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WRITE FOR CATALOG. LOUIS N. BRUEGGERHOFF, SEC'Y.

Gov. Hall Calls Representative Hart
Down About the Tax Amend-
ment.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Baton Rouge, Sept. 17, 1912.

Editor Colfax Chronicle:

I have received a copy of the Chronicle of recent date in which appears a communication purporting to have been written by Hon. T. O. Hart, representative of your parish in the General Assembly, condemning the proposed tax amendment on three or four grounds. I do not question his sincerity or good faith, but I must say, with all due respect, that he is grossly in error, as will appear to any one who will read the amendment.

The plan is simple, although the many details with which it was necessary to deal make the proposed amendment somewhat lengthy. According to the plan, the State selects certain property, such as railroads, telegraph lines, banks, etc., from which to raise the revenue necessary to maintain the State government and its institutions, and leaves all other property to the parishes and municipalities to be taxed for local purposes. The State gives up its right to levy any taxes at all on the property unsegregated or remaining to the local governments, and also its right to levy licenses, except for the sale of liquor or other businesses falling within the scope of what is called the police power. The farmers, merchants, and others owning the unsegregated property, are relieved absolutely of the payment of any kind of a State tax. The people of the parishes save the tax paid to the State under the present system, and all licenses, except liquor licenses, as referred to above.

Now, for the loss of the parish tax on the railroads and other segregated property, the parishes are given the power in their discretion to levy as much of the six mill State tax as may be necessary for local governmental purposes. Under the present system, the owners of lands and other property in Grant parish, in addition to special taxes, are subject to ten mills parish tax and about six mills State tax. Under the proposed system, if the parish saw fit to increase the ten mill tax to sixteen mills, the taxpayers would not pay any increase, and yet the entire sixteen mills would go to the parish for local purposes, and not one cent of it would go to the State. In no event could taxes for local purposes be increased under the proposed system beyond what the property holders pay under the present system.

The parish of Grant would gain greatly under the new plan, as is shown by the following statement, which is based on the assessment of 1911, taking a parish tax of ten mills as the basis:

Total assessment 1911	\$4,237,498 00
Segregated to State	615,299 00
Remaining to parish	3,622,199 00
Six mills surrendered by State on \$3,622,199	21,733 19
Less ten mills surrendered by parish on \$615,299	6,152 99
Net gain to parish	\$ 15,580 20

It is thus clearly seen that without increasing the taxes of the parish of Grant one cent beyond what it pays under the present system, the parish will receive, under the proposed system, \$15,580.20 more than the taxes on the property surrendered to the State. The parish will therefore be a gainer by \$15,580.20. If the parish should not deem it necessary to levy a greater tax than the ten mills now allowed by law, the peoples' taxes would be reduced six mills, which will be the amount of the State tax levied under the present system.

This statement is absolutely correct, and any one who advises the people of the parish of Grant to vote against the amendment, tells them, in effect, to vote against their own interests.

One of Mr. Hart's objections is that the proposed plan means the loss to the schools of the parish of the special school taxes on the railroads and other segregated property. The amendment expressly and unequivocally declares to the contrary. The same is true of the special road tax, which forms the basis of another objection from Mr. Hart. The segregated property, that is, the property taken for State taxation, is to

remain subject to special taxes levied by the local authorities.

Mr. Hart says also that the tax commission would be the only body having the authority to order an election to vote a special tax affecting the property segregated to the State. The amendment does not so provide. The contrary is true. The authority to order an election for a special tax will rest where it is now, and that is, with the local authorities. The people would have almost absolute home rule in the matter of assessment and taxation. That is what they need and want.

Mr. Hart says that the amendment is an "acknowledged plan drawn by Mr. Farrar," whom he characterizes as "one of the greatest corporation attorneys of the State." Now, Mr. Hart knows, or should know, that the amendment is the result of the earnest and patriotic work of the men who composed the tax commission and the members of the General Assembly. The commission was composed of as good and patriotic men as can be found anywhere in any State. Besides Mr. Farrar, there appear the names of such eminent citizens as Hon. O. O. Provosty, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; Hon. T. C. Barrett, Lieutenant Governor; Hon. Leon R. Smith, Senator; Hon. Robert Roberts, Jr., a representative; Hon. R. B. Butler, a representative; Dr. Nelson A. Aldrich, Professor of Economics at Tulane University; Hon. O. B. Steele; Hon. L. E. Thomas, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and many others whose names might be mentioned but for the lack of space.

Again, out of 105 members of the House, but a very few voted against the amendment, among the few being Mr. Hart. There were only three votes against it in the Senate.

Could any sensible man believe that a plan formulated and voted for by such men is a scheme by which to rob and oppress the people of the State? The insinuation that such is true is too absurd to be worthy of any discussion.

The people of the parish of Grant might well have been told that the chief opposition to the plan, the proposed segregation amendment, comes from special interests and others who have been dodging taxes for years, and thus throwing the burden on the farmers and others who could not or would not conceal their property.

The proposed plan is not new and untried. It has been in existence in some of the States for more than twenty years and has worked most satisfactorily. It is being adopted by all progressive States as the best, fairest and most just system.

Respectfully,
L. E. HALL,
Governor.

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Our Public Schools a Failure!

Continued from first page.

ancient history and English history, and four years of English. These had kept her so busy that she had been relieved of all home duties, so she had no time to learn anything about a wife's work. But everything in Mary's school course was good. There was not a subject that did not belong there as a possibility for the girl who surely needed it. But it seems equally evident that the exclusive combination was not all that Mary needed. When she undertook to keep John's house her school course did not function, that's all.

Now I ask you, in all calmness and fairness, what is the sense of such a system of education as this? What is the use of it? What are we paying our good money for? What can we expect of our children so long as the present stupid system is allowed to go on and on, either ruining millions of our children altogether, or making them incompetent, or, at the very best, only partly competent; whereas it would be so easy to make the American public-school system of to-day the greatest practical good in the lives of our American youth, fitting them for their jobs in life?

How can it be done? That is for other pens to say, and The Ladies' Home Journal, I understand, has engaged the pens to say it.

But one thing must come first, before any suggestions can wisely be made for the reorganization of the public-school system: the American parent must fully awaken to the truth that in the American public-school he has not something to glorify or be proud of, but a system that is to-day a shame to America, a system that is antiquated, absolutely out of touch with the times, and, therefore, stupid and wholly ineffective. For every one hundred children it teaches it fails in the case of every ninety-three to give the children what they should have and to which they have an indisputable right: a practical preparation for their lives. This system, as at present conducted, utterly fails to do, and in that respect it is the most momentous and dangerous failure in our American life to-day.

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Notice of Provisional Account.

13th Judicial District Court, Grant Parish, Louisiana.

Succession of Homer M. Brock, dec'd. No. 2806. Notice is hereby given, that Elijah L. Brock, administrator of the above estate has filed in my office a provisional account of his administration preparing to pay certain debts of the succession. You are hereby notified to file such opposition thereto as you may have within ten days from this date, Sept. 14, 1912. JAS. J. O'QUINN, Clerk of Court.

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Attention, Sovereigns.

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E. S. MURRELL,
Clerk Valley Camp No. 144.

Notice of Final Proof.

U. S. Land Office, Baton Rouge, La., September 3, 1912. Notice is hereby given that William Bell, of Montgomery, La., who, on May 19, 1906, made Homestead Entry No. 03696, for SE¹ of NE¹ and NE¹ of SE², section 26, township 8 north, range 5 west, Louisiana Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Court, at Colfax, La., on the 16th day of October, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: J. E. Hickman, Columbus Dyson, Henry Roshto, and Wm. H. Dyson, all of Montgomery, La.
JOHN F. NUTTALL,
Register.

Notice to Hunters.

The new law in regard to game wardens, hunter's licenses, etc., has been promulgated and is now in effect. The parish license for hunters is 50 cents; State license to hunt in all of the parishes, \$3.00; license for market hunters, \$10.00; license for non-residents, \$15.00. I have made requisition for a supply of licenses for Grant parish, and expect to be ready to issue them to hunters in a few days.

A. B. PERKINS,
Sheriff of Grant parish.

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Notice of Final Proof.

U. S. Land Office, Baton Rouge, La., August 6, 1912. Notice is hereby given that John B. Wheat, of Zion, La., who, on June 20, 1904, made Homestead Entry, No. 01239, for Southwest quarter of Southeast quarter, Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 1 W., Louisiana Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clerk of Court, at Colfax, La., on the 18 day of September, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: R. D. Wheat, Louis Bankston, W. C. Starks, of Iatt, La., and E. C. Wheat, of Rochelle, La.

JOHN F. NUTTALL,
Register.

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Bids Wanted for Building Steel Bridge. The police jury, of Grant parish, La., will receive and open bids at their regular meeting the first Monday in October, 1912, for the erection of a steel bridge across Bayou Darro, about two miles east of Colfax, bidders to furnish plans and specifications. The rights reserved to reject any and all bids and specifications. For further information apply to R. S. Cameron, Clerk, or R. W. RICHARDSON, President Police Jury, Colfax, La.

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