

DEMOCRATS FAVOR TAX LAW REVISION

AN IMPORTANT MEASURE BEFORE LEGISLATURE.

INJUSTICE OF PRESENT SYSTEM

To Establish a State Tax Commission—Party Pledges Should be Kept—Will Afford Relief—A Most Important Measure.

The people of Pennsylvania now have the opportunity of measuring the sincerity of the professions of devotion to the public weal and fidelity to their platform pledges of Washington Party and so-called Independent Republican members of the State Senate.

There has been much criticism by the leaders and newspaper organs of the Washington and Republican parties over the failure of certain Democratic Senators to stand by their platform pledges on the Woman's Suffrage constitutional amendment.

A Democratic Bill.

A peculiar situation in regard to this measure is the fact that while both the Washington and Republican party platforms declared in the strongest terms for just such legislation, while the Democratic platform had no plank covering the subject, it required Democratic initiative and united Democratic support to get the measure through the House.

Only three Democrats opposed the Benson Bill—Flynn, of Elk; Sassaman and Rothenberger, of Berks. On

the other side of the House, among the Washington and Republican party members specifically pledged to just such legislation, sixty voted against the measure were recorded. Among these opponents was Speaker George E. Alter, originally hailed as a Progressive of Progressives, but who has given increasing evidence as the session drags on of a disposition to "go along" with the old machine when his vote and influence are in demand.

A Most Important Measure.

No bill before the present session of the Legislature is of more vital importance to every taxpayer of Pennsylvania than this Benson Tax Commission Bill. Its sole aim is to equalize the assessment of corporate and individual property and to require the equal taxation of all grades and forms of property.

Naturally, the corporations are not enthusiastic over the proposition to compel them to pay reasonable taxes after having escaped such payments since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, and every influence will be brought to bear upon a sympathetic and reactionary Senate to defeat the bill. It is, therefore, a duty of every citizen who believes in equal and just taxation to demand of his Senator the support of the Benson Bill.

The Bill's Provisions.

The bill as it passed the House, provides that "all kinds of property, real, personal, mixed or corporate, now the subject of taxation, shall be assessed for all purposes according to a fair cash value and at the rate fixed by law for state, county, city, borough, township, school, road, poor and other lawful purposes, and there shall be no discrimination in favor of or against any person, persons, partnership, association or corporation for profit."

To accomplish this end three commissioners are to be created to be appointed in the first instance by the Governor, and later to be elected by the people, each to receive \$6000 a year and to serve four years. No more than two may be of the same rank and no more than one of the same rank shall be of the same party.

progressive legislation in the House was the only member who had the temerity to defend the present system of taxation. Mr. Baldwin made a characteristic speech in which he placed a valuation upon all corporate property in the State and to a portion its value among the various taxing units, for assessment and taxation for local purposes. It is also to have the power to equalize the assessment of the property of individuals in all parts of the state, subject to the usual appeal to the courts. All property, including real estate, will be taxed for state as well as local purposes, and in addition public utility corporations are to be required to pay an excise or franchise tax to the state for the special privileges granted by the state. Elaborate machinery and detailed methods are provided in the bill for the carrying out the purpose of the act.

Injustice of Present System.

Mr. Benson, the Democratic sponsor of the bill, in speaking in behalf of the measure, pointed out the familiar fact that, while corporate property in the state, according to official reports, is valued at nearly \$10,000,000,000, and real property now assessed for local purposes at less than half as much, the corporate property of the state are actually contributing nothing to local government, and only about \$22,000,000 to the state, while the owners of individual real estate are paying \$100,000,000 for the support of all forms of government. In other words, the individual owners of real estate are paying nearly six times as much in taxation, in proportion to the value of their property, as are declared the Benson Bill "a dangerous and revolutionary step," just as every other measure aiming to lighten the burdens of the people, give them greater power in government, or cease their exploitation by special

privilege has been denounced by him. The Baldwin idea is a perfect representation of the habit of mind of the Old Guard, whose throttling hand on the throat of the people is gradually loosening in spite of their frantic efforts to maintain their grip.

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A MESSAGE TO WOMEN

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