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### The Direct Tax.

At the beginning of the war of '61 the general government in order to provide for the extraordinary expenses levied a tax against each state in proportion to its population and wealth. The loyal states paid the tax, but of course the rebellious states refused to pay, and have not paid to this day. The previous Congress passed an appropriation bill to refurd this tax to those states that had paid, but Cleveland vetoed the bill because under it, the South would receive very little money. The bill was again called the arrests were made. Marshal up by the present Congress and despite almost the unanimous democratic opposition it was again passed and having a republican President in the chair the bill will be signed. Under it more than one million and a half dollars will be received by Pennsylvania. How did our Congressman vote on this measure does some one ask? Of course he arrayed himeelf against it and on the side of the South. This appropriation will assist in reducing taxation in Pennsylvania. The democratic statesmen grow red in the face over taxation but always vote against every measure tending to lighten it.

Speaker Reed's Course in Congress Commended.

IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Seyfert, of Lancaster, offered

Mr. Seyfert, of Lancastet, onered a resolution as follows:
WHEREAS, Hon. Thomas B. Reed,
Speaker of the Fifty-first Congress,
by his rulings on the question of a
quorum, made vital the principle
that represtatives in Congress were
elected to transact and not obstruct,
delay and prevent legislation, and
the big coverge and firmness in endelay and prevent legislation, and by his courage and firmness in enforcing the ruling secured the passage of important and necessary measures, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives heartly endorse the action of Speaker Reed and commends his course as wise, states

mends his course as wise, states manlike and patriotic and deserv-

ing of the thanks of the people.

The reading of the resolution was greeted with loud laughter on the Democratic side. Skinner, of Fulton, moved to add to the resolution. that the House endorses Senator Cameron for voting for free coinage of silver and freedom of debate. The Speaker decided the motion not germane to the subject. Gillan of Franklin, offered a substitue that "The House do most earnestly con- induce him to settle. But very dif-"The House do most earnestly con-demn the action of Speaker Reed as being arbitrary and revolutionary." Sutherland. He was taken by This was rejected, yeas 55, nays 86, Marshal Barring from the train to

can members of the House his pass a distinctive portion of the House resolve anything. The Speaker decided the point well taken, and Ritlife. ter's amendment out of order. Mc-Neelis, of Cambria, offered the following as an addition:

Resolved Further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the next

This was voted down, and the yeas and nays were then called for on the original resolution, and it was adopted by a strict party vote, yeas 84, nays 53.

As twelve other Speakers in the history of our Congress have been more or less honored by petty par-tisan opposition to the usual vote of thanks on the day of final adjourn-ment, Mr. Reed need not mind the Democratic refusal to compliment him. Maybe he doesn't. It is quite possible that he regards it as quite as decorative a compliment as their favor would have been.

CLAIMS IT WAS BLACKMAIL.

utherland says He Gave the \$10,000 Judgment Note Under Duress

WILKES BARRE, March 8 .-- A nother and sensational feature in the case against H. E. Southerland, of Hazleton, charged with sending indecent matter through the mails came to light vesterday.

Southerland, as already reported was charged with sending through Rev. John Donohoe, now presiding elder of the Danville District of the the note. Methodist Church. He was arrested Saturday. February 28, in Hazleton by Deputy United States Marshal Barring and brought to this

On Monday he gave a judgment note for \$10,000 to Rev. John Donohoe, \$4000 of which was assigned to Marshal Barring, and on Tuesday the case was practically withdrawn, and he was discharged on his own recognizance.

Yesterday, Hon. John Lynch, attorney for Mr. Sutherland, made an application to Judge Woodward, open this judgment for \$10,000, on the ground that the note had been extorted from him by threats and mailed. coercion.

MR. SUTHERLAND'S STORY.

In support of his Mr. Sutherland made affidavit to an extraordinary story, which, if true, makes the whole case look very much like a conspiracy to blackmail. His story, under oath, is substantially as follows: On Saturday, February 28, The bill was again called the arrests were made. Marshal O'Brien went down to Hazleton armed with a warrant. They arrested Sutherland and George Mane, editor of the Sentinel, in the evening, allowing them no time to communicate with friends, but dragged them off to the train. In utter defiance of the law they refused to al low them to enter bail at Hazleton. Both Sutherland and Maue demanded to be taken before United States Commissioner - Hill, at Hazleton, and stated that they were ready to enter bail to any amount for a further hearing or for appearance at court.

> But Barring refused to allow anything of the kind. The two men were hustled off to the station and put on board a train. They were separated and not allowed to see each other again.

> Barring stuck close to Sutherland. In going to the station Mr. Sutherland had met C. W. Kline, a prominent Hazleton attorney, and told him he was under arrest. Mr. Kline stated that he would telegraph to John Lynch to meet Mr. Sutherland at Wilkes-Barre and look after his interests. Barring and O'Brien heard this, and Sutherland never got a chance to see Mr. Lynch.

At the Wilkes-Barre station they were taken away separately. George Maue was escorted at once to Commissioner Hahn's office, where he was admitted to bail for a further appearance on the following Tuesday. There was no testimony taken. a strict party vote.

Ritter of Lycoming, moved to amend so as to make it read: "The South Main Street, and up to a third The township officers of Cherr. Republican members of this house heartily endorse, etc."

Brooks, of Philadelphia, raised the point of order that the Republican members of the House could not the penitentiary for many years, all upon the enormity of his crime, and Monday. his property taken from him, and these parts. his family ruined and disgraced for

Then Commissioner Hahn and Detective James O'Brien came around to Barring's residence. The poor old man's fears were again worked on, and having reduced him to a sufficiently desperate condition, he was allowed to go. He was taken to the Luzerne House and registered as Mr. Williams, of Williamsport. He stayed there until Monday morning, and all day Sunday, and Sunday night. Barring watched him, keeping him until Monday might. Barring watched him, keeping him until Monday morning him until Monda ring watched him, keeping him under his thumb, allowing him to com-

municate with no one. Sears, of Bloomsburg, arrived, on patrons of the house. the scene. He was an intimate

be sided with the prosecution, enlarged on the fearful consequences of a conviction, and urged Sutherland to settle.

Then the final act began. Suther, land was told that for \$10,000 the whole matter could be hushed up and settled, the prosecution would be dropped, and nothing would ever become known to the public.

The pressure was enormous. poor old man, half sick terrified out the mails printed circulars libeling of his life, and utterly without friends or advice, yielded and signed

> Upon hearing this testimony Judge Woodward immediately granted a rule to show couse why the judgment should not be opened, and made it returnable March 18, when the whole matter will be investigated.

LAWYER LYNCH'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Lynch was seen and stated broadly that he regarded the case as one of the boldest, most shameless conspiracies for the purpose of blackmail ever conceived. There was no question that Mr. Sutherland had acted foolishly and criminsitting in Chambers, for a rule to ally in having anything to do with the libelous circulars, but for that he should be punished, not black-

> The position in the case of Rev. Samuel W. Sears, pastor of the M. E. Church at Bloomsburg, is a most obtain that position he had taken singular proceedings. He wanted to get Donohoe removed and wrote many letters to Sutherland, furnishing him with information to be used in the circulars against Donohoe. He evidently knew that Sutherland was the author of the circulars, though he does not in his letters say so much. In one letter he says: 'Another circular will kill him as sure as fate."

He urged Sutherland to do all in his power to have Donohoe removed from the position of presiding elder, and himself put in his place. He told Sutherland that if he (Sears) ever got the position of presiding elder, Sutherland should be his right hand man, and be restored to all the power and influence in the church he formerly had.

These letters are now in the hands of Mr. Lynch, and will be forthcoming at the proper time.

When Sears, however, found that Sutherland was caught, he turned and urged Sutherland to sign the

What Marshal Barring Says.

WILKES BARRE, March 8 .- Reports are being sent out to-night that United States Marshal Barring and others obtained \$4000 to settle the criminal case now pending against H. E. Sutherland, of Hazleton, who is charged with sending obscene matter through the mails Mr. Barring says Sutherland tried to bribe him to effect a settlement, but he refused. The case will come before the United States Court at Scranton in April next, and Suther-land must appear and answer.—

### DUSHORE ITEMS.

F. F. Barner and wife spent Sunday at Towanda.

E. J. Billings of New Albany, was in town on business Monday.

W. L. Johnson spent last week

The township officers of Cherry were in town settling their accounts The rains the fore part of the week took nearly all the snow in

R. H. Brewer made a public sale of a large amount of personal property last Saturday.

It is rumored that S. S. Garey will close out his business at this place next fall and move with his

family to Texas. Jackson & Meckes, of Lopez have purchased the fine bar which was in S. S. Garey's store at this place and

placed it in their new hotel at Lopez. Miss Emma Hibbard, who has

James McGee has accepted a position as clerk at the Dushore House Jim" will make an accommodating On Monday morning Rev. Samuel clerk and cannot fail to please the

Fred Thomas has rented the Corfriend of Sutherland's, but coran store room recently vacated

Barth & Kester have just placed a new self-feed rip-saw in their fac-tory at this place. This firm is ever alert for an opportunity to make improvements, and they now have one of the best sash and door factories in the state and a good factories in the state and a good reputation as workmen.

Judging from the business done Saturday night it seems that J. H. Gwinner, our new chief of police, intends to preserve order in Dushore, and it is the hope of all good citizens that he will succeed. The lock-up had four tenants Saturday night and one Friday night. Two of the rascals, who were in one cell, broke out early Sunday morning and at this writing one has settled and the other has not been recaptured, but undoubtedly will be in a day or two as officers are on their trail

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