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## SPEECH

OF THE

Hon. A. K. McCLURE,

hage duties upon all the internal im - and travel. provements of the State, delivered in the Senate, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1861.

Senator from Berks cannot be ignorant of the fact that since the construction of the has chartered a company to occury precisely the same route as that a-ked for by the Baltimore and Onio, leading directly through a portion of our State into Baltimore, without impo-ing a farthing of tax either upon tonnage or passengers, and the corporation is bankrupt, and the road has pever been made. This is the brilliant revenue scheme that has been blasted, according to the theory of the Senotor from Berks-a road that no one will build, whose stock is valueless, and whose bonds are worthless. I need hardly say that I refer to the Connellsville

road. Senator to say that in the Act incorpora. we not discriminate again-t lines leading his want of intelligence. tonnage tax imposed ? Do I under-tand upon passengers !

trammel the trade that entered their sea the revenues of the State by commuting cial people, and had the State impo-ed port; and, in after years, when our own the tonnage tax. Our revenues would twenty mills it would have occasioned Legislature re-chartere: the same route certainly be greater with such a tax than little or no concern. In accordance with to a Ponnsylvania company, to carry the without it, and it imposed equally upon the illineral spirit that has so long and produce of our own people to a toreign Birks and Dauphin, Franklin and West | so fatally characterized our legislative city, no tax of any kind was imposed. I moreland, would be much greater still - policy, a tax of five mill- per ton was tru-t the gentleman under-tands me now. But it must be remembered that we have levied upon it- tonnage. When the road His grand revenue bubt le has been pier had no revenue from this source for three | was built, and its great sources of wealth ced and it wastes into nothingness. The years, and the State was never more pros. to Pennsylvania were foreshadowed, the untold millions of revenue which he mais- perous. It is, therefore, not now a ne. | tax was found to be destructive of its useted we had bargained away, in order to cessity; and we provide in this bill that if | fulness and pro-perity. The Legi-lature con-truct the Pennsylvania railroad, it shall ever become a necessity, it must be was compelled to recede a step and the proves to be the offerings of a road that rein tated on the Penn-ylvania Railroad, tax was reduced from five to three mills,

tempted to bring it into life, although it the great is ue is above the question of phia and Harrisburg lighted by gas made

remarks with his claims to frankness and that equanty that is due from the govern. our conmerce, and our producers of eveintelligence. I believe that he meant to ment to every class and section of our ry kind, and add scores of millions to the pealed the tax absolutely. But for the fight this bill fairly. I do not question people, I cannot understand why a ton of taxable wealth of the State. The con- unfortunate aistake of the Legislature, the sincerity of his convictions in resisting goods must pay a tax when it passes struction of the Pennsylvania Railroad in proposing to receive a bonus of a milthis measure; but he has mailestly stud- through Laucaster to Philadelphia, and has, in ten years added fifty millions to lion and a ball for the release of all tax ied the question-his array of tables and why it must go free if it passes through our taxable property along its line; and, es of every kind, Pennsylvania would now State? whether it will not stand the practical ability of Prof. H. but affect to calculations, so often appealed to in sup. the county of Berks. Upon this point in addition, it pays in legitimate taxes, be surpassing both New York and Maryport of his position, gives evidence that the Senator was strangely remiss. In independent of tonnage duties, what is land in every element of commercial prohe has exhausted his mathematics to his almost frantic energy in advocating a the interest of nearly two millions of our gress and advancing industry. New discharge his duty be faithless to his con- Specifics are daily gaining currency and swell the tide of ruin that is to overwhelm tax upon tonnage, he should not have for. dett. For this it is treated as a nonster York has set the example by uncoudi- victions. Brave, true men, seldom fall, becoming "household words" with the us when the bill shall become a law. It gotton that equal and exact ju-tice to all, and a cur-e. It pays more direct taxes tionally repealing all taxes, upon tonnage, is but fair therefore, on a quetion so mo- in imposing the turdens of the State, is for State purposes in ten years than the as soon as Pennsylvania aroused from her mentous in its results, to bold him to a one of the first duties of the Lugislature whole county of Berks has paid in the slumbers and stretched her iron bands The constituents of the Senator from round them has adopted the new idea. strict accountability for his startling dec. When he leaves his beautitui City of last century. Still it is to be regarded over the Alteghenies to compete for the larations; and I shall leave to him the Reading for the commercial conportum of as a mere beast of burden to the State wealth of the west, and Pennsylvania task of explaining how he has reared for the Commonwealth, he passes over a road while every other railroad i- incorporated could hesitate to follow only at her peril. himself such a frightful monument of running through the trustful farms of his on the principles now recognized by all She has hesitated long, and has suffered constituents, that has a capital considers, other States, and all other enlightened immeasurably therefor. We bowed to them and of the State. Pennsylvania ken from Timothy Titeout's "Preach-He seems to have resolved upon the bly greater than that of the monster cor. nations. If it be for revenue, remember imperative State necessity in reducing sensation style of oratory-a style per- poration that has thrown him into such it is thrown directly upon the strong arms this tax, again in repealing it on certain haps well adapted to his clarion voice and violent paroxysms on this floor to night; of your own sons, who make your torests of our own products, and again in rehis admiring constituents when clustered that pays less than one third the ordina wase with golden barvests - your acount praise is to die: so much is cer around the hu-tings-but the Pennsylva ry taxes to the treasury paid by the Con tains yield up their exhausties riches- ence to the same imperious rule, we next mortals, wending his way to his seat in tain. What lies beyond? No one who his Senate over higher and hoher duti a trai road; and yet it has never said a tar. who start the hum of your spindles, and recede from it again, or the wealth of a the House of Representatives. His eye is passes the charmed boundary comes back to a Commonwealth than tickling acti- thing of tax upon its tonnage. Can be the rude music of your forges-who rear liberal age will recede from us. The undimmed, and his heart still strong in to tell. The imagination vis to the realm quated fancies or resi-ting true and en- inform thi- Senate why the farmer, fac your schools and churches, and scatter time has come when, in ju-tice to our its fidelity to his convictions. His race of shadows -- ent out from some wintightened progress by perverting fact, and tor, or miner, who lives to the interior or to wild profusion, the beauty and bounty State and its energies, we must declare is well night run, and he shall soon be dow of the soul over life's re-tless waters figures. He was most unfortunate in his western part of the State, along the Penn- or progressive civilization. And it falls that here, as in all the world beside, in- gathered to the city of the silent, unwept -but wings its way wearily back with no very starting point. I was amazed at his sylvania Railroad, must pay a tribute to upon them unequally, and therein, at ternal commerce must be free. positive declaration that we had sarrificed the treasury for the right to reach a home millions of revenue by the con-truction of market while the farmer, factor, or all not for their own b nefit, but for the com- to debate this question in detail. It the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was lost ner, of Lebanon, Berk-, Schu, Ikili, &c., peting energy or rival cities-of rival seemed to be necessary that the misin wonder as to where he meant to rest a are unisxed." Suppose that we should. pretext for the a-sumption. At last the to day, in pose a tax upon the tonuage of The Senator from Berks is also mista. carnestness and positiveness should be cor. of Gov. Wolf now, by every philantro. cleaves her nightly passage across the upexplanation came, and the right of way the Reading road, upon the more than ken in the a-sumption that the Pennsyl. receted, lest men here and elsewhere of the Baltimore and Obio Railroad two million of ton- of coal it annually sama Railroad games a million and a half might be misled into condemning a meas through a portion of our State westward carries to market, as well as the rich bar by this bill over the bill of 1-57 for the undis- beneficent system of universal education. nel stars challenge each other as they was the canvass on which the thulling pie vests of the farm, and the truits of the ale of the Main Line. By Every village or rural school, where the walk their nightly rounds, but we catch ture of wrong to Pennsylvania was pain furnaces and factories, which have no is the truth B, the Act of 1857, the this bill we make positive provision for humble and the opulent can alike have no syllable of the countersign which gives ted. And what is it when reduced to other channel for transportation? In the Ratiroad was to be released from all tax. the payment of our State debt, and under trained the immortal minds committed to passage to the heavenly camp. Shut in! simple, unvarni-hed trut . 1 A- the first present depressed condition of our indus es upon tonuage, and also from State tax our smended Constitution no tuture Leg- their care, is a monument as enduring as Between this and the other life there is a begis ation was had before I was torn, the try it would be gar a thousand houses, es on all its property perpetually, in con. islature can divert the means we are now the hills to the wiscom of Thadeus Ste. great gulf fixed, across which neither eye Senator from Berk will excuse any want and paralyze countless energy and capi sideration of the payments, with phens and his coadjutors, who braved the nor foot can travel. The gentle friend of details; but the main fact- are tew and tal. It we should adopt the policy of the batt millions additional for the Main Line the ordinary resources of the Sinking prejudices of their day, looking to the ineasily understood. In 1827 the Legisla- S. nator from Berks, he surely cannot re- Under this bill it pays, as the Senator Fund, will entirely cannot re- Under this bill it pays, as the Senator Fund, will entirely cannot reture of this State granted the Battimore sist its general application; and it we were trom Berks admits by bis own multipole quarter of a century; and in five years greatness of the government. It may repture-stricken eyes, a smile of meffable and Ohio Railroad the right of way over to impose this tax upon the industry of cation table, more than it owes for the our State taxes can be reduced nearly if bave cost him success, if you pleasu; it joy upon her hips, and her hands folded our soil; and as it was the corporation of hi- own people, he could not return to hi- Main Line with interest, and pays it, mot quite one-half. We propose also to may have driven him from power, as over a triumphant heart; but her lip- were a rival State siming to build up a rival con-tituent. Yet, what answer could be too. to a much shorter time than its concommercial city, a tax was imposed by the make to their lamentations? He could tract with the State demands; and he over. sylvanta by requiring the Railroat com- year reared the banners of "no free terms of the charter, upon it- tonunge, and only say that he advocated the doctrine looks the very important fact that in ad- pany to reduce its tariff for focal freight, schools," and protested in these Halls aperhaps upon its passengers. This would of taxing the energies of the people of the dition to that, they pay annually, for all so as to destroy the present untair, but gainst being compelled to educate their doubtless have been a fruitful source of State, and that the State had acce; ted bi- time to come, the regular rates of tax, perhaps until now unavoidable, discrim- own sons-the future guardians of our resenue to our treasury, but for the sim- theory—that it had not wronged his peo upon all their property, which now amount ination against home trade. We require free institutions; but to truth belong the Chase, lately advertised for a loan of ple fact that the corpora ors or stockhol- ple, but had been ju-t to them. Do I ere to the interest of near two millions of dollars, and in response ders declined to accept it. But how the in this! If I had digeed a pit and fall n their bonds. We have thus a certain and not to the Corporation-by compelling a blesses the policy of the friendless New Pennsylvenia Railroad company, then into it on this question, by appealing to steadily increasing revenue from the tax. reduction of freights to the exact amount England adventurer. He is to-day the nearly a quarter of a century in the fur the passions or prejudices of my own peo es of this corporation, in addition to its Representative of the leading country of mation of the treason at the South, adture and authought of by any one, is now ple, I-hould, I think, at least be silent when payments to the State for thirty years reserved, with the obviously just condition to the East, ebosen by a unanimous vote; vertisement was made asking proposals to be held responsible for that loss, will one portion of the State asks a erely to under the provisions of this bill. certainly be difficult of satisfactory expla- te placed upon terms of equality with Another tatal blunder of the Senator notion. It is true that in later years the those I represent; or if silence would not from Berks - and perhaps the least excu. well as upon the people of the interior in enduring national fame. Where are charter was renewed to the Baltimore and answer. I would ay boldly -tax my con sable of all -is his a-sumption that the and western counties. Ohio, and it is also true that when the stituents, tax all, for all should pay slike construction of the Reilroad destroyed And when this struggle shall have been and triumphed on the tide of prejudice! sions of the new government are with the Central road was incorporated it was en. Is the S. nator from Berks prepared for the value of fatalism to Forgotten! Certainly unknown, save to people whom it seeks to govern. If what setted that if a certain portion of the Cen- this! It so, he is consistent, and he wents. He based a consistent and he wents. He based a consistent and he wents. He based a consistent and he wents. tral route should be completed within a should to morrow bring in a bill to tax of his argument on this point, and press. statutes, pray who will not rejoice? Turn ular ignorance. It is so of those who the South, they lack confidence in their given time, the right of way for the Ma- the thritt and sinews of his admired and ed it upon the Senate with almost start. to Philadelphia, the second commercial gave us public improvements. They cost own leaders, and if they have confidence. ryland road would then cease. But the admiring constituents. If be is not pre- ling earnestness. I cannot think that he and the first manufacturing city of the she State some good men, and gave it why is not the loan of their government pared for such a law bow in the name of i- utterly indifferent to the truth of his Union. Eleven millions of her capital many very bad men; and although their at once taken? These facts speak with justice can be demand that this un qa! as umption; but when the facts upon this are embraced in the thirty million re- management may te blotted with infamy, more force than any declaration of prin-Penssylvania Railroad, the Legislature restriction shall be imposed upon others? important feature of his comedy of er- quired to build the Penu-glvania Rail- and their history be but an unbroken re- ciple which could possibly be made by here. We not only tax the tonnage of figures are on the shelves of this Hall- ry of trade, scattering wealth profusely bavegiven us advancement- they have give prove the difference of the people in both our farms and mines transported to or how are such mi-takes, going to the very on every side as it progressed-rearing en us hundreds of millions of wealth, and sections, and the justice of the cause anifrom any point between Harrisburg and beart of his argument, to be explained I town as if by magie, and adding to the opened up for our great State its present mating each. The great majority of the Pittsburg, while all our other lines lead. So far from the Railroad destroying the value of every acre of soil to which it o glory. Is this not the truth of history? people at the North, their labor and their ing to Philadelphia are free; but we have Main Line of our public works, their rev- pens an avenue of transportation. They And has the time not come, in this noon- capital, are devoted to the Union, not of opened a direct route to New York from enue steadily increased from year to year have reduced the cost of transit nearly tide of the nineteenth century, when a States for sectional objects or for purpothis place, over which our produce can after the Railroad was built. The Rail- one half, and we now mean to reduce it Pennsylvania Senate can rise above un- ses of defending impracticable dogmas. be carried free to a rival city, while it is road brought to our State millons of pro- still more; and although millions of tax. founded prejudice, and move onward with but for ends and aims that are national taxed if it goes through Lancaster to our duce that otherwise would have sought able property bave been added to the liberal progress of the world around and secred. The government that is noown great emporium of trade. Is this rival channels of trade, new sources of Commonwealth to enrich its treasury, we us? If we would do so, we must make able to elicit the confidence and support

Berks, representing as be does a constit. it takes our life blood, it must be paid - nal of the State to-night on this question. Mr. M'CLURE. I certainly said no nevery that has free transportation, recon Pray, who made the contract and what They may be told that while none-no edge of classical language was not quite ses to colored secret societies, including such thing. I stated, I think distinctly, eile his opposition to this bill with that is its history? The bill incorporating the not one -ventured to detend the policy complete, had been sick, and on recover- Masons and Odd Fellows, if white to be that a charter was given, and a tax im- golden rule that bids him do unto others Penn-glvania railroad company was of taxing tonosgr, yet a large minority ing was told by his doctor that he might fined \$500, or confined in the pentruli ney posed upon tonnage, and it may be upon as he would have them do unto him? thrown upon our Legislature as a meas voted steadily in favor of it because they take a little animal food. 'No Sir "said for not less than five nor more than ten passengers; but the people of Bultimore I must here refer, in plain, practical ure of protection to our State, in the feared they should not be su-tained -- be; I took your gruel easy enough, but years, and if free colored, to be soldant hever accepted it. They were too wise terms, to a point that has elicited the bit- midst of the movements of rival cities to They have created and cherished preju- hang me if I can go your hay and outs." slaves.

-they looked too carefully to the inter- terest denunciation from the Senator from tap our commerce. It was not the child ests of their commercial city-thus to Berks. He insists that we will diminish of favor even with many of our commer-

On the Act for the commutation of ton- is free from all restrictions upon tonnage revenue. Shall Penn-ylvania be para. from foreign coal, that the suicidal polilyzed in her energies in a great struggle of of the Lagislaturo was clearly mani-Let me here suggest to the Senator for the wealth of a continent, by unequal fested. A tax of three mills per ton per from Berks how his eloquence might have taxes imposed upon her own capital, her mile on coal and lumber was absolutely The Senator from Berks, (Mr. Clymer,) appealed to this Senate with all the pow own energy, her own industry! Shall prohibitory; and Virginia and Europe has certainly achieved a brilliant success er of justice. Relying upon his premise, she stand still while all the world moves took possession of our coal markets, while in greatly astounding bimselt; and I risk as harmonizing with a correct State poli- on ! Shall she be as a giant, bound hand untoid millions slumbered in our mines. little in saying that he should be prepared cy, he should have gone farther than band foot, while on every side of us and our own people were pleading for the for another sensation when he shall dis- merely to demand that the transporter, the liberal teachings of experience have privilege to develope them. Again the cover how seriously and strangely be has on the Pennsylvania Railroad shall pay a given new impulses to every tide of wealth Legislature had to recede, and the tax erred. I do not mean that he has erred tax to the State. I can appeciate his and enlightened legislation has gathered upon coal and lumber was repealed, and in any matters of theory, or of judgment, flattering encomiums, lavished upon his to rival commercial marts around us that millions of tons have found a market or of State policy-for such errors I was own immediate constituents. I concede which a benefic-nt God marked on this since, to the exclusion of foreign con petfully prepared, and meant to excuse them; even that they might raise their hands great map of nature as the tribute of our itors. The same inexorable laws of trade but when so learned a Senator as the and thank God that they are not as Western Empires to Penn-ylvania? It which demanded the abandonment of the gentlemen from Berke defies facts and other men-that they are not radical, wayfin time, effect a million of direct rev. policy of taxing tonnage on certain artithe simplest rules of arithmetic I scarcely reckless innovaters. But when we come enue, or ten millions if you please, while, cles, applied with equal force to every know how, ven in charity, to reconcile his to the question of taxation, looking to in the same period, its removal will enrich

States-of rival thoroughteres.

rors are of such easy access -- when the road They constructed this great arte- cord of peculation and wrong, yet they convention of Southern politicians. They just to Philadelphia? Is it just to our trade were created along the line, and all interpose an artitrary, unjust statute, and our internal commerce free; we must une of those whom it aspires to govern, is unown producers? Is it ju-t to to the State? of it had to pass over the Columbia Road repel the wealth of other States. It can shackle our own producers; we must in- worthy of the respect and recognition of The tax upon tonuage is either right and as it burried onward to build up our own go to New York, it can go to Baltimore, vite, by an enlightened policy, the rich others, and should not be permitted to Mr. CLYMER. Do I understand the should be abandoned. E-pecially should eloquence of the Senator is forgotten in sions to a foreign market, without any that seeks the sea-board, and let it build ization and religion.

ting the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, or to our own city, or in other words make But when all argument is answered. Pennsylvania it has passed the bounds of merce, and new energy and increased giving it the right of way, there was no our trade to a foreign city free, while it we are met with the allegation that it is a liberal ideas. The next generation will prosperity to our people. is taxed when it comes to enrich our own solemn contract. They tell us that it is be amazed when reminded of the earnest him to say further that there was no tax State and p ople. Can the Senator from so denominated in the bond, and although struggle in the highest legislative tribu-

Baltimore twice refused to make, and and be also levied upon the Reading and But even that amount was a positive pro-Penn-ylvania still refuses to make, and and other roads. Then it will be just, hibition upon certain articles; and it was that has given bankruptey to all who at bowever unwise may be the policy. But not until our coal dealers tound Philadelton of produce of every kind; and in 1857 the Legislature again receded and re-

> lea t, unju-tly It fails upon them, too Sir, I had not intended, and did rise statements made with such apparent his memory will be cheri-hed, as is that thereal wilderness. The crescent moon tion that, if ever re-instated, it -ball visit standing confessedly at the head of his its blessings upon the people of Berks as delegation, and second to but few if any yet no proposition has been made to sup-

restrictions whatever; but when it enters up our cities-give new vigor to our com-

petty contests with petty men, and they than consistent. Sir, it is bumiliating to witness this yielding of grave legislators remember that he is not to legislate merely for to-day; that he is called upon to act on questions which most tell upon the pro-perity of the State when he and I ball have passed away. He may have and the schemes of the reckless; but the true test of a public measure by which a sworn legislator should be guided, is its ago is not that of to day. inherent justice-its proffered blessings to the people who have confided their interests in our hands. The sculptor of old who was employed to prepare a statue for the pinnacle of a temple, brought it be own art. Old school physicians will not fore the people and they jeered and derided him as they stood face to face to the ungainly, ill shaped form. But he had not chi-eled it to stand before them; and ave it beauty and symmetry, it extorted the unmingled applause of the multitude Sir, it is only too true that this question, late Professor of Theory and Practice in confessedly right, braves prejudices in the Homeopathic Medical College of Philsome sections which time alone can dis- adel, his, has made the most remarkable pel. However priceless its fruits, there improvement of the age in the discovery are those who will not understand it; but and preparation of his Specific Homeopa-I prefer not to be one who shall shape this Remedies, which dive to the Homeothe statue so that when placed above the pathic System of all intricacy and uncertatal prejudices of the day, it will prove tainty, and gives the people Specific Remunsightly and ill-proportioned because it edies for almost all the ills to which they

Berk- he-itate long and more slowly to accept any departure from the policy of their fathers; but the man who leads them to liberal progress will deserve well of The following beautiful passage is taturns to day with pride to the men who ing upon Popular Proverbs," which the were in advance of their time. Go to Springfield Republican is now giving to our national capital and you will wee a the world: it may be by a single kin-man within our olive leaf in its beak as a token of mergborders. He may have erred in his po. tog life beyond the closely bending horilitical policy, but when all his real or im | zon. The great sun comes and goes in aginary errors shall have been forgotten, heaven, yet breathes no secret of the ephist and patriot, for giving to Pennsyl per deep, but tosses overheard no mes-

A rough individual, whose knowl- sons in the State. Persons renting hon-

Toleration in Medicine.

The practice of Medicine is of pecessifear to be just to a mighty Common. ty progressive. It had its origin in the wealth, lest new men should supply to Decessities of the race, and rose from the them for the crime of being right rather most obscure and awkward beginnings .-The first practice is necessarily empirical. Medicines are not used with refer nee to to error. The Senstor from Berks should any particular principle, but because a drug has been siven in a similar case with benefit, it is recommended again -As the domain of positive knowledge becomes enlarged, new methods of cure. new remedies, and new doctrines obtain. to combat the prejudices of the ignorant and the old and less efficient become obsolete and are laid aside. The practice of ten years ago is not that of twenty five years past, and the practice of ten years

Yet all experience has shown notwithstanding these facts, open and known to all men of reflection, that physicians are proverbially intolerant of progress in their see any good in Water Cure, or in Homeopathy. Cures may take place every hour all around them, yet every possible means is resorted to in order to evade their force. s be raised it to its place, and distance Hoa eopathic physicians justly complain of this intolerance and are yet just as amenable themselves. Dr. Humpbress was fashioned to make the world stand are subject; yet the profes-ion are far still. I subait to Senators whether this from welcoming the new method. They issue is not the inevitable policy of the acknowledge the learning, genius, and searching test of time and experience? - consider his talents and zeal misapplied while the timid, time serving pas- away people, and the profe-sion will probably with the errors that flung them into life. remain unconvinced until everybody a-

The Great Mystery

vania, in advance of her prejudices, a sage and di-plays no signals. The sentiwhose eyes we closed in their last sleep

Which is Acceptable? The Secretary of the Trea-ury, Mr. offers were made, tendering thirty three millions Immediately after the combialso for a loan of several millions, but as ply Jeff Davis with a dollar. From this those who fought the battles against him, we can judge how acceptable the provishould be universal, or it is not right and commerce. Look at the records, and the it can pass through the British posses offerings of the industry of every State obstract the path in the progress of civil-

> The new code of law for Maryland contains a very stringent enactment against all secret societies of colored per-