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THE BENSON TAX REFORM BILL.

Democratic Measure That would Tax All Corporate Property for Local Purposes.

One of the most important measures before the present session of the legislature is the bill of Representative E. R. Benson, Democratic member from McKean county, providing for the equalization of taxation in Pennsylvania. The bill provides that public utilities be taxed for local purposes and, if it becomes a law, will bring a large measure of revenue to municipalities, townships and counties from corporations which have heretofore escaped taxation altogether or have been able to evade bearing their proper share of the expense of government. The importance of this measure to every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth is shown by the declaration of its author that, if passed, no citizen of Pennsylvania would be required to pay more than eight mills taxes for all purposes.

The farmers, workmen and all producing classes of the Commonwealth have been suffering from unjust and unequal taxation to an extent where forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, and were they to realize the importance to them individually of the passage of this act, such a demand would arise from every city, town and rural district for the support of the measure that no member of the legislature who desires to serve another term would dare to resist.

"The bill is equitable and just in every feature," to quote Mr. Benson's own statement. "All it requires or asks for is that all property now subject to taxation in Pennsylvania shall and hereafter must be assessed for all purposes and pay its share of government, whether state, county or local, and this without asking whether the property so assessed is owned by the individual or the corporation, or whether it is live stock or railroad stock."

Mr. La Follette, Republican.

Senator La Follette, who conferred with President Wilson calls himself a Republican. He is the Republican who has proved that under the Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt "the trusts increased from 149 to 10,020." He is the Republican who has charged that the panic of 1907 "was manufactured by Wall street interests which bluffed Mr. Roosevelt into approval of the Tennessee Coal and Iron merger." He is the Republican who has said more than once that "Mr. Taft as President violated every true principle of his party." He is the Republican who has said over and over again that under the rule of McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft "the financial control of American industry and commerce passed into the hands of fourteen men," whom he named.

A Republican holding these views ought to be able not only to confer with President Wilson but to cooperate with him.

A Judge for Each County.

A bill making every county in the state a separate judicial district was presented in the House last night by Mr. Ambler, Montgomery, who stated that it was by request. There are now fifty-six judicial districts and the bill would make sixty-seven.

New judicial districts created out of counties now comprising joint judicial districts are Union, Milton, Elk, Columbia, Warren, Perry, Monroe, Wyoming, Adams, Snyder, Huntingdon, Bedford, Cameron, Clinton, Montour, Forest, Juniata, Pike, Sullivan, and Fulton.

Something New in Easter Cards.

At this office you will find something new in the line of Easter greetings, plenty good enough to send to your friends of the most refined taste. Dainty sepia folders, with Easter message and appropriate illustration on cover, with inside pages blank for correspondence. Envelopes to match. Others in violet. Your choice of two sizes. Price, 5 cents each, and two for 5 cents, according to size.

Plenty of the other kind of Easter cards, at 15 cents a dozen.

A Challenge.

The Potters Mills Grammar school takes this opportunity to challenge any school in Centre Hall borough, Potter and adjoining townships, to meet in a spelling contest during the next week. The Centre Hall High school is preferred. For further information call the undersigned at Carson's store over the Bell phone, or address

LESLIE E. MILLER, Teacher.

Supper at Linden Hall.

The Linden Hall Sunday-school will serve a supper at the home of John Diehl, Saturday, 22nd, beginning at 5 o'clock. Ice cream and cake will also be served. All are invited to come and help the Sunday-school.

The Financial Statement.

The financial statement issued by the county auditors will bear the closest examination. The various officers in the court house have materially reduced the expenses for which the county is liable. Some officers, owing to peculiar conditions, were not able to make as good a showing as others, but the report looks altogether favorable to the officers in charge. The commissioners, who handle the bulk of the county's affairs, have given Centre county a very creditable administration, and wherever it was possible to do so economy was practiced. The affairs of the county were conducted in a business like way, a natural result when performed by men with business ability. For many years, as the records will show, Democratic administrations in Centre county have been more economical than those of the opposite party. A greater effort has also been made on the part of Democratic commissioners, past and present, to collect back taxes, and insist on better methods in all the court house departments. There is not an instance in Centre county, when assuming the reins of government, Democratic commissioners did not find the treasury empty or the county in debt, and in every case on retirement the debt was canceled and a surplus in the strong box.

Almost every voter in the county by this time has a statement before him, and it would be well for him to look over the items of expense, and compare the ordinary expenses with those of other years incurred by the opposition party.

From Locust Grove.

March 16, 1913

Editor of the Reporter:

In your issue of last week a statement was made saying that a number of delegates had been sent to conference to urge the return of Rev. John M. Price as pastor of the Spring Mills charge of the United Evangelical church. This statement is incorrect. The only delegate was H. A. Weaver, who was regularly elected by the quarterly conference. The return of Rev. Price was an almost certainty, and the conference needed no pressure to be brought to accomplish it.

The members of the charge believe the writer of the item referred to to be inaccurate, and respectfully ask that it be corrected.

[Published by authority of the officials of the Locust Grove church.]

Bounties to be Paid.

Trappers and hunters who have killed noxious animals, will, it appears, finally get the bounty due them. A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing funds for claims made under the act of 1907, and also for the payment of claims made under the act for the two years prior to June 1, 1911.

LOCALS

W. Gross Mingle advertises sale of household goods for Friday afternoon, at his home in Centre Hall. See posters.

F. V. Goodhart, the furniture dealer, made several good sales of furniture to parties living in State College, and last week made the deliveries.

Ready to wear clothing are advertised by the Keesler department store, in Millheim. They call special attention to coats and dresses for the ladies.

Perhaps, just now, Centre Hall has more mud to the square inch on its streets than any other town in Uncle Sam's Kingdom, but, thank you, we have side walks built of concrete.

An order for one hundred and forty-four engines has been placed with the Baldwin Locomotive Works by the Pennsylvania railroad company. These engines are designed to be used in the freight service and will cost probably \$2,880,000.

Congressman and Mrs. Charles E. Patton sailed from New York the other day on a trip to Panama. Mr. Patton is a member of the Congressional committee appointed to visit and inspect the work and management of affairs in the Canal Zone, and make a report on the same.

J. C. Goodhart will make sale of farm stock, implements, etc., at his farm at Centre Hill, on Tuesday of next week. He will offer for sale a fine lot of horses, cows, young cattle, hogs and sheep. Mr. Goodhart is a good stockman, and the buyers will find everything just as he recommends it.

From a statement in the Sugar Valley Journal the Grangers in and about Loganon are quite active. The Journal says: Carpenters, plasterers and laborers have been busy remodeling the large building which the Patrons of Husbandry acquired recently from the Bierly estate, converting the first story into a large public hall and the second story into comfortable lodge rooms to be occupied by the local Grange.

THE LECTURE COURSE.

Fourth Year Closed With Last Week's Entertainment—Surplus Proceeds Turned Over to Progress Grange.

The fourth year for the Centre Hall lecture course closed with the lecture by Mr. Bowser, last week. The receipts for the course were about the same as last year, and the surplus, except a few dollars, was turned over to the treasurer of Progress Grange to be used in liquidating the bonded indebtedness on Grange Arcadia.

At a meeting of the committee held at the home of Dr. Schuyler on Friday evening, the reports of the secretary, Rev. S. A. Snyder, and treasurer, W. W. Spangler, were read and audited. It was decided to continue the course during the 1913-1914 season, and a return date for Mr. Bowser was favorably mentioned.

The removal from Centre Hall of Rev. Snyder necessitated the selection of a succeeding secretary, and S. W. Smith was named for the place. The remainder of the committee consists of Dr. W. H. Schuyler, president; Rev. R. R. Jones, Rev. Fred W. Barry, W. W. Spangler, G. L. Goodhart, Dr. G. W. Hesterman. Rev. Foss, will succeed Rev. Snyder as a member of the committee, provided he will serve.

The president of the committee forwarded to this office a financial statement together with a brief reference, as follows:

The Centre Hall lecture course closed its fourth session last Thursday, March 13th. The patronage has been so liberal, the commendations so general, and so many are the testimonies to its educating and uplifting influences that its place as one of the great forces that make for a better community cannot be questioned; and with confidence it challenges the support and patronage of all who are interested in the welfare of the neighborhood in which they live. Successful as it has been in the past, like all labors of love, it must have the continued help of all well-intentioned citizens in order to do the greatest amount of good.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1912-1913.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from previous year.....	\$ 4 26
Course tickets.....	203 90
Window receipts and reserved seats	99 30
Total.....	\$ 307 46
EXPENDITURES.	
Central Lyceum Bureau.....	\$ 215 00
Printing, advertising and postage.....	24 90
Expense of secretary for incidentals.....	2 00
Ticket punch.....	35
Progress Grange for rent of Hall to be applied to the reduction of debt of order.....	60 00
Balance in treasury.....	\$ 302 25
Total.....	\$ 4 31

Transfer of Real Estate.

Wm. H. Noll Jr. et al to Boyd A. Noll, tract of land in State College \$395.

Sallie M. Hayes et al to George H. Leathers, tract of land in Spring twp \$19 000.

Irvin A. Bariges et ux to Alfred L. Auman, tract of land in Penn twp. \$1.

William Bilger et ux to Com., of Penna, tract of land in Banner, College and Harris twp. \$1100.

May C. Williams et al to Oliver N. Yarnell, tract of land in Walker twp. \$200.

William Pealer et ux to Clement Lutz, tract of land in Walker twp. \$300.

J. H. Ross et ux to E. A. Fry, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$300.

J. C. Stevens et ux to Mina Goheen, tract of land in Taylor twp. \$825.

E. W. Sweeney et ux to George H. Shugarts, tract of land in Boalsburg. \$150.

E. W. Sweeney et ux to George H. Shugarts, tract of land in Harris twp. \$200.

GOOD WAY TO DO BUSINESS.

Murray & Bitner sell Reliable Remedy at Half Price and Guarantee a Cure.

When one can buy gold dollars for fifty cents it is a good time to purchase.

In ordering a 50c bottle of Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia at 25 cents, Murray & Bitner are giving one of the greatest trade chances ever offered to the people of Centre Hall.

If food does not digest well if there is gas or pain in the stomach, if the tongue is coated and the breath bad, if there is constipation and straining Dr. Howard's specific will cure you. If it does not, you have druggist Murray & Bitner personal guarantee to return your money.

Dr. Howard's specific gives quick relief and makes permanent cures of constipation, dyspepsia and all liver troubles.

HOLINESS: A NECESSITY.

An Article Appearing in the Free Methodist, by Rev. A. J. Horner.

We are convinced that holiness of heart is an absolute necessity to get the most out of the present life and of the life to come. The term holiness suggests the idea of wholeness, completeness. It includes all things involved in complete salvation from sin and the possession of the divine nature. Holiness is moral purity, and comprises the entire sanctification of the will, the affections, and the sensibilities. In its experiences, the life of self is destroyed and nothing contrary to pure love remains in the heart. Every faculty of the soul, and every sense and power of the body is brought into harmonious action with the will of God. In urging the necessity of holiness as a distinct work, we are in accord with the teaching of the Scriptures, which declare that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. See Heb. 12:14. The word of the Lord to Israel was, "Ye shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2). Jesus said to His disciples, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

When asked what is the first commandment of the law, the Savior replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." These words clearly express the duty of every believer to seek the perfection of divine love in the heart. "The end of the commandments is charity [love] out of a pure heart and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." God does not require impossibilities. And this blessed experience may be attained through the provision He has made.

"Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:24-27). Again Christ is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. The clear sense of these passages is that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. To make men holy, then, was the mission of Christ.

The object of the ministry is to build up the church in that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. Holiness is necessary as a qualification for Christian duty. Life is attended with great responsibilities. Mankind is not placed here simply to prepare for the hereafter. Personal happiness is not the Christian's highest aim. God is to be glorified and His will wrought out. Certain graces are to be exercised in this life which can not be exercised in the life to come. To this end holiness is a necessity. In a life of holiness we can prove our courage, fidelity, and loyalty to God, in the midst of persecution and opposition. There will be no enemies in heaven, and he who would prove himself a good soldier of Jesus Christ must do so in this world. Be brave here, stand by the right and prove your loyalty to truth and holiness in this land of enemies. When you reach the celestial city, the last enemy will have been conquered, the last foe vanquished.

In the city of Manchester, Dr. Robert W. Dale, pastor of one of the large, wealthy and fashionable churches, became burdened for the poor and fallen, and went to work in the slums to rescue souls. One day he received a letter from one of his members, with a hand and the index finger pointing to the word heaven, saying "This is where your mind ought to be." He answered "There are no slums in heaven, so I will try and do what I can to bring heaven down here." This grace can not be exercised in heaven, for there will be no sorrow there. The grace of pure benevolence is to be exercised in a life of holiness. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, build churches, endow schools, and otherwise support the cause of God, as opportunity offers, is the work of practical holiness. Such acts of kindness and deeds of charity can not be performed in heaven. No suffering enters there. In heaven are found no sons of want.

Holiness is necessary to the highest degree of usefulness. At conversion even the disciples of Christ were not fully qualified for their important calling. Jesus said to them, "Tarry ye at the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high," assuring them that they should receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them. They needed the pentecostal baptism to prepare them for their life work. When with one accord assembled, the mighty baptism of refining fire came upon the church. As a result, a sweeping revival broke out, and thousands were converted to God and added to the church.

Pentecostal power is necessary to insure revivals of the pentecostal type. There is real eloquence in a holy life, and converts should be urged on to holiness.

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DEATHS.

After an illness of several weeks with a complication of diseases, Dr. Roland G. Curtin, a widely known physician, died Friday afternoon at his home, 22 South Eighteenth street, Philadelphia. Dr. Curtin was born in Bellefonte, in 1839.

In the civil war he was naval storekeeper at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1866, and later spent some time in Europe, visiting the principal hospitals.

He served for eleven years as chief assistant physician at the Philadelphia Lying-in Charity; ten years as chief of the Medical Dispensary of the University Hospital, and six years as physician in the chest and throat department of the Howard Hospital. He was once president of the medical board of the Philadelphia hospital, and held many other positions of prominence. He was one of the leading members of the Centre county Association of Philadelphia, and took an active part in the summer and winter gatherings.

Benjamin F. Gramley died at his home at Kaneville, Illinois. He was son of Joseph and Esther Gramley and was born at Rebersburg, being seventy-six years, four months and twenty-one days old. He was married in 1857 to Miss Margaret Spangler, of Rebersburg. Nine children were the result of this union, of whom six survive. His first wife died nineteen years ago and five years later he married an Illinois lady who survives. He also leaves five brothers, namely: James J. Gramley, a former treasurer of Centre county, now residing at Freeport, Illinois; Rev. Charles Gramley, of Emporia, Kan.; Andrew J., of Mansfield, Ohio; George S., of Rote, and Austin J., of Millburg. Mr. Gramley and family went to Illinois thirty-eight years ago and engaged in farming. He prospered to that extent that he was the owner of four fine farms. Burial was made at Kaneville, Illinois.

Mrs. Louise G. Kurtz, widow of the late John G. Kurtz, in Milton, aged eighty-one years. She was born at Aaronburg. Two daughters, Mrs. Wert Webb, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. John Hackenberg, of Milton, survive, as do also two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Foster, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mrs. Ellen Kurtz, of Millburg. The remains were buried at Millburg.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Ellen Fisher, wife of Ephraim Fisher, in Millburg.

Mrs. Ellen Friel, at Runville, aged seventy-five years. Her maiden name was Sennett.

Boston Blechdorfer, in Lewistown, aged eighty-six years. He was formerly a resident of Burnside township.

Harry H. Johnston, at Fresno, California, aged forty-six years. He was born at Howard, and was a brother of J. Kennedy Johnston, Esq., of Bellefonte.

Beech

Ralph Uogard expects to buy a span of mules.

Mrs. W. W. Jamison, who is on the sick list, is improving.

Harvey Vonsda returned from a vacation trip to Altoona.

Mrs. Wm. Ripka is the champion stave packer of this valley.

Edward Lingle, of Beech, is firing at C. J. Finkle's stave mill.

Edward Zoby is moving on the Peter Smith farm, east of Penn Hall.

Manard Barger will move into the tenement house on the Meyer farm, near Centre Hill.

The roads in this valley are greatly in need of repairing, and at present are in very bad condition.

Moyer Genzill and family, who are at present living in George Breen's house, will move to Farmers Mills.

While sawing staves last Wednesday at C. J. Finkle's, a barn belonging to J. D. Wagner was burned to the ground in a very short time. The barn was located close by the mill and it is supposed that a spark from the engine set the building on fire. The house that stood near by was also on fire several places, but was saved from destruction by a bucket brigade. The contents of the barn was straw, farm implements, sled and several buggies.

Progress Grange will meet in regular session Saturday afternoon.

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Holiness is necessary for admittance to heaven. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." No matter what else one may possess, without holiness he is not qualified for heaven. Only the pure in heart shall see God. He who entertains the hope of seeing Christ as He is must purify himself even as He is pure" (1 John 3:3).

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Today (Thursday) is the last day of winter.

One of Centre Hall's needs: A public drinking fountain.

D. A. Boozer, liveryman and saddler, had a cash register placed in his store last week.

Dr. S. M. Huff, of Milesburg, has been appointed a surgeon in the Twelfth regiment, N. G. P., with the rank of first lieutenant.

Calvin Osman, of Glen Iron, who was under quarantine for a month or more, is again performing his duties as a section foreman on the L. & T.

J. W. Dashem, of Red Mills, has been quite ill during the past two weeks or more. Beginning of the week he was resting easier, but is far from being a well man.

Centre Hall is getting a reputation for bad roads. If the borough is to recover its former good name, it is time to begin doing something more than talking and resolving.

Bowser, the last number of the Centre Hall lecture course for 1912-1913, was entirely pleasing. Everybody in the house laughed and laughed again, yet there was much food for thought right in the midst of the hilarity.

The week started in with a blustery day on Monday. The temperature began falling on Saturday evening, after two days of real spring like weather during which the frogs had a most delightful season of singing.

There will be a public sale of six horses and twelve cows at the barn of S. W. Smith, to the rear of the Reporter's new building, Saturday afternoon. See posters, and descriptive advertisement in this issue on the fourth page.

Farmer Franklin Moyer, west of Centre Hall on the Kennedy farm, never lags behind in his farm work, but is always one or two rounds ahead of his neighbors. To keep up this reputation, he began plowing for spring crops on Monday afternoon.

John Rearick, who has been in the east for a few months, most of which time was spent with his mother, Mrs. Mary Rearick, in Centre Hall, on Tuesday went to Florida to visit his brother L. G. Rearick, at St. Petersburg. Later he will go to his western home. He is a railroad engineer.

Messrs. J. R. Smeltzer and John H. Ryer, both of Potters Mills, are engaged in the huckstering business, making trips weekly to the Lewis-town district. They are in the market for all kinds of produce, and it would be well for farmers and others who have produce to sell to get into communication with them.

In this issue appears an article on "Holiness", by Rev. A. J. Horner, published previously in the Free Methodist. It is seldom that space is given in the Reporter to articles of such a character, but Rev. Horner being a native of Potter township and the article having merit it is reprinted here, and will undoubtedly be read with profit.

Luther Musser, of Penn Hall, is improving nicely since undergoing an operation for appendicitis, which operation was performed at his home ten days ago. Mr. Musser became so ill that it was impossible to remove him to the hospital. The operation was performed by Dr. S. C. Musser, Dr. Hayes, and Dr. H. S. Braucht, the patient being in charge of Dr. Musser.

Miss Virna Geiss arrived in Centre Hall from Philadelphia a few days earlier than was announced by the Reporter, having come here on Saturday afternoon instead of Tuesday. The Misses Geiss have leased a handsome apartment house at 1702 Green street, and will furnish it. Miss Geiss came here to arrange for the shipping of furniture from the Geiss house where it was stored. The Green street apartment is well located, and its proprietors will be pleased to give Centre countians any accommodations they may wish, at moderate rates.

On Sunday morning the boarding house operated by Mrs. Louisa Weaver, at 1728 Hoga street, Philadelphia, was almost totally destroyed by fire, taking with it all the household goods and property of the boarders. Nothing was saved. A woman boarder, Miss Elizabeth Lyall, was suffocated, and John Collins, another boarder, tried in vain to save Miss Lyall, and in dropping from a third-story window, narrowly escaped landing on an iron fence and struck the pavement, with a broken leg as the result. At the time of the fire, Mrs. Weaver, her daughter, Miss Elsie, and son, Clifford and the two boarders mentioned above were the only occupants of the house. The fire was supposed to have originated from a heater. The unfortunate landlady is a sister of W. Speer Breen, of near Millheim.