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Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the
 News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

PROHIBITION AND TAXES

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—The Financial troubles and problems of West Virginia, and the burden that the tax payers are obliged to shoulder, is bringing home its lessons in cost of maintaining the public's political government, in a manner that the prohibition leaders of the state refused to believe, until a flat treasury opened their eyes. The legislature was reluctantly forced to acknowledge that prohibition carries with it the necessity for absolutely new and radical changes in methods of taxation.

West Virginia's experiences are decidedly interesting. Since the beginning of the year there have been three distinct legislative sessions, the purpose of each being to provide the necessary revenue to carry on the regular state government. The partisanship engendered by the new era of reform is so bitter that the first two sessions adjourned after refusing to pass revenue measures; but the third session finally concluded that in view of the fact that state officials and employees, teachers in the State University, and all others usually paid by the State, were turned away at the State Treasury, that something must be done to relieve the situation created by the loss of the \$650,000 annual income. Governor Hatfield was bitterly denounced by the more radical prohibition partisans for insisting on higher taxes to meet the condition of State finances, and the fact, as stated above, that two legislatures adjourned without furnishing relief to an absolutely plain necessity, shows how far issues can swerve people from a sensible business necessity. The State of West Virginia was actually compelled to declare a moratorium for sixty days before the members of the legislature would recognize the fact that when one of the greatest of the state's revenue powers was cut off, some method must be adopted to keep the wheels of government greased. When some of the schools throughout the state were in danger of closing for lack of funds the lawmakers woke up, and they made tax laws to meet the exigency. These taxes are heavier than those of the civil war days; that prohibition carries with it vital practical problems of government aside from the moral issues involved has been emphatically impressed upon the taxpayers of West Virginia, and they know now that if they continue prohibition that the startling increases inaugurated in taxation must be made permanent. The property tax rate has been increased from six mills on the dollar to fourteen mills, with a cash value assessment. Taxes have been doubled and in some instances tripled on corporations engaged in developing the resources of the state. The State Legislature passed what is known as the "Omnibus Revenue Law," and it doubles the charter tax, triples the tax on non-resident charters, and imposes an excise tax on one-half of one per cent on the net earnings of corporations. Insurance companies, banks and all domestic joint stock companies are heavily taxed. Mutual savings banks, cemetery companies and fraternal organizations, if operated for profit, are also subjected to this tax. Evidently West Virginia is about as wet, and also about as dry, as all other prohibition states in Charleston, a city of less than 25,000 inhabitants the record of six days last month in the police court, showed 69 cases where too much liquor figured. What is true of Charleston, is practically the condition throughout the state. Since West Virginia now knows that prohibition comes high

Crowding Out the Small Merchants

A great economic question is going to be brought squarely before the American people within the next few months, and upon the determination of the issues raised by the so-called Stevens bill, pending in Congress, depends in a very large measure the fate of the small dealer, and especially those in the smaller towns, in the unequal struggle that they are waging for existence against the great city department stores and the mail order houses. Every person who has kept his eyes open, must have observed that for some reason the big city merchants have been gaining ground, while the tradesmen in the interior have found the struggle growing constantly harder. The records of postoffice and express money order issues, and bank drafts purchased, clearly show that great sums of money that should be used in trading at home, is going to the mail order houses in the large cities. And the department stores in the great centres are monopolizing the trade, and the little stores are becoming fewer and poorer. This condition is attributed to "cut-throat competition," or price-cutting, and from every part of the country there has come a demand for the enactment of a federal statute that will enable manufacturers of staple articles to fix a price on their goods and compel the retailing at a standard figure, no matter where the goods are sold. The Federal Trade Commission is working in this direction, and the indications are that there is bad weather ahead for the handling of city interests that have been driving out the smaller dealers, and growing opulent and arrogant at the expense of the country merchants.

Extra Session Talk

Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, which makes him a very important factor in the political community of the Capitol. "Old Bill" dropped in to see the President the other day to urge the necessity of an extra session of Congress in October. The specific reasons advanced in connection with the request contemplate consideration of the scheme to hand over \$20,000,000 and an apology to Columbia because the United States "cut a ditch across Panama; and also to take up the proposed closure or "gag" rule in the Senate. The latter innovation is designed to prevent the endless system of speeches made in the upper chamber. Senator Kern, Democratic leader in the Senate, dropped in at the White House the same day, and "begged to differ" with the distinguished Missourian. He asserted that he thought an extra session would be inexpedient.

Doves of Peace

Colonel Bryan and Henry Ford called on the President the Sunday, and each expressed themselves to the effect that the country should not pile up big appropriations for "preparedness." Mr. Bryan takes the view that the established policy of the Government, whereby a couple of battle ships are voted annually, is about in keeping with the country's needs. His position in this matter is not generally understood correctly, as Colonel Bryan never has advocated a "no navy and no army" policy, as has been frequently

AMONG THE SUFFRAGISTS

In Equal Suffrage Kansas the only question the State asks is Is there a child the mother can't provide for; It doesn't waste time asking how it happened. Whether the father died, deserted, was divorced, or unable to earn money, Kansas considers irrelevant to the point which is That a State can't afford to neglect its children for of such citizens are made.

New York asks the child: I, your mother can't keep a home for you, why not? And, if the father is dead, the State does its duty, but, if the father has failed, the State makes that failure an excuse for failing itself.

Rudyard Kipling, the poet of the anti-suffrage movement, has lost his cocksureness that "when man gathers with his fellow brave in council he does not have a place for her" by visiting Rheims and looking into the faces of the women who have had to endure the agony of the war. "You are inclined to think," he writes, "that women will have a large say in the final terms. They have earned it a thousand times." He must admit they did not earn it by being as his world famous poem glibly asserts "more deadly than the male."

THE KING'S KINGDOM

The mid-week prayer meeting will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30. Come and tell us what faith verse of the Bible is your verse.

The covenant meeting of the church will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

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SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. V. L. Eggleston will preach on Sabbath morning at 10:30 as usual. Sabbath School at 11:30. Prayer Meeting on Friday evening at 7:30. Leader, Mrs. Lelia Livermore.

The federated service will be held in this church on Sunday evening at 7:30. Sermon by Mr. Eggleston.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Randall, Pastor

Sunday Services—
 The Sunday morning service at 10:30.
 The Sunday School service at 11:45.

Young Peoples Service

The Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30.

The federated service of the churches will be held in the Seventh-Day church at 7:30. Bro. Eggleston will give us the 2nd lecture in his series, and if he gives as good food as he always does we shall be well fed. Come and see.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister

The Communion, Oct. 3rd.

This will be a fellowship meeting for the entire church; a meeting not lightly to be regarded; a very important opportunity to renew allegiance and make a witness. Preparatory meeting Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2, at 2:30 in the church.

The Communion Sermon

The minister will endeavor to bring a word of good cheer and inspiration at this time. A fine attendance will be helpful. Plan for this hour.

The Young Ladies of The Endeavor

will give a roast beef supper on Saturday evening, Oct 2nd at 5:30. Your patronage is cordially solicited. 15c.

Other Meetings Important.

The Sunday School, Endeavor meeting and mid-week conference justify their existence manifold. Their being in existence demands support and interest.

The Federated Meeting

Mr. Eggleston will present a study in sociology: The Church Affecting Society. The mere announcement should be sufficient to draw large numbers. Who is not interested in this matter should hold a questionaire with himself. Every good citizen must be interested in any force that affects social life. Seventh-Day Baptist church at 7:30.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In pursuance to an order of the Surrogate's Court of Allegany County, New York State, made by Hon. Elba Reynolds Surrogate of said County of Allegany Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of John H. Kemp, late of the town of Alfred, Allegany County, New York, deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned executor of the estate of said deceased, at the law office of Charles M. Lash, at Andover, N. Y., on or before the 18th day of December 1915.

Dated at Andover, N. Y., May 29, 1915.

CHAS. M. LASH, Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Hon. James T. Ward, District Attorney and Acting Surrogate of the County of Allegany, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having claims against James F. McGinty, late of the Town of Andover, in said County, deceased to present the same with the vouchers thereof to the undersigned administratrix at the law office of Francis B. O'Connor, Baldwin Block, Village of Wellsville, said County, on or before November 1st, 1915.

Dated at Andover, N. Y., April 24, 1915.

KATHRYN PARDON, Administratrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Mr. James T. Ward, District Attorney and Acting Surrogate of the County of Allegany, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Rosella Perry, late of Andover, N. Y., deceased to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned executors of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, at the Law Office of Crayton L. Earley in the Village of Andover, N. Y., on or before the 2nd day of October 1915.

Dated March 20th, 1915.

ED. McLOUGHLIN, W. F. O'CONNELL, Executors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Elba Reynolds, Surrogate of the County of Allegany, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of David Slocum, late of Andover, N. Y., deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, at the Law Office of Crayton L. Earley in the village of Andover, N. Y., on or before the 3rd day of January, 1916.

Dated June 22nd, 1915.

PATRICK HYLAND, Executor.