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TAXED TO DEATH.

The United States has Russia skinned a mile in the noble art of levying taxes. The poor property owner in cities is forced to pay an exorbitant real estate tax and in Chicago the tax eaters are asking the legislature for permission to almost double the present high tax.

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Henry F. Donovan, Editor, The Eagle, Chicago, Ill.

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Everything I said about the Shields bill in my letter to you was confirmed in the debate. According to its own supporters, this bill turns over to the power interests waterpower equivalent to twice the mechanical power of every kind now used in the United States, or enough to meet the needs of two hundred million people.

On March 21 a substitute for the Shields bill was reported to the House of Representatives. Unlike the Shields bill, this House bill makes no perpetual grant of public waterpower, but wisely and in fact sets a limit of fifty years. Nevertheless, it is not yet a good bill.

If the House corrects its own bill and then passes it, the good bill from the House and the bad bill from the Senate will go to conference, and the differences will be adjusted by the



J. OGDEN ARMOUR. Packer, Capitalist and Leading Citizen.

conferes. The managers of the waterpower campaign believe that a majority of the conferes will be friendly to them, and will report a bill in their interest. They will then try to rush the conference bill through, probably in the confused and crowded final hours of the session.

We can beat this plan only by letting the people understand the facts. This the power interests have set out to prevent by confusing the public mind with interested statements and personal attacks.

I am asking for your help once more to get the House to pass a good bill, and then to stand by it, no matter what the conferes may do.

Let me call your attention again to the Ferris bill, a good bill dealing with waterpower on public lands and national forests, which has twice passed the house.

As a well known writer on the subject said several years ago in a noted article, much of the national revenue is used for the maintenance of an army of political parasites.

And then the county governments tax the people to keep up another set of politicians and pension their friends on the people, occasionally spending a little money to build a road where it will benefit one of them or a school house to give some banker a rake off on the bonds or a few hangers on positions at menial wages as teachers and special pets big wages.

Then the township government taxes the people to whack up with the very small fry who help keep up the county fellows, helping to some day be one of them.

Then the cities tax the people to keep up another army of non-producers, who are used to manipulate the primaries and elections.

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GIFFORD PINCHOT, Milford, Pike Co., Pa.

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ROBERT REDFIELD. Highly Respected Member of the Bar.

EAGLETS.

Provision for 50,000 bathers a day has been made at the municipal bathing beaches for the coming season which opens June 1.

Judge Thomas F. Scully is making a fine record in the County Court.

Patrick Nolan, the veteran engineer, rendered services to the public schools which will be long remembered.

Judge Harry P. Dolan has made a good record in the Municipal Court.

Announcement of the recently organized Second Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, which has been given the pseudonym of "Second Illinois Horse Regiment," is now almost recruited to war strength and can take the field within twenty-four hours' notice was made at a meeting of the regimental officers at the Hotel La Salle.

Nelson N. Lampert should be nominated and elected State Treasurer.

Henry B. Clarke would make a good Mayor.

Judge Harry T. Dolan has made a grand record as Municipal Judge.

Thomas M. Sullivan has made a grand record as Sanitary Trustee.

Francis D. Connery will make a good comptroller of the Sanitary District.

If you want an auto or taxi call up the American Auto & Taxi Company, phones, Lincoln 4008 and Calumet 2798.

General Maurice T. Moloney, of Ottawa, former attorney general, is one of the most popular Democrats in the state.

Louis Biegler would represent Chicago well in Congress.

The American Taxi & Auto Co.'s phones are Lincoln 4008 and Calumet 2798. Call them up if you want good service.

Peter M. Hoffman, the efficient corner, is an official who grows more popular with the public every year. He is the greatest vote getter in the Republican party.

WHO IS WHO NOW

LEHMANN BLUFFED IT OUT



When Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor-general of the United States, studied in southwestern Iowa to become a lawyer the rudiments of law differed somewhat from today—at any rate for Mr. Lehmann.

"I never saw the inside of a law college," says Lehmann, who once was president of the American Bar association. "In those days the rudiments of the law profession were, first, to make a fire in the old cannon stove; second, sweep out the office; third, trimming the smoky coal oil lamp, which served for our Biblical 'midnight oil' by which to study, and, finally, to write out in a fair hand what had been scrawled by our masters."

Here is Mr. Lehmann's version of how he passed his bar examination in Missouri in 1890, when he became general attorney for the Wabash railroad:

"I was examined in common law pleading, about which I had known nothing and cared less. After the examination, H. S. Priest and Wells H. Blodgett asked me how I got through so marvelously, both apparently being quite astonished. I informed them that my judges did not know more about it than I did, and I found that prompt, positive answers were always the correct ones."

POST ON UNEMPLOYMENT

"Despite these so-called good times, when thousands of men have jobs in munition factories, we still have the unemployed problem," says Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor. He asserts that if all the jobless men in the country were put into the manless jobs, there would still be many men without work.



"This does not include only the classes who do manual labor," says Mr. Post. "It applies to all classes, up to the highest. There is an under-supply of opportunities, not an over-supply of men. One of the aims of the department of labor is to create conditions in which men can make their own jobs. Along this line is the movement to make farmers of them and get them to cultivate the waste ground in cities. Every social organism needs medicine at certain times. When the unemployment problem is acute then it needs medicine badly. Associations to encourage the cultivation of vacant lots are to social science what a preventive medicine is to mankind. Men out of work who might become criminals are given something to do and kept out of mischief."

Mr. Post is a believer in the efficiency of the "single tax" as a remedy for most of the economic ills of the nation, and for years has been a prolific writer on the subject. He is convinced that the employment problem, like others, would be solved by the single tax method.

OUR OLDEST SENATOR



Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, who recently celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday, is the dean of the senate.

Not only is he the chairman of the Republican conference and thus entitled to the designation of minority leader, but he is the oldest member of the senate, either in respect of years or in point of service.

The senate used to be regarded as a body of octogenarians, but it comes a long way from that nowadays. As a matter of fact, Senator Gallinger, though only one year stands between him and eighty, looks little like a man nearing the mark of fourscore.

He is seemingly as active and alert as he was ten years ago, and no man in the upper house is more constant in his attendance on senate business.

He is seldom absent from his place in the chamber, and rarely misses a committee meeting. It was twenty-five years ago March 4 last that Gallinger entered the senate. Next to him in length of service stands Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, who entered the senate in 1893. Senator Lodge was born in 1850. Senator Clark of Wyoming, who entered the senate January 23, 1895, stands third in point of service.

SMOOT WANTS GOOD COOKS

"The American garbage can is the fattest in all the world," declared Senator Smoot of Utah to the senate, injecting into the discussion on "preparedness" a plan for preparedness for good housekeeping and better homes. Senator Smoot urged action on his bill for increased appropriations for home economics, "to prepare the girls and mothers of the country for their life duties."

"If I had a dozen daughters and was able to give each of them a million dollars the day of her marriage, I would still want each to know how to cook, make her own clothes and, in fact, be a superior housekeeper," said the senator.

"I cannot understand why girls of the working classes are ashamed to confess, and rather pride themselves upon, their ignorance of the simplest form of cooking. Then, after marriage, they bewail their fate if their husbands, tormented by dyspepsia, seek relief at the restaurant, or, in many cases, in strong drink."

"Tens of thousands of homes are ruined by helpless and ignorant housekeepers."

In an American consignment of bachelor buttons (snap fasteners) to Cartagena, Columbia, amounting to several thousand dollars, the cardboard to which they were attached for shipment was heavier than the buttons, and as a result, the import duty being on the gross weight, the consignee was obliged to pay more for the cardboard than for the buttons.

On his seventieth birthday Magnus Goesta Mittag-Leffler, the eminent mathematician, bequeathed his entire fortune for the founding of a new international institution for pure mathematics. Work on the institution is to begin six months after his death.

State Librarian Dunnaek of Maine finds there are 109 towns in Maine that have access to free public libraries and that 412 towns are without libraries. Some of them have grange, church or club libraries, but 320 towns have no public library of any kind.



GEORGE KERSTEN. Popular Judge of the Circuit Court.

TAXED TO DEATH

People of Chicago Taxed to the Limit to Provide Places for Reformers.

Giving women salaries of \$5,000 a year to preside over fad departments; paying women superintendents \$3,000 a year to assist them; paying female stenographers \$150 per month while capable men and heads of families are tramping the streets looking for work, is part of the net result of the work of "reformers" in the City Council for the past five years. The other net result and the one that hurts the most, is the increase of the number of employees and the increase of the money coming from the people and spent on salaries for city employees, from twenty-four millions to over thirty-five millions.

A. J. Banta, the popular manager of the Chicago Branch of the Locomobile Company, took thirty salesmen and special representatives of the Locomobile in the territory of Chicago Branch to the Locomobile factory at Bridgeport, Conn., for a big conference with the officials. They got their first view of the 1917 model Locomobile.

Business men who phone Heco, Superior 7100, for envelopes, always get what they want.

William H. Weber always made a good public record.

Donald R. Richberg, special attorney for the Council committee on gas litigation, was made "special assistant corporation counsel for the City Council and its committee on schools, fire, police and civil service in its investigation of the finances of the Board of Education." The appointment, made as of May 17, 1915, means that Richberg will get \$900 due him as back pay on the investigation of the board's finances.

Oscar F. Mayer, the great packer, is very popular in politics and could have almost any office if he would take it.

J. J. Sheehan, of 1239 North State street, would make a good alderman for the 21st ward in the opinion of his many friends.

Q. J. Chott, the well known lawyer, who made a good record on the justice bench, would make a good Municipal Judge.

Henry J. Hiron, principal of the Gregg School at 6 North Michigan Avenue, has brought this deservedly popular educational institution to a high degree of perfection. Professor

Helm for over twenty years has borne an honored reputation among the educators of the country.

John Koelling, the most popular president the United Societies ever had and a business man long honored in Chicago, is much talked of for Recorder of Deeds on the Republican ticket. Republican leaders believe that his name would bring thousands of votes to the party this year that would help the general ticket.

AUTOISTS, BE CAREFUL!

Judge Sabath Sends Out Thirty Thousand Letters of Warning of Dangers to Public.

Judge Joseph Sabath, president of the Citizens' Traffic and Safety Commission, sent 31,000 letters to owners of automobiles asking their cooperation to reduce automobile accidents and deaths. The letter said in part:

"Chicago's record of killed and injured by automobile accidents sounds like the tragic report of a battle—3,289 injured and 258 killed last year. The accusing finger of investigation points to autoist and pedestrians alike, but particularly to the new automobile driver—the novice, the man who lacks experience. Thousands of these new drivers will be on the streets shortly, when spring arrives."

Both as a judge and a citizen John R. Caverly is liked by everybody who knows him.

Judge John P. McGoorty continues to gain the approbation of everybody for his work in the Circuit court.

"I lose patience," says Mr. W. O. Dunley, president of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, Fisher Building, Chicago, "when I hear young men or old men either for that matter complain that there are no more opportunities in America. Anyone of our new inventions offers countless opportunities to acquire wealth. The automobile field and the moving picture field have been successful lines of endeavor for a number of men, and still offer a great deal to the man who knows his business. Probably, however, the one best bet of the day from the opportunity standpoint is that offered in the motor truck field, in any one of its various phases. A motor truck agency offers much promise to a man with a small capital. Business men in all lines of industry now realize that horse and wagon delivery systems are back numbers and the motor truck agent will soon find his most difficult problem is to get trucks to fill his orders rather than to get customers for his trucks."



ALD. HENRY D. CAPITAIN. Highly Respected City Council Leader, Who Wants Number of Aldermen Reduced.