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Where the Tax Problem Is

NO MAN in the United States is better informed on tax problems than Mr. Mark Graves, New York Tax Commissioner. In a recent address, Mr. Graves said: "Before we criticize and find fault and grumble at the size of our tax bill," he said, "we must, in all fairness, look and see why taxes have gone up, how our money is being expended and for what purposes. If we decide that it is desirable to have public improvements we should be willing to pay for them."

"And so that we may obtain the best results for our municipal expenditures, we should give more attention to the selection of public officials; we should take a more active personal interest in political affairs generally; we should give more attention to the selection of minor officials, such as aldermen and supervisors."

"The average taxpayer in any city is either too busy or too proud or too lazy to take much interest in the affairs of his city. He feels it would be beneath his dignity, perhaps, to enter the political arena. He leaves public affairs to be attended to, in many instances, by those who want offices for themselves or for some of their friends, or who have some favors to ask, or perhaps those who, because of dislike, are trying to keep another out of public office."

As we have many times pointed out, the farmers' real tax problem is a local one. It is more important to have a good supervisor than it is even to have a good president; but as Mr. Graves so well states, we are not going to make much headway on our local problems until we ourselves give more attention to the election of local officials and particularly to what those officials do after they are elected. Nothing that we can think of will be so apt to decrease our farmers' tax bills as to insist that the county government prepare a detailed budget of how it expects to spend your money, and then after it is spent, account to every taxpayer with a statement showing just how and why every cent was spent.

Out-Midasing Midas

IF MIDAS were living today, he would turn green with envy when he read that the total wealth of the United States is estimated at \$320,803,000,000. This is almost eleven times as great as the wealth of this country fifty years ago.

It is nearly four times as great as the estimated wealth of the nearest rival, the United Kingdom, and is greater than the combined riches of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Canada, Argentina, Brazil and China.

The real property and improvements account for 54.9 per cent. of the total; clothing, furniture and other kindred property, 12.4 per cent.; manufactured goods, 8.9 per cent.; railroads and equipment, 6.2 per cent. and all other wealth not thus classified 17.6 per cent.

The total estimated riches, divided by the number of inhabitants, gives a per capita wealth of approximately \$2,850.

And since the outlook for the year 1925 is so bright our national wealth stands in a fair way of being increased a substantial sum during the next twelve months.

Evidences of prosperity are to be found on every hand. Freight car loadings have reached the peak and the steel industry has plans to excel its pre-war capacity.

One company alone that owns public utility properties throughout the country has announced that it will expend \$11,500,000 on expansion projects in 1925.

Live stock and grain prices have been showing more strength and the general tone of agriculture is more promising than it has been since the post-war slump.

The new year should set a record for American achievement and there is no valid reason why Andover should not keep in step and reap the rich harvest that awaits those who take advantage of their opportunities.

Taxing the Future

THERE were more tax-free bonds issued during the first six months of 1924 than during any other period of six months in American history.

This is something that recommends itself for the sober consideration of every taxpayer.

Unless something is done to curtail the reckless and wanton method of taxing the coming generation to pay for present conveniences, there will be no end to the havoc that may be wrought.

Increases in taxes may be traced largely to the craze for issuing bonds in which investors place their money and avoid responsibility in paying for their just share of the cost of government.

The dollar invested by labor, by agriculture and by commerce ought to have an equal chance with the dollar invested by wealthy bond-holders in public improvements constructed under the direction of local or national politicians.

The League Controversy

THE whole League of Nations, it is asserted, aroused so much political ire in recent years, may be reviled by the representations of Germany, which seeks to have the rights of neutrals defined and to determine the extent of the moral obligations of member nations to enforce Article 10.

Students of the subject say that Germany's claims are based on the same principles as were contained in the 1914 reservations to Article 10, which were written by the late Senator Lodge and around which the campaign of 1916 was largely fought.

Freed from the rancor that political prejudice cause, a full and free discussion of these questions in the United States might be of some advantage, because it is becoming clearer every day that this country can not remain entirely aloof from European affairs.

Germany has placed before the league squarely, the question of interpreting Articles 10 and 16, a thing the league has evaded so far.

If the league should place a liberal interpretation on these two articles, certainly the United States would gain have to make known its attitude, because acceptance of Germany's position with respect to these two articles would be tantamount to inviting the United States into the league.

Refusing to come over to Germany's way of thinking would place the league in a hazardous position, because it could scarcely insure the peace of Europe with Germany not in accord with its attitude.

Furthermore, the league can never be of really vital importance in world affairs without the most powerful nation, the United States, in full sympathy with its program and ready to help carry it out.

When Tragedy Stalks

A PICTURE—An automobile filled with happy people returning home with thots of a happy Christmas; steep grade at the top of which is a railroad crossing; automobile engine chokes climbing hill and stalls on crossing; train, running fast to make up lost time snuffs out the lives of four persons and fatally injures a fifth.

Another picture—A district school house packed to the doors; nearly all the bags of good things have been passed into anxious little hands; jolly Santa Claus reaches for the last one and knocks over a candle on the Christmas tree; cotton used for decorations flames up; scores rush forward to put out the fire; the tree falls and the dry cedar pops as the blaze devours the dry branches; frenzied people break out window panes and the wind fans the flames; thirty-two dead all because of thoughtlessness.

This is not fiction but fact. The man who drove the automobile knew the train crossed the highway at the top of the steep grade and her knew that motor engines were likely to balk on cold days.

But he didn't think. The Santa Claus who played with death in the little district school knew the danger of fire was great and that lighted candles on dry Christmas trees decorated with cotton and flimsy ornaments were the tinder that might cause the tragedy which was enacted.

But he didn't think. When tragedy stalks, the principals never think and there's the pity. Countless victims fill graves all too soon because someone failed to think.

Public Benefactors

WHAT does it profit a man if he accumulates a fortune commensurate with his needs and then continues to make money just for the sake of adding to his wealth?

The logical answer is that it profits him nothing if he does not use the surplus above what he actually needs, for the good of others.

He would be unwise to retire, unless his condition of health made such a step necessary, because he would be unhappy in a life of ease and the community would suffer from the loss of his business judgment and experience.

The business which he built up would lose the value of his counsel and those whom he had given employment might be unwitting sufferers thru a complete failure of the enterprise in which he was interested.

When such a man reaches a place where he is financially independent, he can do untold good by continuing to make money and spending it for the betterment of others less fortunate and with less ability than he.

Such men discharge their full duty when they become public benefactors and use their wealth to good ends.

Many communities have such men, but Andover has never yet been so blessed. The day may come when someone will have enough interest in the welfare of Andover to do something with their wealth that will cause their memory to live long after they are gone.

Parentage

A CHICAGO scientist says that the child born of older parents has a better chance of attaining distinction in the world than one born of young parents.

He asserts that his investigations covering a period of almost 50 years shows many great men were born when their parents were well along in years and that most of the morons had young fathers and mothers at birth.

But is it an infallible rule? For every instance that he has cited, another one could probably be found that would disprove the theory.

While parentage doubtless counts, there is no hard and fixed rule by which the future of boys and girls can be estimated.

There are poor boys whose parental influence was valueless and who, when they became great, forgot the struggles, the sorrows and the problems of the poor.

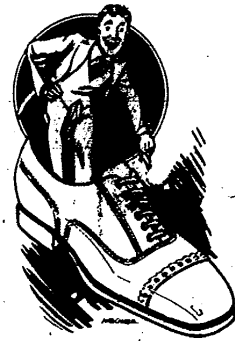
And there are rich boys who would be expected to inherit with their riches a kind of contempt for the poor—not bitter, yet sneering or at least patronizing, but who become great public benefactors.

To carry the contrast further—some preachers' sons become drunkards and prodigals and some drunkards' sons become preachers.

Thus it goes. And what does it all prove? Nothing much, perhaps, except the tangle of life and the uncertainty of all rules.

Prohibition agents seized 5,214 automobiles last year. But statistics are looking as to the number that escaped.

FIVE BIG SPECIALS



New line of Men's Oxfords, snappy styles, black and light tan shades, including Walk-overs and Daytonos \$3.95 to \$8.50

Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps, all styles, black, brown and light tan \$2.95 to \$7.50

Special Sale of Ladies' High Shoes, any pair we show for \$1.98

Children's Rugged Shoes for School \$1.75 to \$3.25

Men's Extra Special Dr. Charles black vici kid, blucher or plain toe shoe \$2.95

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OPEN WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS

OUR CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in this church, Rev. Walter Greene will bring the message.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

Rev. Walter L. Greene, Pastor. Sabbath Services at 2:30 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Bible School following the church service. Prayer Service Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Union Services in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sermon by Pastor W. L. Greene.

M. E. CHURCH

Rev. A. W. MacDougald, Pastor. Sunday morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Message by the pastor. Subject: "A Cloud of Witnesses." If there are young people or adults who desire to be baptized, there will be an opportunity given Sunday morning.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clare C. Conrad, Pastor. Sunday, February 8, 1925. Morning Worship 10:30, sermon "Safety." Sunday School, 11:45. Christian Endeavor, 6:15 p. m. Union evening service in the Presbyterian church. Prayer and Bible study meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. The World Wide Guild meeting, scheduled for this Friday evening has been postponed. Further announcement will be made Sunday. The Mission Circle will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge.

Notice to Gas Consumers

Inasmuch as it is impossible for this company to supply all of its consumers with a sufficient amount of natural gas for all purposes during the cold weather, it urgently requests that all of those who are using gas in furnaces that are constructed for the use of other fuel, please cease to use gas in such furnaces and substitute other fuel in its place.

We would be greatly pleased if we could supply all of the natural gas needed at all times but we cannot do so. Therefore it's use from our lines must be restricted to those appliances in which other fuel cannot be used, during the winter months. Empire Gas & Fuel Co., Ltd., H. Bradley, Pres.

Mrs. William Taylor. Mrs. William Taylor of Greenwood passed from life Monday morning, Feb. 2nd, 1925, after an illness of some months at her home on Church Hill in that village. Deceased was 62 years of age and had been a life long resident of Greenwood, where a large circle of relatives and friends mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Van Dusen of the Greenwood M. E. church officiating and interment made at Bennetts.

Franklin F. Teribury. Franklin F. Teribury, a resident of Wellsville for three years, died at Jones Memorial hospital at 12:20 o'clock Jan. 28, 1925. He was born in Dansville on Jan. 16, 1848 and was the son of Maynard Teribury and Mary (Foote) Teribury. Mr. Teribury had also resided in Elmira, Alfred and Andover before moving to Wellsville. He was married on March 6, 1880, to Violet Wands who survives him, together with the following children.

Mrs. Laura Woodworth, Alfred; Maynard S. Teribury, Ohio; M. W. Teribury, Wellsville; Mrs. Theodore Woodworth, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lawrence E. Teribury, Belmont. There are also two brothers: Alfred Teribury of Gold, Pa. and William Teribury of Greenwood.

The funeral was held from the Seventh Day Baptist church in Alfred, Saturday afternoon, Rev. Wm. Simpson officiating.

Beat Visitors on Local Alley in First Game of Series by 340 Pins.

The first bowling match in a series of three, to be bowled between Andover and Wellsville teams composed of boys under 20 years of age, was bowled on the local alley Wednesday evening. The local boys winning easily. The score was so one sided and the hour so late that the visitors gave up at the end of the second game.

Line up and summary: Andover 1st 184, 2nd 139, 3rd 144, 4th 179, 5th 150, 6th 146, 7th 149, 8th 138, 9th 150, 10th 143. Total 777, 739.

Wellsville 1st 121, 2nd 81, 3rd 136, 4th 107, 5th 87, 6th 119, 7th 200, 8th 101, 9th 105. Total 564, 612.

Healthographs

Beware the mad dog epidemic. If not carefully watched for the beginning signs, he will run rampant.

If such a possibility is noted, leash him to protect your family and others.

If he comes, shun him. If he attacks, hot him to death. See that the proper authorities aid you in his arrest and properly examine him.

Seek the advice of your guardians from such a savage. Remember that there are such guardians.

Better to have the favor of a guardian than the desperate efforts of a rescuer.

WANT ADVERTISING WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU in your campaign to find the buyer who OUGHT to own that property you want to sell—the man who will know that it ought to belong to him as soon as he sees it. Yes—there IS such a man!