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TAX METHODS

There is no lack of evidence which illustrates the glaring inequality in the taxations of all classes of property in Montana. On that score abundant testimony was given, last week, in Helena, by some of the county assessors.

In a good many instances the blame is not laid at the right door. There ought to be uniformity, but toward attaining it there is lack of central authority. One county has "habits" in its dealings with groups of property and these are apt to be unlike the way they do them in other, nearby counties.

The experience of several states is available, and Montana can profit thereby. One of the assessors remarked last week in Helena that there are forty-one assessors in the state and forty-one different methods in valuations of property. A good many states have a permanent tax commission.

GOING AWAY

Over in Helena years ago there lived a local character, a one-legged man, known only as "Go-away George." He was called that because he was forever talking about going away, when, in fact, he never got more than a block or two from the Combination gambling house.

In this community there are many Go-away Georges. Many of them in good faith talk of that time when, in the happy days to come, they will be able to make their home elsewhere.

As a matter of fact, much of this talk is nonsense. It would take as good a reason as sent the real "Go-away George" out of Helena to send them away from Butte permanently.

Leaving Butte today are excursion trains that will take more than 500 Montana residents to Southern California. Butte contributes a fair proportion to the party of excursionists.

The truth is that while we do not grow oranges, grapefruit and figs in our back yards, while the lovely palm and the pepper tree and the poinsettias

are not to be found in our midst, we have advantages that cannot be had anywhere else. These become more apparent when we leave them for awhile, and the ever present knowledge that they do exist and that they will be ours on our return—these things and the friends who are unlike the friends we find elsewhere—draw us back to Montana, well satisfied with the Treasure state.

THE FIGURES

The study of the tax question under legislative auspices has brought out conflicting statements in regard to the amounts that will be required for administrative expenses and what the size of the deficit will be. The state auditor's figures became available with the publication of his report, but the committee having to do with the tax question told the senate, day before yesterday, that the deficit will be very much greater—in fact, that it will be more than a million by the first of March, 1919.

In turn, Auditor Keating defends his figures. He insists that they are accurate, and he asserts that they make generous allowance for the items that are involved, with added estimates for funds which may be required, unless measures that cannot now be definitely reckoned with come up. The auditor says that the estimates he summarized were received from department heads and used by him without reduction. Of course, there are proposals concerning the university that await legislative action, but his figures include \$200,000 for college buildings, to be paid out of current revenue.

No doubt there will be a clearing up of the case, with information that will reconcile these widely-different estimates. There prevails a popular expectation that the legislature will exercise care in appropriations, but that is, in a way, merely an incident in the discussion of the tax question.

The representatives of the mining properties in this county have not been protesting against the aggregate appropriations. What they ask is that in the assessment of taxes there shall be equity in the distribution over all classes of assessable property in the state and that point is before the committee. In addition, the question of the appointment of a commission to revise the tax laws is under consideration in Helena. He the current expenses more or less, that is an important topic.

LET THEM TALK!

For many of the members of the federal senate a week devoted to the discussion of the president's address would be the next-best thing to a week of vacation. Senator Cummins was the starter, yesterday, of the proposition that time be set apart for the full and free discussion of the president's plans—or rather of his views.

The senator's idea was to open the carnival or oratory next Monday, with time assigned to every senator in which to say what he thinks about the president's course in appearing before the senate and also about the executive's theory in regard to our future foreign relations.

Today the proposition made by the senator received attention but without definite result. But he took advantage of the opportunity to make a few remarks which are equivalent to an advance notice that if the six-day debate is staged it will be extremely interesting. The administration managers prefer to let the case go to a committee.

No doubt, the public would like a full open-senate discussion of the subject. It is admitted that the president's proposals are of the highest significance, if they are to be accepted as serious. His words are sensational and he arranged for the utterance of them in dramatic style. The people want to get at the merits of the matter, and toward that end thorough discussion in the senate would be helpful.

Senator Cummins insists that in view of the way in which the president presented the case it would be wrong were the senate to abstain from talking. Mr. Wilson said that the senate is his council in such matters. By the way, he was not taking that view at the time when he wrote his peace note; he has changed his mind with respect to his relation to the senate when it comes to dealing with foreign affairs.

IT IS COMING

Under the present administration in London, Arthur N. Chamberlain is the director general of national service. Several times he has broken the news, not so very gently, to his fellow citizens that conscription is liable to be put into execution as a measure for the prosecution of the war.

In a speech at Birmingham, last Saturday, Chamberlain said that if the appeal for volunteers does not evoke satisfactory response the government will adopt a policy of compulsion. At the time he was addressing a meeting made up of Birmingham's industrial

forces. He put the case in plain terms. He declared that the government wants to give every opportunity for voluntary enlistment but that it will not hesitate to take any step required for the successful prosecution of the war.

The British government has hesitated a long time about adopting the policy of conscription. It has reckoned with the opposition known to exist in England and with the possibilities of trouble in Ireland. Even Lloyd George pauses. But the latest information is that the recruits don't respond as it is claimed they should and that there will be no escape from conscription.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- JANUARY 24. 1712—Birth of Frederick the Great, Prussia's greatest general. 1781—British garrison at Georgetown, S. C., surprised and captured by General Lee. 1861—United States arsenal at Atlanta, Ga., seized by Georgia troops. 1867—Schleswig-Holstein, formerly Danish provinces, formally incorporated with Prussia. 1871—Bismarck made chancellor of newly proclaimed German empire. 1894—Laura Mapleson, famous American prima donna, died. 1895—Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii abdicated. 1905—Allen T. Davidson, last surviving member of confederate congress, died, aged 85 years. 1908—First Boy Scout troop organized in England by Gen. Sir R. S. Baden-Powell, veteran of the Boer war; 12,000 Boy Scouts are now in the military service of Great Britain in the present war. 1910—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis started the beef probe in Chicago. 1914—United States senate authorized the government to construct and operate a railroad in Alaska, to cost not more than \$40,000,000. 1916—United States supreme court upholds constitutionality of income tax law, and five pending suits are dismissed.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

- JANUARY 24. 1915—Naval battle in North sea; German armored cruiser Bluecher sunk by British squadron in running fight with German fleet. 1916—Furious bombardment of Newport, Belgium, by the Germans; Newport cathedral, famous Gothic monument, in flames.

LODGED 595 TRAMPS.

Allentown, Pa.—Not all the tramps are spending the winter at the Berks and Lancaster county almshouses, according to reports made public by Henry Heft, a farmer of near town, who since the first of the year has provided lodging to 595 tramps in his barn, an increase of 15 tramps over the same period last year. Only one woman was given lodging.

Near the barn is a fine grove, and during the summer a good many sleep under the trees. Here Heft has provided a fireplace, and in a wash boiler they made their coffee. Heft never gives them a full meal, but if they agree to do their own cooking he often hands them potatoes, flour, salt, pepper and other necessities.

Mr. Heft says it has been the custom of his father and grandfather to provide lodging to the tramps, and that for the 100 years that the farm has been in the Heft family no tramp was turned from their barn, and that they never had any trouble with them.

Get it at Colberts.—Adv. When she is 17 she is waiting for a Millionaire to propose. When she is 27 she is trying to capture a common, ordinary Meal Ticket.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

- ORPHEUM Moving Pictures—Today and Tomorrow: Emmy Whelan in "Vanity." LIBERTY Moving Pictures—Today: "Heart Strings." BROADWAY Pantages Vaudeville—Today: "Telephone Tangle" and five other acts. Tomorrow: "The Winning of Barbara Worth." EMPRESS Hippodrome Vaudeville—Today and Tomorrow: "The Metropole Four" and five other acts. ANSONIA Vaudeville and Moving Pictures—Today: June Caprice in "A Modern Cinderella." Tomorrow: Alice Brady in "A Woman Alone." AMERICAN Moving Pictures—Today and Tomorrow: Bill Hart in "Truthful Tulliver."

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and torpid they do not properly perform their functions; your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be despondent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer. The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar combination of roots, barks and herbs. No other medicine acts like it. Because no other medicine has the same formula or ingredients. Accept no substitute, but insist on having Hood's, and get it today.

ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

COW BATTLES WITH LYNX.

Baker, Ore.—A cow, breaking a corral fence, attacked a monster lynx and gored it until killed to save a calf on the Alexander Simons ranch, of Eagle Valley, according to a report received here. The calf was fastened to a wagon when the lynx attacked it and the frenzied mother broke the barrier, gored the wild animal and held it from its prey until J. Schultz could finish the lynx. Deep snow in the hills is driving the wild animals to the lower grounds.

STOLEN GEMS RETURNED.

Altoona, Pa.—Diamond rings and brooches worth \$5,000 which mysteriously disappeared from the home of Patrick W. Finn, a contractor, at Anthills, a suburb, on Nov. 10, have been just as mysteriously recovered. When the family returned from church Christmas morning the stolen gems, wrapped neatly in a little paper bag and bound with red ribbon, were found hanging to the door knob. While there were servants in the house, no one had seen a stranger about the premises and the identity of the thief is still unknown. Four men had been arrested on suspicion.

HIS BANK IN HIS HAT.

Whaley Lake, N. Y.—Philip Gardiner of Nelsonville breathed easier upon recovering his hat in which he had sewed \$842 in bills. A gust of wind blew it off his head while he was riding on a train. Gardiner broke his right arm in his haste to get the impromptu bank, by jumping off, but, despite his injuries, he searched for the hat and found it in some weeds.

BABY ESCAPES TRAIN.

Des Moines, Ia.—While playing on a railway right of way, the 2-year-old daughter of Mrs. G. O. Mills fell sprawling in the middle of the track and half the length of a passenger train passed over her before it could be brought to a stop. The train crew rushed to the spot where the child was lying, expecting to find her badly mangled body. Blood was streaming from the infant's face, but on being rushed to the hospital it was discovered that a slight flesh wound on the left cheek was the only injury she sustained.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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It has just about gotten to a point where one half the world are Jay Riders and the other half are Jay Walkers.

When a man realizes that one of his ancestors could have purchased the ground where the City Hall now stands for about 50 cents he feels like digging up the skeleton of said ancestor and kicking the slats out of it.

Don't get discouraged. There are mighty few successful men in this world who haven't experienced a few failures.

What has become of the old-fashioned lad who used to carry his matches in his hat band?

Your friends and your credit are a lot alike. The best way to retain them is to let them alone and not try to overwork them.

When a man tells you that he does his duty as he sees it, you get the idea that he ought to consult an oculist.

It is all right to be an optimist. But you are not going to get anywhere by sitting down and hoping for the best. It is none of our business. But we doubt if the old-fashioned girl who used to wear the round kind could get into an Envelope Combination or a Teddy Bear.

Advertising is good stuff if you use the right medium. You know what you always do with a circular bearing a one-cent stamp, don't you. And yet you expect other folks to read your circular before consulting it to the waste basket.

When a man has a six-cylinder boiler in good working order you can't expect him to sit down and worry over the fact that the cannibals in Woegwibig have no Bibles.

There are thousands of chicken fanciers in this country who never attended a poultry show.

Once in a while you will run into a man who is so hopeless that you would libel the whole mule family if you called him an ass.

It isn't hard to tell a brainy man from an idiot. A brainy man agrees with you when you get him into an argument.

The Webb-Kenson law has been declared unconstitutional. But this will not affect the demand for pocket knives with corkscREW attachments in the "Prohibition" States.

Blessed is the man who is in a hurry. He hasn't time to tell us his troubles.

Our Daily Special. Many A Man Has His Liberty In His Wife's Name.

Things to Worry About. The tongue of a giraffe is a foot and a half long.

Names is Names. Orange Wood Hives in Louisville, Ky.

EDUCATION NOTES

Alfred Noyes, the celebrated British poet, has returned to America to resume the advanced English course he has been conducting at Princeton university for two years past. He left America last May upon the completion of this course to offer his services for war work to his native land, and has since been variously engaged in relief work of various descriptions, assisted by his wife, who is an American, formerly Miss Garnett Daniels, daughter of the late Col. B. G. Daniels, U. S. A.

January Sales at Landers

\$3 Down Buys \$25 Worth of Goods

This may well be termed a co-operative sale. Our own splendid stocks are strongly represented—and we have applied the rod of reduction without a tremor. In addition makers have joined hands with us in making this the mightiest merchandise movement of our career. And you see the results before your very eyes. Sales—big sales—feature sales—special sales—money-saving sales—and only a part of the news is told in our advertisements. If you have not attended this great sale do so tomorrow. Without a question the biggest and best sale in history of the Lander store.

\$5 Down Buys \$50 Worth of Goods



42-Piece Extra High Grade Dinner Sets of the Finest Quality of Heavily Glazed, Double Fired Porcelain With a Pure Gold Coin Edge

In beauty and excellence of design these dinner sets cannot be purchased anywhere for less than 50 per cent more than our special price. The set consists of newest modeled fruit dishes, cream pitchers, oblong vegetable dishes, cups and saucers, individual butter dishes, covered sugar bowl, meat platters, pie plates, dinner plates, round vegetable dishes; 42 pieces. Specially priced at... \$4.85

Sale Of Three Solid Carloads of Pullman Revolving Seat Bed Davenport Continues Tomorrow

\$44.45

For a Full Size Pullman Revolving Seat Bed-Davenport Upholstered in Fine Royal Leather

Frame is solid oak and upholstery of best grade Royal leather, with smooth seat and back. We have sold over 1,000 of this grade of Pullmans and every one is giving as good satisfaction as the day it was bought. Complete with mattress and springs, a guaranteed genuine Pullman davenport for only... \$44.45

\$54.65

For a Full Size Pullman Revolving Seat Bed-Davenport Upholstered in Muleskin

Very massively constructed davenport with a quartered oak frame, fumed finish and upholstered in best grade of muleskin that will wear better than any cheap grade of genuine leather. Smooth seat and back. Complete with mattress and springs, sale tomorrow at only... \$54.65

\$63.95

For a Lander Special Bed-Davenport Upholstered in Spanish Leather or All-Over Tapestry

Frames of mahogany or quartered oak in the golden finish, highly hand polished with a mirror-like surface. Upholstering of figured tapestry or Spanish leather with pleated front, smooth seat and back; all-over tapestry upholstery, not loose cushion style. Arms of these davenports have the deep curved effect. Special sale tomorrow at January clearance price of only... \$63.95

\$79.35

For a Genuine Full Size Pullman Revolving Seat Bed-Davenport Upholstered in Genuine Spanish Leather

Frame is of quartered oak, golden finish and very massive. High back finished in circular style so popular this season. Upholstering of best grade genuine Spanish leather with smooth seat and back (not tufted). All complete with mattress and springs at January sale price of only... \$79.35

All Pullman or Pullmanette Davenports Include Mattress and Springs

MAIL ORDERS FILLED



AND WE PAY THE FREIGHT

\$3 down, \$3.00 month, buys \$25 worth of goods.

\$5 down, \$5.00 month, buys \$50 worth of goods.

\$7.50 down, \$7.50 per month, buys \$75 worth of goods.

\$10.00 down, \$10 per month, buys \$100 worth of goods.

RIPPLING RHYMES By Walt Mason.

CONFESSION

I ate too much roast turkey, upon Thanksgiving day, and now my works are jerky, the gears are out of play. I swallowed Christmas chickens, and Christmas pies and cakes, and like the well known Dickens, my stomach bucks and aches. I swallowed New Year candy, all day, in my abode, until my legs grew bandy beneath the grievous load. All winter I've been eating, with this excuse or that, and now I'm sadly bleating because I am so fat. Within me there's a riot, my works are out of plumb, and I will have to diet for weary months to come. I'll have to get up early, and walk a hundred miles; what wonder if I'm surly, and short on sunny smiles? For months I'll have to swallow the doctor's noxious pills, and his instructions follow, and also pay his bills. The grief is everlasting that festive seasons bring; 'twere better if with fasting we'd celebrate and sing. If we would cease to swallow the Christmas cakes and pies, and keep our persons hollow, methinks 'twould be more wise.

requirement for a collegiate teaching position. However, it is not the Rhodes scholars for whom ancient Oxford is gunning, and thus preparing to abandon some of its exclusiveness. The university appreciates the fact that many Americans who have been in the habit of going to Europe for their higher education will henceforth sidestep Germany, and go either to England or to France. Oxford wants its share of these learned visitors, and it knows that it can not obtain them unless it offers something better than the bachelor's degree for what is really a doctorate work.