the tax payers if the water

In order to ussure the success of the State oil refinery, the passage of the the freight bill is all important, as it establishes a freight rate which makes in impossible for the Standard Oil people to run in their oil, securing their usual railroad rebutes, and so under-

Sill to Force Marking Liquor Package Lawyers Alarmed Over Peremptory

Special to Journal. Raleigh, Feb. 17 .- In the Senate a bil was introduced requiring all packages of liquor shipped into prohibition territory marked so as to show contents. Resolution adopted appointing commit tee of two Senators and three Representatives to confer with the Governo to protest regarding South Dakota bond judgment, and report to legislature what action, if any should be taken. Bill to reduce passenger fares to three cents and abolish second class fares liscussed made a special order for Thurs-

In House bills were introduced to ncorporate Southport & Western railway; to amend code relative to chalinges in cases other than capital ones Bill restricting peremptory challenger to jurors in capital cases to ten for de fendant, and four for State came up. Murphy offered amendment to make it welve. Stewart offered amendmen giving defendants closing argument when killing was admitted, was defeated, thirty-two to fifty-six. Murphy's amendment adopted without division While vote on these were being taker many attorneys were saying to mem bers in quiet voices; "gentlemen for God's sake allow us something". Bill passed second reading 76 to 27 and third

Bill abolishing compulsory pilotage Cape Fear river passed as reported by ommittee. It was stated its purpos was to reduce present rate so as to make it equal to that of Savannah as well as abolishing compulsory feat-

Gov. Glenn this afternoon received the following telegram from Senator Overman in response to his letter of vesterday asking Senators Simmons and Overman to ascertain whether legislation was pending in South Dakota to buy more North Carolina bonds in order to bring fresh suits. Senator Over man's reply was as follows: "I ar assured that South Dakota will enact no legislation to further the scheme of the bondholders, but that the legislature which was the outcome of those unhappy populist days under which suit was brought, will be repealed". The Governor expressed his pleasure at this. said it would put an end to t claims of bondholders attorneys that such legislation was pending.

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The bookings are made through the Slaw & Erlanger agency. Already some very good amusements have been engaged and we may be assured that ceptionally brilliant and pleasing

In the list already are Lewis Morrison in Faust, Creston Clarke, Effie Ellsler, Al G. Fields and a half dozen

AGAINST DRASTIC LEGISLATION.

mittee. Ne Attack On Simmons

Raleigh, Feby 17th. - The matter of interest here now among politicians is members of the Democratic committee to State Chairman Simmons to have a meeting of the whole committee here to consider pending liquor legislation It is a fight against the Ward bill, which has passed one branch of the legislature and this is expressly stated. It is denied absolutely that there was any fight at all on Chairman Sir either against him personally or as the official leader and head of the party. Sol Gallert, one of the twenty-one wh was at the meeting last night at which summons says that the fight is only to settle the policy of the party, and not against Mr. Simmons and that nearly every man present at the meeting was the friend of Simmons and so average to the property of the party, and Mrs. B. J. Smith of Vanceboro, N. C. the friend of Simmons and so expressed The very impressive ceremony wa himself in the little talks which were performed by Rev. Ticknor, rector of himself in the little talks which were made. He added: "our effort is to make it clear that the Democratic party is not to stand for any more drastic anti-liquor legislation; not to defeat
the Ward bill so much as to save our
party from defeat." Cyrus R. Watnon
who was one of the 21 also, said that
the drastic legislatith must be stopped
that it was injuring the party and in
the State Convention at Greensboro, in
the committee room where the platform was prepared and also during the
canvass before the election it was expresselv stated that, there was to be as pressly stated that there was to be no more liquor legislation until the Watts bill had been fully tested, to see exacty

Tech came the bride, Beautifully atwhat merit it had and what it would do the arm of the groom.

Police Court News.

Leamon Morris, a colored boy wh

ariiest crops of green vegetables vell at good prices, both in home motets and in the large cities North.

nake money out of peas and early truck crops is one that they not fail to take advantage of. ot fail to take advantage cas are one of the first crops to comn and can be safely plant soon as the ground can

SEEK DEMOCRATIC SAFETY.

hat is Why Simmons Calls Committee Most ing. Howland Changes Name.

Special to Journal.

Raleigo, N. C., 17-Amendment to harter Howland Improvement Compa is now law. It increases capital stock from quarter million dollars to one million and changes name to Atlantic and North Carolina Co.

This afternoon members of the dem ratic state committee who telegraphed a letter to State Chairman Simmons at Washington, asking that full meetin of the committee be held to conside anti liquor legislation now pending in legislature, received a telegram from him saying he would call for the con mittee to meet at noon Tuesday. Your correspondent interviewed Richard H. Hackett of the committee signing the letter to Chairman Simmons. Hackett said that two weeks ago he suggested this course, that other committee expressed approval and that he conferred with other democrats from various sections, who approved. He said the movement was a fight on the Ward liquor regulation bill or any other liquor legislation. He added that in the meet ing of committeemen it was asserted that the democrats would lose the 5th district if the bill passed and that he the next theatrical season will be ex- knew in his own district such a law meant party annihilation.

The Ocraceke Disabled.

The steamer Neuse arrived in Nev Bern yesterday morning having in tow the disabled steamer Ocracoke. The latter was passed early yesterday morning a few miles beyond Oriental and she gave the signal of distress upon which the Neuse hove to and took he

Her shaft was broken and she wa

anable to continue her trip. She was left at Union Point and take in charge by a tug which took her t the dock to await the order from the owners in New York. It is likely the host will be taken to Norfolk to be re

The Venezuelan situation has been brought to a crisis by the court's confirmation of the seizure of asphalt properties belonging to Americans.

Lancaster-Smith.

The very pretty wedding of Miss Stella May Smith to Mr. Nat Macon

St. Pauls Episcopal church.

Long before the expected hour Mr.

W. Clare Williams and Joe Bryan betic anti-liquor legislation; not to defeat gan to usher in the friends and relative

the arm of the groom.
The britesmaids were dressed in white silk and carried prayer books.

Immediately after the ceremony the carriages were at the door and carried the bridal party with a few invites them guests to the home of the bride and groom where a reception was given in their bonor.

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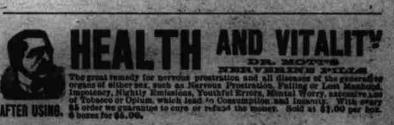
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