

# REPUBLICAN HELPS HAMILTON'S WAR ON HIGH TAXATION

**Capt. Albert Head Is Lifelong Iowa Republican Who Comes Out Against Present State Administration Because of High Taxation.**

## DEFEAT FOR HIGH TAXERS

**Captain Head Voted for Abraham Lincoln, Is Veteran of Civil War, and Was Former Speaker and Member of General Assembly.**

Captain Albert Head of Jefferson, a republican all his life and a man long prominent as a republican legislator in Iowa, has espoused the fight against high taxes and state extravagance as championed by John T. Hamilton, candidate for governor. Captain Head declared his stand in a recent address before the Taxpayers' Alliance at Jefferson. This alliance was formed by voters of all political parties to fight the high taxes forced upon the state by the present administration. Captain Head spoke in part as follows:

"Owing to advanced age, impaired health and hearing I have for several years refrained from participation in political affairs, relying on the chosen representative, as the people generally do, to manage the affairs of the State honestly, faithfully and impartially; but when I discovered the audacious, infamous, oppressive, unlawful and unjust legislation of the 35th General Assembly in the railroading through and passage under gag rule, the notorious 'Capitol Extension and Appropriation Bill,' together with the nullification of the Constitution of Iowa, when Governor Clarke and the Executive Council, under the pretense of adjustment or equalization, contrary to the law, precedent, to justice, summarily, and without notice, assumed the prerogative themselves to reassess, practically, all real and personal property in Iowa, I felt it my duty to enter my solemn protest and do all in my power to protect my property and the property of the overburdened tax payers of Iowa from confiscation, and would feel myself recreant to my duty if I shrunk from that responsibility, and I desire to thank the 'Taxpayers' Alliance' for your kind invitation to address you, and give me an opportunity to perform a duty which I feel as sacred as I did the duty I performed in defense of the flag, and my beloved country from 1861 to 1865. When I see the Constitution and laws of my State violated by public officials, and the property and rights of the people ruthlessly jeopardized by them, I would be unfaithful to my duty, as a citizen of Iowa, if I shirked the responsibility.

**Opposed to One Man Power.**  
The Governor of Iowa, by reason of his vast patronage and the expectancy of office seekers, together with the fascination of the high office has more power and influence for good or evil in Iowa than any other public functionary or many private citizens, and when this is supplemented by his having been speaker of the House of Representatives and president of the Senate and conferring favors on members and Senators in the appointment of committees, his influence is practically unlimited, and as Governor Clarke has held these positions and the position of governor with hundreds of his appointees supporting him renders him a dangerous proposition to contend with, and unless the voters of Iowa arise in their might and repudiate, and rebuke the combination of tax eaters, commissions and grafters they have no assurance of relief from oppressive, unequal, unnecessary and unjust taxation.

**A Representative Democracy.**  
Our forefathers wisely established a representative democracy in which the powers of the government are divided into three separate departments, the legislative, the executive and the judicial, and no person charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any function appertaining to either of the others.

Constitution of Iowa, Art. 3, Sec. 1. Notwithstanding this provision of the Constitution of Iowa, I am creditably informed Governor Clarke used his powerful influence with Senators and Representatives, urging them to vote for 'Capitol Appropriation Bill,' calling them into his office by twos, threes and fours soliciting their support of the bill, addressing the appropriation committee of the House and Senate, telling them that coming generations would rise and call them blessed if the bill was passed. While Governor Clarke would have scorned, no doubt, to offer legislators \$2.00 to vote for the bill, he used an influence more potent than filthy lucre. What makes the matter more astounding is that the 'Capitol Extension Law' makes Governor Clarke and the Executive Council 'real estate agents' to purchase or condemn all the vast real estate, houses, churches, school houses included in the 'New Capitol Park,' at any time within ten years, and issue interest bearing certificates at 5 per cent interest, if necessary, to pay for said property, giving them power to lease, remove and sell buildings and to plat and sell Governor Square.

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### Real Estate Sharks.

In fact it gives the Governor and Executive Council a golden opportunity that would make a real estate agent's mouth water, and I am informed the Executive Council have sublet the job to Des Moines real estate agents. No one suspects that the Executive Council would speculate on this stupendous deal, but why place temptation before the most honorable? Especially after Governor Clarke and the Executive Council leased Wall Lake in Wright county to F. R. Austin, a son-in-law of a member of the Executive Council, for twenty-five years without consideration of value; one of the most flagrant and unprecedented proceedings ever exposed by the people and recinded by order of the attorney general on account of its illegality and savoring of speculation. I was informed by real estate dealers in Des Moines that much of this property is being bought by the state at prices far in excess of what it could have been secured for before this law was passed. Notwithstanding the claims of the Governor and his friends, that the property being purchased could be sold at a profit, I am clearly of the opinion that after the demolition and removal of the buildings, it could not be sold, including the real estate and what is realized from salvage and buildings, at fifty cents on the dollar paid by the state, and all this talk of the governor and his friends that this vast 'park' can be sold at a profit is rotten stall stuff, subtle and unwarranted by the facts, to divert and deceive the taxpayers of Iowa.

I am informed that the executive council through their real estate agents, paid \$50,000 for one church and \$35,000 for another which after removal or demolition both would not bring one-fourth what the state will pay for them. A real estate owner told that many properties are being bought by the agent of the executive council at double the price asked by owners prior to the passage of the Capitol Extension bill, and I think an investigation would create an unsavory 'scandalum magnatum,' which would smell to heaven.

### The Veto Power.

The kingly veto power is vested in the governor, and I do not believe anyone of the former governors of Iowa from Dodge down to Carroll would have signed the 'Capitol Extension Bill,' railroaded as it was through the 35th General Assembly, without the knowledge or approval of the people; but would have vetoed it as 'hasty, ill-advised and vicious legislation,' and, knowing as he did, the methods employed in its passage, many citizens will, no doubt, wonder why Governor Clarke failed to veto it. Would the Old War Governor Kirkwood, the late Governor Larrabee, or even Governor Cummins have signed the 'Capitol Appropriation Bill,' as passed by the 35th General Assembly? I do not believe for a moment that they would; but would have promptly vetoed it. And Governor Clarke was recreant to his duty as governor, knowing as he did just how this law was drawn and clandestinely rushed through the Assembly, and he was untrue to the people, when he failed to veto it.

### Will Cost Millions and 15 Years to Finish.

It is estimated that it will require 15 years to complete the Capitol Extension as planned and it will cost five millions, and the upkeep of this park will cost from 15 to 20 thousand dollars per annum to the taxpayers of Iowa. It costs Des Moines about \$60,000 per annum to care for her parks, and the Capitol Extension will be more expensive and cannot cost less than \$20,000 per annum to keep all drives, flower beds, monuments, etc. And yet this immense cost of purchase, fitting and upkeep running into millions, was rushed through the 35th General Assembly in one day without amendment or discussion, and did not consume four hours' time in both house and senate on April 9, 1913, and not one taxpayer in ten thousand had ever seen or read the bill or ever heard of it as it passed but while the hands of labor were busy, on the 8th of April, 1913, this stupendous burden was placed on farms, crops, live stock and all taxable property, placing a blanket mortgage for millions on every farm and home in Iowa, and a blanket chattel mortgage on all personal property, tangible and intangible; on all live stock of all kinds, together with all their increase for the next decade, which mortgages are a first lien, prior to all other incumbrances.

### Des Moines Not Responsible.

Gels Botsford, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, of Des Moines, addressed a letter to John T. Hamilton, Democratic candidate for governor, on Oct. 3, 1914, 'that the Capitol Extension was never even talked by the members of the exchange or its directory board or any of its committees until after the bill had passed and signed by the governor, and as a matter of fact, knew nothing of the bill, as passed and the clandestine manner of its railroading through.' The Register and Leader has contended all the time that the people of Des Moines knew nothing about it until it was passed, and had nothing to do with it; which was true, for I was in Des Moines at the time of its passage from April 3 to April 9, 1913, and I was not aware of its being before the legislature until after its passage. Not one man in 10,000 in Des Moines knew anything of the bill as it passed until after its passage.

For the love of liberty, how could the taxpayers of Dubuque, Clinton, Davenport, Keokuk, Council Bluffs,

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Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Adel, and other cities and towns know anything about it, and would one in 100 of the taxpayers of those cities or of the 99 counties in Iowa, have voted for this bill if it had been referred to them? No—a thousand noes come up from 'Greater Iowa' in condemnation of this law, as 'clandestinely rushed through at the instigation of Governor or Clarke and his confederates. Holy Moses, will the patriotic liberty loving people endorse this enormity by reelecting George W. Clarke. If they do I will lose my hitherto unshaken confidence in their intelligence, courage and patriotism.

### Wind Jamming and Neglect of Duty.

I am informed and believe Governor Clarke has not been in his office one-fourth of the time since the passage of the Capitol Appropriation Bill; but has been listening to his own musical voice explaining his responsibility for the Capitol Appropriation Law and trying to make the voters believe that boards of supervisors, city councils and school boards are to blame for the high taxes, because they did not reduce the levies. He is like the little boy who did mischief in the hay mow and blamed it on the hens. (Laughter.) Although charged with many duties—all the State institutions are under his supervision, he has the assessing of all railroads, street cars, telegraph and telephone companies, sleeping cars, interurban and other corporations. The duties devolving on him if properly attended to would require all his time; but notwithstanding the fact that he receives as governor \$5,000, Executive Council \$1,200, rent \$600, total \$6,800 (twice as much as he could command in any other position) he has been speaking at chautauquas, soldiers' reunions, political conventions, county and state fairs, and whenever he could get on the program, traveling by rail, auto, carriage, afoot and horse back, through rain and snow, heat and cold, howling himself hoarse in primary campaigns, and is still pumping his bellows, to the neglect of his duties of governor, for the purpose of explaining the scandalous, unjust and illegal raising of the valuation of taxable property in Iowa, and for—what else? To secure re-election at the hands of an outraged people, claiming a second term. For the love of Pete, on what does he base his claims? For neglect of duty, for oppressive and unwise counsel, disregard of the rights of the people who employ him, unwarranted interference with the legislative department, in violation of the constitution and the lawful assumption of taxing the people up to the point of confiscation? (Laughter and applause.)

### Unparalleled Extravagance.

During the past decade the state taxes have been increased over 100 per cent; in 1903-1904, \$5,760,188.64; in 1913-1914, \$11,831,596.20. Hundreds of unnecessary commissions, and other unnecessary tax eaters, have been loaded upon the overburdened taxpayers, and during all of that time Governor Clarke has been in the legislature, lieutenant governor or governor of Iowa, and has either supported, or failed to oppose the extravagance;

and has, also, failed to tell the thousands of taxpayers he has addressed during the past 18 months these startling and undisputed facts; which of itself proves Governor Clarke unworthy of a second term, unfit for governor of the great state of Iowa, or of any other office, legislative, executive or judicial. (Applause.)

The people of Iowa are liberal, and proud of their state capitol, educational, eleemosinary, penal, and other state institutions, and take supreme delight in contributing liberally to their support, but don't want to be held up, day or night, by a recreant legislature or inefficient executive for unnecessary taxation. They would gladly vote taxes to purchase sufficient grounds for necessary public buildings in Des Moines; but draw the line at being taxed for unnecessary pleasure grounds in Des Moines or anywhere else. (Great applause.)

### Nor is This All of the Offending.

Governor Clarke and his sapient associates on the Executive Council, of which he is the chief juggler, disregarding the constitution, laws and rights of the people, over-rides assessors, boards of supervisors, and under the pretense of equalizing or adjusting the assessments on July 22, 1913-14 practically reassessed all the farms, city and town property, and live stock on all farms, by raising the taxable valuation as returned by the county auditors. Raising from 25 to 50 per cent on farms; city and town property 10 per cent; work horses 47 per cent; mules 50 per cent; cattle

25 per cent; all swine 30 per cent; sheep 75 per cent; but likely left goats unchanged, agreeing with the county officials on the goat question. Did not increase valuation on merchandise, diamonds, gold watches, or any other personal property except the taxpayers' live stock.

### Referendum.

I want to say right now, lest I forget it, without fear of contradiction, that of all the taxpayers Governor Clarke has been haranguing the past year, not one in fifty take the state all over, would vote to sustain and endorse the Capitol Appropriation Bill, and the methods employed in its passage, and I opine Governor Clarke will find the electors hold in their caloused hands

"A weapon that comes down as still As snow flake does upon the sod And executes the freeman's will As lightning does the will of God." (Applause.)

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