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## THE TAX QUESTION.

**The Benson Measure Would Place Larger Taxes on Public Utilities and Lower the Rate on Other Property.**

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, workingmen 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 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 is that all property now subject to taxation in Pennsylvania shall and hereafter must be assessed for all purposes and pay its share of tax, 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."

## Circulating Library.

A set of new books were received from the Pennsylvania Free Library Commission, of Harrisburg, and are now in the cases in Grange Acadia. The library will be open to the public every Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. A list of the books is appended:

Abbott: Kit Carson  
Alcott: Aunt Jo's Scrap Bag  
Barbour: For the Honor of the School  
Brown: Rose Macleod  
Church: Stories from Virgil  
Clarke: In old Quilnabasset  
Cooper: The Spy  
Craigie: Dream and the Business  
Crane: Red Riding Hood's Picture Book  
Crawford: Primadonna  
Crockett: Raiders  
Dickens: Old Curiosity Shop  
DeLand: Josephine  
Gardner: Long Arm  
Grant: Chippendale  
Hewlett: Fool Errand  
Holzer: Boy Anglers  
Hopkins: Clammer  
Houston: Electricity in Every Day Life  
Japan: Lady Nozaki Keeras  
Jewett: County Doctor  
Johnson: Hero of Manilla  
Johnston: Lewis and Clark  
Kelly: Burma  
Kingsley: Singular Miss Smith  
Lang: Blue Fairy Book  
Longfellow: Hanging of the Crane  
MacDonald: Light Princess  
Markham: King Philip's War  
Major: Boats of Blue River  
Miller: Little People of Asia  
Orcutt: Lever  
Otis: When Dewey Came to Manila  
Palme: Famous Composers and Their Music  
Parton: Captains of Industry  
Pittenger: Great Locomotive Chase  
Ramee: Little Earl  
Richards: Queen Hildegrade  
Reid: Boy Hunters  
Sharp: Watcher in the Woods  
Smith: Caleb West  
Smith: Their Canoe Trip  
Spry: Mont, the Goat Boy  
Taggart: Nut-brown Joan  
Thurston: Masquerader  
Tomlinson: Jersey Boy in the Revolution  
Wallace: Lure of the Labrador Wild  
Warner: Being a Boy  
Wingate: What Shall Our Boys Do for a Living  
Parker: On the Farm

## Deaths of Centre Constables.

Mrs. Eliza J. Ross, in Tyrone, aged eighty-seven years. She was the widow of George W. Ross and for a number of years lived in the vicinity of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Anna E. Seibert, in Phillipsburg, aged seventy-six years. She was the widow of Jacob Seibert.

Philip M. Smith, in Danville, formerly of Bellefonte, aged fifty-three years.

The Keystone Gazette makes this mention of one of Centre county's former prothonotaries: M. I. Gardner on Wednesday purchased the entire stock and fixtures of the Henry Linn china store and assumed control of the business this Thursday morning, to conduct the same hereafter in his own name. Mr. Gardner is one of the most genial, energetic business men in Bellefonte and his entrance into the mercantile ranks adds just one more man of ability and integrity whose success seems assured from the outset.

We had plenty of rain in March, and now come the April showers and sunshine.

## DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS.

Miss Martha G. Robison will be at the meetings to talk to S. S. Workers. A special district convention will be held in each of the Sunday-school districts of Centre county at the places and on the dates named below. The meetings will be called at 1:30 o'clock p. m. at each place, except at Unionville, where the meeting will be called at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Miss Martha G. Robison, one of the Field Workers employed by the Pennsylvania State Sabbath-school Association, will meet the Sunday-school workers of the county at these meetings. She has a special message for us:

District No. 12—Miles, Haines, Penn and Millhelm, Millhelm, April 21st.  
District No. 11—Greag, Potter and Centre Hall, Centre Hall, April 22nd.  
District No. 10—Ferguson, Pine Grove Mills April 23rd.  
District No. 9—College, Harris and College Boro, State College, April 24th.  
District No. 7—Spring, Benner and Bellefonte, Bellefonte, April 25th.  
District No. 6—Marion and Walker, Zion, April 26th.  
District No. 5—Howard, Liberty, Curtin and Howard Boro, Eagleville, April 28th.  
District No. 2—Snow Shoe, Burnside and Snow Shoe Boro, Snow Shoe, April 29.  
District No. 1—Ru h, Phillipsburg and south Phillipsburg, Phillipsburg, April 30th.  
District No. 3—Taylor, Worth and Huston, Port Matilda, May 1st.  
District No. 8—Patton and Half Moon, Storms town, May 2nd.  
District No. 4—Boggs and Union, Milesburg and Unionville, Unionville, May 3rd.

Come to hear Miss Robison and bring with you all lovers of the Sunday-school. These meetings will be held preparatory to the Centre County Sunday-school Convention which will convene in Rebersburg, on May 5th and 6th.

Will District Officers please prepare for these meetings?

C. L. GRAMLEY, Pres.  
L. W. NUTTALL, Secy.

## Movings in Centre East.

A. A. on Thomas from the Benner house to the Reberick property vacated some weeks ago by Mr. Tibbetta, who moved to Maine. Thomas is followed by Oliver Strunk, who came from Zion. D. W. Sweetwood from the Alfred Duret property on Main street to Georges Valley, on the Sweetwood homestead, and Lawrence Runkle from near Penn Hall followed Sweetwood. Mrs. S. W. Moore to Philadelphia, and S. Emory Ripka to the Moore place, which home he purchased. Dr. A. G. Lieb from Penn Hall to A. P. Luse home vacated by Andrew Zittle, who moved into a new house erected by him at Centre Hall. John Geary from the Rossmann flat to a new house erected by Clement Luse, and Milton Bradford followed. W. Gross Mingle to Wilkes-Barre, and his successor is P. A. Lelster, who came from the farm west of Centre Hall. Edward Ritter from the Slack place to Keise property, B. F. Reish having vacated it several weeks ago on locating in the Milroy Hotel, which he purchased. Wallace Horner from Centre Hall to Boisburg, Sheridan Garis from Centre Hall to the Mary Potter farm, where he will assist Charles Ross in farming. Samuel Shoop from the Nearhood property on Hiffer street to his new house opposite the public school house. John Homan from the farm to a part of Sanders place. Rev. S. A. Snyder to his new field of work in Middleburg, and his successor is Rev. F. H. Foss. Mr. Mowery from the farm east of Madisonburg, to the house vacated by Edward Ritter.

## Transfer of the Estate.

J. Thomas Mitchell et ux to Edmund Blanchard, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$3000.  
John Emay et ux to Jeremiah B. Hancock, tract of land in Huston twp. \$350.  
Edith L. Deitz et al to Abram Weber, tract of land in Howard, \$2000.  
Jacob Gobble to Benjamin Fisher, tract of land in Walker twp. \$75.  
B. F. Fisher et ux to Harvey N. Lutz, tract of land in Walker twp. \$400.  
F. W. Crider et ux to James H. Neese et al, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$27,000.  
Thomas Foster et al to Anna M. Seibert, tract of land in College twp. \$400.  
Jacob Behrer heirs to John Behrer et al, tract of land in Patton twp. \$2423.  
Joseph A. Myers to Frank Donovan, tract of land in Spring twp. \$4500.  
Rebecca E. Lee et al to Charles A. Miller, tract of land in Potter twp. \$4500.  
Charles K. McCafferty to Donald B. Potter, tract of land in Bellefonte, \$3500.  
Emma V. Lee et al to Amelia Swartz, tract of land in Walker twp. \$690.  
Mary Helen Miller to Lawrence L. Miller, tract of land in Phillipsburg, \$1.  
Mary Helen Miller to Lawrence L. Miller, tract of land in Bush twp. \$1.

## Crop Prospects Good.

Farmers have reason to be encouraged. The prospects for a grass and grain crop are better than in a number of years. The wheat stalks are tall and stout and are perfect in color. In many fields during March the growth was tall enough to wave, a condition seldom seen in March. Very few wheat plants were destroyed by freezing. There is little rye farmed in this section, but the crop looks promising.

The young clover is in almost perfect condition. There was a good catch last season, and a very small percent was killed by heaving, due to the repeated freezing and thawing. The common red clover on the last of March had already developed several leaves on stems two inches and less in length. Timothy is also beginning to show green.

The alfalfa fields like the common clover are in fine condition. A small percent of the plants were raised, but the favorable weather—warm rains and sunshine—is causing the partially exposed roots to take a new hold and send out new rootlets. Many of the plants now standing two or three inches above the soil, will ultimately creep back again, and develop into vigorous stalks. This is true only of the plants grown from seed sown last year. Old alfalfa plants when once lifted by the frost action seldom recover. The same is true of the clover plants from which hay was cut last season. A considerable number of these plants were lifted during the winter and will die, if not already dead.

Although hay is much lower in price in the market today than for a few years past, the farmer is highly gratified over the fine prospects for a good yield of hay and abundant pastures coming on.

## Anniversary of the W. M. Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Trinity Reformed church celebrated their first anniversary on Thursday evening, March 27th, in the Sunday-school room of the Reformed church. A brief history of the society was read by Miss Jennie Thomas. Missionary articles were read by Mrs. J. H. Puff and Mrs. Samuel Shoop, and selections bearing on the subject of missions were read by Miss Rebecca Kreamer and also Miss Tillie Keller. One feature of all the missionary meetings of the society is a letter from a missionary in the field, either Home or Foreign. The letter from Missionary Fosse was read by Mrs. Dr. Bitner. Mrs. J. H. Puff and Mrs. S. S. Kreamer sang a duet, accompanied on the organ by Prof. P. H. Meyer. One feature of the program worthy of special notice was singing of a missionary selection by four boys, namely: Shannon Boozer, Lynn Bitner, Fred Lucas, and Russell Reish. This is the first time during the present pastorate that these young people sang for us, but we do hope that this is not the last. If the boys enjoyed the singing as much as the audience, they will be ready again when called upon.

The missionary Society used this meeting as a good time to solicit new members, and secured the names of eleven, five active and six honorary members. Thankoffering boxes were distributed among the members of the society and others. These Thankoffering boxes are to be returned and opened at the next anniversary of the society one year hence. The meeting then closed with prayer and benediction by the pastor.

## Millinery Opening.

Our opening begins today (Thursday) and you are invited to call and look over our entire new stock of millinery goods. You will find these goods stylish in form, in trimmings, and material. There is not a bit of trash—but everything is carefully selected with a view of pleasing those who want stylish, nobby headwear. Selections have been made with the idea of being able to furnish suitable headwear for all ages and for all purposes. The children, the young people, the middle aged and the more elderly will find something here to suit their tastes and needs. We aim to please our customers. Our prices are much below that asked for the same material in the larger towns. We are content with smaller profits than others, but not with less stylish and up-to-the-times goods.

Mrs. JOHN T. NOLL,  
Pleasant Gap, Pa.

## Low Fares to the West.

Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets to Rocky Mountains, Pacific Coast, Western Canada, Mexico and Southwestern points on sale daily March 14 to April 14 inclusive at reduced fares. Consult nearest Ticket Agent, or David Todd, D. T. A., Williamsport, Pa.

April 3rd.

## LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. David Kline Writes from the Land of Sunshine and Flowers.

Editor of the Reporter:

It is such a joy to know that every Tuesday morning we will have news from dear old Pennsylvania and the messenger being your valuable paper.

California is again singing her own praises, all traces of the recent and unprecedented frosts have been washed away by long and copious rains. Every moss hill and foot hill is arrayed in living green, and thousands and thousands of acres of barley is spread before the eye in unparalleled green splendor. The grand old Sierra Madre (mother mountain) range is covered with a cap of snow, while her rugged sides has a dress of green. All nature is smiling and everything continuing to make the incomparable landscape one of beauty and varied scenery. The orange trees are beginning to bloom and the air everywhere is filled with their fragrance. The lemon trees, most of which were frozen enough to shed their leaves, are putting forth new leaves and it is thought they will be laden with blossoms and that the frosts will have been a benefit, and California will have a better crop of lemons. This is the time of low railroad fares to California, and tourists are piling into Los Angeles at the rate of four thousand a day, and on some days more.

This is surely a strange and wonderful country, land of sunshine, flowers and song. But amidst it all my heart turns with longing to the dear homeland. It, too, will soon be putting on its spring dress of green. We often hear it said in classic college halls, that, "Beyond the Alps lies Italy." But dearer far to me is the fact that beyond Nittany Mountain lies Pennsylvania. There was my happy childhood spent. Still fresh in the halls of memory is the babbling brook, where my brothers and I fished. I with banded pin for hook, following safe (with old dog Jack) in the rear. How swift the bright sparkling stream rushed over its pebbly bed, in its mad haste sweeping the bush grass that grew on its banks aside, as if to say:

"I chatter, chatter as I flow  
To meet the brimming river  
For men may come and men may go  
But I go on forever."

Oh those were happy days, and I feel like saying,  
"Backward, turn backward  
Oh time in thy slight  
Make me a child again  
Just for tonight, just for tonight."

People the dear old home with the friends of my childhood, so many of whom have entered the low green tent whose curtains never outward swing, while I am dwelling in the land where sets the sun. But I some time and other hope to visit the old home and meet the friends that still remain.

I will close by quoting a few of Nixon Waterman's soulful lines:

"There's a dear old home in the Far Away,  
A soft, song nest where the children play,  
A realm of rest where the old folks stay,  
In the land of the long ago."

"There's a dear old home where the roses twine,  
And the fruit hangs ripe on the tree and vine,  
Where the fates were good to me and mine,  
In the land of the long ago."

MRS. DAVID KLINE,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

## WHY HE DOES IT.

Druggists Murray & Bitner Give Reasons for Selling at Half-Price.

It isn't often that we have faith enough in the medicines put up by other people to be willing to offer to refund the money if it does not cure, said druggist Murray & Bitner to one of their many customers, but we are glad to sell Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia on that plan.

"The Dr. Howard Co., in order to get a quick introductory sale authorized us to sell the regular fifty cent bottle of their specific for half price, 25 cents and although we have sold a lot of it, and guaranteed every package, not one has been brought back as unsatisfactory."

We are still selling the specific at half price, although we cannot tell how long we shall be able to do so. Any person who is subject to constipation, sick headache, dizziness, liver trouble, indigestion or a general played-out condition, ought to take advantage of this opportunity. If the specific does not cure them, they can come right back to our store, and we will cheerfully refund their money.

adv.

Thomas L. Smith, the tinner, and dealer in stoves, etc., is now located in his new place of business in the Reporter's new building, next door to his old stand. He has on hand a fine line of stoves, cooking utensils, spout iron, roofing, etc., and will be ready to serve you at any time. He is handling a line of stoves that for both appearance and quality are superior to any heretofore offered, and prices are reasonable.

## Classical Conference.

The Classical conference of the every member canvass campaign held its meeting in Trinity Reformed church, Centre Hall, on Tuesday evening, and all day Wednesday, of last week. The Tuesday evening program consisted of two addresses, one by Rev. A. M. Schmidt, D. D., Bellefonte, on the "Heidelberg Catechism and the Church of Today." The other by Rev. Wm. E. Harr, Lock Haven, on the subject, "The Benevolent Work of the Reformed Church." Considering the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was good and the addresses were both excellent.

The weather of Wednesday almost closed the conference. The delegates to arrive on Tuesday evening, besides the two ministers already named, were Samuel Corl and J. H. Neidig, of Pine Hall; Mr. A. Luckenbach, of Bellefonte, and Mr. Wm. P. Krape, of Aronburg. Mr. J. S. Wise, treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, of Philadelphia, arrived Wednesday morning and later in the day Rev. W. D. Donat and family, of Aronburg. Mr. J. S. Wise was the Conference Leader, and conducted the conference in a masterly way. The morning and afternoon sessions were a true conference, with ample discussions. The attendance by the members of the Centre Hall congregations was good notwithstanding the rain, and all seemed to enjoy the discussions.

The closing session of the meeting was held on Wednesday evening, at which Rev. Wm. E. Harr presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. D. Donat on the subject, "A Worthy Part in the Campaign," and by Mr. J. S. Wise, Philadelphia, on the general subject of Missions.

The object of the conference was to arouse greater interest in the great work of the church, namely, Missions. New facts were presented, and old truths reiterated, and a deep interest was taken in the work of the convention.

## THE SPREADER THAT SPREADS.

The New Idea Indorsed by the Hartman Stock Farm Company, in Ohio.

On April 29th, 1911, there was conducted a great contest on the Hartman Stock Farm, at Columbus, Ohio, in which a number of manure spreaders were put on trial. The report of the contest is given below, and was written by a sales agent of the New Idea, who sold the Hartman Company the spreader engaged in the trial, and arranged to supply the farms with spreaders as the ones then in use were put out of commission. The report of the contest, signed by E. T. Henderson, follows:

"Gentlemen: I just completed the Field Trial on the Hartman Farm, ending in a two days and bitter contest with the great Western, Fearless and the New No. 4 20th Century Endless Apron. This was the greatest contest I ever witnessed under the most difficult circumstances.

"The International Harvester Co. had twelve of their most able and highest salaried men in the battle, including the General Agent. Their machine was closely followed by 3 or 4 experts, but with all their efforts we whipped them to a frazzle.

"They finally loaded up a larger load than they had ever unloaded, drove up to our spreader and said: 'Now let us throw our load on the New Idea from the New No. 4,' which I allowed them to do. After it was all on I took off the back rail and asked them for another load to finish out with which was furnished. I spread it without trouble. The load was about 56 inches high. Then I went out and put on a load and said that we would have reciprocity, as was suggested by the Farm Sup't, Mr. Betz.

"They loaded on the New No. 4 machine and though they had 3 large piles, which would possibly weigh 1500 lbs. each, they failed. They broke their machine three times, and their wrecking crew was still working on the machine when the day was done. I did not know that we would have anything but the Great Western when we were started but it seems that they were all after the plum.

"They accepted the machines we had here and ordered of us three machines which are to be shipped within a very short time, and they stated that they will fill in with our machines as fast as the others give out, and many of them are about gone."

The New Idea Manure Spreader is purchased in car lots by J. H. Weber, Centre Hall, and sold by him. adv.

You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it effects. For sale by all dealers. adv.

How do you like it in the new home?

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

All the township schools closed this week, after a seven months' term.

Stylish millinery goods, at the most reasonable prices—Mrs. John T. Noll, Pleasant Gap.

Chester Homan, of State College, was at the Homan home east of Centre Hall over Sunday.

Miss Anna W. Keichline, the Bellefonte architect, has drawn up plans for the new hospital at State College.

Daniel Klinger is now tenant on the Van Tries farm vacated by Charles W. Weaver. Mr. Klinger formerly lived in the vicinity of Houersville.

Walter H. Traub, a student in the Suquehanna Seminary, was elected pastor of the Lutheran congregation, at State College, to succeed Rev. I. B. Sassaman, resigned.

If you are a subscriber to the Centre Reporter and have changed your address, please notify this office. We want every issue of the Reporter to reach you and reach you promptly.

The split-log drag was used in Millhelm to clean the surplus mud off the streets. The editor feels like printing this notice in every column of this issue of the Reporter. It is a suggestion.

Kindling saturated with a mixture of coal oil and gasoline and set on fire under a boiler in the Coburn creamery plant, caused an explosion, but did no harm other than to burn Andrew Fryer about the head and face.

The lawn is reupputting on the green, and the garden rake is finding its way to the yard. The rubbish piles in the rear are now ripe and ready for removing. Centre Hall does not have "clean-up" days—every citizen cleans before his own doors.

Assessor D. A. Boczer delivered assessment notices bearing the information of the assessed values of real estate, personal property, and occupations. The appeal will be held in Centre Hall on April 17th. This is the triennial assessment, when real estate values may be changed.

Charles W. Weaver, who for a number of years lived on the Van Tries farm between Centre Hall and Linden Hall, and who made sale of his farm stock and implements a short time ago, is now living in Lock Haven, and tells the Reporter he had good luck in moving, and is all fixed up in his new home.

The State College Times in this way tells of the destructive storm that passed over the western section of the county: Last Friday a destructive storm, accompanied by wind, hail and rain, passed over this section. The Dr. Houser barn near Meeks church was unroofed as were also the barns of Milo B. Campbell near Fairbrook and J. C. Corl at White Hall. The Dent Peterson barn roof was scattered for half a mile. Outbuildings and fences were wrecked.

The extension of the local branch railroad to State College is again the topic receiving considerable attention, and all sorts of rumors are afloat. It is also intimated that the New York Central is edging to gain a march on the Pennay by purchasing the road from Bellefonte to State College so that it can reach the coal market there. The one thing desired by the College management is the extension of the L. & T., so that State College may be reached from both east and west.

There are several boys, yet in their teens, in Centre Hall, who are making desperate efforts to get themselves into a bit of trouble. They are aching to be brought before the bar of justice, and were it not for the beatrices it would cause their parents, would now be under arrest. These striplings are going from bad to worse, and it may after all not be a kindness to them to permit their deeds to pass without being called to account. They have committed offences ranging from swiping eggs from hens' nests to outright theft. There is a possibility, too, that some one much older, is now holding some of the book. There may be a chapter to print later.

James W. Sweetwood, who since early last fall has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Irvin Shirik, at Glenn Iron, was in Centre Hall for a few days, and from here went to Potters Mills to visit his son Edward. Mr. Sweetwood for many years lived in Georges Valley, and gained a reputation there for raising luscious strawberries. Sixty years ago Mr. Sweetwood was a frequent visitor to Centre Hall, but although living but a short distance from here his call last week was the first in five or six years. He notices many changes in that time. In a few weeks Mr. Sweetwood contemplates a visit to Wisconsin, where his son, Harry E., is a prosperous farmer at Clarno.