

HATFIELD AGAIN ASKS CORNWELL ABOUT TAX ISSUE

Wants to Know What Tax System the Democrat Favors.

QUOTES SOME TAX FACTS

Cornwell Ignored Entirely Open Letter Printed in Charleston Papers.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 26.—John J. Cornwell backed down tonight in his speech here and failed to reply to an open letter addressed to him by Governor H. D. Hatfield submitting certain questions to him for answer in connection with Cornwell's widely heralded statement that his predictions of 1914 as to the failure of the Dawson tax law system had been realized.

Governor Hatfield pointed out in his letter that Mr. Cornwell had refused to meet him in joint debate and he took the opportunity to ask him about certain facts bearing on the statements of Cornwell as to his prediction of failure of the Dawson tax system. Cornwell made no effort to answer the Governor's statements in which it was pointed out among other things that if the same system of taxation prevailed now as during the Democratic regime in the state ending in 1897 that the direct levy today would be 1.29 cents on each \$100 valuation instead of nine cents.

A large crowd of Republicans was attracted to Cornwell's meeting expecting him to reply to Governor Hatfield's interrogations but he passed them over without making any effort to reply.

The letter of Governor Hatfield to Cornwell which was published in the local newspapers today was as follows:

Dear Sir:—You have recently refused to accept my challenge to meet me in joint debate for a discussion of the issues of the campaign in West Virginia, which you have seen fit to raise. By reason of the fact that you have made certain statements regarding the present state administration and you have refused to meet me for a discussion of these statements, I desire to submit to you the following questions, and I hope that it will be your pleasure to deal with them in your speech in this city.

Very truly yours, H. D. HATFIELD.

"You have in your present contest for Governor, attempted to sustain your forecast when a candidate for the same office in 1904 of the failure of the Dawson tax system, at which time you opposed tax reform and have declared that the predictions made in your former contest have been realized. If so, how do you explain this record? The average last ten years of Democratic administration in West Virginia for state and state school tax was 25 cents for state and 10 cents for school purposes making a total of 35 cents, while under the last ten years of Republican administration the average direct tax for state and state school purposes was 5.9 on the \$100, sending back 3 1/2 cents of this 5.9 levy for the support of the free school system, leaving 2.4 for the maintenance of the state government.

The direct tax collected in 1897, the last year of the Democratic administration was \$547,000 on a 25-cent direct levy on the \$100 valuation. In 1916 a 5 1/2 cent levy out of the 9 cents was laid for state purposes, which raised \$643,000 only \$86,000 more than was raised by the 25-cent levy for the same purpose in 1897, notwithstanding our state institutions have more than trebled in capacity, with nine additional new state institutions, together with the creation of the Tax Commissioner's office, Board of Control, Compensation department, Public Service Commission, Agricultural department, Health department and with an increase in our state's population of 600,000. How do you account for the fact that only \$96,000 more in direct levy was necessary to take care of all this progress, if the Dawson tax laws have proven to be a failure, as you would have the people believe them to be?

"Six hundred and fifty thousand dollars of license tax was lost to the state yearly beginning with 1914, and over \$300,000 lost on account of the strikes in the Palat and Cabin Creek coal fields in 1912, and \$1,250,000 has been expended to relieve the crowded condition of the state institutions since the year 1912. Yet, with the loss of \$550,000 of license revenue our direct levy for state purposes is only \$96,000 greater than in 1897, with all our progress. How can you sustain your position that tax reform has proven a failure?

"The people are interested and wish an answer from you specifically upon these interrogations. If the old method of taxation were still in effect which you advocated in 1904 do you not know that to take care of our state's progress on the \$2.75 per capita cost, which is the amount being expended for the maintenance of our state and which represents an amount lower than states with even less population than our, the direct state levy this year would have to be \$1.29 on the \$100 valuation instead of 5 1/2 cents, as is the case under tax reform.

"How do you explain this if your assertions are true as to the failure of the Dawson tax laws?

"Practically all of the \$1,280,000 expended during my administration was appropriated by a legislature in 1913, for permanent improvements at state institutions, the completion of the Senate of that body being fifteen Republicans and fifteen Democrats, with a

Democratic presiding. This amount was appropriated by the legislature for the purpose of relieving the crowded condition of our state institutions. Do you condemn these expenditures? Do you condemn the fifteen Democrats who voted for these appropriations and made possible these expenditures? What part of them would you have cut out?

"You have criticized my administration for being extravagant and for the creation of new offices. The Public Service Commission was created, the Compensation department was created and the Health department was created during the legislative sessions of 1913 and 1915. Which one of these departments would you abolish if you were Governor of West Virginia? I take this method of addressing you because you refused to meet me in joint debate to discuss these issues so that the people might be properly informed.

"You hold up the Dawson tax laws as being a failure. I have submitted facts taken from the Tax Commissioner's records, which are undisputable and which prove conclusively that after this year, if the present revenue laws are left in the statute books—with the exception of direct levy to enlarge our state institutions or to repair them—no direct levy will be necessary for state purposes after this year. If the Dawson tax laws have proven a failure, as you would have the people believe they have, how do you explain that the state of West Virginia is now practically being run upon indirect methods of revenue instead of direct methods of revenue, as was the case from 1857 to 1904, which represents the period that your party uses in preparing all data in presenting records with which you attempt to prove your conclusions?"

"In conclusion, Mr. Cornwell, if you do not believe in indirect methods of taxation, what kind of taxation do you favor? The people are anxious to know."

CORNWELL IN

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did down to 1896 to raise most of the state revenue from direct levies on the farms and homes of the people of the state?

Will you go back to the ante-Dawson law treatment of the great corporate interests of the state, taxing them at one-tenth of the amount they are now compelled to pay and making up the balance by an increase of the average individual tax payers burden?

Do you propose to abolish the state tax commissioner's office as you Democrats tried to do in 1911?

Do you propose to wipe off the statute books the great progressive measures enacted under Republican administration, such as the Public Service Commission law, the Workmen's Compensation act, the mine inspection service laws, the measures safeguarding the public health, the Board of Control law, the law safeguarding labor, the county salaries law, the county depository law?

Will you do away with the department of public accounting, the new budget system and the annual audit of the state finances?

The increase in the number of officials which you complain is due to the inauguration of these new agencies of the government which of these activities do you propose to discontinue?

WILSON ACCUSED

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the average workman can do." Also give me the names of a few trades or handicrafts where "no one is suffered to do more than the least skillful of his fellows can do within the hours allotted to a day's labor, and no one may work out of hours at all or 1/2 unit anything beyond the minimum."

As a matter of course, a president of a university of the reputed standing of Princeton would not make statements in his baccalaureate address unless he knows, or at least fully believes that his statements are true. Therefore it ought not to be a difficult matter for you to oblige me with the names of those labor unions whose laws or even policies, bring about the results you specify.

Awaiting your reply with lively interest, I am, Very truly yours, EDGAR R. LAVERTY.

To the above letter Mr. Wilson replied as follows:

Princeton University, Princeton, N. J., June 18th, 1909.

My Dear Sir:—Your letter of June 16th, contains a very proper challenge. I quite agree with you that I ought not to make the statements I did make about the trades unions, unless I were able to cite cases in verification of my statements. I, of course, had no individual trades union in mind which I can name by number, but I had in mind several cases of buildings in New York City, for example, the brick layers working on which spent about one-third of the working day sitting around, smoking their pipes and chatting, because they had laid the number of bricks to which they were limited for the day by the union to which they belonged. I had in mind numerous experiences of my own in dealing with working men in Princeton, where I once found it impossible, for example, on a very cold evening, to get a broken window pane mended at the house of an invalid friend because the prescribed labor hours of the day were over and the glazier could not venture, without risking a strike, to do the work himself, and could not order any of his workmen to do it. I had in mind scores of instances, in short, lying within my own experience and resting upon the testimony of friends in whose veracity I have every reason to have the greatest confidence.

I, of course, could not in the case of more than one or two of

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these instances, give legal proof of my assertions, but the evidences I have are entirely sufficient to convince me of the general truth of the statement I made.

Very truly yours, WOODROW WILSON. Mr. Edgar R. Laverty.

The committee has in its possession the original letters of Mr. Laverty and Woodrow Wilson above quoted.

HUGHES APPEALS TO YOUNG VOTERS

Tells Them why They Should Support the Republican Ticket.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Charles E. Hughes left New York this morning on the last trip of his presidential campaign. His program called for three speeches today at Hartford, Providence and Boston where there will be an evening meeting.

Mr. Hughes will not return to New York city until November 3. His itinerary calls for four days in New York state, exclusive of Sunday, one day in Ohio and two days in Indiana. Last night Mr. Hughes speaking at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn made a special appeal to the young voters of America. Five chief reasons were cited in answer to the question why should the young men of the nation support the Republican ticket at the next election.

Mr. Hughes answered the question in part as follows:

"First, he wants a country respected throughout the world. He wants a country which respects the dignity of its citizenship.

"Second, young America must desire a country that is prepared for every emergency.

"Third, young America, looking ahead, must desire that when peace is once more restored, we shall contribute to its maintenance by doing our proper share to secure a practical and effective international organization in the interests of peace.

"Fourth, young America wants government in the open, by visible constitutional instruments, not by unofficial spokesmen or invisible authority. He also wants a government not sectional but truly national.

"Fifth, young America wants industrial preparedness."

City Hall Notes

Again once more, and yet, Zack Hughes is in jail. This time he is in for loud talking if one can call Zack's gibberish talk. He made a nuisance of himself again and this time the cops are going to make him stay in jail till he promises that he will be good.

The ruling against parking cars on Monroe street in a diagonal manner was changed to read that all cars must back into the curb for the reason that more cars can be parked there when they are facing straight ahead. Parking autos has become a great puzzle to the city administration and by Spring a park will be at the disposal of motorists who wish to leave their cars handy while they are at work.

City Clerk Kern's office was closed temporarily yesterday afternoon for the first time in a year, except Sunday, and holidays, on account of the absence of those employed in that office. Mr. Kern himself attended the funeral of Mrs. Berntha Lloyd Robey.

Do you want the people to rule and county government that is on the level? Vote for the Republican county candidates.

Town Talk

Story Telling Club—The Johnson Story Telling club at the Normal school will tonight present a Halloween program. Special decorations have been secured for Mozart hall, where the session will be held, and preparations have been made for the entertaining of at least fifty guests in addition to the hundred or so members.

Y. M. C. A. Hotel—A large framed photograph of the new Y. M. C. A. hotel in Chicago, was received today at the local association. The hotel is for transient members of the association and contains over 1,800 rooms. Several Fairmont members will be guests at the new institution in the next few weeks.

Community Meet Tonight—Everything is in readiness for the Patron's meeting to be held tonight at the High school auditorium. A large attendance is expected and a splendid program will be carried out. President of the Board of Education George M. Alexander will be the principal speaker of the evening. Music will be furnished by the pupils of the High school. A social hour will follow the program. All the friends and patrons of the school are urged to attend.

Institute at Normal—The "Pay" Institute of Grant, Winfield and Union district will be held tomorrow from ten to four o'clock in the Normal school building. Teachers from these three districts will be in attendance in large numbers and an interesting program has been arranged by County Superintendent Homer C. Toothman. Several addresses by prominent educators of the state will be given, among these being one by Superintendent Otis G. Wilson of the city schools. A round table discussion will be a feature of the institute.

Senator Chilton Here—William E. Chilton, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senate will speak in the court house tonight. His arrival in Fairmont tonight was rather unexpected by the local Democrats and every effort is being made today to round up the members of the Neely club, the Wilson club and the other Democratic organizations to provide an enthusiastic audience for the Senator.

Salvation Army Meetings—The local Salvation Army are having a series of meetings in their hall at 24 Jackson street at which many famous out-of-town speakers appear. Tonight at 8 o'clock Adjutant John Gorley, of Pittsburgh, and Cadet Mrs. Heddie, of Clarksburg, will address the meeting. The open-air meetings are held on Crane's corner at 7:15 p. m.

New Bell Director—The local manager of the Bell Telephone company, F. R. Dunning, is having a new Fairmont directory prepared which will likely be given to the printer about November 1, and will be ready for distribution by November 1. Persons desiring to have their name included in the new edition and subscribers contemplating any change in their present listing should inform the local business office not later than November 5.

Rev. C. Broomfield to Talk Suffrage—Rev. J. C. Broomfield, of the Methodist Temple, will speak on Women's Suffrage next Thursday night, November 2, at the Baxter school house. The speech will be delivered at 8 o'clock p. m.

Miss Watson in Accident—Miss Blake Watson was injured yesterday in an automobile accident which occurred near Clarksburg when the car in which she was driving was run into by a larger car, throwing the occupants of the smaller car out. Miss Watson's injuries were less severe than at first thought. She has been at the home of Miss Edna Boring in Harrison county, since the death of the latter's father, Philip Boring, which occurred two weeks ago.

Democratic county officers say they can't stop bootlegging. Elect Republicans who will.

MRS. CARRIE CATT WILL SPEAK HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Famous Woman Talks in Court House at Four o'Clock.

As a fitting climax to a vigorous campaign conducted in West Virginia for the ratification of the polls in November of the suffrage amendment to the state constitution, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of the National American Woman's Suffrage association, will make a tour of the principal cities of West Virginia and will appear in Fairmont on Tuesday afternoon, October 31, at the Circuit court room. The hour for the address has been set for four o'clock. The meeting was placed in afternoon owing to the Halloween celebration to take place in the evening.

Mrs. Catt is regarded as among the strongest supporters of the suffrage cause in the United States and has traveled extensively abroad as well as in the United States where she has acquainted herself with the status of women who have the ballot and those who have not. She is so thoroughly imbued with the cause she espouses that she has devoted in order to bring about universal suffrage in the United States. Annually she makes hundreds of addresses and writes 10,000 letters in the interest of suffrage.

Mrs. Catt who was Miss Carrie Lane, is descended on both sides from American pioneer pathfinders and was raised on a farm near Charles City, Iowa. Early in life she became interested in the status of her sex and at the age of 14 began to teach school and with very little financial assistance from her father, went through college.

She has spoken before great national bodies and before many state legislatures. In the summer she spoke before the Democratic state convention at Parkersburg and made a splendid impression. Mrs. Catt is considered one of the most remarkable women on the American platform of today and Fairmont people are given a great opportunity to hear her discuss the question which is agitating the men and women of the United States and especially of West Virginia which state will vote on the suffrage amendment November 7.

Mrs. Catt, besides being a brilliant speaker is a woman of pleasing personality and possesses dignity to a great degree. She holds the attention of her audiences wherever she lectures and on her appearance here next Tuesday she will be greeted by a large audience.

Mrs. Catt will speak in Morgantown on Monday evening, October 30, and will come directly from Morgantown here. She will make several addresses in other cities of the state during her tour.

Teutons Winning in North Rumania

(By Associated Press) BERLIN (by wireless) Oct. 26.—Teutonic troops have pushed their way further into Rumanian territory on the northern front, according to today's war office announcement. Ground has been gained on the road to Sibaya.

Russian battalions yesterday evening made an advance without artillery preparation against the German positions to the west of Lutsk in Volhynia, says the announcement. The storming Russian waves, the statement adds, broke down under German artillery fire.

MANNINGTON NEWS

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Attending Convention
Mrs. E. B. Koen, Mrs. J. Robert Burt, Miss Harriett Pew, Mrs. W. T. Smith and Mrs. F. E. Furbee are among the local Woman's club members who are attending the convention in Wheeling this week.

Attend Chapel Meeting
Mrs. U. H. Debandarfer will leave today for Louisville, Ky., to attend the General Grand Chapter meeting of the Order of Eastern Star.

Robinson Meeting
Big preparations are being made by the citizens of this end of the county for the Robinson meeting which will be held Friday evening. Judge Robinson will be present and will address a large gathering at 7:30 p. m.

PERSONALS
G. M. Brown, of Morgantown, is a business visitor in town.
Mrs. Karcher, of Moundsville, has arrived in town for a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Snodgrass.
George Renshaw, of Sardis, Ohio, has returned to his home after a visit in town with Mr. and Mrs. Alta Atha. Miss Lois Clark, of White Sulphur Springs, was called here by the death

of her brother, Howard.
Mrs. James Allen and Miss Nellie Cunningham have returned from a visit to Fairmont.
C. C. Martin and N. B. Sandy, of Blounton, were business visitors in town Wednesday.
F. H. Huey, of Loganport, was here for a business visit Thursday morning.

U. C. Gallion, of Steubenville, is the guest of relatives here today.
Henry Elig, of Wheeling, was a visitor here Wednesday.
E. W. Jones, of Moundsville, is looking after business interests in town today.

Miss Georgia Wells, of Akron, O., is here for a visit with relatives in the Clayton addition.
H. H. Harker has returned from a business visit to Fairmont.
Thomas Carver, of Sistersville, has arrived here and has accepted a position with the Marion Window Glass company.
T. D. White, of Martinsville, is a caller here today.
James Taylor, of Hundred, is here today for a visit with friends.

Full line of Halloween goods at Donley Jones' Store on Railroad St., Mannington.—Adv't.

VOTERS OF CO. ARE DISGUSTED WITH RING RULE

Republican Candidates Are Encouraged With What They Hear.

OLD TIME CAMPAIGNING

Candidates Are Visiting the Voters in Their Homes.

Rollo J. Conley, candidate for prosecuting attorney, said today, "I have been all over the county and have made speeches at many of the school-houses and have visited the voters in their homes and talked with them personally. From every corner of the county the trend seems to be the same. Each man tells me that he is disgusted with the county administration under the present Democratic gang and is in favor of a change."

Mr. Conley in company with Brooks S. Hutchinson, W. H. Veach, J. A. Meredith, George W. Bowers and other county Republicans have been speaking at one or more schoolhouses in the county each night for the past two weeks. These meetings are all well attended and Democrats as well as Republicans come and listen carefully to the local issues as presented by the speakers.

The sentiment among the voters that the present Democratic county administration is extravagant and inefficient is the outcome of the practices indulged in by the gang and the disregard of the rights of the taxpayers, according to Mr. Conley. The speeches made in the county by him have not been attacks on any member of the opposition but have been clean straightforward expositions of his principles.

"A prosecuting attorney is more than a lawyer who prosecutes criminals," says Mr. Conley. "He should be not only a good and conscientious lawyer but a practical and efficient business man. He is called upon to advise the county court in practically every important matter that comes before them. When it is considered that about \$600,000 is spent each year by Marion county and can readily see that the prosecuting attorney has to be a practical business lawyer as well as a diligent criminal prosecutor."

Conley and Hutchinson travel over the county in a Ford car and stop at the farm houses on many occasions for meals. Yesterday they stopped at a place in Mannington district where the farmer's wife was cooking apple butter. Both of the visitors rose to the opportunity and demonstrated their practical abilities when Conley stirred the apple butter and Hutchinson rocked the baby while the farmer's wife cooked dinner. While engaged in this work they discussed politics with the woman's husband who had just returned from the field.

For the sake of a few votes the Democratic county ring protects bootlegging and makes a joke of the Yost law. Vote the ring out of office.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merrifield have returned from Wheeling where Mr. Merrifield had been under the attention of an eye specialist.
Mrs. Homer Bell and children who had been the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Earl Conaway in Connellyville, Pa., have returned home.

MANUFACTURERS TO MEET
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 26.—The West Virginia Manufacturers' Association will hold its annual convention here November 17 and 18. The association includes most of the leading manufacturers of the state. If the association has in mind any legislative enactment to be presented at the January-February session of the legislature it is probable that this matter will be discussed at the meeting.

THE COURSE OF LOVE
If you want to see a fellow close up like an clam watch him get a letter from his best girl, with the wincing information that, contrary to his requests, he will not be allowed to come Sunday.—The Winston-Salem (N. C.) Journal.

Crush the taxeating Democratic ring by electing the Republican county officers.

Vote to break up the partnership between bootlegging and the law. Vote for the Republican county ticket.

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Cabbage, per lb. 6c.
Onions, lb. 5c.
Apples per gallon 10c.
Pears per bushel \$1.00.
Quinces, gallon 30c.
Canned Corn, peas and tomatoes 10c to 15c.
Beans, navy and red kidney, pound 12 1/2c.
Rice, 3 lbs. 25c.
EXTRA SPECIAL
Brooms, good four tie, one to a customer, 23c.
Coffee, good quality loose, lb. 15c, six for \$1.00.

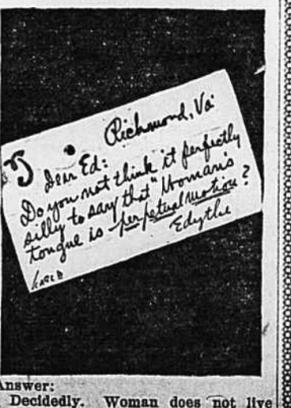
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Answer: Decidedly. Woman does not live forever.