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IT WILL PLEASE THE TAXPAYERS

TO LEARN THAT THOUSANDS OF COLLARS IS COLLECTABLE.

Legislature Enacted Law Empowering General Dix to Secure Heretofore Uncollectable Taxes—\$15,000 Saved State—Homeowners Protected.

From the State Republican:

The active agitation of taxation measures that failed of adoption has left upon the popular mind the impression that the legislature of 1899 accomplished little or nothing of value in the direction of providing for the needs of the state. It is true that no new law for the taxation of railroads was passed. Whether this should have been done is a question upon which thoughtful men differ widely. The problem is by no means easy of solution. To a large degree it absorbed popular attention and comparatively little public thought was given to the important amendments to the general tax law that were proposed.

While much consideration was given by others to new sources of revenue, Auditor General Dix was pondering over the millions of dollars of uncollected taxes that had been assessed and for which lands in all parts of the state are held on the records of his department. His first thought was given to how these assets could be realized upon. The state may be said to be land poor. It does not want the acres it has bid in, but it does need the revenue sought for in the assessment of these lands. Gen. Dix realized that every dollar secured from delinquent taxes was just that much relief to the tax payers who provide the revenue needed to support the state, counties, townships, cities and villages, and to maintain the grand institutions in which every citizen of the state takes pride. The first thing necessary was to extend the provisions of the present general tax law so as to provide for the disposition of lands returned under the earlier laws. The attention of the administration of the auditor general's department has been constantly given to perfecting the system provided by the law, and it is not known that there is any invalidity in a single county in the sale from the tax record of 1899, but for every sale preceding that of the present year there are some counties where the title acquired by the state in delinquent lands is admittedly invalid, while for some years the sales in all counties are worthless. As a result a certain class of owners refuse to pay the taxes because they know the state cannot convey a valid title to land which it holds under decrees or sales that are invalid. It was evident to Gen. Dix that collection of the delinquent taxes for which lands had been bid to the state under invalid sales could not be accomplished until the auditor general was given authority to protect the state by the cancellation of these sales and securing valid decrees under new petitions. The law had long given that officer authority to protect either owners or individual buyers under similar conditions, but he was powerless to protect the state. The enactment of sections 138 and 139 has supplied the requisite authority and hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxes heretofore uncollected will be realized as the result.

The stoppage of the leakage of revenue through the delinquent lists was next studied. The delay of large tax payers in their payment of taxes in recent years is believed to be largely due to two defects in the law—adequate penalty and the provisions under which the charge for expenses did not accrue until the day fixed for sale. With the penalty reduced to 8 per cent per annum, taxpayers saw little reason for paying taxes while the state was willing to carry the burden. In changing the penalty to 1 per cent per month, the legislature has made it an object for land owners to pay taxes and avoid the loss of the difference between the statutory penalty and the banker's interest charge. The provision making the charge for expenses a lien in Oct. 1 preceding sale will save the state the further loss of the \$15,000 a year which it has sustained from this source since 1893, while it may be an added inducement to earlier payment, and the increase in the charge will help to make up the deficiency occasioned by carrying the delinquent lands.

Another cause for the large delinquent lists lay in the ineffectiveness of the law for the collection of taxes on non-resident lands. Immense tracts have contributed nothing because the owners' personal property was not within the same or an adjoining county. The amendment of section 47 will make it possible to collect these taxes in all cases where the owner has personal property anywhere in the state.

Collusive actions to avoid taxes will hereafter be effectively checked by a new section providing that the auditor general must be made a party defendant in all actions to set aside taxes or sales.

The correction of the defects in the law emphasized in the Connecticut Mutual,

Peninsular Savings bank and Hughes-Jordan cases; the requirement of a sworn statement of taxable property, the reduction of the lists by the assessment of contiguous lands in any section or block, as a unit of equal value and owned by the same person; the added protection to homesteaders, and many other amendments of importance not here enumerated, have so largely improved the general tax law that owners of lands will find it of advantage hereafter to bear their share of the public burden, and will secure to the treasury contributions that have long been avoided.

If the untried addition of a tax commission to the tax system of the state shall prove effective, still further desirable results will follow the tax amendments enacted by the legislature of 1899.

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Measured by Results. For the fiscal year ending July 1 the customs revenues have aggregated upward of \$390,000,000. What have the free-trade maligners of the Dingley law to say to this? They declared that as a revenue producer the law had proved to be a failure, and would only breed deficits. Yet this same law has proved to be by \$30,000,000 more productive of revenue than was the law which preceded it, even though the latter had in its final months the aid of an immense flood of anticipatory importations.

Moreover, the Dingley act yields for the fiscal year just closed a larger amount of revenue than the McKinley act of 1890 yielded in its best year, and, as the New York Tribune points out, a little more than was calculated upon as the amount sufficient, with the internal taxes then in force, to cover ordinary expenditures of the Government. The credit due to its framers is all the greater because they were compelled to make their estimates in the face of a depression of trade and industries which, had it continued, would have rendered satisfactory results impossible. But they had full faith that a sound protective law would promptly restore prosperity without any of the monetary changes so persistently urged, and the result proves that they were not in error.

Measured by its results the Dingley bill will be assigned to a place in history as one of the wisest, best conceived and most widely beneficial enactments ever placed upon the statute books of any country.

Mr. McKinley seems to have been a very excellent "advance agent" for prosperity. Prosperity has made millions of dollars for the residents of this good country since we left behind us those "four more years of clover" of which the democrats sang so loudly during the Cleveland campaign.—Jersey City (N. J.) Journal.

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Roosevelt to His Rough Riders. In the course of an earnest and eloquent address to his company of rough riders, at Las Vegas, New Mexico, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt expressed himself as follows: "Where our flag has been raised it shall not be hauled down. If any difficulty seems greater than we expected it merely means that we shall exert a little more strength in overcoming it. I read with pride the other day how both senators from California, though of opposite political parties, joined in assuring the president that California would stand like a rock behind him in seeing that there was no step back in the Philippines; and I can assure him of the like spirit in the great state of which I have the honor to be the governor. We stand ready to give him whatever he needs in men or money to put down the armed savagery to which we are opposed in the Philippines. He shall have all he wishes to put it down quickly, and whether it is put down quickly or not, he shall have our support in ever increasing measure until the last spark of resistance has been stamped out. We want no peace talk with men who bear arms in their hands. When once they submit they shall be treated with absolute justice and equity, and their rights most carefully guarded; but until they submit they must be taught with rough hand what it is to make war upon the American flag. There is no east and no west when we come to deal with questions of this kind."

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Real and Bogus Civil Service. William E. Curtis in the Chicago Record, draws with clearness and emphasis the line between a business-like and a theoretical and fanciful administration, and he says with truth that the people, if asked to make a choice of persons "to take charge of a great business enterprise," would not long hesitate between men of ability and experience, like Cornelius N. Bliss and Lyman J. Gage, as against the theorist reformers who, however worthy their motives, have shown no ability for practical affairs. No more unanswerable exposition of the fallacy of the hostile criticism passed upon President McKinley's recent civil service order has been made than is thus made by Mr. Curtis. The machinery of the civil service reform organization was called into action by President Cleveland, only to be followed by a prompt demonstration of the incumbent's incompetency, insolence and open violation of the very rules by which he was supposed to be governed. The civil service that gives the people capacity and integrity is what is aimed at by practical men like President McKinley, Secretary Gage and former Secretary Bliss. What a different sort of service it would be with all the theoretical and impractical notions of the so-called "reformers" allowed full play!

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Says he Considers the President's Renomination a Necessity.

Albany, N. Y., June 29.—Gov. Roosevelt, who stopped off in this city this afternoon for a few minutes on his way to New York City from the west, declared that he is not a candidate for the republican nomination for president in 1900 and that he is in favor of renominating President McKinley. In an interview given to the Associated Press representative, he said: "I have had an exceedingly good time and have thoroughly enjoyed myself. I have been as much touched as surprised. I have been delighted with the west."

"Everybody in the west is for McKinley's renomination, and I am most emphatically for his renomination, of course. I feel that both the extreme rapidity with which the country has gone up the path of prosperity under President McKinley's administration and the conduct of the war in the Philippines makes it the duty of every man to stand with it and renders President McKinley's renomination a necessity. We must smother out this insurrection there by force of arms and then we can consider terms of peace."

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Attractions for Detroit's Great Speed Carnival.

This is the week when the selections are made for the big program of the Detroit Driving Club, that occupies the third week of the present month. In four of the rich stakes that will be competed for during the Blue Ribbon meeting, the horses were named last March, but the conditions of the Merchants and Manufacturers' and the Chamber of Commerce are such that a nominator can substitute another horse for the one originally chosen, at any time up to July 31. So out of the twenty three young trotters that were at first considered good enough to try for the \$10,000 distributed in the famous "M. & M." there will doubtless be some whose chances are not so rosy when tried in the early training this spring. One thing is assured, the fields will be large in all these popular events for the old adage "money makes the mare go" is particularly applicable to harness racing. Besides the \$21,000 guaranteed in the four stakes arranged over three months ago, the additional amount offered in the classes that closed on Tuesday of this week, brings the total list for the Blue Ribbon meeting up to the princely sum of \$47,000. With this golden magnet to draw them the fastest and best known steppers in the country will be at Detroit when the great carnival of speed begins there on the 17th instant. They come from all parts of the continent and include the crack stable which Thomas E. Keating brought from California recently. This lot of flyers was shipped across the plains a few days ago, and they are now quartered in the spacious stables at the Grosse Pointe track. Among the sensations from the Pacific coast is Searchlight, whose feats at three and four years were so far ahead of any other pacer at the same age, that this gallant young horse is looked on as a formidable rival of Star Pointer and the older champions. There is also a phenomenal trotter in the Keating stable, called Venus Second. She made a successful debut at Denver last month but did not have to go faster than 3:19. It will require a much more lively clip than that to get the money at the Michigan metropolis, where all the speed of the country is focussed for the beginning of the grand circuit.

The Blue Ribbon meeting is so arranged this year, that those who go to see the noted horses battle for the big stakes, can remain to the end of the week on their excursion tickets. On Monday the Chamber of Commerce for 2:24 pacers will be decided, and there is a rate of a single fare for the round trip from points as far distant from Detroit as 155 miles. These special tickets which include admission to the grounds, are good until Saturday, and everybody who contemplates going to the races should remember that July 17th is the best time to start. On Tuesday the "M. & M." is on and there is also the half fare rate from points within 50 miles of Detroit, and these tickets are also available for return up to July 23d. The managers of the Blue Ribbon meeting have obtained a special con-

cession from the Michigan Passenger Association this year, and it remains for the loyal friends of the high class sport furnished there, to prove to the railroad companies that grand circuit week at Detroit is an event of national importance.

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Two Kinds of Democrats.

General John C. Black declared in a public address on Thursday that "the stars and stripes should remain unfurled wherever once hoisted; so long as one man in the Philippines questions the right of the United States to control those islands or refuses to recognize the American flag the army should be kept there in spite of all the cranks may say."

On Sunday W. J. Bryan, speaking as the prospective presidential candidate of the democratic party, said imperialism and militarism would be opposed in the democratic platform of 1900. He expressed the belief that the government in the beginning should have assured independence to the Filipinos, and should end the war now by giving such assurance.

General Black represents the democrats who believe in country above party and who repudiate "persons in this country who assail the government, calumniate our soldiers, and insult the flag." His declarations of loyalty were cheered by all who heard them—democrats and republicans alike. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Bryan's utterances will be received with enthusiasm when he makes them in mixed gatherings.

In Nebraska and Kansas many republicans who went to Mr. Bryan on the silver issue are returning to the republican party on the plain issue of patriotism. When Mr. Bryan goes into his own state or into Kansas with the declaration that he is in favor of retiring from the Philippines, and of turning the government of the islands over to men hired to fire on the American flag and the American soldier, he will find that even extreme silver men are falling away from him. The populists of Nebraska are already in a ferment because they have been practically ignored by Mr. Bryan and other managers of the democratic party. More contented and therefore more loyal than ever before, Nebraska farmers are not likely to be influenced against their country by the calamity howlers and scuttlers of the Bryan class.

Proud of their volunteers in the Philippines, the old soldiers and young soldiers and their families and friends in the west cannot be persuaded that the resurrection of free silver is more im-

portant than the future of the country or the honor of the flag. Democrats like General Black, who have the memories of two wars in mind, know that the party that makes an issue of opposition to the government in war is doomed. But Mr. Bryan and his followers have learned nothing. They cling to a dead issue, and they are striving to bring forward a policy of antagonism to a war into which the people entered as one man. If Mr. Bryan were more than a mere declaimer in politics his present course would excite wonder. As it is, it calls only for contempt not unmixd with indignation.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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What Maine Says.

The election of Mr. Littlefield to the seat in the National House of Representatives vacated by the death of Hon. Nelson Dingley, is a very significant pointer as to the feeling of the masses of the American voters on the Philippine question, as well as on free silver. The democrats of the district made their campaign on antagonism to the policy of the government in the Philippines, and on opposition to sound money. They imported Hon. Geo. Fred Williams from Massachusetts, to stump the district for them. Mr. Williams is an active ally of Edward Atkinson and the Boston "aunties."

And what was the result? Every county gave big republican gains over the vote given Mr. Dingley last November. In one of the counties, which never went republican before except once, Mr. Littlefield had twice as many votes as his democratic opponent.

The people of the first Maine district gave their verdict in favor of expansion, or a vigorous prosecution of the war in the Philippines, of sound money, and of support to President McKinley's administration. The result is simply an indication of what will happen to the democrats all over the country as fast as the people can get a chance at the polls to express their opinion.

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Published for Train Wrecking. Pottsville, Pa., July 3.—Oliver Obit, the youth who willfully caused a collision between freight and passenger trains on the Reading railway, which resulted in the loss of two lives, was sentenced to three years and three months in prison and to pay a fine of \$200.

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