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## THE INCOME TAX

### THE UNSATISFACTORY DISPOSITION OF THE MATTER.

President Cleveland Anxious that the Supreme Court Should Have Fully Decided Upon its Constitutionality.

President Cleveland was probably as much disappointed at the unsatisfactory disposition of the income tax by the Supreme Court as everybody else was, and he is probably quite as anxious that the case should be reheard by a full bench and the constitutionality of the tax either affirmed or denied, but like a good citizen he recognizes the income tax as the law of the land pending that final decision, and promptly filled out and handed in an account of his own income upon which he is liable to be taxed. Being in doubt as to where he should pay the tax he handed his blank to Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller in person and marked it "at large," and it is now locked up in Mr. Miller's safe. So many stories have been current as to the extent of President Cleveland's income, outside of his salary, that there is much curiosity to know the figures he put upon that blank. But it isn't likely to be gratified. It was to make sure that no careless clerk should violate the law against making public the amount of income returned by tax payers that the President gave his blank into the personal custody of Mr. Miller.

Although today is the last day upon which taxpayers can file statements of their incomes, without being subject to specified penalties, the tax itself need not be paid until the 30th of June, and the chances are that but little more of it than has already been paid will be paid in before that time, unless the Supreme Court hands down an affirmative decision before then. Should the decision be the other way it would not have to be paid at all. Unless present plans miscarry it is expected that the case will be reheard by a full bench—Justice Jackson is reported to have promised to sit—and a decision handed down before the close of the present term of the court.

Among the attorneys recently disbarred from practice before the Interior department was "Jerry" Haralson, who was a conspicuous negro member of Congress in reconstruction days, and who has been sentenced by the U. S. District Court of Arkansas to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000 for engaging in fraudulent pension practices. Still, every now and then some over enthusiastic Republican will jump up and shout "there are no fraudulent pensioners."

Judge Lochren, Commissioner of Pensions, says of the proposed making of a test case against the Commissioner of Pensions, by the Union Veteran Legion, in the U. S. Supreme Court, in order to show whether those ten thousand, more or less, pensioners were legally dropped, that he will gladly aid in getting a decision on such a case. He adds that the cases of Shakespeare and Long are entirely different from the other cases in which reductions have been made or pensioners dropped from the rolls. Nearly all the latter cases came under the law of 1890, which differs radically from all previous laws. "Corporal" James Tanner is Commander of the Union Veteran Legion; likewise a pension attorney, which may explain his anxiety in this matter. He has issued a letter asking each member of the legion to contribute \$10 towards the expenses of making a test case, but members of the legion here say that the organization has nothing to do with the scheme; that Tanner alone is responsible for the letter. They say that he wished to send this letter out as an official order of the Commander of the U. V. L., but that so much objection was raised he was compelled to abandon that idea and send it out as a personal letter.

A statement made here will be of much interest to impetuous Republican editors, should it prove true. It is that the Alger Presidential boom is shortly to take the road again. Its last tour was very expensive to Gen. Alger, but very profitable to the aforementioned impetuous editors.

It is said that Gen. Alger is confident that the fight between McKinley and Reed, which is already getting quite warm, will be so bitter that it will make the nomination of either of them impossible, and that he thinks he stands as good a chance to be struck by lightning as any of the other waiting dark horses do.

There has been a great deal of guessing as to the position President Cleveland will occupy during the next national campaign and, were it not that it would be to a certain extent a violation of confidence, your correspondent could make a good guess. However, it can be stated without any violation of confidence, that at the proper time President Cleveland will make known

over his own signature or in some other authoritative manner, just where he stands and what relation he expects to hold to the next campaign.

### A NEW POINT IN LAW.

It is a Remarkable and Dangerous Decision.

The Supreme Court of Kansas has rendered a decision in which hypnotism is recognized, both as a defense and ground for conviction of crime. The case passed upon came up from the Cowly county district court.

On May 5 last Thomas McDonald, without apparent provocation, shot and killed Thomas Patton, near his home in Wakefield. He was arrested charged with murder, and set up a defense that he was under the hypnotic influence of Anderson Gray and was neither legally nor morally responsible for the deed. He was acquitted.

Then Gray was put under arrest and tried for murder. He was found guilty of murder in the first degree, notwithstanding the fact that he was not present when the crime was committed, the evidence for the state only going to show that he caused McDonald to do the deed through hypnotic influence. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and in an opinion rendered the ruling of the lower court was sustained.

### Stole His Fiance's Money.

Fred C. Price was lodged in jail at Wilkesbarre on Saturday night. Last January he won the heart of Miss Ellen Allen, at Lock Haven, and they were engaged to be married. The father of the young woman was well pleased with the match, and gave his daughter \$700 to buy furniture. With the money and the young man she started out to buy what was needed for a comfortable home. On the way to the store Price convinced her it would look better when they went to buy if he had the money and paid the bills. His sweetheart consented and handed over the cash. While they were inspecting the furniture, Price excused himself for a moment and took the first train out of town for the west. He was traced to Cincinnati and from there to Bennett, Pa., where he was arrested. He has confessed and says he spent the money.

### Flood Stations on the West Branch.

The establishment of stations in the West branch valley for the purpose of keeping the people informed in regard to floods and freshets, is an excellent idea. The United States weather bureau has decided to establish six of these stations along the West branch. One station will be at Williamsport. Where the others will be located is not yet known, but there should be a station at Clearfield, one at Driftwood, one at Jersey Shore, one somewhere along Pine Creek and one up Lycoming creek. The usefulness of these stations will be appreciated by the people of the valley in times of high water.

Those who never read the advertisements in their newspapers miss more than they presume. Jonathan Kenison, of Bolan, Worth Co., Iowa, who had been troubled with rheumatism in his back, arms and shoulders read an item in his paper about how a prominent German citizen of Ft. Madison had been cured. He procured the same medicine, and to use his own words: "It cured me right up." He also says: "A neighbor and his wife were both sick in bed with rheumatism. Their boy was over to my house and said they were so bad he had to do the cooking. I told him of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and how it had cured me, he got a bottle and it cured them up in a week. 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

### Recent Deaths.

Laura, daughter of Robert Bierly, of Milesburg, died Wednesday night of last week; burial in the Bellefonte cemetery.

Mrs. Maria C. Meek, widow of Geo. W. Meek, died on 8 inst., in Stormstown, after a long illness. She was a daughter of Elijah Chambers. Her age was near 80 years.

### Will Turn Chickens.

Mr. W. W. Delleit, agent for the Buchanan fence, tells us that he can make his fence so that chickens cannot get through it, by putting a few more wires in at a slightly additional cost, but still not over one-third the cost of the plow fence. This is an important feature in the fence line.

### Destroyed by Fire.

A small house at Plat Rock, in Nittany valley, owned by Henry Romig, was destroyed by fire Sunday night, last.

—Big spring opening at Lyon & Co's store, Bellefonte, where you can get anything needed at very low figures.

### RESPECTED THE MINISTRY.

Highwaymen Figuring in a Seven Mountain Reminiscence.

At the celebration of the Centennial of the Huntingdon Presbytery, at Huntingdon on Tuesday last D. W. Woods, Esq., of Lewistown, delivered an address and in the course of his remarks made allusion to two famous highwaymen whose names are familiar to the older residents of this county. Mr. Woods said:

"In speaking of the churches in Juniata county, I desire to mention an anecdote that may not be out of place here. When I was a boy, Rev. John Hutchinson was a frequent visitor at my father's and I was present on one occasion when Mr. Hutchinson told my father this incident. He said at one time he was on his way to Bellefonte to preach for Rev. James Linn, and on the Seven Mountains he was stopped by two noted highwaymen, Lewis and Clark, who infested the mountains of Centre county. After robbing him of all the money he had and his watch he said to them, 'Now, men, I wish you would let me have fifty cents back; I am going to Bellefonte to preach and I have not a cent to pay my way.' Lewis said to him, 'Are you a minister?' Father Hutchinson answered: 'I am, and am going to Bellefonte to preach for Mr. Linn.' Then Lewis said to Clark: 'Give this man back his watch and money.' To this Clark demurred but Lewis made him do it and said: 'We don't rob poor men or ministers; they are paid little enough.' So Father Hutchinson got his money and watch back and went on his way rejoicing.

### April Proverbs.

A cold April the barn will fill. Snow in April is manure. April snow breeds grass. April snow and wet fills barn and barrel.

A cold and moist April fills the cellar and fattens the cow.

A dry April not the farmer's will; rain in April is what he wills.

When April blows his horn, 'Tis good for hay and corn.

When April makes much noise we will have plenty of rye and hay.

Thunder storms in April is the end of hoar frost.

After a wet April follows a dry June.

When on the 24th rye has grown so high as to hide a crow a good harvest may be expected.

April and May are the keys of the year.

### Are Not Abandoned.

The items copied from the Bellefonte papers to the effect that the Nigh ore bank near Bellefonte had been abandoned owing to the supply of ore being exhausted are now denied. The mine it is said, has only been temporarily shut down so as to permit of changes to work adjacent territory. The new territory is ample to enable this mine to be worked for many years to come; and that the changes now being made are only carrying out plans mapped out more than five years ago by the Centre Iron company.

### Of Great Benefit.

We can be of great benefit to the good people of Centre Hall and vicinity if they would come to us for all their wear in the way of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Head Wear, Furnishing Goods, and Ladies' Shirt Waists and Chemisettes.

Goods are only sold on their merits—what is linen or what is cotton—is told you at the time of the purchase. "Mother's Friend" Shirt Waists.

MONTGOMERY & Co. Merchant Tailors, Bellefonte.

### Penitents.

Prothonotary Smith's card appears in this issue as a candidate for re-election to the place he is now serving so faithfully.

Had a little snowsqual Monday forenoon.

Monday wasn't a good day for trout fishing—all the better for the trout.

The prohibition county convention for nominating a county ticket, has been called to meet at Bellefonte, on May 21. Will the burgess order the bars to be closed?

### Satchel Lost.

The undersigned lost a satchel of goods on Thursday morning, 4th, on going from Mike Spichers to Brush-valley road by way of Linden Hall. The finder will receive a dollar reward by leaving same at REPORTER office. D. J. NEIMAN.

### Election Notice.

The annual election of the stockholders of the Centre Hall Water Company, will be held in Reesman's shop on Monday evening, May 6, 1895, between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing five directors, a secretary and a treasurer for the ensuing year.

FRED. KURTZ, President. D. F. Luce, Sec'y.

## ON PAPER AS YET

### PROPOSED ROUTE FOR AN ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

The Road to Run from Centre Hall to Milesburg With Bellefonte as a Flag Station.

A year ago the "Reporter" advised the construction of an electric road from Phillipsburg to Bellefonte, Centre Hall and Millheim, which attracted considerable attention as a very short line, as compared with present via Tyrone route, which is some 25 miles farther. We observe from the Phillipsburg Journal of 13 inst., that a line for a street railway from Milesburg thro Bellefonte to Centre Hall is being agitated. The distance by rail now is 22 miles; by a street car line it would be only half that. It would pay, no doubt, besides being a wonderful convenience to all along the route. After reaching this place it would not be a great while before the line would be extended to Millheim and get all the Brush valley travel at that point. The "Reporter" favors the enterprise with the same earnestness that mainly brot about the completion of the railroad through our valley which is one of the good labors we dare feel proud of.

We observe the "Centre Democrat" also alludes to this enterprise and that some of the business men of Bellefonte strongly favor the move.

### State Treasury Low.

There will be no National Guard encampments this year. The depleted condition of the state treasury demands this. It will be a saving to the commonwealth of at least \$150,000. The common school appropriation is to be cut \$1,000,000. The amounts given charitable and penal institutions are to be boiled down. No new buildings or extensions will be allowed. With this chopping \$1,400,000 can be saved for charities for the next two years. This was agreed upon at a conference of state officials and legislators.

### Received Sentence.

Last Winter George Blattenberger, a young man, and Dr. A. A. Murray, of Liverpool, Perry county, committed an abortion on Daisy Ritter, an orphan girl of the same town. The men were arrested and held for trial, which took place this week. Blattenberger pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25, the costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary for a period of fifteen months. Murray stood trial and was convicted. The court sentenced him to pay a fine of \$25 and the costs, and undergo imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary for a period of two years.

### Foster's Prediction.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 10th to the 20th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 21st, cross the western mountain country by the close of the 22d, the great central valleys from the 22d to the 25th and the eastern states about the 25th. This disturbance will be of very considerable force, and while only a small portion of the country will receive rain from it, the principal rainfall of the month may be expected as it crosses the continent. The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about the 21st, the great central valley the 23d and the eastern states the 25th. The cool wave will cross the western country about the 24th, great central valleys the 25th and eastern states the 28th.

Our better halves say they could not keep house without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is used in more than half the homes in Leeds. Sims Bros., Leeds, Iowa. This shows the esteem in which that remedy is held where it has been sold for years and is well known. Mothers have learned that there is nothing so good for colds, croup and whooping cough, that it cures these ailments quickly and permanently, and that it is pleasant and safe for children to take. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

### Matters Matrimonial.

Miss Anna L. Meyer, of Boalsburg, and Wm. A. Gettig, of Altoona, were married in the Boalsburg Reformed church on Thursday evening, 11.

Carrie May, daughter of John H. Miller, of Rock Spring, and Frank E. Wieland, are to be married this evening at the home of the bride.

### Choice Eggs for Sale.

Buff Leghorns, choice stock, eggs 50 cents per setting of 13; Buff Plymouth Rock, excellent layers, eggs \$1.25 per setting of 13.

Mrs. M. B. RICHARDS, feb21-3m Centre Hall, Pa.

—Subscribe for the REPORTER.

### A CONSUMER'S VIEW.

Passage of the Marshall Bill Responsible for the Advance in Oil.

One of the largest consumers of oil in Philadelphia stated: "Since Governor Hastings approved the Marshall pipe line bill, about March 8, I have received two notifications from an agency of the Standard oil people, advising me of an advance in price. The first card was dated March 12, noting a rise of one-half cent per gallon in the price of headlight 150 degree water white oil and "Chester A" 150 degree water white oil. The second card was dated April 6, and advised me of an advance of one cent a gallon on the same oils. It is evident that a satisfactory alliance has been compassed between the Standard oil company and heretofore conflicting interests, and it is their intention now to advance their prices fractionally and as rapidly as they deem judicious.

"Though one and a half cents a gallon may seem comparatively a small matter, it means a jump of seventy-five cents per barrel, and the aggregate represents an enormous profit and an equal tax upon consumers. You may recollect that the Marshall bill was bitterly fought by the independent oil refiners, and Governor Hastings received a strong deputation of producers, who represented that his signature would vastly help the Standard oil company in monopolizing the industries dependent upon petroleum. The results are appearing.

### DANCING IS NO SIN.

Presbyterians Who Want to Waltz Can Do So.

The Allegheny Presbytery has placed itself on record as opposed to the theory that dancing is a sin. Miss Mary Ewalt, of Bakerstown Presbyterian church, was dismissed because she danced and would not promise to refrain in the future. She appealed her case to the Presbytery and was upheld, the decision being that dancing is a question of conscience. Dr. R. M. Means, of Pine Creek Church, who was expelled by his pastor for signing a liquor license application, was reinstated by the Presbytery.

### State News Notes.

The Disciple church at Mill Hall will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, April 21.

The Central Pennsylvania firemen's association will meet in Bellefonte on June 6. An interesting time is expected.

Cards are out for the marriage of Franklin D. Peale, son of Hon. S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, and Miss Martha Vail, of Elizabeth, N. J., on April 17.

The recent big sale of coal land in Northumberland county, netted the sheriff over \$4,000 while Hon. S. P. Wolverson, the attorney concerned, pocketed \$30,000.

### Insane and Harmless.

For some time past a quaint-looking old man has been loafing about our streets, and attracts much attention says the Centre Democrat of last week. He is about 70 years of age and very much hunchbacked. The striking feature about his appearance is the childish disposition he shows for decorating himself with tobacco tags and ribbon rosettes. Most of these are worn on the vest, almost covering the front of the garment. He annoys no one and if spoken to simply gives out an unintelligent grunt of approval. He is often about the streets late hours of the night, but never was suspected of committing any theft.

His name is Jacob Halderman, and is a pauper belonging to Benner township, but the overseer's cannot find a place for him where he will stay; he wants to be in Bellefonte. A petition to the court provided a commission to inquire into the sanity of the old gentleman, who reported that he was of unsound mind and should be sent to a hospital for the insane, which will likely be done.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoe Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

### RAIN-FALL.

as registered by the "Reporter's Rain-gauge. Inches. Friday night 12 Ap., to Saturday, 5-8

—Our spring stock of clothing is now in and a more complete assortment cannot be found in any store. Clothing never was so cheap and you get surprisingly big returns for your money.—Lewins, Bellefonte.

—Subscriber for the REPORTER, \$1.50

### FOREST FIRES.

Their Prevention Should Be the Aim of Every Good Citizen.

Forest fires occur annually in various parts of the country, and, after long seasons of drought, sometimes spread over wide areas, but not since 1871, when there was great destruction of Michigan pines, has there been a calamity like this. Man is powerless to stay the flames when they have fairly started after weeks of dry weather, for the fire spreads so rapidly as often to outrun a horse. But man can do much to prevent the breaking out of such fires, which are very often caused by the carelessness of camping parties, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Maine has suffered little from forest fires since the appointment of fire wardens and the training of lumbermen and hunters to extreme care in extinguishing every spark of the fires they may have kindled in the woods. In view of the enormous losses that may be occasioned by forest fires it would seem to be the duty of the state to guard as well as may be against their origin and spread. It is not impossible to do either. Hunters, lumbermen and others who frequent the woods can be taught to be extremely careful in the use of fire. Railroad companies can be compelled to use efficient spark arresters on their locomotives and in dry seasons fire wardens may be authorized to appoint deputies to guard the forest by night and day and give timely warning of forest fires before they have gone beyond control.

What is needed is some one in authority to command the services of the able-bodied men of a neighborhood in extinguishing small fires or preventing their spread. When the farmers and lumbermen are left to themselves they do not unite their efforts until the danger becomes pressing and then it is too late, unless rain should come to their relief. Professor Hazen thinks that federal and state authorities have duties in this matter.

### A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I saw one of your subscribers tell in your columns a few weeks ago how she made money selling Dish Washers. I wrote to the Iron City Dish Washer Co., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa., and obtained one of their Dish Washers and tried it myself first. It is just lovely; you can wash and dry the dishes for a family in two minutes, without touching your hands to a dish or putting them in hot water. I made the first day, \$5.00, and everybody wanted a Dish Washer just as soon as they saw me wash their dishes. Since then I have made as high as \$18.00 a day, and I believe that I can get enough money to keep my brother at school this winter and have money in the bank too. Any lady or gentleman can do as well as I am doing, I am sure, as I had no experience. When everybody wants to buy, it is not hard to sell. Anyone can get information by writing the above firm, and I am glad to add my experience, because I think it my duty to others to help them over the hard times. VIRGINIA HERNE.

### Reporter Sparks.

Some men spend their lives in hatching little schemes and tricks. It isn't manly to be close-fisted and stingy and then tell how liberal others should be.

A favor boasted of is not sincere but a selfish act to gain something more valuable in return.

The constant blabberer is like an empty tin can which makes much noise in rolling about.

The man who always has something confidential to tell about his neighbor has mischief for his nest egg.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were granted during the past week:

Daniel A. Grove, Lemont and Catherine Longwell, of Benner township.

Charles E. Rupert and Maggie E. Kessinger, of Liberty township.

Frank D. Young and Mary C. Royer, of Potter township.

J. Harry Pickle, of Millersville, Lancaster county, and Fannie I. Twimire, of Bellefonte.

John W. Benner and Jennie Breon, of Benner township.

Frank E. Wieland, of Linden Hall, and Carrie Miller, of Rock Springs.

R. M. Krebs and Lauva E. Musser, Pine Grove Mills.

### Going After It.

David R. Foreman left Monday evening for Bruin, Butler county, Pa., a town in the midst of the oil region. Dave expects to engage in the oil business, and has an option on a valuable plant. Hope he will strike a rich streak.

—The merchant tailoring establishment connected with Lewins clothing house at Bellefonte, has the reputation for turning out the best and most stylish clothing worn in the county.