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TAXES EVERYTHING IN SIGHT.

The Democratic party while in power had taxed almost every conceivable kind of property for state purposes. It may be well to call your attention to the fact that on the 15th day of April, 1834, an act was passed imposing a state tax on all real estate and on horses and cattle over 4 years of age. Also on all offices of profit, professions, trades and occupations. On the 29th day of April, 1844, another act was passed extending the state tax to "all mortgages, moneys and interest, owing by solvent debtors." All these taxes went into the state treasury. None were left to aid in bearing local burdens. Upon all kinds of real and personal property a state tax of three mills on the dollar was levied. In those days of peace and general prosperity the real estate in town and country was subjected to a state tax, to help pay the ordinary burdens of the state government.

According to a careful estimate the value of the taxable real estate in the townships, cities and boroughs of the commonwealth is \$2,103,784,203. A three mill tax in pursuance of the act of 1834, on that sum, would amount to more than six millions of dollars annually. During the last 33 years, that is, since 1866, this one item of Republican legislation has saved to the Pennsylvania farmer and other real estate owners more than one hundred and fifty millions of dollars. If there be any who think that the Republicans of Pennsylvania have not measured up to their idea of relieving our real estate from its local burdens, I hope that he will bear in mind that as soon as peace came every acre of land in the whole commonwealth, all of her more than ten thousand hillsides and valleys were released from the payment of a single dollar towards the payment of the state debt or defraying the current expenses of the government.

WHAT REPUBLICANS HAVE DONE.

The state revenues from all sources are about \$12,000,000 annually. So that if our real estate was now taxed as it was in 1860 the taxes raised from it for state purposes would equal one-half of the state's entire income.

On the 2d day of June, 1871, a Republican legislature passed an act repealing the act of 1834, which had imposed a tax of 1 per cent for state purposes on professions, trades and occupations, over \$200,000. The act of 1871 has saved to the taxpayers many millions of dollars, and to that extent has assisted in bearing their local burdens. Again, by an act approved March 23, 1873, the act of assembly imposing taxes for state purposes on horses and cattle were repealed. I hope the Democratic orators will remember that since these years all town and country real estate, all trades, occupations and professions and all horses and cattle have been relieved from the payment of taxes to the state.

The public records will show that the state officials have faithfully applied the state's revenues not necessary to meet current expenses to the payment of the state debt, which on the first day of December, 1896, amounted only to the sum of \$6,815,305.47. This is a large reduction since 1860. This fact alone is sufficient to commend the Republican party to the voters of the state. Notwithstanding that so many local burdens have been removed from the shoulders of the people, amounting during the last 30 years to more than \$175,000,000, we have reduced the state debt that we inherited in 1860 of forty millions to less than seven millions.

The Republican party believes in and has done much in the cause of education. It holds that it is better to build school houses than jails and penitentiaries. It has ever used all honorable means to strengthen the cause of common school education. It follows as a matter of course that as the state appropriations have been increased for common school purposes the local taxes for that purpose have been correspondingly lessened. During the three years immediately preceding the election of Governor Curtin in 1860, the legislature appropriated for common schools as follows:

MILLIONS FOR THE SCHOOLS.

In 1858, in 1859 and in 1860 the sum of \$280,000 annually. I ask our Democratic opponents to look at the common school appropriations made by Republican legislatures. There was appropriated in 1885 and 1886 each year \$1,000,000; in 1887 and 1888, each year \$1,500,000; in 1889 and 1890, each year \$2,000,000; in 1891 and 1892, each year \$5,000,000; in 1893 and 1894, each year \$5,500,000; in 1895 and 1896, each year \$5,500,000; in 1899 and 1900, each year \$5,000,000.

These figures speak for themselves. They show an increase of nearly five millions a year, and to this extent has real estate been assisted in bearing its local burdens.

Prior to 1883 the indigent insane in the asylums of the state were wholly

"LEST WE FORGET."
REPUBLICANS, REMEMBER—ELECTION DAY, NEXT TUESDAY, NOV. 7. POLLS OPEN FROM 7 A. M. UNTIL 7 P. M.

supported by the various local municipalities. By the provisions of the act of June 13, 1883, the expense of the care and treatment of the insane poor of the state was, in the future, to be equally divided between the state and the respective counties. The amount paid by the state, since 1883, amounts to more than \$7,000,000 and aggregates more than half a million of dollars annually.

It has been the constant trend of our legislation to put more burdens on the state, and to that extent the townships, cities and counties have been aided, and overburdened real estate has been assisted. It is self evident that it takes just so much money to sustain the local, municipal and state governments. The more you add to the state the less you collect from the others. In the two items of indigent insane and common schools the state pays out of its treasury six millions of dollars a year. To that extent every farm and every village lot is correspondingly benefited, and to that extent relieved of local taxation.

In accordance with the provisions of the revenue act of June 7, 1891, three-fourths of the personal property tax is returned to the respective counties. The amount returned for the year ending Nov. 30, 1895, was \$1,575,019.70. The amount of personal property tax returned to the several counties for the year ending Nov. 30, 1896, was \$2,038,936.04. The act of June 9, 1891, takes the entire retail liquor licenses from the state and gives them to the different localities. This is something never before done in the history of the state. They amount to more than one million dollars annually. In addition to all these things, the state pays the entire cost of the judiciary, which amounts to a half million of dollars.

According to the auditor general's report for 1896, the amount of the four mill tax on personal property amounted to \$2,716,207.94, which represented an assessment, principally of moneys at interest, of \$679,051,985. Of this tax there was returned to the several counties \$2,038,936.04. The taxes on the various kinds of corporations in the state have been, by recent legislation, greatly increased. By the act of June 8, 1891, the tax on the capital stock of corporations was increased from three to five mills, an increase of 66 per cent.

TAXING THE CORPORATIONS.

As showing the increase of taxation imposed on the capital stock of corporations, I will cite the amount paid during a few years of the recent years. Tax on capital stock in 1878, \$1,364,256.83; in 1883, \$2,089,032.03; in 1896, \$3,482,920.38; in 1898, \$5,651,967.57. These figures are taken from the official reports, and show that the capital stock tax of corporations has been increased 400 per cent during the last ten years.

As the state officials began to receive so large an amount of taxes from corporations and other sources the balance in the state treasury was accordingly large, and on the 15th day of June, 1897, an act was approved by a Republican governor that had been passed by a Republican legislature requiring the state treasurer to collect from each bank, banking institution or trust company in which funds of the state are deposited, interest on the amount of said deposit, at the rate of 2 per cent per annum. So that today every dollar belonging to the treasury of the state is bearing interest. And yet the people everywhere are being told that the Republican party has been derelict in its duty as the guardian of the public money.

NOT A DIME LOST.

No one charges, or dare charge, that a single dime of the public money has at any time been lost. Every dollar ever paid into the treasury of the state has been accounted for. The charges made against the Republican management rest upon rumors and not upon any tangible facts.

In the face of the foregoing facts and figures who will say that the Republican party will not make a long advance in the way of aiding real estate in bearing the burdens of local taxation? The revenue act of 1891 increased the tax on mortgages and moneys owing by solvent debtors from three mills to four mills, 33 per cent. It also raised the tax on capital stock of banks, railroads and other corporations from three to five mills on the dollar, or 66 per cent. I submit to an unprejudiced public that the legislation directed by the Republican party since it came into

control of this state has been directly in the line of the equalization of public burdens. Since that time, as I have already stated, all real estate, all trades, occupations and professions, and all horses and cattle have been relieved from the contribution of a single penny to the expense of supporting the state government.

It is most respectfully submitted that the Republican party of Pennsylvania has a record of which its members have a right to be proud and with which it can confidently go before the million of intelligent voters of the commonwealth and ask and expect to receive their continued confidence and support.

Harrisburg, Oct. 31.—While the Democratic orators have been going around the state dealing in glittering generalities in criticism of the Republican party, the management of the state treasury and the character of legislation enacted under Republican leadership, the people have been enlightened by the facts from the records of the legislature and the accounting officers of the commonwealth. General Jerome B. Niles, of Tioga county, former auditor general of the state and a close student of finance and questions of taxation, is one of the most respected and honored citizens of Pennsylvania. His writings on the subject of equalization of taxes have commanded favorable

REPUBLICAN VICTORY MEANS PROTECTION, UNCHANGED MONEY, TRADE EXPANSION AND FULL DINNER PAILS. VOTE THE WHOLE REPUBLICAN TICKET NEXT TUESDAY, NOV. 7. POLLS OPEN FROM 7 A. M. TO 7 P. M.

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comment from students of political economy of both great parties. In a letter to General Frank Reeder, chairman of the Republican state committee, General Niles reviews the present political situation in Pennsylvania, and among other things says:

We are within a few days of election. This is what is sometimes called an off year in politics, but it is not. It is true there are but state officers to be elected, but the result will be of national significance. A Democratic victory or even a reduced Republican majority will be hailed by our Democratic opponents from the Atlantic to the Pacific as a repudiation of the national administration and its conduct of our foreign policy.

Upon the questions and the legislation involving state issues for the last 30 years Republicans ought to be more than willing to meet the Democratic party. In their effort to forget the past in this great state our Democratic friends fail "to point with pride" to a single measure originated by them, having for its object the good of the people. They have been upon the wrong side of everything in the state for a generation. Hence they content themselves in this campaign in abusing the Republican party, in stately periods. They are very far from the exact truth.

A commendable thing done by the Republican party is the care it has taken of the children of its dead heroes and of those who are living and yet by adverse fortune are in indigent circumstances. Pennsylvania stands almost alone in the work of making ample provision by which every child of a dead soldier has been fed, clothed and educated at the public expense. The Republican party, being the majority party, is responsible for the legislation on this

COLONEL BARNETT, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER, FOUGHT FOR HIS COUNTRY'S FLAG IN THE FAR OFF PHILIPPINES. A VOTE FOR HIM IS A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN'S TRIBUTE TO A GALLANT SOLDIER. VOTE THE WHOLE REPUBLICAN TICKET NEXT TUESDAY.

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8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c.
7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.
7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c.
2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.
8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.
No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c.
Best Sugar Coated Hams @11c per lb.
Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 45c.
Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.80
Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 90c.
Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 90c.
Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 90c.
Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.
Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.
Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.
Flour per sack \$1.00.
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Good Flour 90c.
Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.
Graham Flour 12 1/2 pounds 30c.
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COFFEE, 10c.
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COTTON, 8c.
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Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long,
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