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Great Cry and Little Woe.

In view of the fact that Mr. Hemans and his democratic spellbinders allege the great increase in state taxation as their stock argument in favor of "a change" in the state administration it may be well to examine the matter from a statistical standpoint and so ascertain whether the argument is a valid one or not. The figures given in this article are taken from the official records of Van Buren county and may be relied on as absolutely correct; and as the apportionment of state taxes is made throughout the state on the same basis, what is true of Van Buren county, must be equally true of the rest of the state.

We give the assessed valuation of the county, the amount of state tax apportioned and the rate per thousand dollars for 1868 and for each succeeding fifth year down to and including the present year:

Date	Assessed Val.	Amt. St. Tax	Rate per \$1000
1868	\$3876967	\$11417 13	\$2 97
1873	8397280	20766 92	2 47
1878	7909645	23650 47	3 03
1883	13601340	25839 93	1 89
1888	13193066	21500 62	1 64
1893	12610771	25635 59	2 03
1898	12461123	31226 73	2 50
1903	14699993	40685 75	2 75
1908	15963988	41109 62	2 55

An examination of the foregoing table shows that the county, since the assessment of 1868, has considerably more than quadrupled in value, while the apportionment of state tax for the present year is but a fraction above three and one half times that of 1868.

Indeed, with the exceptions of 1883 and 1888, the per cent of state taxation seems to have remained remarkably steady. Aside from those two years, the table shows three higher years and three lower years than in 1908, the highest being in 1878.

It should not be forgotten that since 1868 Michigan has added largely to her state institutions that have to be supported by taxation. We wonder which one of them our democratic friends would have biotted out on the score of economy?

In 1868, the state public institutions were the University, Agricultural college, State Normal school at Ypsilanti, School for the deaf, Industrial school for boys—then called the Reform school—Kalamazoo asylum and the Jackson State prison.

Since 1868 there have been added to the list the Central Normal at Mt. Pleasant, Northern Normal at Marquette, Western Normal at Kalamazoo, College of Mines at Houghton, School for the blind at Lansing, Michigan Employment institution for the blind at Saginaw, Industrial Home for girls at Adrian, Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, Eastern Insane Asylum at Pontiac, Northern Insane Asylum at Traverse City, Upper Peninsula Hospital for the insane at Newberry, Home for the feeble minded at Lapeer, Asylum for insane criminals at Ionia, State House of Correction at Marquette, Michigan Reformatory at Ionia, and the State Public school at Coldwater, besides improving and enlarging all the previously existing public institutions, and all built, enlarged and supported out of the state tax. It doesn't appear as though there was much foundation for the great democratic hue and cry of extravagance and wastefulness in the management of the state government. Now, honestly, Mr. Voter, does it?

And then, another fact must not be forgotten, and that is that from October 7, 1907, to October 1, 1908, Van Buren county received from the state the sum of \$99,734 in primary money, almost two and one-half times the amount of the state tax, at least three quarters of which is due to the new system of direct taxation of railroads and other corporations instituted under the administration of Gov. Fred M. Warner. There isn't a single township in the county which has not received from the state very much more by way of the primary school fund than it paid into the treasury by way of state taxes, and in nine townships and in the city of South Haven the primary money was in excess of the state tax and county tax combined, and this owing to republican legislation under a republican governor that makes the railroads and other corporations pay taxes at the same rate and on the same basis as you do, Mr. Taxpayer. Anything the matter with this showing? Are you spoiling for a change? We rather guess not.

WILLIAM H. TAFT, the republican candidate for president, is opposed to the blacklist and the boycott. He believes the workmen should not be posted and followed like criminals because they have thought best to leave one employer or to take part in strikes. And he does not believe that persons who have had no part in strikes and are derelictly interested in them should be compelled to suffer because of their contentions. The boycott and the blacklist are not American in their origin or in the manner of their procedure. But Mr. Taft believes that workmen have the right to organize and he has said so. He believes it is their duty to do their best

in a united way to provide for better wages and permanency of employment. Face to face with thousands of workmen in this campaign he has clearly and fully stated to them his views on questions of highest importance to them as individuals and to their organization, and they have instantly and applauded his opinions and his expressions. If only the workmen of the United States could vote at the coming election William H. Taft would deserve to be elected at their hands, and every interest that a national election could advance or assist would eloquently appeal to working men in behalf of the election of Taft and his republican associates. And every day's progress in the present campaign is making that fact more apparent and more persuasive.

THE bill making railroad companies common carriers of live stock is not the least of the important laws which were enacted by the last legislature as the result in part at least of Gov. Warner's unyielding fight for laws to which the people of the state were entitled to as a matter of common justice, but which had previously been denied them. Previous efforts to enact a law on this particular subject had been defeated by the railroad companies which sought to keep shippers of live stock at their mercy. This new law simply gives these shippers rights to which they are clearly entitled but which they had not before been permitted to possess.

THE loss to the farmers of Michigan through a single year of the last democratic administration was more than the entire amount of Michigan's state expenditures for all purposes. It will be far better for the people of Michigan to continue to generously provide for their state institutions and to keep the state at the front in a way that relates to its status as a commonwealth and to its largely increasing income than to make a mistake in a political way which would cost more millions through a single democratic administration than all the money required for state purposes.

THE new constitution should be unanimously adopted. It provides against snap and secret legislation; gives the people, as far as possible, home rule by providing that no local bills shall be passed by the legislature, but that every town and township will govern itself under general laws. It also provides that no franchises shall be granted in municipalities until submitted to a vote of the electors, and the right of suffrage to be extended to women so far as voting on bond issues or the raising of money is concerned.

THE Kalamazoo Gazette says there is no such word as "truthfulness" in the Rooseveltian lexicon, however, in that respect it is fully as accurate as the Bryanian dictionary, and how about the ante-election lexicon used by the gazette? We don't know what words it does not contain, but we know a whole lot it does contain. Among them are found prevarication, deceit, untruthfulness, false witness, misrepresentation, deception, mandacity and many other words and phrases of similar import.

MR. BRYAN has published a personal letter advising democrats to vote early and to have their votes counted. Mr. Bryan should know that it is only in democrat territory that the votes are not counted as cast. Ask Senator Tillman or other leading democrats from the South. Mr. Bryan has no cause to worry. Republican counting boards will count the vote as cast and democrat counting boards are not likely to throw out Bryan ballots.

THE Michigan state tax rate this year will be but 2 42 on each

\$1,000 of valuation. This is more than one third less than the tax rate of ten years ago. And while this is true the taxpayers of Michigan are receiving from the state treasury about \$2,000,000 more than the total state expenditures. This fortunate situation is due to good business management. No other state in the Union can show better results.

DEMOCRAT newspapers have been trying to make political capital out of the fact that Gov. Warner has been using a special train in his campaign, alleging that the train was furnished by the railroads. Wonder where Hemans gets his special? Who furnishes it if not the railroads? Most people think all trains, regular or special, are furnished by the railroads.

IT is reported in the state house that while the supreme court did not pass on the question of whether ballots should be initialed with a lead pencil or pen and ink a majority of the court is inclined to believe that the law is mandatory that the initialed should be with ink. Anyhow, that hereafter, inspectors should be on the safe side and initial with ink.

CONGRESSMAN Hamilton prefaced his remarks last Saturday night, with the statement that "Fred M. Warner had received the nomination for a third term as governor of the state of Michigan, and that he was entitled to the solid support of the party that had nominated him". Think it over, you cannot afford to vote against him.

GOVERNOR Warner promptly declared his intention to be loyal to the republican candidate for governor when he thought Dr Bradley had been nominated. Republican voters will not fail to give to governor Warner the same loyal support which he would have given to any of his competitors.

DON'T be misled by any roorback, that may be sent out by the democratic press just on the eve of election. All the democratic guns are trained on governor Fred M. Warner. Think the matter over carefully before you vote. You cannot afford to split the ticket.

DON'T forget to vote "yes" on the adoption of the new constitution. This proposition will not be on the general ballot, but is printed on a slip, which will be handed you by one of the inspectors. Don't over look it.

AND now the "candidate with brains" has also become a "candidate with trains!" "Isn't that awful Mabel?" Kalamazoo Gazette please take notice.

THE battle is nearly over, and the votes will soon be counted

BRYAN can soon retire now to the quiet life of "Fairview" farm.

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