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MONEY, BONDS, TAXES.

If money were provided by government in abundance and at a merely nominal interest, it would not be right to tax it. It is because it is in a manner monopolized and given into the hands of individuals to issue whereby they derive large interest and profit as lenders, that taxation should exact from them due proportion of the common burden. Money used for any purpose cannot be said to be taken out of the wealth and lost or sunk. Bonds sold to raise money for certain purposes are spoken of as taking wealth out and losing it to the public if the bonds are not taxed. This is not so, as a little reflection will prove. For no sooner is the money expended in labor or products of former labor than it continues to enable labor to amass more taxable products. And the more rapidly the labor is set at work the more rapidly taxable wealth increases. If money were as abundant as it should be, bonds would bear such a low interest—merely nominal—that taxation would be wrong and only serve to interrupt the rapid exchange of commodities (or employment of labor in production, which is the same thing). So long as money is dear and bonds bear high interest they will be taxed, but the whole principle is wrong. That is, it grows out of the monopoly of the money issue in the first place.

"But," suppose money to be as cheap as you say it ought to be—then you would have a lot of bond holders living untaxed?" says some one. "What of it?" If A. chooses to put ten thousand dollars where he will get but one or two per cent. and live in idleness, who is to prevent him? B. will use the ten thousand and make perhaps twenty per cent. and pay the state one, and be far happier, no doubt. But as things are not in that happy condition money and bonds will be taxed.

COUNTY SEAT QUARRELS.

The senate again put through a bill to re-locate the county seat of Polk county on petition of six hundred and remonstrance of a thousand.

It was argued that whenever a considerable number petition for the privilege of re-locating a county seat the legislature should let them vote on it. The same argument went on to claim that the matter should be permanently settled. The one argument overthrows the other. According to the first the county seat question will never be permanently settled. There is not one county in the state except those where the county seat is located in a large city but will constantly be subjected to these pernicious quarrels. To put an end forever to such wrangling many old states have provided constitutionally that it shall require a majority of two-thirds to re-locate a county seat. Even with this wise provision such contests often come up. We never knew a county to amount to much until this question is finally settled. When a considerable number of people have settled at and near a county seat induced by its location as a favorable and especially central spot it is doubtful if a bare majority of the people ought to have the power to thus ruin or at least depreciate the value of their improvements. Induced by this consideration the states generally have discouraged county seat quarrels.

The haste with which such a bill was put through although the same bill had passed before and been promptly squelched by the House is not a little surprising.

SACRED ABOVE ALL.

Certainly no lawyer can sneer at a Constitutional provision; nor can any one who is versed in history and who has the slightest regard for human liberty. What is a Constitution? It is the fundamental law above all law made to protect the people from themselves and against any infringement by legislatures, governors or courts. It is the law above all legislatures or congress. But for the safe-guard of Constitutions the government for the time being could run into any extremes.

Because of their ignorance or habitual impatience of Constitutional law the French people have repeatedly overthrown their own liberties. "Lay not your sacrilegious desecrating hand upon the Constitution," is the mandate of all experience. Whenever we hear any man sneering at the Constitution, we can take his little measure in a moment. Such an one is fit only to lead a lynching mob, and no position, no title, no power that disregards the Constitution is entitled to any more respect than a howling mob. But what if the Constitution be outgrown or defective? Then change it by the sacred provisions within itself. The grandest, the holiest of all principles of government is that which was incorporated in the Constitution of our Union and in every state Constitution, to wit: that this Constitution and the laws made in accordance therewith shall be the supreme law of the land and all decrees and statutes conflicting therewith are null and void, and of no effect. No power, place, or body of men is of any import or entitled to any respect unless acting in accord with the fundamental law. The highest tribunal of the land, speaking unconstitutionally, is entitled to nothing but contempt, and is but traitor and perjurer combined. Finally, he who sneers at the Constitution, or would disregard it, no matter how imperfect it may be, is a dangerous citizen.

A GREAT PITY.

If the tabling of the Hahn fishery bill means no legislation we must say it is a great pity. While every petty local job receives attention and rules, sacred rules, established to guard society against rapid and foolish or wicked legislation are so often suspended that they become as much a dead letter as the law against profane swearing, in order to push through, in five minutes after introduction, some paltry local measure, something perhaps that has already been tried before the same body, while if occasion require it heaven and earth are moved to accomplish some little, narrow, pet plan, it is amazing, it is pitiful, it is enough to make one utterly hopeless for his race to see measures of great public utility, that interest every soul in the state and will tend to the comfort of generations unborn, tabled, ignored, scorned, crushed out of existence or buried so deep that the hand of resurrection can never drag them forth—for this term at least. And why? Simply because a few persons are interested to make a few more dollars by wrong methods.

Legislators are chosen to look out for the interests of the whole body politic. It is their duty to put these general and useful and necessary bills through. They are the lobby for the public welfare. Let them, individually, on occasions that justify it, act as agents for private or corporation interests. But the thousands should say to it, that measures to protect the public against wrong doing in such cases as this fish business shall be introduced and put through.

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