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THE ISSUE IN THIS STATE.

IN POINTING to the extravagance of the Whitman Administration Judge Seabury makes himself no less plain than in his characterization of the reactionaries and allies of special privilege who dominated the Republican State Convention.

"An irresponsible, disorderly and extravagant State Administration is in power—the most extravagant that this State has had for years." The Democratic candidate put his finger on an imposition which the taxpayers of this city have not forgotten when he recalled the needless \$20,000,000 direct State tax by which muddled Whitman finance mulcted the City of New York of \$14,000,000.

A Republican Comptroller pointed out that this tax was unnecessary. Examination of the figures clearly showed that the Governor had jumbled together \$8,000,000 of sinking fund contributions and \$10,000,000 of special deficiency bills as part of the amount to be raised by taxation.

He adopted the simple expedient of increasing the State expenses to meet the amount erroneously appropriated. He made the State's expenditures equal the amount appropriated.

The safeguarding of the State Treasury and the efficient, economical administration of the State's business are the two chief issues in which voters in the State of New York are interested. Mr. Whitman has been too much occupied with his own political future to concern himself with the State's financial present.

Judge Seabury's outspoken arraignment of extravagance appeals particularly to taxpayers of this city who are burdened with sevenths of every direct State tax levied to replenish reckless waste at Albany.

Mr. Hughes's voice, we are told, shows raggedness. Caught it maybe from some of his arguments.

FAMINE IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY.

WITH a serious milk famine threatening New York and the city's supply already cut one-third, the Attorney General's investigation of the situation should be prompt and thorough.

It is charged that the Dairymen's League, with the support of the State Commissioner of Foods and Markets, has conspired to withhold milk from the distributing concerns in order to dictate terms which will raise the price of milk consumed in this city \$8,000,000 a year.

That is one charge to be investigated. But at the same time make a study of distributing methods. Find out why it costs 300 per cent. of the price paid the farmer for a quart of milk to get it delivered to the consumer. Find out why, although the milk wagons of three or four distributing concerns apparently compete on nearly every block, the retail price of milk is somehow kept at figures that a milk monopoly could hardly make much higher.

Meanwhile, with plentiful supplies of milk daily in the hands of the dairymen it is an outrage that this city should be forced to dole out scanty milk rations to children and invalids. Can no trade dispute be settled without trampling on the public?

Two more Mutual Welfare League convicts escaped from the honor gang at Beekman farm.—News Item. Prisoners cling to their own definitions of welfare.

PENSIONS FOR MAIL CARRIERS.

LEGISLATION in the interest of letter carriers has been urged upon Congress year after year without result. It is to be hoped that the national lawmakers will not let another session pass without at least establishing a pension system for this class of public servants.

Nobody performs important service more regularly and faithfully than the postman. Through heat and cold, sunshine and storm, the letter carrier keeps at his task, his trudging rounds bringing to millions every day material out of which business, friendship, love and happiness are made. No Government employee is more closely in touch with the public or has more of its hearty good will.

The National Association of Letter Carriers has the promises of a number of Congressmen and candidates that not only pensions but also an eight-hour day and double pay for overtime shall be recommended as a basis for legislation to benefit mail carriers. Any move in this direction will have the cordial support of the country at large.

Letters From the People

Coin Value Questions. Because of the many letters asking about coin values, it will be possible to answer only in cases where old coins bring premiums. No answer means no premium.

Burying the Hatchet

By J. H. Cassel



The Jarr Family

By Roy L. McCardell

MR. JARR and Mr. Rangle were riding home in the subway and Mr. Jarr remarked: "We've got to go out with the women folk tonight, then. I suppose there's no escape."

Fables of Everyday Folks

By Sophie Irene Loeb

ONCE upon a time there was a rich father who had an only son. The rich man had a prosperous business. He wanted his son to follow in his footsteps.

The Office Force

By Bide Dudley

"SEE by the papers," said Popple, the shipping clerk, "that a New York police magistrate sent a man to jail for three months for hugging a woman. That seems severe, yet I'd take six months if I could hug some women I've seen."

As a Woman Thinketh

By Helen Rowland

THE other evening HE called. And I turned on all the rose-colored lights. And led him to the Morris chair in front of the fire.

Lives That Prove Democracy

By Nivola Greeley-Smith

No. IV.—Aspasia. PERICLES ruled Athens and Aspasia ruled Pericles. Who was Aspasia? A self-made woman of great charm and extraordinary mental power who in a day when women were beasts of burden or of just awayed men by her intellect, and became the friend of Socrates and the companion and counsellor of the chief citizen of Athens.

