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What Has New York To Do With It?

What have New York financiers got to do with North Carolina tax laws?

According to one Raleigh newspaper correspondent, they seem very much interested. The correspondent says that "certain financial institutions telephoned Governor Gardner, urging him to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of reducing the cotton acreage."

The question is: Why are financial institutions of New York interested in North Carolina tax legislation?

Need of Economy in Our Courts

Smithfield Herald.

Public justice is now, and always has been, a costly factor in the governmental affairs of this state. At this time, when every one is trying to minimize the cost of state and county government, a look in upon the cost of operating the courts of Johnston County is a matter of interest to every taxpayer in the county.

To give a comprehensive account of all money spent in the operation of our courts is a thing impracticable, and we can only cite a few of the most outstanding figures touching this subject. No attempts will be made at this time to discuss the operation of the recorder's court, and the facts presented now relate solely to the cost of operating the Superior Court.

The Johnston County Bar Association has summarized the work now pending on the civil dockets of the superior court and has asked the county commissioners for six weeks of court for the year 1932 in addition to the regular twelve weeks assigned to Johnston County.

six asked for were approved. Doubtless other court terms will receive further consideration later in the new year.

Some of the facts in regard to the need for more courts are to be reckoned with. There are three hundred untried civil actions now pending the dockets, and two hundred criminal actions are also awaiting trial.

It has been apparent in the past that sometimes special terms of court have been ordered here and when the courts were opened, there seemed to be a general lack of preparedness on all hands, and the judges themselves have acquiesced to the dilatory methods of the other court officials.

In the face of the hard times and in keeping with the effort that the county commissioners and other agencies of the county are making to reduce taxes, it seems reasonable that court officials, as well as litigants, should use the time of the regular courts to the very best possible advantage to the end that less special courts be required, and thereby less expense to the taxpayer.

The Double Standard of Coinage

In considering the silver question, Sir Henry Detering, the famous English financier, said recently: "It is absurd to be tied to one metal—gold—of which there is not enough to go around, and of which the bulk has been cornered by two countries."

"Why be tied to a single standard when nature has provided in silver another metal equally suitable for currency purposes? . . . Why not fall back upon silver as a second string in the present currency crisis?"

"Countries which have adopted a gold standard seem determined to vie with one another to rid themselves of their stocks of silver at all costs. It is this boycott of silver by those who wish to make gold the only standard which has caused the disastrous fall in silver, rather than lack of demand . . ."

The most encouraging phase of the silver problem now is the effort being given, by business and governments, to solve it. The reestablishment of silver on a fair basis would not suddenly create world prosperity—but it would do much to clear the economic clouds now menacing all great nations and would prevent another great world-wide panic in the future.

Why Government Costs So Much

Most of the talk and promises for reducing governmental expense comes from the fellow that is on the outside. Just as soon as a fellow gets into office, then he shuts up as tightly as a clam and is as dumb as an oyster.

We are paying our Congressmen twice as much as they are worth on an average—\$10,000 a year is just naturally too much for what 98 per cent of them do. The trend is when a man gets an office he misconstrues his trust, and instead of being a servant of the people he feels that he should be a lord over them.

Another branch of our government that is outrageously wasteful is our pension system, where thousands of fellows who are as "sound as a bullet" are working their way on the pension roll. It generally depends on how much "pull" the fellow has and how many crooked statements he is willing to make.

Then there are millions who are tax-dodgers, and never willing to pay their fair share of the governmental burdens.

By the time a vast percentage of our population refuse to assume their reasonable portion of governmental burdens and another vast number are doing all in their power to milk the government of every cent they can, we need not wonder that honest and fair-minded people are having it pretty hard.

The money expended during the war, coupled with the war pensions that we, our children, and our grandchildren are going to be burdened with for the next 60 years will certainly keep us poor.

THE LETTER-BOX

GOD IS CALLING

It has been said that the way to hell is paved with good intentions. It is true that the things that count must be more than "good intentions." Why not make Williamston the best place in North Carolina? It can be done, and it is in the hands of the church people to do it.

I do not know what the obstacles are that keep you from going to church and Sunday school and taking an active part in the other organizations of the church, but God does. I know some say one thing and others say something else.

Here are some of the excuses I have heard: "My business keeps me worked down;" "I have so much cooking to do;" "My baby or children keep me from doing;" "The preacher hasn't visited me as much as he should have," and so on.

I am hoping and praying in spite of our feeble minds, feeble bodies, the children in the home and so on that all may be more faithful to our churches during the New Year.

I think most folks who are not making an earnest effort to do their part by the church would feel better if they honestly faced themselves with the fact that they are not interested in God, the Savior, and His church as much as they should be.

may be finally lost because of this sin. May God help you before it is too late. The pastors are hoping to see your face in the congregation next Sunday. The good God says come C. T. ROGERS, Pastor, Williamston Methodist Church.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon us in a deed of trust executed by John N. Hopkins (unmarried) on the 18th day of March 1926, and recorded in book X-2, page 255-256, we will, on Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Martin County, Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following land, to wit:

Beginning on the North Carolina State Highway Route No. 90, at the E. corner of the lands of the heirs of N. S. Peel and running thence along said line N. 30 E. 13 poles, thence N. 61 E. 4 1-2 poles; thence N. 13 E. 10 poles; thence N. 3 E. 10 poles; thence N. 31 E. 6 poles; thence N. 14 W. 15 1-2 poles, thence N. 37 E. 6 poles,

thence N. 2 W. 28 poles; thence N. 11 E. 10 poles; thence N. 37 E. 12 poles; thence N. 3 E. 15 poles; N. 28 W. 16 poles; thence N. 13 E. 14 poles; thence N. 13 W. 14 poles; thence N. 85 E. 20 poles; thence N. 72 E. 20 poles; thence S. 88 E. 52 poles; thence N. 75 E. 26 poles; thence N. 64 E. 15 poles; thence along the lands of Theodore Robertson S. 11.30 E. 190 poles, thence S. 58 W. 20 poles; thence N. 83 W. 8 1-2 poles, thence S. 58 W. 16 poles, thence S. 69 W. 16 poles, thence S. 51 W. 12 poles; thence along the lands of the Cotanch Heirs N. 12 W. 64 poles, S. 59 W. 89 poles, thence running along public

highway N. 55 W. 34 1-2 poles to the beginning. Containing exactly 170.5 acres, less 1 acre situated on State Highway No. 90 at the beginning of the above description. This sale is made by reason of the failure of John N. Hopkins (unmarried) to pay off and discharge the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust. A deposit of 10 per cent will be required from the purchaser at the sale. This the 13th day of November, 1931. FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DURHAM, Trustee. dl 4w Durham, N. C.

Restless, could not sleep

"THERE were days when I felt like I could not get my work done. I would get so nervous and 'trembly' I would have to lie down. I was very restless, and could not sleep at night.

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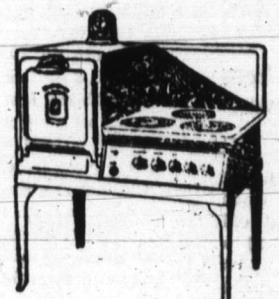
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