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THE TAX PROBLEM IS EXPLAINED

It makes very little difference what sort of a tax program is finally adopted for this state, there will be a loud chorus of popular disapproval.

It is beyond the power of human ingenuity to formulate a tax system, that will be universally popular, or even approximately so. If the Legislature should not adopt a state income tax, for example, the state Grange will certainly initiate one, and if the Legislature does adopt such a tax, various organizations of business men, will insist upon a referendum.

No any individuals, either on or off the state tax commission, who have any hope of formulating a tax system, that going to meet with general approbation, are due for a rude awakening.

It can't be done. All that can be done is to devise, what the best business sense in this state regards as the most equitable system, not from the standpoint of any one class, but from the standpoint of the people as a whole, and then put it up to the people or their representatives, and pay no attention to the inevitable clamor.

For clamor there is going to be regardless of what is, or is not, done. This tax complex in human nature goes back into the dim and distant past much further than the much advertised inferiority complex, though undoubtedly the two are closely related.

It isn't a matter of reason. It's a matter of passion. It isn't so much a thing in the mind of man as in the blood. It dates back to early civilization when the tax collector, sent out by the beef-eating baron, carried a bag in one hand and a battle axe in the other, when failure to pay frequently meant slavery, and sometimes meant death.

Scientists say about three-quarters of our feelings are not really our feelings, but the feelings of our ancestors. The never ceasing anti-tax chorus is almost entirely ancestral, which may be regarded as an extenuating circumstance, but which does not indicate that many of our ancestors belonged to the medieval nobility.

In the average mind an annual tax bill of say \$200 creates a mental disturbance, at least ten times as destructive to the circumambient atmosphere, as a similar annual charge for cigars, or for gas, for twice that amount.

In addition to this innate complex is of course the fact, the man knows what he gets when he pays his tobacco bill, but he seldom knows or even thinks about what he gets, when he sends his tax check to the sheriff's office.

So we trust those who sincerely believe in a state income tax, or any other tax, will not be dismayed, or veered from their course, by the noise and fury, which is certain to greet any definite suggestion supporting them.

What the final decision in this state will be, we don't know, and no one knows. But that the cries of the opposition, will drown out the Ayes of the proponents, is certain. One can agree with the farmer at the circus, when the matter of a popular tax system is broached, "there ain't no sich animal."

It's easy to pick out the best families in an old town. Their mortgages are yellow with age.

It's an improvement, anyway. Dad spends Sunday with one foot on the accelerator now, whereas in the old days he spent it with both feet on the dining table.

As we understand French courts, it is unjust to grant extradition papers for an American who has a lot of money to spend.

How fine on Sunday to get out and see the great open spaces—four foot spaces, between cars.

Another thing theaters need is a place to hide your shame when the great man in the news reels is told to smile and achieves an idiotic grin.

Looking back over the years, we can't remember a man who inherited a taste for drink unless he also inherited money enough to get hooch without labor.

The latest four-flusher is the man who buys an old car to make people think he's rich enough not to care about appearances.

Reading modern stuff reminds you of the old livery stable loafer's talk that was wasted because nobody then knew it was literature.

Correct this sentence: "Her husband lost his money," said the gossip, "and every catty woman in town was sorry."

NEW OWNERS PLAN NOTED DIVINE IS CHANGES IN SHOP FINED AS SPEEDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Two motorcycle policemen set out after a speeding car on an outlying road here today thinking they were chasing bootleggers, but on halting it they found the Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New York, as a passenger being driven by his son John.

Ohio Divorces 15,000.—COLUMBUS, Ohio.—(AP)—In Ohio 15,000 divorces were granted last year, and 14,000 children taken from home and placed in child-care agencies.

Protect Wild Animals.—CARNON CITY, Nev.—(AP)—A legislative fight looms in Nevada because the state game and fish federation has announced it will seek passage of a bill declaring an open season on mountain sheep and pronghorn antelopes.

FIND PASTOR AND ITALIAN DIGNITY GIRL FRIEND IN A LONELY CABIN IS RUFFLED BY AUSTRALIA JOKE DEATH COMES TO GRIEVING MOTHER

DILLSBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Peter Wise, 61-year-old unordained minister who disappeared with Miss Annie Shields, 24, last Wednesday night, was in jail today and the girl was returned to her parents living on a farm near Honesdale, Pa.

INNISFAIR, NORTH QUEENSLAND, Australia, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The removal of the Italian coat of arms from the local consulate and the subsequent finding of it hanging upside down over a Chinese store has again strained relations between Australians and Italians.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Her health undermined by grief, Mrs. Mary Martha Parks Arnold, 72-year-old mother of Dorothy Arnold, whose disappearance 18 years ago, resulted in a world wide search that failed to disclose any trace, died at her Park avenue home here today.

Improvement of the Iowa City, Ia., airport, for many years a division stop on the trans-continental airway, is now well under way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Arlita L. Pollitzer, vice chairman of the National Woman's party was married today to Elle Charlier Edson, of New York, theatrical press representative.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—(AP)—James Harvey Robinson of New York, author and historian, was elected president of the American Historical association at a business session of its forty-third annual convention today.

Subscription rates, advertising information, and publisher details for the Medford Mail Tribune.

Smudge Smoke advertisement featuring a cartoon of a man smoking and text describing the product's benefits.

Brisbane's Today advertisement with a list of news items from Brisbane, Australia, including mentions of the United States, engineering, and local events.

Snider Dairy & Produce Co. advertisement featuring a cartoon of a child drinking milk and text promoting the health benefits of their milk.

ONYX POINTEX HOSIERY advertisement for women's stockings at \$1.95.

DANCE NEW YEAR'S EVE advertisement for Walker's Ballroom, including details about the event and location.

The HOTEL MANX advertisement for a holiday season, featuring an illustration of the hotel and promotional text.

27--ROUNDS--27 BOXING advertisement for a fight at the Ashland Armory on Tuesday, January 1.

Larry Schade advertisement for jewelry repair and watch services, located next to the Craterian.

DANCE advertisement for American Legion Oriental Gardens, featuring a couple dancing and details for a New Year's Night event.