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"TAXATION."

"In this part of Florida no regard is paid to the value of the grove. The politics of the owner determines whether the valuation shall remain at the old figure or be reduced, as in the case of the chairman of the board, 33 per cent. or a good round sum be added of from 75 to 250 per cent. In this precinct I can refer to cases where, after fourteen years steady work on groves, it took last year from one-eighth to one-tenth of the gross income to pay taxes, and this year valuation increased as before stated. The assessors' books will plainly show the politics of nine-tenths of the taxpayers here. I understand your people are sufferers by high charges by lines of transportation, while here we are cleaned out by county commissioners.

HENRY R. LYLE.

"San Mateo, Putnam Co., Florida."

The above is copied by the Florida Agriculturalist from the Los Angeles Californian. Now, with all due respect, we submit that the only motives possible to be urged in extenuation of this publication would be a love of public justice, or anxiety to shield the people from the malpractice of such officials. Neither of these can be set up by Ms. Lyle. So far as we can say, he has made no attempt to punish these parties, and the charge is made at such long range that but for Col. Codrington's thoughtful regard for our good name, not one citizen of the county would have known of the accusation. A citizen deliberately villifies the officials of his own county, leaving them no opportunity for defense; he injures the reputation and pocket of every one of his fellow citizens by making such charges, where they influence public opinion concerning a section dependent on the continued influx of immigrants and capital for its prosperity. His duty to himself and others, these things being true, should have made him face a jury of his peers and see that no effort of his was wanting to obtain justice for all of whatever shade, naturally or politically.

Such misrepresentations have been often presented by irresponsible parties, but here a prominent citizen invokes contempt of others on the head of his neighbors and the country of his adoption. That many grievances may be rightfully urged against our present system of taxation we believe, but we know whereof we speak when we say that Mr. Lyle's insinuations as to the political favoritism of our board, are, in our opinion, wholly false.

Mr. Lyle must prove his charges by facts and figures, or be convicted even by his own conscience of malice and misrepresentation, and for this purpose we tender him the full use of our columns.

WHAT WE NEED.

Our present council has just published a pamphlet, exhumed from dusty records, showing how the public money has been wasted. The carelessness and recklessness patent on the face of the returns should warn us that where such handling of finances is possible the old deposits must be carefully brought to light. Give active, progressive men good policemen properly uniformed at next election, and the reforms on our streets will be as great as that of the treasury.

On April 6th, 1882, the treasurer's book showed cash on hand \$608.99, from this time to November 30, 1883, collected from all sources, \$6,860.32, yet we are now \$5,216.88 in debt, without counting bonds, funded debt, etc.

These figures are eloquent. Let reform visit all corners as it has the treasury.

The editor of the Times-Union appears to have a chronic hatred of fire arms. Probably this is why the editor of the Times-Union never got to be a "colonel."

The losses to the United States and Canada by fire during 1883 are computed to be \$106,415,359. The insurance losses amounted to \$57,191,651.

Governor Bloxham has demonstrated his good practical sense by refusing to call the general assembly together, to take action on matters that can very well await the term of the next regular session.

Mr. H. F. DeBardeleben, a capitalist of Birmingham, Ala., has just entered into a contract with the Phillips & Butterff Manufacturing Company, of Nashville, Tenn., to furnish it with 2,000,000 pounds of pig iron.

Capt. B. Z. Patrick, the North Carolina commissioner of immigration, has reached Philadelphia to meet the Scotch crofters, now due at that port. The crofters are in two vessels, one of which will land its passengers at Norfolk.

Post L. M. Wheeler, G. A. R., of Saratoga, N. Y., has contributed a dozen silver knives and forks to the proposed fair of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, Richmond, Va. Accompanying the gift was a letter of compliments and friendly salutations.

Editor Abrams, of the Tavares Herald, wants an extra session of the legislature to rectify the omission in the state's laws in reference to railroads. From what one can glean from prominent railroad men, they care far less about such a session than the editors who are raising such a wind about their interests.

What Mr. Randall is Doing.

It is to be regretted, if it is true as stated, that the democratic leaders in the house are not working in harmony. It is boldly alleged that while Mr. Morrison and the Ways and Means Committee are busy perfecting the tariff bill, Mr. Randall and those who sympathize with him in his protective views, are working to defeat the consideration of a tariff measure. It seems that it is not denied that Mr. Randall is holding back the appropriation bills so as to shut off tariff discussion. When the tariff bill is ready for consideration, Mr. Randall, it is said, will come forward with his appropriation bills and claim the attention of the house. Everything must give way to the appropriation bills. If Mr. Randall is engineering any such scheme he has assumed a great responsibility. The country understood the election of Mr. Carlisle as speaker to mean that a vigorous effort was to be made for tariff reduction. A failure by the present house to attempt to do anything in that direction would be regarded as a square back-down. It would be unfortunate if the party were placed in the position of appearing to lack the courage to act on its convictions; and yet, if we are to believe reports, Mr. Randall is doing what he can to place the party in that position.—Savannah News.

This Settles it.

Thomaston (Ga.) Times. The little flings made by the Macon Telegraph and Messenger at congressmen, for sending garden seed to their constituents, are out of place and in bad taste. The agricultural department was established for the purpose of benefiting the planters of this great republic by furnishing them the best seeds to be found, and it is one of the duties of a congressman to see that his constituents are supplied with such seed as are to be had in the agricultural department. The congressman who is too proud and stiff to look after this matter, as a usual thing, has too little brains to be of much force in congress. The seed are procured by the agricultural department for distribution, and the congressman who fails to see that they are distributed among his constituents fails to do his duty.

Ochiltree's Folly.

Memphis Appeal. War is not at all imminent on account of Ochiltree's folly. No one need skip to Canada to avoid being drafted to fight the Germans. It is evident the offensive resolution would not have passed the house if it had been carefully considered. As American citizens we might heartily endorse the opinion the resolution expresses concerning Herr Lasker's political action, but it is manifestly improper for the American government to interfere with the internal policy of a friendly nation.

A Lagging Congress.

Washington Post. The business of the session is not in a hopeful or very creditable state of forwardness. It lags—it almost languishes. Where is the leader who can bring order out of chaos and set the majority of the house on the road to a successful close of the session?

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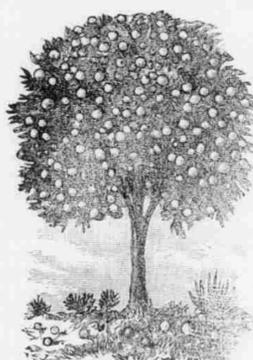
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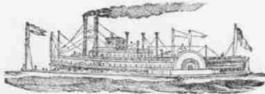
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