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Economy: Not More Taxes.

An increase in taxation is not needed in Pennsylvania. Already the revenues are enormous and they must continue to grow. What we need is a bit of honest economy in public expenditures and less thieving in connection with public works. The \$9,000,000 graft in the capitol job should not be forgotten. With that sum a magnificent boulevard from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh might be built. With \$9,000,000 the schools might be relieved as to all present needs. With \$9,000,000 the state institutions which are crippled for want of funds might be placed on a thoroughly efficient footing.

But that \$9,000,000 has gone and gone for good. It will never find its way back into the looted treasury. Just where it went and who got it, can only be inferred. But the salient fact is that it is not available for public use. Its loss should exercise a chastening effect on the party responsible for the tremendous robbery. It should impel that party to a course of severe economy until a balance has been restored and instead of planning new taxes and larger extravagances it should devote its energies to the lopping off of every sinecure and the saving of every dollar that now hints of gratuity.

Unfortunately Pennsylvania has become more and more lavish in the expenditure of taxes. These are almost wholly indirect and in consequence the people do not feel them as they would if they were taken out of their pockets as city and county taxes are taken. But the people have to pay the indirect taxes nevertheless. They do not come out of the corporations. They do not fall upon privileges and monopolies. They are taxes that are passed along with added profits from the apparent payer to the consumer. And he is hurt without knowing precisely what hurts him.

It is therefore important that the mass of the people of this state should protest against any proposed increase of state taxes. They should insist rather on genuine economy. They should insist on prudent expenditure. They should demand and enforce a rigid accounting for all money appropriated. And they should make it clear that they will not stand for a riot of extravagance in the disbursement of public funds. Johnstown Democrat.

Legislative Standing Committees.

The Senator from this district and our county Representative have both been placed on important committees of the Legislature. Senator Cochran has been assigned to the Committees on Appropriations, Banks and Building and Loan Associations, City Passenger Railways, Corporations, Finance, Game and Fish, Judiciary Special, Mines and Mining, Public Roads and Highways and Railroads. On Finance, Appropriations and Banks and Building and Loan Associations he is the ranking minority member. Mr. Creasy has been assigned to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Public Health and Sanitary, Law and Order, Public Roads and Education.

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2, 1909.

There was a one time unwritten law in Senate that new members of that body should be like children, seen but not heard, but the precedent has been so shattered by a few roaring youngsters like La Follette and Beveridge and others that there was only a mild sensation this week when Senator Cummins of Iowa delivered his maiden speech on the subject of postal savings banks. The new Senator was not hazed as he would have been in the old days by speaking to empty seats or having to endure irrelevant interruptions, but held a fairly large number of his colleagues in their places and was declared by them later to have acquitted himself like a veteran.

Representative Rainey of Illinois introduced a little sensationalism into the proceedings of the House Tuesday by a speech in which he accused the President of a misstatement of facts in his special message to Congress concerning the Panama canal in 1906 and an attack on Mr. Cromwell for his connection with affairs in Panama as General Counsel for the Panama Canal Company. He closed his speech with a promise or a threat to finish Mr. Cromwell up at some later date and said, "when I am through with this man Cromwell the President and the President elect are welcome to all that is left of him." Mr. Rainey went back four hundred years into the history of Panama, brought it up to date and concluded with a prediction for the future in which the United States is to wreck itself on the same rocks which foundered the French Canal scheme. Mr. Cromwell was characterized as the "Nation's despoiler" and he insinuated that the President elect has been a party to schemes on the Isthmus which have been of profit to Mr. Cromwell, his personal friends and Charles P. Taft, his brother. Sensations have become so common in Congress of late that they have lost their edge and so many have had a hand in the pastime of spanking the President that a charge against the President elect is regarded as a mild affair.

An elderly white haired man who has spent the most productive part of his life on a sheep ranch in Montana, the benign Senator Carter of Montana is responsible for the proposition to have a road about two hundred feet wide from the front door of the White House to the battle field of Gettysburg with spaces along it allotted to each state which will be called upon to erect groups of statuary or monuments suitable as a Lincoln Memorial. The proposition sounds well. A national memorial to the great president is desirable and such a highway might well embody the artistic and patriotic sentiment of the people but carried out it might result in such another group of statuary horrors as may be seen in the rotunda of the Capitol or in some of the Squares of Washington. Nothing short of physical violence it seems can eradicate from the American mind the love of equestrian statues and the thought of fifty miles of war heroes career-ing and cavorting on impossible horses is one to make the most stoical apprehensive. Of course the automobiles of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington are charmed at the idea of a road surpassing that at Daytona for motor racing but artists and architects are flooding their members in Congress with appeals to leave the decision about the adornment of the road to those who know something about art. Three propositions are before Congress for the construction of a proper memorial to Lincoln. One provides for the road to Gettysburg, another for a monument upon a location south of the Washington monument and the third for a memorial arch or peristyle between the new Union station and the Capitol. It has also been suggested that the Capitol grounds be extended and suitable monument be placed in them as a memorial. D. H. Burnham the distinguished architect has cabled from Europe that a peristyle and a monumental architectural treat-

ment of the entrance way to the Capitol in no matter whose name it is erected is demanded by artistic requirements and it would certainly seem to the lay mind a better solution of the disturbing problem than a half buried statue on the river front or even an imitation of an Apian way to Gettysburg.

The President who is not only the advocate of large families but also the friend of children has appeared twice this week at the convention which has for its object the betterment of the condition of dependent and orphan children in this country. In his speech of welcome to the delegates among whom were such widely known philanthropists as Theodore Dreiser of New York, Judge Ben Lindsay of the Juvenile Court in Denver, Judge Julian Mack of Chicago, Miss Jane Adams of Hull House and many others taking an active part in social betterment, the President expressed his deep interest in the work of looking out for the children and urged that "there can be no more important subject from the standpoint of the nation than that of taking care of the children".

Life in a Great State.

Industrial Bureau to Investigate Habits and Conditions of People.

An investigation into industrial conditions of the State on a more extended scale than ever undertaken before, which will embrace not only laboring but sociological conditions, has been inaugurated by John L. Rockey, chief of the State Bureau of Industrial Statistics, in cities of southeastern Pennsylvania, with the ultimate intention of extending it to all counties of the State.

The questions will go into the general industrial characteristics of the various communities, the nationality of the employes and whether foreigners predominate. The manner of living, the kind of homes, the number of owners and renters, the rents paid, cost of fuel and light and the sanitary conditions will receive close attention. In addition to home utilities, the food question will be taken up to ascertain what is readily obtainable, the quality and the price prevailing in summer and winter.

One of the chief matters of moment at this time will be the inquiry into the educational systems, to what extent they are used, whether night, manual training, domestic science and other schools are provided.

The conditions are to be contrasted with ten years ago, and in addition religion and charities will be touched upon. The organization of labor will be gone into in a general way, the relations between employer and employe, proportion of population employed studied, and information secured to aid the State in procuring labor for those needing it.

The bureau will endeavor to obtain data which will enable it to benefit the foreign population, the inspectors being specially charged to suggest from their observations some method whereby the standard of the foreigner may be raised or influences brought to bear which would develop sense of citizenship and responsibility toward the rest of the community.

Extras in Road Making.

In some of the counties the authorities are taking a stand against any more road building under the present system. The chief dissatisfaction is with extras, which have to be paid for. The Harrisburg Patriot gives figures showing the cost of some roads in Dauphin and York counties which are significant. On three pieces of road in Dauphin, the contract price of which was \$41,673.43, the extras amounted to \$12,202.02, and on five pieces of road in York, the contract price for which was \$34,800.39 the extras were \$5,602.45. As the counties and townships have to pay their proportion of the extras, as well as of the original contract price, it is not very surprising that they should complain. There is such uniformity in these charges for extras as to have aroused very general criticism, and unless there is some change in the system, road improvement will hardly go on well in the future.

The February Sale of FURNITURE AND LINENS

Began at Pursel's

Monday, February 1st.

In this Sale we have "buzz-sawed" Furniture prices and "torn" a good bit off Linen prices!

But then you EXPECTED THAT, and we only mention it to emphasize the importance of this Sale to every person having a home to furnish. Your main interest will center 'round THE VALUES. You already know that Pursel Furniture, like Pursel Linens, is of "first" quality—that goes without saying.

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BLEACHED TABLE LINENS.

56 in. bleached table linen Reduced to 22c, was 28c
56 in. bleached table linen reduced to 49c, was 59c
72 in. bleached table linen reduced to 60c, was 75c
72 in. bleached table linen reduced to 72 1/2c, was 85c
72 in. bleached table linen reduced to 85c, was \$1
72 in. bleached table linen reduced to 90c, was \$1.15
72 in. bleached double damask reduced to \$1.15, was \$1.39
72 in. bleached double damask reduced to \$1.25, was \$1.75
72 in. bleached double damask reduced to \$2.00, was \$2.50
72 in. bleached double damask reduced to \$2.19, was \$2.75.

MERCERIZED TABLE DAMASK.

58 inch mercerized table damask reduced to 39c was 50c.
58 inch mercerized table damask reduced to 49c was 59c.
70 inch mercerized table damask reduced to 59c was 75c.

TOWELINGS.

These prices are merest hints of the prices, but should suffice to convince you that now is the time for buying all the towelings you will need for months to come. Best Cotton Toweling 4 1/2c yd. Brown linen crash reduced to 8 1/2c, was 10c
Stevens' 22 inch crash reduced to 12 1/2c, was 15c
Stevens' 20 inch crash reduced to 11c, was 14c
Bleached Russian crash reduced to 11c, was 12 1/2c
Unbleached Russian crash reduced to 10c, was 12 1/2c
Red border bleached crash reduced to 10c, was 12c

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