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AUDITOR DARST REPLIES.

Auditor John Sherman Darst generally knows what he is talking about and tells what he knows in a clear and incisive manner that leaves no lingering uncertainty. In an interview in the Intelligencer yesterday Mr. Darst punctured the ridiculous claim made by certain Democratic papers to the effect that the alleged economy practiced by the Democratic legislature had enabled the state board of public works to reduce the state tax levy from four and one-half cents to two and one-half cents on the hundred dollars. Here are the facts:

For the biennial period of 1909 and 1910 the legislature appropriated \$3,420,154.54. Of this sum the Republican administration used only \$3,092,537.85. In other words, economic Republican administration saved to the state \$286,433.97, from the estimates used in the legislature of 1909.

The last legislative session appropriated \$3,576,591.82, or over \$200,000 more than the Republican administration had spent during the previous two years.

Where is the Democratic economy in this? If the appropriations authorized by the Democratic legislature are entirely spent during the next two years the state will spend over \$125,000 a year more than it spent during the previous two years.

As a matter of fact, the reduction in the state tax is the logical result of the tax program, enunciated and enacted into the law by succeeding Republican legislatures during the past eight years. The reduction from thirty-five cents to two and one-half cents has been gradual, but that entire reduction has been achieved under laws framed by Republicans and administered by Republican administrators.

Mr. Darst also calls attention to another fact which should not be lost sight of by West Virginians. The direct state tax this year will raise about \$265,000. This year also the state will transfer to the general school fund over \$400,000. In other words, the tax legislation framed and enacted by Republican legislators will not only pay the expenses of all the state institutions, but will turn into the general school fund of the state about \$135,000. Every cent of the money raised by the direct state tax will be returned to the counties through the general school fund, and \$135,000 more will be added to it. This is a monument to the wisdom, the statesmanship and the public spirit that have controlled tax legislation during the past eight years. It is a record that may well be pointed to with pride.

West Virginia has taken a front rank among the states of the union in the matters of taxation. To-day the state government is practically maintained without a dollar of direct tax upon the people of the state. The direct taxes are raised by counties and municipalities, and spent by the officials of the counties and municipalities in and among the people who pay them. This is the ideal that was aimed at by the

authors of the tax reform program, and its practical attainment is a cause of gratification to every one who believes in equal and just taxation.

SPECULATING IN TAX TITLES.

The Intelligencer yesterday told the stories of two distressing cases resulting from the sale of property for taxes. In one case an old man owning property to the value of about a thousand dollars was deprived of all his savings because he had failed to pay taxes for one year amounting to less than \$6. Moreover, his failure to pay the taxes was accidental, as he had made a reasonable effort to find out what his taxes were, and to have them paid.

Employees about the county offices can tell of many cases of this kind. It is perhaps unnecessary to comment upon the character of the men who will seek to make a profit out of misfortunes and mistakes of others. It is sufficient to say that the laws of this state should be so revised that property cannot be sold for taxes without positive and direct notice being given to the legal owner of the property. In other words, the proceedings should be so public and so safeguarded that no man could be deprived of his property by tax sale without being informed of the character and the nature of the proceedings. Mistakes in the transfer of property on the land books are not uncommon. Property is frequently assessed against one man when it belongs to another. Under these circumstances, men may easily think that they have paid all their taxes when they have failed to pay the taxes on a certain piece. Such property should not be sold for taxes until the authorities, by personal service on the owners, have given them ample notification that the sale is to take place. In the absence of such personal service, a tax sale should be redeemable at any time within ten years.

The business of speculating in tax titles has almost reached the proportions of a scandal in this county. It is far worse in some other counties in the state, and the laws should be changed to wipe out these abuses.

HONEST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

New York city has started a determined warfare upon the short rate huckster and scorekeeper. Women inspectors are going about the city. They dress and act like ordinary shoppers. They buy all kinds of products in all quantities. They buy fruit at the fruit stands, vegetables from the produce dealers, eggs, butter, milk and potatoes, and they make careful note of the bills and of the weights and amounts of the goods furnished them.

Some very remarkable results have been obtained. Some enterprising grocers make it a rule to weigh a heavy piece of paper or a heavy dish with a piece of butter. Other tradesmen continually give the customer short weights, and tricks with the scales are common performances. Invariably it is the poor man or woman, who has to buy in small amounts, who gets the worst of such deals. The larger buyer can and does protect himself by purchases in quantities and by careful measurements of his purchases. A pound should be a pound, whether sold to a poor man or a rich man; a bushel should be a bushel, and a quarter should be a quarter.

Protection of the public against petty dishonesty, especially protection to that portion of the public that is not strong enough to protect itself, is something worth while. New York is not the only place in which it is needed.

A FREE PRESS IN MEXICO.

In one thing the new masters of Mexico have shown high wisdom. Gomez, the minister of the interior, has proclaimed the freedom of the press and has made his proclamation more than a mere mockery. The organs of the old Diaz machine have been quick to take advantage of their new privileges, and some of them have viciously assailed Madero and his adherents. In a country where free speech and free appeal to public opinion have been suppressed for many years it would be unnatural if

We should not look lightly upon the Albanians, whose motto is "Freedom or death," in their struggle against the Turks. That was once our motto, and we were very unimportant then, too.

Perhaps the congressmen are delaying adjournment in order to let vacationers see how fine they look when engaged in the exalted occupation of manufacturing national statutes.

A New Jersey minister changed his denomination because his salary was too small. We have no doubt this was true, but his religious convictions must have been smaller yet.

John L. Sullivan, the former pugilist, is to be a candidate for the Massachusetts legislature. No one can doubt that John L. has the hot air qualifications, at any rate.

There is something wrong when our delinquent tax laws allow human bloodsuckers to rob the widow and the orphan.

Is Dr. Wiley wily? We shall see.

BENWOOD

German Lutherans Held Picnic Yesterday at Glendale—Other News Notes.

A good time was enjoyed by the members of the German Lutheran Sunday school who attended the picnic at McMechen grove, in Glendale, yesterday. The program consisted principally of the ball games between picked teams, which aroused much interest. In the evening the crowd was brought home in the two special cars chartered for that purpose.

Challenge.

A team has been organized in lower

Benwood, consisting of local amateurs, which would like to try conclusions with the team from the Central barber shop. The former team has heretofore been known as the "White Fronts," and think that they can hang it on the Centrals if they will meet them at the loop grounds next Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. The lineup of the White Fronts is: Tonner, Burke, Deegan, Scully, Driscoll, Ward, Curran, Deegan and Tonner. If accepted, answer through this column.

Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the committee appointed to make a report on the matter brought up before a recent meeting of council pertaining to the division of the expense of repairing the bridge over the run between Benwood and McMechen, will be held this evening. The expense of retaining the bridge will be borne by Benwood, McMechen and the Wheeling Traction Company, and the amount to be paid by each is a question.

Benwood Briefs.

Joe Taylor visited in Benwood for a couple of days from a fishing camp down the river, where he is staying.

A new pool room will be opened soon in the building formerly occupied by the Geneva hotel.

The Vacation Stars defeated the students of McMechen yesterday at the ball park by the score of 4 to 3.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson and daughter, Misses Margaret and Alice, of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting relatives here.

The remains of Mrs. Sellers, who died at the Glendale hospital on Monday, were shipped to her home at Glover's Gap yesterday.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years a great many people suffered from it. A local disease and protracted local remedy, and by resorting to the famous "Holl's Family Pills," the cure was effected. It is a reliable remedy, and has proven itself to be a superior remedy for the cure of catarrh, hemorrhoids, constipation, indigestion, and all the ailments of the bowels. It is the only catarrh cure manufactured by F. Chas. & Co., Toledo, Ohio, and is sold by druggists. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. CHAS. & CO., Toledo, Ohio, 1211 Broadway, 12th St., Take Holl's Family Pills for constipation.

NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

Grover Cleveland's Gospel of Wealth Accumulation

(By E. J. Edwards.)



E. J. EDWARDS.

After Thomas F. Ryan, at the time of the famous life insurance investigation of several years ago, bought a majority of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, fifty-two shares of the par value of fifty-two thousand dollars, for nearly three million dollars, he created a trusteeship over it. The three trustees were ex-President Grover Cleveland, George Westinghouse and Chief Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, of the New York State Supreme Court.

One of the duties of the trustees was to secure from the policy holders recommendations upon which might be based the selection of men to fill such vacancies as might occur in the society's board of directors. The object of this was to secure for the policy holders representation in the direction of the affairs of the society. Every recommendation that was made to the trustees Mr. Cleveland personally carefully examined. It was a prodigious task, but he was faithful in the performance of it as he had been in his oversight of every detail which came to his attention when he was President of the United States and which called for official action or judgment on his part.

In response to the trustees' request for recommendations to fill a certain vacancy in the board of directors a Tennessee policy holder forwarded a letter recommending a fellow Tennessean. The policy holder, after narrating the good qualities of his candidate and vouching for his integrity of character and ability, continued:

"This man began with nothing. His family was left penniless by the war. He went to work and worked for some years with his hands in the fields. He saved money. He bought a little land. He cultivated his farm. He was patient and frugal. At last he began to accumulate, and he is now worth about one hundred thousand dollars—every penny of it earned by honorable toil."

"That is as fine a recommendation of a candidate as any policy holder has ever made, so far as I recollect," declared Mr. Cleveland to his fellow trustees.

"But," said Mr. Westinghouse, "if you are gauging the man's ability by the fact that he is worth a hundred thousand dollars, I don't think the test amounts to very much."

Mr. Cleveland looked up quickly. It seemed to him that Mr. Westinghouse measured ability possibly by the millions rather than the thousands, although this was not Mr. Westinghouse's point at all.

The ex-President brought his hand firmly down upon the table. He was very much in earnest.

"Mr. Westinghouse," he said, "if a man in the South found himself in poverty at the close of the war, if he went to work, laboring with his hands, if by frugality and industry he began to accumulate, and if with his accumulations he enlarged his farm and thirty years after the war he finds that he is worth one hundred thousand dollars, it seems to me that that one hundred thousand counts for more than millions of inherited money or a million made in speculation in Wall street. Other things being equal, I favor the election of this man as a director of the company."

And in that brief statement is the entire gospel of wealth accumulation in which Grover Cleveland believed.

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at the first opportunity freedom would not degenerate into license. Some of the writers and publicists of Mexico will undoubtedly abuse the freedom of the press, but the correction for this will be in the development of an enlightened and thoughtful people who will eventually learn to appreciate abuse and its real worth. Popular government cannot be successfully carried on without free speech. A free press is the greatest factor in the information and instruction of the electorate. Without a free press, absolutism may be possible. With a free press it is never possible.

The "First Thought" gold mine at Calgary, Canada, has just been sold for \$3,000,000. Second thoughts may sometimes be best, but with that amount of coin in his jeans, the lucky seller of this hole in the ground will be inclined to doubt it.

That the Diaz regime was not the whole trouble in Mexico is shown by the continued strife among the Mexican people. A lack of stability in the character of the people seems to be the real underlying cause.

Unionville, Indiana, now possesses the distinction of being the center of population of the United States. Census statistics and patent medicine ads are fine mediums for securing newspaper fame.

Manufacturer's Sample Oxfords

150 PAIRS

SIZES—AA—1, 1 1/2, 2
 A—0, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5
 B—3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 5

\$1.69

Twice a year after the Salesmen have returned from the road, we secure from one of the best manufacturers his samples. We serve them at a price far less than their cost to manufacture, and while they last we give our patrons a great shoe benefit.

M. H. & M.

SATISFACTORY SHOES

1017 Main St., Wheeling.

Killed in Railroad Yards.

Special to-winch to the Intelligencer.

STRUBENVALLE, O., July 19.—August Lapone, aged 28, was run down and killed by cars in the Pan Handle railroad yards at Colliers, W. Va., to-day.

Just Because

we want to clear away all broken lines remaining from a busy season's selling—make the clearance a complete one and a quick one—for Thursday we announce this special sale of

Misses' Ladies' Muslin Underwear

consisting of dainty Cambric, Longcloth, nainsook garments—prettily trimmed in tucks, laces and Embroideries.

Gowns Corset Covers
Skirts Combinations
Drawers Princess Slips

Price 1/2

You will be surprised at the selection we afford in first quality garments at

Sale of "Slip-Out" Collar Supports

A special table in the Notion Department gives choice of these serviceable COLLAR SUPPORTS in Black or White, in 2 to 3 1/2-inch sizes. Card of Four, regularly 10c. Sale Price..... 5c

One-Half Price

Pretty Taffeta, Messaline and Foulard Silks—59c to \$1.25 the yard values—this week—

Vacation Companions

Of Practical Value to Travelers

Three new arrivals in the Toilet Goods Department find a need awaiting them in every traveler's trunk. With them come news of savings not likely to be secured away from home:

25c RUBBER-LINED SOAP AND SPONGE BAGS 19c
 Neat fancy black and white covers; close securely with a drawstring.

CRETONNE-COVERED TRAVELING CASES, 50c
 Rubber-lined and supplied with pockets for every necessary toilet article. Clasp fastened. Have the appearance of 50c Cases costing twice our special price..... 50c

50c SOFT RUBBER BATHING CAPS, 39c
 Indispensable for milladi's preparations for enjoying a dip in the briny. The best grade of soft elastic rubber, in red or black.

GEO. M. SNOOK COMPANY

DOLAN IS HAPPY MAN

WHEELING MAN TELLS HOW HE BECAME HEALTH BENEFICIARY.

LONG SUFFERING ENDS.

Scores of Wheeling people who have that common practical sense which guides them in all their acts and conclusions are coming out unreservedly with statements regarding the new tonic, "Tona Vita," the remarkable curative properties of which are being daily demonstrated at the Chas. K. Goetz & Co. Company's Drug Store, in a manner that is causing general surprise in the city.

Well known among the recent endorser of this new medicine is William Dolan, residing at 1945 Loaf street.

"I have been in poor health the past three years, being under the care of physicians most of the time," said Mr. Dolan today. "My condition grew gradually worse, and during the past six months it has been hard for me to work at all. Every thing seemed wrong with me. I didn't eat well or sleep well, and had no energy at all. My duties required my standing a goodly portion of the time, and often it seemed that my back would break. I have often been forced to sit down. I had no life in me. My stomach was in bad shape, and I suffered with intense nervousness. I would become startled at the slightest noise, and my heart would beat rapidly at the slightest exertion. I came to this store to try the new medicine, and one of the specialists told me I had nervous debility. I got the medicine, and it is the best on earth. It helped me right away, and has made a new man of me. I can heartily recommend 'Tona Vita' to my friends as well as the public in general."

Chas. K. Goetz & Co. has secured the agency here, and specialists are always on hand between the hours of 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. ready to explain the nature of the remarkable new remedy.

These specialists claim that a large percentage of the population, especially among city people, are affected by nervous debility. One of the specialists said today, in discussing the matter, "The symptoms of nervous debility are unmistakable to those who know how prevalent this trouble is. A tired, dragging feeling of the body, a sluggish mind and dull memory, depression of spirits, nervousness, stomach trouble, weak back, cold feet, headache and bowel trouble. These are sure indications of nervous debility, and modern life in big cities produces it in untold thousands."

"Tona Vita" will positively remove this condition. If it doesn't, the trial costs nothing, as the medicine must do the work or we don't want the money for it. We believe we have a preparation that is worth its weight in gold to the man or woman afflicted with nervous debility."

The terrible fatigue and spirit of the ordinary hot weather are having these days, debilitates thousands. "Tona Vita" will surely build one up in such a shape that he can stand the effects of these hot days.

Shortly after a woman marries her ideal man she discovers that it was a case of mistaken identity.

PIANOLA PIANO

The success of the Pianola Piano is unparalleled in the history of musical instruments. Today it is sold in every civilized country of the world. Just as surely as you have adopted other developments of modern progress, such as the telephone, the automobile, etc., so you will eventually own a Pianola Piano.

The very logic of a piano that is a real musical instrument in every home, that everyone can play, and play well, and that in addition offers every advantage of the older types of instruments for practice and handplaying—will induce you to its purchase.

You should investigate the Pianola Piano NOW. Your silent piano will never be worth so much in exchange as at present. Intrinsically, it is steadily depreciating in value.

THERE IS BUT ONE GENUINE PIANOLA.

It is built into but five pianos—The Steinway, Weber, Steck, Wheelock, Steuversant.

We are sole representatives for this instrument in this territory.

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LUTHERAN PICNIC

Will Be Held at Rock Springs Park This Month—Will Be a Union Affair.

On Wednesday, July 26, the annual picnic of the Lutherans of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania will be held at Rock Springs park. The affair is in the nature of a family picnic and a large number from this section are expected to attend. A special train will leave the Pennsylvania station at 8 a. m. and the round trip fare will be 55 cents.

DIES OF INJURIES

William Shelley, Who Fell From Trestle, Succumbs at North Wheeling Hospital.

William Shelley, the man who fell from a trestle above Glenova on Monday night, died of his injuries last evening about 4:20 o'clock at the North Wheeling hospital. Shelley was found early Tuesday morning after having lain in a semi-conscious condition for several hours. He sustained internal injuries in his fall and there was no hope of his recovery.

The deceased was a native of North Wheeling, and was well known in the city and vicinity. He was not married, but has a sister, Mrs. McNeil, at the North Wheeling hospital, and other relatives residing in North Wheeling. While the funeral arrangements had not been completed last night, it will probably be held Friday morning from the Sacred Heart church, with interment at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

RECIPROCITY URGED

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Vigorous support of the Canadian reciprocity agreement by Senators Brown, of Nebraska; Stone, of Missouri, and Works, of California, and a short speech against the measure by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, made up today's debate on the measure in the senate. Senator Stone arraigned the interests, which, he said, had been using the farmers for the purpose of attacking reciprocity. He declared Democrats could find no excuse for not supporting the agreement as introduced by the President.

Snake Strikes Girl

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., July 19.—While playing near her home at Three Mile, just across the river from here, little Mary Scarberry, aged 11, was struck in the foot by a copperhead. The father rushed to the Glendale hospital with the child, and it is believed she will recover.

Spend Your Vacation in BERMUDA

"SWEET BY GOD, OF DEAR BEREZDAS, An Ideal Sea Trip to the Most Delightful Summer Resort in the World." Every outdoor recreation, sea bathing in the clear, turquoise waters, excellent fishing, all the pleasures of the sea, and the most magnificent view of the world's most beautiful Transatlantic Liner "OCEANA".

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TOURS Hotels, A. C. at Lowest Rates. Beautifully located. Free. Tickets, etc. of Bermuda Attractions. Free. See News, etc.

Uncle Walt

The Poet Philosopher

I have a little hobby, and ride it every day, and it is fine and nobby, and swell and resherashy. If people would but heed it, this world would brighter be, for all the nations need it, as A LITTLE much as liberty. But when I would expound it, the people all disperse; I hear them say, "Confound it!" Sometimes they even curse. And when a friend I visit, he whispers, at the door: "Here comes the great what is it—the champion village bore!" No matter where I travel, the same old tale is told; I see men scratching gravel when they my form behold. They raise their umbrellas, these timid, nervous souls; they crawl into the cellars, they shin up lofty poles. Old women always dodge me, likewise the village belles, and say they'd like to lodge me in jails or padded cells. The roads is rough and rutty on which my trilbys tread; 'en children say I'm nutty, and throw things at my head. And so I'm sad and sobby, my voice to sorrow pitched; I can't explain my hobby, 'or folks won't stand unthatched.

WALT MASON.

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