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**TAXATION REFORM FOR PHILADELPHIA**

An Appeal to the Legislature in Behalf of Small Property Owners.

**FLAGRANT DISCRIMINATION CHARGED**

Legislation Requested Under Which the People Will Have an Opportunity to Elect Members of the Board, Who are Now Appointed by the Judges, to Supervise the Assessment of Real Estate.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, March 12.—Philadelphia is now demanding reform in the methods of assessing taxes, and she has appealed to the members of the legislature from the interior counties to assist her in getting through legislation which will bring about the desired result.

For years there has been complaint over what was declared to be flagrant discrimination in the assessment of taxes against the owners of small properties. Mechanics and other workmen, who, through industry and thrift, have managed to save up enough to purchase small homes, have been obliged to pay taxes upon assessments which represent full 85 per cent of the market value of their properties, while the mansions of the millionaires, valued at \$200,000 and upward, are assessed at but 25 per cent of what they would bring if placed on sale in the open market.

The assessment of real estate in this city has for some years been made by a board of real estate assessors, who are named by a board of revision of taxes. The members of the board of revision of taxes are appointed by the board of judges of the courts of common pleas.

The complaint is that by this round about system the people have no redress when they have reason to complain of the assessment of taxes. They cannot reach the members of the board of revision of taxes, who are a law unto themselves.

What the people now demand is that the present board of revision of taxes shall be abolished and that a new method of making assessments shall be adopted, under which the members of the board having the supervision of this work shall be elected by the people.

Bills providing for this reform have been introduced in the senate and the house of representatives at Harrisburg, and they are being pushed through as rapidly as possible. There is no doubt that in the event of their passing both houses they will be signed by the governor, who is in full sympathy with the movement for tax reform in this city.

Those who have for years, through the influence of the judges, controlled the patronage of the board of revision of taxes, and the real estate assessors naturally do not want to relinquish their power.

They have, therefore, started an agitation with the view of misleading members of the legislature and getting them to oppose the bills which are designed to give the desired reform. They have raised all sorts of objections to the proposed change and have sought to create the impression that the legislation desired is simply in the interest of certain political managers, whereas the contrary is exactly the case.

The men who now control the board are loth to yield their political influence which these positions represent.

REV. DR. CONWELL SPEAKS OUT.

Some idea of popular feeling on this subject can be had from a public statement from Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of the largest Baptist church in this city, "The Temple." In commenting upon this proposed reform legislation, he said: "It is a good thing; an excellent thing. There was never anything so completely un-American as the present board. I cannot conceive how the people of this city could ever have permitted themselves to give away their liberty to such an extent as to allow the foundation of a body constituted as this is. Understand me, I have not a word to say against the individual members of the board; they are estimable gentlemen; but it is the institution that is un-American. The people, in permitting its existence, have created a tyrant against whose dictum they have no redress. They have created a revisory board, which they cannot destroy, which has the power to tax them to ruin or to tax them to success. Once appointed, the tax reviser remains for life. It is a condition creative of abuses."

"The abolition of the board as at present constituted and the substitution of a body of men elected by the people, is the only logical way to Americanize the institution. I am very glad to hear that such a bill is before the legislature, and I sincerely hope that it will pass and become law. At present there is no way to cure an injustice. The members of the board are their own masters and masters of the people as well. A board elected by the people would be subject to the will of the people, which is as it should be. The

grievance is a serious one, and cannot be removed too soon. The wonder is that it has not been abolished long ago."

**PLAYING FOR DEMOCRATS.**

An attempt is being made by those seeking to continue in control of the board of revision of taxes to get the Democratic members of the legislature lined up against the reform bills. They are using arguments that this is a Republican "machine" move, and that it will hurt the Democratic party.

The facts of the case are that the proposed legislation will make this new tax board a non-partisan body, giving the Democrats the right to elect a representative on the board and to a share in the patronage.

**GORDON'S PERSONAL MACHINE.**

It has been a matter of public scandal for years that former Judge Gordon has practically dictated the selection of a large percentage of the Democratic real estate assessors. They have been looked upon as his principal political assets.

While Gordon was fighting the Democratic organization in this city, in order to get control of the local Democratic machine himself, these real estate assessors constituted an important element in his political organization. They were conspicuously active in Democratic ward and city conventions and nearly all of them were in the movement with David Martin to defeat Governor Pattison when Warwick was running for mayor. At that time Gordon and his political following was in the combine to defeat Pattison, and Gordon has been Pattison's implacable foe ever since.

Gordon is a bitter enemy of Col. Guffey and would not help the Democratic state organization unless it were to his own personal interest. He is regarded as one of the most selfish men in politics.

Upon the death of Mr. Loughlin, who for years was the Democratic member of the board of revision of taxes, Judge Gordon, who was then on the bench, brought about the appointment of R. A. Lukens as his successor, and he is today the Democratic member of this board. Lukens was the Gordon leader of the Eleventh ward and for years had control of the Democratic machine in that part of the city.

**HE KNIFED PATTISON.**

All of the Democratic appointments since made in the board of real estate assessors have been personal followers of Gordon, and those who declined to bow to the Gordon regime were retired from the board.

Friends of former Governor Pattison declare that but for Gordon's opposition and his deals with David Martin Governor Pattison would have been elected mayor of this city instead of Warwick.

**BIG DINNER TO QUAY.**

Plans for the great dinner to be given under the auspices of the State League of Republican clubs in this city in honor of the election of Col. Matthew Stanley Quay to the United States senate are progressing favorably. A meeting of the executive committee of the State League was held last night, when the matter was carefully gone over. The allied Republican clubs of this city will co-operate with the State League in this function.

It is intended that the occasion shall be made a notable one in the political history of Pennsylvania.

It is probable that the occasion will be made to cover two days. The plans under consideration contemplate a reception by a delegation of clubmen to Col. Quay on his arrival at Broad Street station on Wednesday, May 8, and late that afternoon it is suggested that a luncheon be given the Beaver statesman at the Union League, to be attended by about 400 members of the league and other representative Republicans of this city and state.

The big dinner will probably be held in the Academy of Music. The Academy has a seating capacity for 1,000 diners and with room for nearly twice that number of spectators. The present intention is to have the dinner on the evening of Thursday, May 9.

**Itching Scalp.**

Scald Head and the Most Violent Form of Eczema and Salt Rheum Promptly and Thoroughly Cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Among small children, scald head and similar itching skin diseases are most prevalent, and the worst feature is that these ailments, which are apparently trivial at first, almost invariably develop into chronic eczema if neglected.

There is but one treatment that physicians are unanimous in recommending for scald heads and eczema, and that is Dr. Chase's Ointment, the great antiseptic healer. It promptly stops the distressing itching which accompanies these diseases and positively produces a thorough and complete cure.

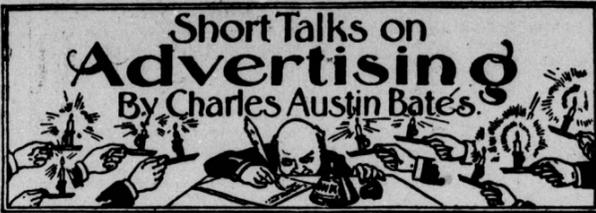
Scores and thousands of men and women stand ready to vouch for the merits of Dr. Chase's Ointment. It has brought about some of the most marvelous cures ever recorded. In justice to yourself and family, you cannot do without it in your home.

Mr. J. H. Grant, 716 Joseph Campan avenue, Detroit, Mich., writes: "For three years I have been troubled by an intense itching on my body. So terrible was it at times that I could get no rest night or day. I tried all kinds of ointments and blood purifiers, but could get no relief. Mr. H. A. Nicolai of 379 Division street recommended Dr. Chase's Ointment. A few applications stopped the itching and I have felt nothing since."

**Baby Eczema.**

Mr. F. S. Rose of 133 Sixteenth street, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "Our baby boy suffered for some time with that wretched eczema, and we were unable to find anything to cure or even relieve his pain. A few applications of Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment stopped the itching and healed the sores, and a bright, natural skin now takes their place."

Dr. Chase's Ointment does not cause pain when applied, but soothes the sore or inflamed surface, so cents at all dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



It is continuous effort that pays in advertising as in everything else. A business man doesn't keep his store open one day in the week or one week in the month, or three months in the year. If he advertises in such a way, that is the impression people will get.

It is continuousness that has made the names of certain patent medicines, baking powders, bicycles, soap and other necessities worth millions of dollars. Other men may make just as good medicines, and baking powders, and bicycles and soaps—but the people do not know it, and they continue to buy the articles that are persistently advertised.

People are very forgetful. They have to think pretty hard to remember the vice-presidential candidate two campaigns back, and yet he was pretty well advertised at the time.

It has been truly said that the time to advertise is all the time. In business there is no such thing as standing still. A business man must go forward or he will fall back. Even if you do just as much business this year as you did last, some other fellow is doing more business and he is getting ahead of you.

Each year's effort should be to exceed last year's sales. The only sure way to do it is to advertise. Advertise in busy times because the iron must be struck while it is hot, and advertise in dull times to heat the iron.

It can be done.

Copyright, Charles Austin Bates, N.Y.

**We are now Ready for the Spring Trade.**

Bedroom Suits in Oak, Mahogany and Maple, in either four or eight pieces.

These goods were bought in a large quantity for cash, so that we can give you a high grade suit at a low grade price.

**HOLCOMBE & LAUER,**

Furniture and Undertaking, Dushore, Pa.

Telephone call, Hotel Obert.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
Estate of Robert F. Rogers, deceased, of Hillsgrove Township, Sullivan County, Pa. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to  
E. F. IVES, Administrator.  
January 12, 1901. Muncy, Pa.  
A. J. BRADLEY, Attorney.

**Sheriff's Sale.**  
By virtue of a writ of Testatum Fi Fa, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, and bearing test at Laporte the 14th day of February, 1901, to me directed and delivered there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Laporte Borough, Pa., on  
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1901,  
at 11 o'clock a. m.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land lying and being situated in the township of Davidson, County of Sullivan, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz:

Bounded on the north by land of William Arms, east by land owned by Wm. D. or Esther Spearman, south by land of Henry Swank and west by land of Catherine Stroup and L. S. Wolvorton, containing 248 acres and 48 perches, more or less, deducting therefrom about 70 acres owned by Catherine Stroup, being the same premises conveyed to said Stephen Phillips by Anna E. Phillips by her deed dated May 11, 1896, and recorded in Sullivan County in deed book Vol. 23 at page 240.

Having erected thereon frame house, frame barn and other outbuildings. About 30 acres cleared, balance in timber.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of L. H. Phillips and Stephen Phillips at the suit of West Branch Building and Loan Association of Williamsport, Pa.

J. C. and H. R. HILL, Attys.  
H. W. OSLER, Sheriff.

**Williamsport & North Branch Railroad**

**TIME TABLE.**

In effect Monday Nov. 26, 1900.

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5:25	4:21	1:00	7:50	Penndale	7:30	9:50	11:55	3:57	4:41		
5:20	4:32	1:10	8:00	Hughesville	7:20	9:41	11:45	3:45	4:32		
5:15	4:40	1:20	8:10	Picture Rocks				3:37	4:22		
5:10	4:44	1:22	8:17	Lyons Mills				3:30	4:15		
5:05	4:46	1:24	8:21	Chamouni				3:21	4:11		
5:00	4:53	1:31	8:30	Glen Mawr				3:25	4:03		
4:55	4:54	1:39	8:39	Strawbridge				3:15	3:55		
4:50	4:51	1:45	8:45	Beech Glen				3:09	3:50		
4:45	4:50	1:48	8:50	Muncy Valley				3:07	3:45		
4:40	4:51	1:55	9:00	Sonestown				3:00	3:37		
4:35	4:52	2:02	9:10	Nordmout				2:52	3:29		
4:30	4:53	2:09	9:20	Mokoma				2:49	3:26		
4:25	4:54	2:16	9:30	Laporte				2:44	3:21		
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