

## The Personal Property Tax Discussion

Mayor Gaynor of New York recently addressed a letter to the president of the department of taxes, Mr. Lawson Purdy, asking what decimal would be added to the tax on real estate if personal property taxes were abolished entirely, and whether persons who pay taxes on real estate did not pay most of the personal property tax. In his letter the mayor stated that the personal property tax had driven many people to establish residences outside the city; that the personal tax law was crude and unscientific; that assessment of personal property was largely mere guesswork; that its injustice was grotesque; that in the list were names of people with no property at all, while many known to possess many thousands were not assessed at all that the law afforded an opportunity for extortion and bribery and leads to constant disorder in the city's finances, and that not over fifty per cent levied was ever collected, leaving a large annual deficit, to be added to the city's debt or relieved yearly in increasing budgets.

Mr. Purdy replied that probably most of the personal taxes paid were paid by the people owning real estate, and that, not estimating the decreased cost of collection, the addition to the real estate tax, if no personal tax were levied, would be 6 or 7 cents on each \$100. He also pointed out that the question presented by the mayor was not one of abandoning the taxation of all personal property, but of abandoning "the small relic of personal property now left." The tax on banks and trust companies alone, Mr. Purdy says, exceeds all the personal property tax collected, and is enforced with mathematical accuracy. Some classes of personal property have already been withdrawn by law, and additional taxes imposed on other classes; and "there are very few places in the state of New York where any attempt is made to enforce the law for the taxation of personal property. In this city the collections are trifling, and the law is a menace to our prosperity. Its enforcement drives from us property and business the presence of which would enhance the value of real estate by much more than the sum from which personal taxes are collected. The increase in the assessed value of real estate has several times been twice as much as the personal assessments on which taxes have been paid."

A circular prints along with this correspondence editorial extracts from 20 leading papers of New York city, and others, all of which earnestly support the suggested abandonment of personal property taxation. "Now is the time to get it abolished," says the Evening Post. "It is high time to scrap the system," says the Globe. "Grotesque, ludicrous, futile," are terms used by the Tribune. "It is time the farce were ended," says the Times. "It is ridiculous to retain a system the administration of which is a byword," says the Sun. The World says it "is wrong from beginning to end." The Press speaks of the "futility and error in principle" of a personal tax. The Brooklyn Eagle says it is a "nuisance." The Brooklyn Citizen says, "there is but one voice on the subject." The Brooklyn Times says, "Mayor Gaynor is on the right track." The New York Journal of Commerce denounces the tax as unequal and unjust. The Chicago News says it is "a sham and an injustice." The Boston Herald says its "record is an unbroken one of failure." The Kansas City Star says "there is no honest and intelligent consideration to support this discredited tax." Similar expressions of opinion might be multiplied. —Oregon Journal.

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## Wagon Road Bids Asked

Postmaster W. B. Curtis is in receipt of a notice from the Postoffice Department calling for bids for carrying the Coos Bay mail from Roseburg via the old Coos Bay wagon road. The bids are to be in by March 22, and it is expected that a number will be submitted.

The receipt of the request for bids removes all doubt, but that the department intends to put the service back on that route unless something interferes. The request for bids for that route was not made until bids had been secured for carrying it all over the Myrtle Point route. These bids were higher than the department expected, none being below \$30,000 per year it is said. It is understood that the department has assurances that the bids for carrying the Coos Bay mail via the old Coos Bay wagon road will be under \$15,000. This is a considerable increase over the last contract when bids of about \$8,000 were submitted. However the big increase in the volume of mail to be brought in during the last four years has made the contractors weary and this time they will protect themselves better. O. M. Barnard, the old contractor who is now at Eugene, and Laird Brothers are said to be planning to submit bids.

In the advertisement for bids, North Bend is made the terminus of the route. During the summer months, from May 31 to October 1, a twenty hour incoming schedule is provided and an eighteen-hour outgoing schedule is required. In the winter months, they are allowed twenty five hours to get the mail in and are allowed twenty-six hours to get the mail out. The outgoing time was extended owing to the fact that there is no train to make connections with and the extra time is permitted the contractors in order to let their horses take it easy. —Coos Bay Times.

## Engine Runs Away

On Saturday the most serious accident that has ever occurred to machinery on that road, happened on the Smith Powers line which runs up Cunningham Creek. Engineer Wm. Stoddard who has been driving "Shay" No. 4 was just starting out from the upper end of the road with his engine and one heavily loaded car. The point from which he started was at the top of a very steep incline and as soon as the start was made the engine seemed to act strangely. It started almost with a leap, and nothing Mr. Stoddard could do seemed to have any effect on the machine. The engine had two sets of air brakes, one direct to the traction wheels, and one for the cars, but neither seemed to have any effect and down the grade they sped at a terrific and increasing speed. After running some distance the car lost the rails and was soon a wreck the trucks being torn off. When he saw he could do nothing more the engineer told the fireman to jump, which he did, and later did so himself. Neither of the men were seriously hurt, but on a sharp curve near the county farm the locomotive left the rails and plunged into the hill on a grade, so completely wrecking the locomotive that it is hardly likely that it will ever be repaired. —Coquille Herald.

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## More New Buildings

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## SALOON AND LABOR.

Trades Unionism a Strong Factor in Promotion of Temperance.

The question of labor and the saloon was discussed by prominent labor leaders attending the federation convention at Toronto in Massey hall one Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Charles Stezle, a fraternal delegate to the convention of the American Federation of Labor from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, presided and made the principal address, saying:

The saloon and the labor hall must be divorced. In too many cities of our country trades unionists are compelled to pass through the saloon in order to get to their meeting places, and woe betide the man who doesn't stop to take a drink! Oftentimes the saloon keepers have a monopoly of the meeting places in the city, and many of the workmen of America are helplessly in the power of these hall owners.

It is the duty of the municipality to provide centers which may be used for the gathering places of the people in their organizations. In many instances workmen themselves have taken the matter in hand, and in some of the leading cities they have erected labor temples, which are used for the social, physical, intellectual and moral uplift of the people.

The day will come when practically every labor leader will be a total abstainer. In England practically every labor member in the house of parliament is an abstainer. The majority of the members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor refrain from drinking intoxicants.

John Mitchell declared that organized labor, in its fight for better conditions for the wage earner, was doing more to promote temperance than any other factors, and he declared that shorter hours of labor and increased wages resulted in added profits to the saloon.

John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, said the liquor business lowered the standard of efficiency of the workman and prophesied that the time would come when the forces of labor would be arrayed against the saloon.

The United Mine Workers, Thomas L. Lewis said, had prohibited their members from selling intoxicants, even at picnics. Education of the masses, he argued, would go a long way toward eradicating the liquor traffic.

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The committee consisting of Eva Hubbard, Maude Newman and Birdie Hoover desire to thank those who assisted in the home talent entertainment at the Bijou theater March 4th.

Owing to the large amount of sickness, only sixteen members were present at the meeting last Saturday but our corps is growing and you may look for great things in the future. Press Correspondent.

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The new order will of necessity hit such public men as W. J. Bryan, United States Senator Burkett and Brown, three of Nebraska's six representatives in Congress; Governor Stallenberger and others who are already on the list as extension lecturers. The chancellor desires to have lecturers for the benefit of those who listen, and not for exploitation of those who talk.

Extension work was made a part of the university about a year ago, and J. L. McBrien, who had just concluded four year's service as state superintendent of public instruction, was placed in charge of the department.

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