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Segregation A Failure

The following editorial from the Richmond News Leader will be of interest to Virginia tax payers because advocates of segregation at the special term of the Virginia Legislature in January claimed that their plan, Segregation, had worked with great success in New York and California.

Governor Whitman has sent to the legislature of New York the special message on state finances to which we referred on Monday. It was, if anything, stronger than the newspaper forecasts, and it was the convicting count in the long indictment of the fiscal system of the Empire State. It likewise disposed of the claim, advanced during the discussion of taxation in our own general assembly, that the levy of new direct taxes in New York was made necessary by great public works undertaken in recent years.

The governor's statement shows that the state. But he argues this so half its standing expenses, and that of this amount, only \$2,881,324 can be supplied by present taxes. A total of \$10,813,403 must come from new direct levies on property. In addition to this, the state must now put aside an additional \$5,000,000 interest and sinking fund obligations.

In true Republican fashion, Governor Whitman attempts to place the blame for this deficit on the preceding administration. He holds that at least \$5,000,000 of the present budget is due to the failure of the Democratic legislature to make adequate appropriation for the institutions and public works of the state. But he argues this so halfheartedly that he practically admits the real facts—that the Democrats attempted the hopeless task of deriving from the Republican system of segregation a revenue sufficient for the actual needs of the state. The Democrats has as an inheritance the tax system the Republicans had devised in a futile effort to deceive the people into believing their taxes were being reduced.

The Democrats accepted that inheritance honestly, but they had an impossible task in financing the government. Segregation in New York, like segregation in every American state, failed to produce enough revenue, and did not expand with growing needs. It was hopelessly inelastic. Seligman, Purdy, Pleydell and their fellow-advocates of segregation did their best to improve it. They devised an excellent inheritance tax, they made all possible appeals for the listing of the property, and they established a supervisory body. But none of these expedients sufficed. The normal and inevitable increase in the expenses of the state far outstripped the slow growth in revenue. The Democrats made the best of a hopeless situation, cut expenses to the bone, and tried to live within the state's income.

The condition of the sinking fund is likewise directly attributable to the tax system. New York has no arrangement like that of Virginia, by which she is pledged to make definite provision for her sinking fund. She has added to it as she could, and has devoted to it the annual surplus. But with an inelastic revenue, never adequate for actual needs, she has been forced to curtail direct appropriations to the sinking fund and has had no surplus to utilize. Demands have piled up until they must be met, either by an increase in the public debt or by the imposition of new taxes.

A bad situation, as we suggested some time ago, has been rendered worse by a system that makes the state levy new taxes at a time when citizens are least able to pay them. Hard times, which reduce the incomes of citizens, reduce the revenue of the state from its indirect taxes and force it to impose on property an unexpected and burdensome tax.

Governor Whitman realizes this, and he has been compelled to couple with his appeal for the levy of an unprecedented tax a call for drastic economy. No appropriation bills, he urges the legislature, should be raised, except to meet some grave emergency, until some

comprehensive plan shall have been formulated containing provisions for the actual unavoidable requirements of the state. He likewise urges the enactment of new tax laws and the introduction of a scientific budget system.

This is added New York to the list of those states that have tried segregation and have found that it left their institutions in need, their finances in chaos and their revenues in disorder. California, faced with a tremendous deficit, will be the next entry in this register of fiscal disaster. Yet the system which has failed in New York and is toppling in California is the system to be introduced in Virginia.

OBITUARY.

Nannie Jane Wax was born August 14, 1848, and died February 26, 1915, aged 66 years, 6 months and 12 days. Her grandparents were Doctor William Ballard White and Sarah B. White, and her parents were Nathaniel Hicks and Malvina Hicks. Her father was a brother of Rev. William Hicks, who in his day was a great preacher and a leader in the Holston Conference, and an uncle of Rev. W. W. Hicks, who is now a member of this conference. She was born in Sullivan county, Tenn., and her ancestors were among the oldest settlers of East Tennessee.

Mrs. Wax was reared in a Christian home and joined the Methodist Church in her childhood. Up to the time her health failed she was an active worker in the church, and for many years her home was a home for the preachers. She and her husband were their friends and helpers, especially of the young preachers. Revs. Bascom Baldwin, W. C. Ferris and Joseph Cook were among the young preachers the writer has heard them speak of as being in their home, and in her death the preacher and his family lose one of their best friends.

She was married to Samuel Wax in 1871, and to them were given six children, four girls and two boys. The two oldest were girls and died in young womanhood. The surviving children are Rufus and William Wax, and Mrs. Malvina Smith, of Big Stone Gap, Va., and Mrs. Frank Scott, of Knoxville, Tenn.

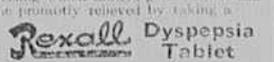
For a number of years Mrs. Wax had been in great affliction and had suffered much, but in it all she was patient and never complained. Her end was peaceful and she is now at rest. Her mother died January 26, just one month before, and was 95 years old. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, assisted by Rev. J. B. Craft, pastor of the Baptist Church. The burial in Glencoe Cemetery was beautiful. The grave was lined with evergreens, and when the grave was filled up, the little mound was covered over with evergreens and flowers, and resting under these emblems of purity and immortality, we left the body to await the resurrection of the just.

The pall bearers were: Dr. D. P. Orr, Dr. W. A. Baker, J. P. Wolfe, John Hamblen, G. N. Knight, Dr. J. W. Kelly, Gen. R. A. Ayers and R. J. Prescott.

W. N. WAGNER.

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Though it is excellent to think affectionately of the hand of one's birth, it is not wise to carry sentiment to the extreme of abusing the land of one's meal ticket.

The Italian writer who makes the statement that immigration to the United States from Europe will not be resumed for a generation, is playing a pretty safe bet. With the men of almost every nation of Europe being killed and maimed in the most horrible and senseless war of history and with the women and children being reduced to starvation, there appears to be little opportunity for them to avail themselves of the opportunities of freedom and the enjoyment of life which is offered them in this country.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Misses Gertrude, Bertha and Carrie Jones spent Saturday and Sunday at Imboden visiting relatives and friends.

H. P. Young and little son, H. P., Jr., J. B. Daugherty and Harry C. Wallace were in Appalachia Sunday.

Mrs. H. P. Young and Mrs. Fred Gibson and children returned Saturday night from a visit to relatives at Richmond, Ky.

There will be services at Christ Episcopal Church Friday night at seven thirty o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A. P. Crockett, of Coeburn, was in town last week on business.

Miss Addie Ditto has returned to her home in Louisville after a visit to Mrs. R. L. Parks at the Monte Vista.

Simon and Reuben Banks spent Sunday in Gate City visiting friends.

F. B. Gant, of the Sparger Mill Company, of Bristol, spent several days last week in the Gap on business.

Hon. John W. Chalkley is spending a few days this week in Hazard, Ky., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Reesor, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Gimer, Marion Clarkston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Green Reesor, Mrs. Cora Shuler and daughters, John Gilly and daughters were among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Skeen, in the Gap, from the Cove, Wednesday.

Miss Corrie Long spent a few days at Wise last week, visiting the Misses Addington.

Mr. John Fox, Jr., of Big Stone Gap, Va., the well known author, was host at a dinner party Friday evening at Hotel Bristol, when his guests were: Mrs. Kirby, of New York; Mr. J. C. Scott, Mrs. S. C. Waddell, Mrs. A. S. McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. E. Drennet, of Big Stone Gap, Va.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Chas. Wax and daughter, Margaret, of Norton, attended the funeral of Mrs. S. W. Wax, here Sunday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Wagner on Thursday, March 11th. Visitors are cordially invited and members are urged to be present at 5 p. m.

J. C. Fuller, who returned last week from Little Rock, Ark., where he has been engaging in the mercantile business for some time, was taken to Richmond Saturday, where he will undergo a treatment in a hospital for stomach trouble, from which he has been suffering for quite a while.

Mrs. Samuel Carter Waddell, of Bristol, who is instructing a dancing class in the Gap, is a guest at the Monte Vista.

Mrs. W. H. Polly very delightfully entertained a few friends at Auction Bridge Thursday afternoon in honor of her guests, Mrs. Webber, of Roanoke, and Miss Orr, of Pennington Gap. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Polly's hospitality were: Mrs. J. B. Ayers, Mrs. W. G. Painter, Mrs. W. R. Peck, Mrs. L. T. Winston, Miss Caroline Rhoads and Miss Jess McCorkle.

Rev. J. W. Thompson, of Coeburn, is assisting Rev. W. N. Wagner in the revival services at the Southern Methodist Church this week. Rev. Thompson is an able and interesting preacher and it will do you good to go out and hear him.

Flower and Garden Seeds Special.

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Steps Are Taken For Building New Highway.

Another important step has been taken to assure the completion of the Bristol to Lexington (Ky.) highway within the next two years. The people of Bell county, Ky., having in view the construction of their link of this important highway, have just voted by a majority of about twelve to one to issue bonds in the sum of \$250,000 for this and other highway work. This means that the Bell county link, which is about twenty-five miles in length, will be built during the present year.

The county adjoining Bell, in which Barboursville is located will vote on a bond issue for this same purpose on the 9th of March, and seeing what has been done in Bell county, it is not at all likely that the proposition will fail.

The work of building the Virginia links is in progress. Construction has been in progress for a month in the Clinch Mountain section. From Mendota to the top of the mountain on the Bristol-Coalfields road the work is being done by private subscription from Mendota to the top of the mountain and the Bristol people are aiding. James F. Sutton, president of this highway, and L. D. Crawford, vice president, are in charge of this work.

A movement is now on foot to begin work on a section between Mendota and Bristol within the next thirty days. Thus the work of connecting Bristol with the Virginia coal fields and with Kentucky territory over a macadam highway is progressing most satisfactorily. Henry Roberts, the Board of Trade's good road man, has his eye on the work, and is doing all in his power to encourage it.—Bristol Herald Courier.

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FOR THE SENATE. To the voters of the Second Senatorial District composed of the Counties of Lee, Scott and Wise.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Senator in said district, subject to the will of the Republican Convention. I desire to state that if nominated and elected I will serve the whole people of my district to the best of my ability. The support and influence of all is most earnestly solicited.

J. M. GOODLOE, Big Stone Gap, Va.

ANNOUNCEMENT. To the Voters of Wise County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for the Eastern District, subject to nomination by the Wise County Republican Convention. If nominated and elected, I promise to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

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