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THE TAX MATTER.

The so-called tax ferret proposition is now attracting much attention in this county. This phase of the tax question seems to have developed into purely a matter of working at the easiest part of the job.

The contract with these expert tax collectors deals only with personal property. It does not take up real estate.

The so-called tax "ferret" receives a commission on the taxes he can get collected. Naturally, he does as anyone else would do in his place, that is, he works along the line that will give the best results for him.

The individual citizen may have proportionately just as much that is not taxed, as the big company, but it would require much more work on the part of the accountant to investigate any considerable number of these individual cases than one big one.

This is not American in principle and is not a square deal. No rule that does not apply proportionately to all alike, is right in this country.

Mr. Davidson says "there are many others just as culpable" if that is the case, the contract should take all of it. Why put a charge of guilt against the whole community and then try only a few?

We are certainly in favor of collecting all the just taxes due from everybody. But the scheme that collects from one and not from another, is wrong.

The employe and the employer are answerable alike to the same general laws, and these laws should not be so administered as to make them feel that they have nothing in common.

The fact is that the present method of fixing taxation, both real and personal, needs a great deal of improving, but the tax ferret method is not the proper plan to accomplish it, because it does not hit all alike.

STATE CLEAN-UP DAYS.

Dr. G. H. Sumner, secretary of the state board of health, has addressed a letter to the health officers, city and county authorities and women's clubs of Iowa, in which a week of state "clean-up" days is announced. Dr.

Summer states that the importance of the proper sanitation of our houses cannot be overestimated. It is necessary after a long severe winter that all debris, garbage and filth, both outside and inside our houses, should be removed.

"It must be remembered that the only way to prevent pandemics and epidemics of disease is to clean out, clean up and keep clean; therefore, the state board of health deems it wise that April 25th to May 1st be set apart as clean-up days for the state of Iowa.

"Now, in accordance with the above, I therefore call upon you to do all in your power officially and privately to rid our state of filth and its products. Let each man cleanse his premises, and each woman her house, and each officer his territory.

"In order to secure concerted action, each and every city council, every church organization, every township board of trustees, every county board of supervisors and every parliamentarily body is requested to pass resolutions urging all Iowans to observe these clean-up days."

Before Ottumwa can fully comply with the excellent suggestions made in this letter it will be necessary to settle the garbage question in a manner that will insure the removal of all garbage during the summer months.

The Burlington Hawk-Eye Sunday devoted the best part of three pages to the publication of a list of names of those whose personal property assessments had been increased.

The new council under the commission plan of city government has a prize package in store for the property owners of Burlington. It is the tax assessment for the coming year.

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ing a showing by increasing the assessments of a few of the largest tax payers. And this work, if taken up, should be done by competent Ottumwa people, who know local property values and have the interest of the whole community at heart.

The smallest home, as well as the largest corporate possessions, must be carefully considered in this work. It is claimed that much of the residence and farm property is assessed too low. But all must be given a square deal.

E. P. Adler has been elected president of the Greater Davenport committee, a new booster organization that was launched at a recent dinner attended by more than 400 leading Davenport citizens.

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Congressman Longworth of Ohio, says: "I am a Taft man—not on the surface, but through and through. I am not willing to use his name as a cloak for my support of other men or of other interests."

Col. Roosevelt seems to be about the only former president who is breaking into print these days. There is former President Zelaya and former President Castro, for instance, who haven't got a line in the papers for months.

Census Director Durand hastens to assure the house wives that no insult was intended when they were reported as having "no occupation" by the enumerators.

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PEOPLE'S PULPIT

The Courier opens its columns for the discussion of topics of greatest import to the public weal. Communications of not more than 500 words will be printed in this column.

How to reconcile the frictions of society is a problem which is attracting the attention of the civilized world. In the past there has been a wider variation in the material conditions of the human family than today.

The law is very plain as to the assessments of shares of corporate stocks. Sec. 1320 of the code very plainly says that "shares of corporate stocks . . . shall be assessed at the principal place of business."

tion would discourage thrift and industry, conduce to idleness and stimulate avarice and anarchy. If character and an honorable, legalized process men can get what they do not earn, production will be diminished and decay ensue.

That sin, intemperance and improvidence bring forth the fatal fruit of poverty, misery and suffering is not the fault of our social system. The cause lies deeper.

On a basis for happiness, money is the most disappointing thing in the world. Let a truer estimate prevail. Great wealth pursued as an end is a curse to any member of the human race.

That man does not own his estate but his estate owns him, which is enslaved by wealth. Such a one is like a bee submerged in its own honey.

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value of over \$677,000 with the executive council of the state, and this property was appraised by competent men acting under oath. Their highest assessment during the last five years that I have been able to find, is \$33,000, and this year only \$20,000.

The Fowler-Wilson Co. is incorporated with an authorized capital of \$50,000; principal place of business—Ottumwa, Iowa, and therefore their capital stock is assessed in Ottumwa.

The Roseland Coal Co. comes under the head of grain, ice and coal dealers. See section 1315 of the code: "Grain, ice and coal dealers shall be assessed on the average amount of capital used in conducting their business."

Mr. Gilmore quotes an opinion handed down by the United States supreme court in a book case in New York in 1866. Since that time the country has grown wonderfully and the legislature of Iowa has found it necessary to enact laws to meet the changed conditions.

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taxable property is such that they could not conceal it from the assessor. A great many are paying taxes on their homes which are not wholly paid for, they paying taxes on their indebtedness. Surely they would not vote for a man pledged to foster the interests of the wealthy shark who is willing to purjure himself in order to evade paying his just proportion of taxation and thus increase the burden on the citizen of moderate accumulations, together with the great bulk of our wealthy citizens, who have no grievance with the tax ferret. Why? Because they are honest and would not entertain for one moment the thought of evasion. O, no, Mr. Moore, I think that on second thought you will see clearly that the class that are aggrieved by the tax ferret, like those who are annoyed by the grand jury and the criminal courts, are a very undesirable class, and the more vigorous the tax ferret and the grand juries are the better it will be for all.

J. H. R. Spilman. R. F. D. No. 2, Eldon, Ia.

WHOSE NEGLECT WAS IT?

Dear sir: A recent issue of your valuable paper under caption, "Are Charged With Neglect," mentioned the case of the Messenger family of La Junta, Colorado.

"B. D. Messenger of La Junta, who is not a Christian Scientist, lost three little girls, Rose, Etta and Mary, all of whom died under the care of midwife doctors. In the case of the child, Etta, the court record shows gross neglect on the part of the attending physician. He was called on January 8 and given full charge of the case. He diagnosed the disease to be croup and prescribed medicine. The medicine was given according to his orders. The doctor announced that nothing could be done for the child, and he did not visit the patient again for four days, when he died upon the urgent request of the father. Although he found the child in a critical condition, he left the case to go to another city, returning on January 13, to find the child had died during his absence. He had diagnosed the case as croup, but signed the burial certificate as pneumonia, afterwards declaring that he thought the child had died of diphtheria. The court record shows that the doctor was negligent in not making a culture, in not quarantining the case, in neglecting to visit the case for four days, and in leaving the city at the time of the child's most critical illness, admitting on the witness stand, that he knew the child to be dangerously ill. Also that very probably due to his failure to make a correct diagnosis and his neglect in not warning the parents to guard against contagion that the parents and the other children became ill with diphtheria."

"All the foregoing facts are shown in the court record, a copy of which I have on file and any one desiring to corroborate the facts, is invited to examine the record.

"The parents, after losing three children under the care of physicians, finally, in their extremity, their other children stricken with the dread disease, turned wholly to Christian Science treatment and forsook material remedies.

"Two children, Martha and Mabel, and the parents were healed by Christian Science treatment. The remaining child, Arthur, was under Christian Science treatment when the local officer of the bureau of child and animal protection, learning that Arthur was not receiving medical treatment, made a somewhat strident by the gossip of the street, called upon the district attorney and had an action brought against the parents charging them with neglecting their children, whereby, under the juvenile law of Colorado, the children become dependent. This neglect as alleged, consisted of failure to employ proper medical attention. An order was secured from the court forcing the parents to admit a physician and nurse to attend the sick child, Arthur.

"The defense was that nothing in the laws of Colorado required the employment of a medical doctor, hence the failure to employ one could not constitute neglect under the juvenile laws.

"Christian Science was not mentioned in the action brought by the district attorney, in the court order, nor

in any of the evidence during the trial. Christian Scientists are, however, interested in the case, because they believe it was unlawful to force medical treatment into a home which had turned to another system of treatment, as in the case of the child, Arthur, to Christian Science treatment, especially in view of the fact that the two children and the parents, all of whom had relied entirely upon Christian Science treatment, were healed, while three other children under medical treatment died."

Three children died under medical treatment. The parents and two children healed by Christian Science. What was the warrant for state interference, and where was the neglect? Perhaps further comment would be superfluous.

Respectfully, John L. Rendall, Des Moines, Ia., April 16, 1910.

A FARMER ON THE ROADS.

Editor Courier.—Dear Sir.—A friend invited me to take an automobile ride with him to Libertyville, Iowa, and being a hard working man and not used to luxuries, I gladly accepted.

The road from Ottumwa to Agency, on east Main to the old "Q" right of way, was excellent, with the exception of a part of the road outside of the city limits up to the Agency township line.

East of Agency on the Fairfield road for about three miles the road was fierce. In a great many places not being even drained, it was very rough. The water could not get out of the road, it was so inclined, and in the middle of the road in many places is low-lying, and the outside of the road and therefore filled with mudholes when it is rainy and chuck holes when dry.

These roads could be put in excellent condition by very little attention by the trustees who have charge of the road east of Agency, if they would look this matter up and have the road worked, which of course they will do as soon as they learn it is in bad condition.

The road from about four miles east of Agency to Batavia was excellent most of the way, however, it needs dragging. The best road we struck was the two miles of the Fairfield road going into Batavia from this direction. I understand that it was worked by the rural carriers out of Batavia and the farmers along the road. It is in excellent condition as to drainage, grading and grading and only takes a very little work now with the drag to keep it in good condition.

The road between Batavia and County Line shows the effect of good, persistent dragging and is 100 per cent better than I have ever seen it before, as it is naturally a very rough road to travel and if the drags had not been used this spring it would have been almost impassable.

From County Line to Libertyville the road was good, but the grade was not high enough in the center to drain the water off quickly. The natural conditions are good and the road can be kept up without a great deal of expense. There is not enough dragging. If the people would get out when they are not absolutely busy and drag for a few hours the roads could be kept in good condition without a very great expense.

Respectfully, A Farmer.

OLIVET.

W. B. Rogers moved his family to their new home in Des Moines last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams spent last Tuesday in Oskaloosa, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Moody.

Mrs. William Druse spent the week with friends in Des Moines. Mrs. James Welch of Knoxville visited at the J. L. Thompson home this week.