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COMMITTEE OF THIRTY

Devising Means of Economy For the City.

PLAIN TALK BY JOHN HAHN

The Real Difficulty is to Get the Rich Men to Pay Taxes, Mr. Hahn Argues.

The committee of thirty met at the council chambers last evening to confer with the members of the council in reference to the matter of reducing expenses in the city and making the tax levy as low as possible. Judge Taylor, who was in the chair, said the committee did not come there to find fault nor to criticize, but to talk over and consider the question in all its bearings, and to get the city levy low enough, so that with the state, county, and school tax, the people could bear the burden. As a committee they represented a large number of taxpayers, with whom they had come in contact, and realized that unless taxes were materially reduced below the last levy, a large proportion would be unable to pay their share. "These are not ordinary times," the speaker said, "and while the committee knew that reductions in the expenses of the city had been made, as well as an increase in the revenues, heroic treatment was necessary in the way of a reduction of taxation."

The committee looked over the estimates of expenses for the year prepared by Auditor Osburn, and saw that a tax of 5 1/2 mills would meet the running expenses, without reducing the floating indebtedness. They therefore recommended that no provision be made this year for anything more than the needs of the government for running expenses.

Judge Bowby said that in Eugene a tax of 5 1/2 mills was levied, and he thought that that amount was a sufficient burden upon the people of this city. There was a feeling that some of the large holders of real estate should either be compelled to pay heavy taxes or forced to let someone else get the property, but the burden was felt by the small holders as well as the large. Neither could afford to pay a heavy tax, and there was no use compelling the city to buy in the property.

S. S. Gordon asked if city warrants would be accepted as payment for taxes, or would cash be demanded. Judge Taylor expressed the opinion that the city would have to accept the warrants.

Mr. Barker said there was an ordinance providing that a certain percentage of taxes could be paid in warrants, but that the council could take whatever action seemed best.

B. Van Dusen said the other members of the committee had expressed his sentiments. He thought the tax should be as light as possible.

Pat O'Hara said the best way was to borrow the money in the hands of the water commission and build no water works this season. The sally raised a laugh.

Wm. B. Adair thought the tax should be as low as possible, and that if the floating debt could be carried over for the year it would be a good plan.

Mr. Lewis said the committee on ways and means had already been discussing the matter, and contemplated levying as low a tax as would be sufficient to meet the needs of the government economically administered.

Mr. Bergman said he would vote for the tax of 5 1/2 mills, as recommended by the committee of thirty.

Captain J. H. D. Gray thought that as the recommendation for a 5 1/2 mill tax was based on estimates furnished by the auditor, it was a proper one. He would like to know if any of the delinquent taxes could be collected. Captain Gray said he had spoken with the owners of different papers who had been crying out about the correction of abuses, and afterward attacked the committee for doing just what they advocated, and had reminded them that the committee was acting strictly in line with the sentiments expressed by the papers.

Mayor Kinney was glad to have the committee present. There were some things that he would like to urge. "Your committee," he said, "had investigated the city's affairs, and had found that during the past four years the expenses had fallen considerably, and the government had been very economically administered. We could get along, probably, this year if the debts were not paid, with a very small tax. No statement of the change in affairs had been made by the committee, and he considered that credit should be given where it was due. The mayor suggested that Auditor Osburn give the meeting some statistics. Captain Gray said there had been a great change in the affairs of the police department, and credit was due to the

commissioners and Chief Loughery. He himself claimed as much credit as any one for the change which had been brought about, and he thought a report should be made which would show clearly in what manner the improvements in the conduct of the city's affairs had been accomplished.

Judge Osburn said he was not prepared to make a statement of-hand, in reply to any verbal remarks.

Judge Taylor remarked that the supreme court had decided that every man must pay a tax, and that before any person who refused to pay taxes because such appeared exorbitant could gain a standing in equity, it was first necessary to tender a reasonable amount. If the business of collecting taxes were properly attended to, he saw no reason why all the delinquent taxes could not be collected, with the exception of those due from persons absolutely unable to pay.

John Hahn, chairman of the police commission, said he had been listening to all that had been said. The running expenses of the city would be \$39,000, to be made up of fines, licenses, and taxes. The committee proposed to raise \$15,000 by the 5 1/2 mill tax, but if the saloons continued to close as they had done during the past few months, there would be a serious deficiency in the amount raised from licenses. "If the rich men," said Mr. Hahn, "pay their taxes, the poor man will raise enough to pay his. The rich man hired the police to protect his property, but the poor man, who usually paid most of the fines, supported the police department." Mr. Hahn said that in 1883, when the population was 4,000, and when he (the speaker) was mayor, the fines collected amounted to \$3,500. In 1890 the total amount thus realized was \$11,150; in 1891, \$11,336; in 1892, \$2,377.20; in 1893, \$4,186. From licenses in 1890, there was collected \$13,934.50; in 1891, \$18,044.50; in 1892, \$24,582; and in 1893, \$19,192.50. In 1890 there was paid the police force \$6,000; in 1891, \$6,000; in 1892, \$5,700, and 1893, \$5,700. On fines and forfeitures the years 1892 and 1893 showed a balance on the right side of \$4,255.70; and for licenses in those years the amount received was \$11,795.50 in excess of what had been collected for 1890 and 1891. (Mr. Hahn made no allowance for the increase in the cost of saloon licenses which went into effect in February, 1891.)

Councilman Young said he was chairman of the ways and means committee, but he would not say whether he would favor a tax of 5 mills or one of 10 mills. The committee, he said, would make a closer investigation of the city's affairs and how to cut down expenses, than had the committee of thirty. He did not propose to stay in the council if they had no money to run the city's affairs.

Councilman O'Hara remarked that business could not be carried on without money, and that during the past two years the city's affairs had been conducted as economically as possible. "If any mistakes had been made they had been caused through ignorance, for every member of the council had honestly tried to do his duty according to the best of his ability."

The meeting then came to a close, after which the members of the council had an informal discussion. The conclusion reached was that a five-mill tax would be levied, and that the committee of thirty should be held to their promise to see that the delinquent taxes are collected.

AMERICAN MINISTER ROBBED.
Rome, Jan. 29.—Burglars last night broke open the safe in the American legation, wrecked the room, broke a bust of Washington, burned all the papers they could lay hands on, and destroyed the valuable library of the legation. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

DIXON AND GRIFFO MATCHED.
Chicago, Jan. 29.—George Dixon, the featherweight champion of the world, has been matched to fight young Griffio to a finish for \$10,000 a side, and the largest club purse obtainable.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS ACTRESS.
London, Jan. 29.—Rosina Vokes, the actress, is dead.

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO HIMSELF.
The most inhuman outrages, outrages which would disgrace the savage, man perpetrates upon his own system by swallowing drastic purgatives, which convulse his stomach, agonize his intestines, and weaken his system. Many people constantly do this under the impression that medicaments only which are violent in their action, and particularly cathartics, are of any avail. Irreparable injury to health is wrought under this mistaken idea. The laxative which most nearly approaches the beneficent action of nature is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is painless but thorough, and invigorates the intestinal instead of weakening and irritating it. The liver and stomach share in the benign discipline instituted by this comprehensive medicine, whose healthful influence is felt throughout the system. Malarious, rheumatic, kidney, and nervous complaints succumb to it.

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DOINGS OF CONGRESS

Senator Stewart Objects to the Bond Issue.

DEBATE ON THE REVENUE BILL

Various Nominations by the President Were Made Yesterday.

Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 29.—In the senate today Vest objected to the practice of the republicans reading in full petitions against the Wilson bill, instead of reporting them by title, and when Dolph proceeded to read a petition of the binding twine employes of Oregon, secured a ruling from the vice-president that such petitions can only be read by unanimous consent. Stewart introduced a resolution declaring that in the judgment of the senate Carlisle has no legal authority to issue bonds.

IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Debate on the internal revenue bill was opened in the house today by McMillan, of Tennessee. He began by attributing the present depression in business to the protective policy of the republican party, and declared: "Come what will, we will reduce the tariff to a revenue basis."

LACK OF HARMONY.

Divines With Different Ideas Concerning the Scriptures.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Dr. P. S. Henson, the noted Baptist divine, in an interview today expressed his emphatic disapproval of the theological theories printed in a lecture by President Harper, of Chicago University. Harper is reported to have said that the story of Cain and Abel is a myth, with no more truth in it, so far as known, than the story of the wooden horse that figured in the capture of Troy, or the Myth of Remus and Romulus as connected with the founding of Rome. "I cannot understand such teachings," said Dr. Henson. "I shall ask President Harper how much of his reported lecture he is willing to father."

RAILROAD WAR.

Large Reductions by the Union Pacific Company.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—War measures were adopted by the Union Pacific today, which announces its intention of reducing rates between the Missouri river and North Pacific Coast points, where by the passenger tariffs will be reduced \$19 from Chicago to Portland and Puget Sound points; \$15.50 to Spokane and similar points, and \$14 to Montana common points. If the same rates are put in effect by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific will make further reductions of one dollar. The rates quoted by the Union Pacific are: Portland and Puget Sound, \$45; Spokane, \$40; Montana points, \$35. These rates allow the Canadian Pacific only a differential of \$5, which has already been refused by the Canadian Pacific. Evidently the Union Pacific has decided to enter with the western roads in the contest. The Canadian Pacific threatened to make a \$7 rate to San Francisco if necessary to maintain its differential. A hot fight is expected in consequence of the Union Pacific's action.

RAISING THE RED FLAG.
Woodville, Pa., Jan. 29.—The sheriff has received information of a plot by Slavs at Bower Hill to raise the red flag this afternoon and declare for blood. Additional deputies were sent there. There are now over thirty rioters in jail at Mansfield.

BRITISH VESSEL LOST.

Tralee, Jan. 29.—The British bark Port Yorrock, is wrecked and all the crew, numbering twenty-five, drowned. The vessel dragged her anchors during a heavy gale yesterday, and stranded at Kellecomin this morning. When the heavy seas struck the vessel, the main and mizzen masts went by the board, and the seamen took to the fore rigging. Shortly afterwards that

was carried away and the unfortunate sailors clinging to it were thrown into the sea. For a time the sailors clung to the pieces of the wreckage which were floating about, but one by one they gave up the struggle and were drowned before the eyes of the on-lookers, who were powerless to help them.

CARLISLE DISAPPOINTED.

New York Banks Do Not Want to Buy the Bonds.

New York, Jan. 29.—A score of the leading bankers of this city met Secretary Carlisle at the sub-treasury today to discuss the bond issue. None of the banks of this city made a bid for the bonds when Carlisle made his public announcement. It is an open secret that this is a great disappointment to the secretary. The bankers met, expecting some proposition to induce them to subscribe. They were agreed they would not take the bonds in any quantity unless they received the usual commission for handling. They expect, too, that the secretary will clear up any question of legality. At the conclusion of the meeting no one who had been present was willing to give any information as to what had taken place. Carlisle declined to see newspaper men.

BANDITS SLAUGHTERED.

Topoka, Kan., Jan. 29.—The general passenger agent of the Mexican Central at Chihuahua telegraphs General Passenger Agent Nicholson, of the Santa Fe road, that the government troops overtook and surrounded the bandits at Arroyo del Mangona, defeated them, and killing twenty-six, including the famous Lujan, and taking twenty-five prisoners. Victor Ochoa escaped, but is certain to be recaptured.

EQUALIZING WAGES.

Denver, Jan. 29.—General superintendent Duell, of the Union Pacific, returned from Omaha this morning, and declares that there is no general cut in wages by that system. The alleged reduction is nothing more than an equalization of wages which has been contemplated for some time. On some divisions the men have been allowed more mileage than they were actually entitled to.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate: Collector of Customs, Jno. T. Gaffey, Los Angeles; Commodore John Grimes Walker, to be rear-admiral; Thomas Moonlight Kansas, minister to Bolivia; Wm. P. Watson, surveyor general of Washington; John Y. Terry, receiver of public money at Seattle, Wash.

THE BRAZILIAN WAR.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The authorities have been in active communication the past few days with Minister Thompson and Admiral Benham at Rio. The nature of the interchange cannot be learned, but it is believed they confirm the Associated Press reports as to the attempts toward bringing about an amicable settlement.

SOVEREIGN'S OBJECTIONS.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Arguments were heard today by Judge Cox of the district supreme court on the application of General Master Workmen, of the Knights of Labor, for an order restraining Carlisle from issuing the bonds as proposed. The court announced he would render a decision tomorrow or Wednesday.

THE CZAR ILL.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—The Czar is seriously ill of influenza.

SMUGGLERS AIDING THE STATE.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Captain Voss, and Svenson, of the smuggling schooner Emerald, and two of the prime movers of the notorious opium and Chinese smuggling ring that was recently unearthed in this city, have been arrested at Victoria, B. C., and will be returned to San Francisco. The smugglers do not come as prisoners, but as aides to the federal authorities. They have purchased immunity from punishment with knowledge in their possession which is to be used in securing the conviction of other members of the ring.

WM. H. CALKINS EXPIRES.

Tacoma, Jan. 29.—Hon. William H. Calkins died this morning of Bright's disease, aged 52.

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