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Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action for all eternity.—Layster.

UNIFORM TAXATION.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says that while it has very generally agreed with The Times-Dispatch in the criticisms it has made on the irregularities and injustice of some features in the system of taxation existing in Virginia, particularly those which impose a double burden upon certain forms of property, it does not concur in our contention that there is an element of injustice in taxing incomes at the rate of one dollar on the hundred.

"There is nothing in the Constitution of Virginia," says our contemporary, "requiring that the rate of taxation shall be uniform, even on the same classes of property. That provision of the former Constitution was deliberately excluded from the new instrument after long and searching debate."

"You are wrong. The former Constitution provided that 'taxation shall be equal and uniform,' on all subjects; the new Constitution omits the word 'equal,' but provides that 'all taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects.'"

However, we did not raise the question of uniformity, for we suppose that it may be legally contended that income is a "subject" apart from real and personal property, and that uniformity is preserved when the tax on all incomes is uniform. But that is a technical question, without this discussion. Our contention is that the rate on income is out of all proportion to the rate on real and personal property, and often imposes a great hardship on persons of small income.

The Hall of Fame is acquiring its complement of names and tablets slowly. Eleven more of the latter were unveiled there on Memorial Day, bringing the total to forty. The roster, however, is still far behind schedule time. The original specifications called for the selection of fifty great Americans as a starter, and the addition of five more every fifth year thereafter until the inspiring aggregate of 150 names had been reached.

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represent the choice of any one man, or the unanimous choice of any small body of men. It is the consolidated, condensed and amalgamated choice of nearly one hundred men. Quite probably it would appeal to no single critic as a perfect and ideal selection. In this part of the world, for example, certain opinions were necessarily formed of an alleged Hall of Fame which could admit Lowell, and even Whittier, but had no place for Poe. More or less general dissatisfaction with the awards is always inevitable. And observers who believe that great injustice has been done in any particular case naturally feel that the purposes of the institution have been stultified all round, and that the honors it purports to distribute are worthless.

The Hall of Fame grew out of a gift of \$250,000 to New York University for this purpose, in 1900, from a donor who has preferred to remain anonymous. The idea upon which its operations are based could hardly have originated in a mind especially keen and penetrating. The really great American needs no commemorative tablet set in a row with 149 others, and the other kind, in a different sense, does not need one either. However, his being there does him no good whatever and creates a sense of assortment which bores the whole scheme. However, the selection and tablet business does no harm that we know of, and in one way it should accomplish good. It ought to further and stimulate historical research. How many readers, for instance, know off-hand what Emma Willard did?

Somebody has recently said that the raid upon the silverware of the Italian flagships during its visit to Hampton Roads and the looting of the Duke of Abruzzi's cabin was due to the American craze for souvenirs. The offenders really stop at nothing in their pursuit," continues the writer. "They hold nothing sacred. They would hack down the Washington relics at Mt. Vernon as cheerfully as they abstract spoons and towels from a hostelry. They would chip pieces out of the Washington Monument if permitted; and if a constant watch was not kept over Grant's tomb it would disappear as surely as the famous Pung Duk Pagoda has disappeared from Seoul. The Goths and Vandals who call themselves souvenir hunters allow neither sentiment, courtesy nor good taste to interfere with spoliation. Really, the surprising part of the Abruzzi affair is that there was anything left of the ship."

This is but another way of saying that the incident was typical of American vandalism. Souvenir hunting is only one expression of it. The boy manifests it in defacing buildings, in breaking windows and in abusing property in other ways. The marks of these young vandals are seen on many buildings in Richmond, and property-owners have suffered serious damage at their hands. It is a subject that should receive the earnest attention of parents and teachers. Children should be taught that property is in a sense sacred and that it is a sin and a crime to abuse it.

Every boy is by nature a vandal, but many of his acts are thoughtless. This writer recalls that in his boyhood days he bored holes in his father's office floor that he and his companions might play at "knucks." He did not realize at the time that he was committing a serious offense, but he had a different view after his father had thoroughly impressed the lesson in the back parlor. And from that day he was completely cured of vandalism.

Theodore Roosevelt will be Theodore Roosevelt's successor as President of the United States. Thomas W. Lawson has settled it. Mr. Lawson recently gave out an interview in Paris in which he disclosed the secret that was in intimate touch with 400,000 people representing all sections of the United States; "and I know," said he, "what they are working for, what their hopes are, what their purpose is; and I know they are convinced that in Theodore Roosevelt they have found an honest man, the big man, a strong man, the greatest man that America has produced since Lincoln."

That is conclusive, so far as Mr. Lawson is concerned, but in order to clear up the doubts of any possible skeptics, he added that "if by some conceivable chance it were to happen that Roosevelt should not get the nomination from either of the regular conventions, I myself could and would organize and finance a party that would not only nominate him, but would give him a greater majority than even that which he received in 1904."

If Mr. Lawson had merely said that in case neither of the existing parties should do its duty he would organize a new party to perpetuate the Roosevelt regime, there might have been ground for doubt. But when he gives assurance that in such a contingency he would both organize and finance such a party, faith is turned to glad fruition. Mr. Lawson has given new impetus to the John Temple Graves proposal.

New York recently received a consignment of 1,010 cases of apples, or about 310 barrels, from Australia and Tasmania, said to be the first import of the kind on the records of that port. That is a remarkable statement, and should be carefully noted by the farmers of Virginia. It is said that during the current fiscal year exports of apples have been well above the yearly average, amounting to above 1,500,000 barrels for the nine months ending with March. Last season's yield having been uncommonly large.

This indicates that the last crop was larger than the average, but it was not equal to the demand. Importers say that the crop of last year has been practically all consumed or exported. They assert that

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We have no exact knowledge on the subject, but we believe that a well attended apple orchard in Virginia will yield as large an income on the investment as an orange grove in Florida. Whether so or not, apple culture in Virginia properly conducted is very profitable, and it is surprising that our land-owners do not pay more attention to it.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY. The Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, of New Orleans, proposed at the Dallas reunion to adopt June 5—Jefferson Davis's birthday—as Confederate Memorial Day. "Three States," says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "have enacted the idea into law: Louisiana in 1902, Tennessee in 1903 and Mississippi in 1906. In Alabama and Arkansas June 5 is a holiday by consent only. In Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia the date is a legal holiday, but is not recognized as Memorial Day. Among the Southern cities that have adopted its observance as Memorial Day may be mentioned Fayetteville, Ark.; Louisville, Ky.; Bowling Green, Ky.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Springfield, Mo.; Asheville, N. C.; Bedford City, Va.; Culpeper Courthouse, Va.; Dublin, Va.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Lexington, Va.; Manassas, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; Warrenton, Va.; Winchester, Va.; Newport News, Va.; Romney, W. Va.; Frederick, Md.; and Washington, D. C., where the following Sunday is celebrated if the date falls upon a week day."

Our New Orleans contemporary suggests that the centenary of Mr. Davis's birth in 1908 could not be more fittingly celebrated than by its inauguration as Confederate Memorial Day. Mrs. Behan, president of the Confederate Memorial Association, made this recommendation in her annual report, and there is much reason in it, but May 30th is more convenient because it is observed as a national holiday, and it will be difficult, we imagine, to induce all the Southern States to make the change. However, the whole South should undoubtedly celebrate the centennial anniversary of President Davis's birth in a manner appropriate to the occasion.

The education edition of the Columbia State is a credit to the enterprise and character of that able and enterprising contemporary and to the educational system of South Carolina. Our contemporary well says that its education edition is as a great chart showing the condition of the institutions in which are forming and developing, and being trained and directed, the forces that are to be the stay and the strength of the Commonwealth.

The Columbia State is itself essentially a part of the public school system of South Carolina, and no agency has contributed more to the cause. The State newspaper occupies a prominent and honorable place on the education chart. The prosecution in the Haywood trial hopes to make a good deal of Steunbeger's last words. If the deceased Governor was like most males, however, it is reasonably certain that he never had any.

Editor Shaw declares that it wasn't his fault that the President's speech leaked out ahead of time. In it possibly the gentleman considers the speech so wishy-washy that it just got up and leaked of itself?

According to the Washington Herald, a friend of the President's says that Mr. Roosevelt might be induced to accept another term in the event of war. Surely Richmond P. Hobson is enough at war to supply the necessary pretext.

It has just been announced that Professor Giacobini, of Nice, recently discovered a new comet of a right ascension of 10 hours, 14 minutes, 19.7 seconds. Nothing sends the stocks up, however.

The President has a chest measurement of forty-three inches, as against forty-five of nature-writer Long. Of course, this proves that the President is right.

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With motors, villas, foreign cooks, I live as though I had been born a High prince—and all from those cute books I write about our odder fauna.

I deal with beasts whose ways are queer: Of bears with brains beyond their state, Of witty caribou, and deer Who have a college education.

I write of moral catamounts, Of moose that practice Christian virtue, Of serpents who, from all accounts, Would rather die than up and hurt you.

I tell of hens who go to school, Of dogs who run an automobile, Of pigs who live the Golden Rule, Of cats with thoughts advanced and noble.

In short, I write the sweetest stuff, Concerning beasts that e'er was thought, And true? Oh, well, they're true enough For nine editions to be bought up!

Near-science wins. The dear peep like Not facts—but feelings by the acre! Truth—plish! Ah, what a lucky strike I made in turning nature-faker! H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING. Correet. Maggie—"Say, Mayme, what's a manure pogie?" Mayme—"Oh, that's the swell name for a hand laundry."—Kansas City Star.

Strangers Before That. "Papa, how did you get acquainted with mamma?" "I married her, my son; I married her."—Houston Post.

People Seen in Public Places. Colonel S. M. Newhouse, former member of the House of Delegates from Culpeper, and now dockmaster of that body, left yesterday for his home, having attended the Confederate Reunion. Before taking his departure, Colonel Newhouse called at the Capitol and paid his respects to the Governor and other State officials.

Former Congressman Robert G. Southall, of Amelia, and former State Senator Thomas N. Williams, of Mecklenburg, were in the city yesterday. They were both callers at the Capitol during the day.

A striking figure in Murphy's lobby last night was Sergeant H. E. Wood, of Cumberland, who was color-bearer of Company E (Black Eagle), High School Virginia Infantry, 1st Battalion, Brigade, Pickett's Division, during the late war.

Sergeant Wood was dressed in his old Confederate uniform, in which he served in 1863, and even had on his haversack, canteen and pistol. He exhibited bullet-holes in his coat and trousers, and said they were made by Federal bullets at the Battle of Gettysburg.

"The greatest pleasure I have experienced in a long time," observed Sergeant Wood, when seen by a Times-Dispatch reporter, "was in marching beside my colonel and captain in the parade the other day. The former was Colonel Robert E. Withers, of Wytheville, and the latter Dr. Thomas P. Shield, now of Columbus, O."

Sergeant Wood did not seem inclined to exploit his own record, but he declared that he never failed to capture the bravest and manliest man he ever saw in battle.

Major Thomas Tallafiero, of Gloucester, was a caller at the Library building yesterday. Judge Bennett T. Gordon, of Nelson county, who presides over the new Twenty-ninth Circuit, composed of the counties of Amherst, Nelson, Buckingham and Fluvanna, is at Murphy's, and was a caller at the Capitol yesterday.

Judge Gordon was the Commonwealth's Attorney for Nelson county for many years prior to going on the bench, and represented his people in the Constitutional Convention. He is one of the most popular citizens of Nelson, and has never failed to capture whatever honor he sought, in the way of public place.

Owing to past unpleasant relations with former Judge W. C. Loving, Judge Gordon declined to sit at the trial of Judge Loving, who is under indictment for the killing of Theodore Estes; Judge Gordon will leave for his home to-day.

Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, of Washington, D. C., was a caller on Governor Swann at the Executive Mansion yesterday.

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Poems You Ought to Know. Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

A Sea Gypsy. By RICHARD HOVIVY. Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

AMUSEMENTS. Academy—"A Doll's House." Bijou—"The Nancy Hanks." Idlewood—Summer Amusement Park.

Concerning "A Doll's House." It was as Nora Helmer, in "A Doll's House," which Percy Hawrelak and the George Fawcett Company are presenting at the Academy of Music this week, that Mrs. Piske's genius as an actress of serious parts was first revealed.

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