| $\mathfrak{C H t e r p r i s e}$ | New Year's Lecture. As we are now drawing near t | ter. |  |  | s |  |
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| as it may sonnd. Americans are the most lightly taxed people in the world |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| with the exception of the Russians. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The forty odd millions of people in thisconntry pay to the Government, altogether, less than $\$ 270,000,000$, in every |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| way, and the direct taxation representing even a smaller sum. In Russia the $\$ 400,000,000$ of publi- expenditures are |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\$ 400,000,000$ of publi- expenditures areraised from $85,600,000$ yeople, but thedifferent condition of commercial and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the amount in the United States. Rusif we were to exclude the millions of |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| its inhabitants who are practically, like our Indians, not taxed, it would beshown that the, real burden of the tax- |  |  |  | B.a |  |  |
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| shown that the real burden of the tax- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $25,693,000$ inhabitants, pays to the national and imperial revenue $\$ 370,000$,- 000 annnally. Next in order is Italy. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| with $26,000,000$ pegple and $\$ 294,000,000$ of taxes. Great Britain, the wealthiest |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| of all nations, collects: $\$ 400,000,000$from $31,628,000$ Britons. While inFrance the corresponding figures are |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| France the corresponding figures are $\$ 514,000,000$ for $36,000,000$ inhabitants. This is not such a bad showing for |  |  | The Colestal residents of Albany |  |  |  |
| America, and it shonld have some effect in mitigating the burden of croak-ing which assnmes that we are taxed |  |  |  |  |  | , |
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| ing which assnmes that we are taxed beyond our ability to pay. Of course it does not cover the question of local |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| it does not cover the question of local indebtedness, but before any one at tempts to complain as a victim of local $\qquad$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bas come to pass, that public servants chosen directly by his vote, and living |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| chosen directly by his vote, and living $e$, have been enabled to pile up such a debt and taxa- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| enabled to pile up such a debt and taxa- tion. And even the unsatisfactory con- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| pect of onr relations to Federal Govamong all the nations on the earth |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| have, in the past ten years, rednced the expenses of national government while promoting its efficiency. If we only |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| have sufficient intelligence to prevent our credit, we may, within a period of |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| two years, reduce our expenditures bytwenty millions of dollars in one item of interest; we may increase our |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| nue by twelve millions, by taxing coffee and tea without adding anything |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| to the real amonnt of taxation. And if we consider that in the Postoffice De- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| partment expenditures we have a direct |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bave in the future an indefinite capacityof expansion and nothing to mar ourprosperity unless it be our own mis- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| be such as to justify every bright hopeend sanguine aspiration, financial,political and social. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the proposition that sueh-and-such aroad is the only one that should bebuilt and then in the next sentence, andto the end of the article, piteh into thepersonnel of the opposing writer. While |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| are at all zealous of their rights, or atall alive to their interests. We have |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| and many an eye has danced to see thatbanner in the sky," we shall hold him in the greatest disrespect." |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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