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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 is 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 16,000 children taken from home and placed in child-care agencies. Dolle Greeve, state public welfare official, sees a connection between the two sets of statistics.

Divorces Increase.—HARTFORD, Conn.—(AP)—Marriages have decreased and divorces increased in the last five-year period covered by official returns from Connecticut courts.

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-continent 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 Elie Charlier Edson, of New York, theatrical press representative. The bride's home is in Charleston, S. C.

Long on Foresight.—WILKESBARRE, Pa.—(AP)—John J. McDevitt has made arrangements to contribute approximately \$35,961,568,636,426,931,326,563,640 to pay off the world's debt in the year 3928.

Classified advertising gets results

Advertisement for Snider Dairy & Produce Co. featuring a child drinking milk and the text: "Doctors Prescribe MILK—Especially when it's rendered safe by Pasteurization".

Large advertisement for "DANCE With the American Legion ORIENTAL GARDENS New Year's Night Benefit Legion Drum Corps Fund".

Advertisement for ONYX PONTIX HOSIERY and INSURANCE First Insurance Agency.

Advertisement for WALKER'S BALLROOM featuring "DANCE NEW YEAR'S EVE" and "Plenty of Noisemakers Eats at Midnight".

Advertisement for The HOTEL MANX in San Francisco, featuring a picture of the hotel and the text: "Meet me at the Manx" Holiday Season.

Advertisement for a boxing match: "27--ROUNDS--27 BOXING Ashland Armory TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 2:30 P. M." featuring Earl Ritchie vs. Jack White.

Advertisement for Larry Schade, a jeweler, with the text: "NEXT TO CRATERIAN Larry Schade YOUR FAVORITE JEWELER SINCE 1918 Watch and Jewelry Repairing".