

In the person of Zelaya's chief executive selected by him or by the congress...

This telegram contains the first authoritative statement that the revolutionists will not accept as President of Nicaragua...

Washington, December 20.—Dr. Caserio, representative of the Estrada government here, tonight received this message from Diaz, Secretary of State of the provisional government.

Another cablegram to Dr. Caserio from the same source carried the unqualified statement that the revolutionary party would not under no circumstances countenance the election of Dr. Madriz...

DEMAND GROWS FROM ALL SIDES

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mal school at Harrisonburg were next heard. Senator F. L. King presented the needs of the institution as follows: For 1910, \$20,000 for repairs; \$25,000 for maintenance...

The Legislature at the last session made a preliminary appropriation of \$50,000, to which the town of Harrisonburg and the county of Rockingham added \$10,000 each...

At 1:30 o'clock members of the committee were entertained at luncheon at the Westmoreland Club by Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Hillyson.

The committee reassembled at 3 o'clock, and first listened to an address by George E. Caskie, representing the business interests of Lynchburg...

He called attention to the fact that \$200,000 has been paid into the State Treasury a larger amount in proportion than any other community in the State...

Senator Halsey followed Mr. Caskie. He said he felt that the establishment of the epileptic farm had been deferred unnecessarily...

Superintendent J. D. Eggleston, Jr., of the Department of Public Instruction, next came before the committee.

He said he thought his department would not ask for additional appropriations at this session. However, he expressed his dissatisfaction with a practice which has grown up in some counties whereby when State aid is extended for schools...

Among the members of the House of Delegates who kept their eyes on the Senate Finance Committee during portions of its hearings yesterday were...

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Weather report—snow followed by a squall.

All sorts of things must be bought for the men and boys' wear, and their Xmas gifts must not be overlooked either!

Storm Coats for men, \$18.00 \$40.00. Storm Coats and Reefers for boys, \$8.00 to \$18.00. Warm Robes for the motorist.

Woolen Robes to don after the chilly bath. Arctic versus cold feet. "Fuzzy" Velour Hats, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Comfy Gauntlets—for boys, 50c; for men, 75c and up.

About gift things. One of the most attractive features of our holiday small-ware department is the reasonableness of the prices on the imported novelties.

You see we got rid of the jobber by buying direct. Lots of things to be found only here. Many things women like among them.

All in Xmas boxes.

C. H. Berrus & Co. MEN & BOYS' OUTFITTERS

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SEEKING LIGHT ON PROPERTY VALUES

Finance Committee Anxious to Know How Lands Assessed and Sold.

PRESENT SYSTEM IS UNJUST

Argument Made That Counties Have Different Method of Fixing Proper Tax.

"State equalization boards don't equalize," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Eggleston yesterday in the course of a discussion of tax assessments before the Senate Finance Committee.

The committee is giving a great deal of its time to the subject of equalizing assessed property values in this State, especially with reference to real estate. Personal property, it is believed, will prove a much more difficult problem, and the committee feels that if it can, even in part, solve the question of providing a just and equitable system of assessing real estate, it will have won a notable victory.

Mr. Eggleston said that he knows of one county in which property is assessed at not more than 25 per cent. of its value. He said that if all the property in the State were assessed for taxation at 50 per cent. of what it is actually worth he would prefer it as a revenue-getter for the schools alone to an appropriation of \$250,000 from the General Assembly.

Chairman Keezell has a statement showing the assessed value of lands in a county as compared with the prices actually paid for them within recent months, as indicated by the deed books. This shows that on the average real estate is assessed at 48 per cent. of what the purchaser thinks it is actually worth, and for which they pay their hard cash.

Efforts are being made by the committee to secure information of a similar kind from other counties, and to this end Clerk Booker is sending out letters to clerks of courts explaining the situation and asking for the desired data. The letter reads as follows:

The Senate Finance Committee, now in session in the city of Richmond, is engaged in preparing a general appropriation bill to be introduced at the coming session of the General Assembly. Many questions concerning the State's revenues are receiving special consideration and one of the most important of these is the present unequal assessment of lands in the various sections of the State.

The committee is making an effort to reach the average estimate of the relation of the assessed value of land to its fair market, or actual value. "As furnishing a basis for this estimate, it is desired to have a list of the transfers of real estate in the several counties during the year 1908 (or for the first six months of 1909) with a list of the assessments showing the assessed value and the actual value of the land as shown by the deed transfers. The lists for 1908 of these transfers are on the files in each clerk's office, and a statement of this character can be made without a great deal of work.

Very respectfully, the Finance Committee writes to ask that you furnish me the list desired not later than January 1, 1910.

Assessment is Unjust. It is the feeling of the committee that the trouble is not so much with a low valuation as with inequalities. The result is that while the people of one county pay taxes on 60 per cent. of the value of their property, those who live in others pay on not more than 25 or 30 per cent. The manifest injustice of this has stirred the committee to action.

Of course it is fully realized that the rate of taxation makes no difference to the taxpayer, provided the assessment is uniform. If the people of a county have so much money to raise for expenses, the rate is calculated on the gross taxable assessed value. A high assessment therefore means a low tax rate, and vice versa. But it pains the people of a county whose lands are assessed at 50 per cent. of their value to pay 55 cents on the \$100 into the State Treasury while their friends just across the county line pay the same rate to the State on an assessment of 25 per cent. of the value.

WELDS TO DEMAND OF PARTY LEADERS

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the form of the inquiry will be threshed out between row and the reconvening of Congress on January 4.

May Be Joint Committee. This whole subject has been the centre of heated discussion among members of both houses of Congress, and it is not unlikely that the question will at length be put in the hands of a joint special committee representing both. Ordinarily, an investigation of this character would fall to the Committee on Public Lands in one house or the other.

The committees are made up, however, largely of men from Western States who have in one way or another taken sides in the controversy and whose interests might be regarded as possibly interfering with an unbiased judgment.

One thing appears certain—the investigation whoever makes it, must be relentless and everybody seems agreed that it must be absolutely public; it is admitted that anything in the nature of "star chamber" proceedings would not be tolerated. The department of the Interior, so far as it concerns public lands and mineral and water rights, it is agreed, must be bared to the searchlight; from the time when Mr. Ballinger was commissioner-general of the Land Office under the Roosevelt administration down to the present moment.

The position of Mr. Ballinger and his friends in this matter goes beyond any question of personal controversy, and they are those who voice the attitude of the administration disavow any desire to "convict somebody else," as a means to vindicating the Secretary of the Interior. For instance, it is positively declared that the interests of the Department of Agriculture and its forest service, of which Gifford Pinchot is chief, will be recognized as having an important stake in this business, since much of this unhappy controversy has concerned matters in which the forest service was more or less directly involved.

OBITUARY

Captain Samuel H. Herndon, who was the oldest member of the Fire Department, died early yesterday morning at his residence, 1103 West Cary Street. He was eighty-six years old...

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. David M. Ramsey, D. D., and the Masonic services by St. John's Lodge. The interment will be made in Hollywood. The lodge has been called to meet at 2 P. M., one hour before the funeral.

Funeral of Mr. Heiler. The funeral of H. Brown Heiler, for a number of years a clerk in the State and office here, who died in Washington Saturday, took place in Hollywood Cemetery yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Funeral of Captain Ford. The funeral of Captain Abner S. Ford, who died at the Soldiers' Home Sunday, took place yesterday morning in the Memorial Chapel. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Dickerson, of the Episcopal Church.

Funeral of Mrs. S. Carter. The funeral of Mrs. S. Carter, of Washington—and three sons—Archibald C. H. B. Jr., and Joseph Haley. Rev. D. W. Thomas, D. D., retired missionary to India, died suddenly yesterday morning at his residence on the Mechanicsville Turnpike. He was about eighty years of age and had been in bad health for many years.

Funeral of Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Sallie B. Wilson, of 210 East Franklin Street, died last night at the Virginia Hospital after an illness culminating in pneumonia. She was a daughter of the late General Philip St. George Cooke of Loudoun county, and widow of Samuel M. Wilson, of Portsmouth.

Funeral of Mrs. Enright. The funeral of Mrs. Enright, widow of Miles Enright, died yesterday morning at the residence of her son, Wilson Enright, 516 North Twenty-fifth Street, took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. She was 82 years of age and is survived by five children: Mrs. Cora Edwards, Mrs. Mattie Davis and Mrs. Mary Enright.

Funeral of Mrs. Oweel. The funeral of Mrs. Oweel, widow of J. A. G. Oweel, died at her residence Saturday afternoon at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Oweel was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1840; was married in 1852, and moved to Wytheville in 1872, where she had since resided. She had been in feeble health for several months, and within the past two months, went to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Having received no benefit and no hopes being held out to her, she returned home.

Funeral of Mrs. Minerva MacDonald. Mrs. Minerva Calmes MacDonald died Saturday afternoon at 10 o'clock, aged eighty-nine years. She was twice married, her first husband being Matthew Whiting Royston, of Clarke county, and her second, James MacDonald, died the late William MacDonald. She was a descendant of General Marquis Calmes, an intimate friend of Washington, D. C., and of this place, and a first cousin of Commodore Perry. During the Civil War she narrowly escaped being captured when a Federal steamer crashed through her house near Ashby's Gap, killing a child and wounding several others; and while the battery was at its height she turned her home into a hospital, dressed the wounds of the soldiers and made frequent trips, amid showers of bullets, to the front to get cold water for the soldiers. One son, Robert Royston, Gerardstown, W. Va., and two daughters, Mrs. J. A. G. Oweel and Mrs. J. H. Phipps, are survivors.

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ters, Mrs. L. H. Bennett, of Baltimore, and Miss May Royston, of Winchester, survive.

J. R. Summerson. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BEDFORD CITY, Va., December 20.—J. R. Summerson, a farmer and real estate agent, died at his residence here on Baltimore Avenue, on Saturday evening, after a long illness. Mr. Summerson was born in Augusta county, Va., fifty-seven years ago. Later he moved to Pulaski county, and ten years ago bought property here and made it his home. He is survived by his wife and seven children, as follows: Richard, of New York; Robert, of Roanoke; Harry, of Welch, W. Va.; Edith, Archie, Graham and Mrs. John B. Jordan, of Washington, D. C.

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