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TAX RATE IS 49c

There is no doubt that everyone appreciates the reduction in the tax rate. The mere thought of paying 49 cents instead of 60 cents a hundred is sufficient to put a glow all over our persons and cause us collectively to smile a while.

This reduction is due to two chief causes. One is the economical way in which the county's affairs have been handled; the ability of the chairman of the board of supervisors to say "NO" until he earns that word as a nickname. The other cause is fortuitous, and comprehends the addition of certain funds to the county's accounts this year. One of these is a school fund, and another goes into the bonded indebtedness account.

But it is ridiculous to call even the 60 cent rate "exorbitant," or "prohibitive," let alone "confiscatory." Those are words of the democratic spellbinders have been issuing to describe taxes. Let us look a moment.

The house and lot the average citizen calls "home" is assessed at between \$3000 and \$5000. That is a liberal "bracket." Take the average of the two—\$4000.

A home valued at \$4000 pays \$24 at the higher rate of 60 cents and \$19.60 when the tax rate is 49 cents.

Surely, a terrible burden on the person capable of the thrift and good sense required to own a home in the first place.

When the assessed property runs into the millions, as in the case of the big mines and ranches, the railroad and great tracts of property, a change of 11.6 cents a hundred in assessed valuation mounts up at a great rate.

But the democratic campaign claqueurs do not dissolve in tears over the mining companies. They haul off and expend all their worry over the poor man.

HOKUM

The citation of official trade statistics absolutely disproves the assertion that "old restrictions on imports can only lead to disaster," which was made by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, at the National Merchandise Fair, held in New York recently. On the same subject Senator Hitchcock also declared that "every shipload of goods that we keep out by tariff taxes means a shipload of American products which cannot be sold abroad, and the goods must pile up as surplus at home."

Replying to this, the republican publicity association, through its president, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., says:

"Was ever one small paragraph so replete with tariff buncombe as that? Prior to the war, and under the protective policy, the balance of trade was in our favor from year to year. That meant that more shiploads of goods were sold abroad than were imported. The Underwood law, a tariff-for-less-than-revenue measure, was in effect but seven months before the balance of trade was turning against us month to month. That meant more shiploads of goods were coming in than were going out. Just glance over the following table, expressed in millions of dollars, bearing in mind that for the ten years cited we operated under the protective policy:

Year	Imports	Exports
1904	\$ 991	\$1,461
1905	1,117	1,518
1906	1,237	1,744
1907	1,434	1,881
1908	1,194	1,861
1909	1,312	1,163
1910	1,557	1,745
1911	1,527	2,019
1912	1,653	2,204
1913	1,813	2,466
10 yrs.	\$13,825	\$18,592

"In other words, we imported \$13,825,000,000 worth of goods during that ten year period, exported \$18,592,000,000 worth, and recorded a favorable trade balance of \$4,767,000,000 or at the rate of a little under \$500,000,000 annually. The lowest favorable balances during those years were in 1909, (\$351,000,000) when commerce was awaiting the rates of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law and in 1910, (\$188,000,000) when the democratic party secured control of congress and began tinkering with the tariff with its so-called 'pop-gun' schedules.

To offset those figures Senator Hitchcock would no doubt quote the figures from 1914 to

1918, when we were exporting huge bills of goods to the Allies, and the years 1919-1921 when Europe was buying heavily from us for reconstruction purposes, for the democrats are still trying to make political capital out of the blood and disaster of Europe.

"Mr. Hitchcock would have been much nearer the truth if he had said that every shipload of goods that we keep out by tariff taxes means a shipload of American products which can be disposed of in the American market. Since the American market is worth fifty billions annually to American producers, while the foreign markets will not reach five billions for some years to come, under normal conditions, it is evident that the home market is tenfold more important."

OUT OF TUNE

It is not President Harding, but Mr. Gompers who is inopportune. Saturday, following the president's summing up of the industrial situation to congress, the veteran labor leader emitted his periodic squeak. Among the other assaults he committed on the presidential wisdom was the charge that he was inopportune, and to cap all of his climaxes, Mr. Gompers gave voice to the astounding assertion that the labor people would not let the country have a law to protect foreigners!

What Mr. Gompers takes to be the inharmony of the president is the inharmony of Mr. Gompers. In other words, everybody's out of step but "my Jim."

The country is greater than Gompers and all of the federation of labor. Members of the federation appreciate this when they stop to think. Because they are parts of the whole country themselves—as well as parts of this class or element that is grouped together as the union organization. If the country has certain laws, or needs others, all it requires to enforce the first and obtain the second is to move. And that movement is the only "irresistible" one in America.

EATING CONTESTS

We believe in eating plenty of good nourishing victuals, and doing it three times a day, with at tibat in between once in a while. But we never did believe in men competing with pigs in the pen or oxen in the field.

Therefore, it always has been with a feeling of disgust that we hear of these eating contests. There was a mayor in an eastern town, a number of years ago, and he obtained the cheers of the groundlings once upon a time by devouring eleven pounds of beefsteak at one meal. But forever after we took no interest in this abnormal feasting, and he went his way unhonored and unisng as far as we were concerned.

Thus it was that we read only with offended interest of the crawfish-eating contest in New Orleans. The winner of this unholy competition devoured five bucketfuls of crawfish, or crawdads, as they are called in Missouri and Arkansas. These fish are small and look like baby lobsters, and in their shells the five bucketfuls weighed sixty pounds. Perhaps the meat forced into the overworked stomach weighed about 16 or 17 pounds. No one can envy the pig that ate three bushels of corn on the cob and shrieked for more.

MAKING GOOD ON ECONOMY

Arizona's state tax rate is reduced from 73 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation to 51 cents. Good news for taxpayers. The rate is lowered in spite of the fact that assessed valuation of property has also decreased.

Former Governor Hunt and C. B. Ward, both democrats, are fighting each other all over the state for their party's nomination for governor. But neither of them has cut this tax rate. When Mr. Hunt was governor, any revision in the tax rate was apt to be upward.

It is Governor Campbell, a republican, and a republican administration down the line from his office, that deserve credit for this achievement in money saving.

The lowering of the rate also shows what the budget system does in the right hands.

Arizonans shouted themselves hoarse for economy in state expenditures. Now they have it under a republican administration. Will they turn around now and elect a democratic governor to raise taxes again?—El Paso Herald.

A BUILDER

What Prescott is, rather than what Prescott can say, is the only tribute capable of being paid to William A. Drake.

For, of the many lives devoted unselfishly to the upbuilding of this community, it seems to us that his stands out apart from all the rest. He gave us clear thinking, perfect loyalty and accurate foresight.

Beyond that no man could have contributed more.

Ladies with concave and convex knees view with cheerful resignation the fact that dresses are somewhat longer. But those with the "Follies" limbs will flout the Paris fashions. Which makes it perfect—from our point of view.

Princess Mary's husband was the principal shareholder and director of a typewriter company which has gone on the rocks. Even marrying a king's daughter is sometimes easier than making both ends meet.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, in and for the County of Yavapai.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUAN ARMIJO, Deceased.

Estate of Juan Armijo, Deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Juan Armijo, Deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administrator at the Law Office of W. E. Ferguson, Tittle Building, Holbrook, Arizona (P. O. Box 505), the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said Estate, in the County of Navajo, State of Arizona.

(Signed) AMBROSIO ARMIJO, By W. E. Ferguson, Attorney, Administrator of Estate of Juan Armijo, Deceased. Dated Holbrook, Arizona, this 17th day of August, 1922. (W4t—1st pub. Aug. 23, 1922.)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF YAVAPAI COUNTY, STATE OF ARIZONA.

Louis Schrade and Paula Schrade, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, versus J. S. Johnson and Ida Johnson his wife, Frank Wagner and Millie Wagner his wife, and Clarence Herrick, if alive; and the Unknown Heirs of said J. S. Johnson and Ida Johnson his wife, Frank Wagner and Millie Wagner his wife, and Clarence Herrick, or of any of them, deceased, if such persons or any of them be not living; Mrs. S. B. Mayer, Mamie Mayer, Wilber J. Mayer, Winifred L. Thorpe (formerly Winifred L. Mayer), Mrs. Marie G. Looney, and Walter Moe as Administrator of the Estate of Lizzie (otherwise known as Elizabeth) Moe, deceased; the Unknown Heirs of F. C. Venator, deceased; the Unknown Heirs of Lena F. Bark, deceased; FRED VENATOR, INCORPORATED, a corporation; COBURN BROS. CATTLE COMPANY, a corporation; ARCTIC ICE AND MEAT COMPANY, a corporation, Defendants.

Action brought in the Superior Court of Yavapai County, State of Arizona.

The State of Arizona sends greetings to each of the above named defendants.

You are hereby summoned and required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiffs in the Superior Court of Yavapai County, State of Arizona, and answer the complaint filed with the Clerk of this Court at Prescott in said County (a copy of which complaint accompanies this Summons), within twenty days (exclusive of the day of service), after the service upon you of this Summons, if served in this County; in all other cases thirty days, after the service of this Summons upon you (exclusive of the day of service).

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the complaint as above required, plaintiffs will take judgment by default against you and judgment for costs and disbursements in this behalf expended.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at Prescott, this 8th day of August, A. D. 1922.

(Seal) J. C. WOODS, Clerk. By Lillian McNeely, Deputy. Ziba O. Brown, Attorney for Plaintiffs. (W4t—1st pub. Aug. 9, 1922.)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Yavapai County Highway Commission, Prescott, Arizona, on August 23, 1922, at the hour of 10:00 A. M., for a reinforced concrete bridge—34-ft. span, 3-girder type—on the Prescott to Wickenburg Highway, near Prescott.

Approximate Quantities
 25 Cu. Yds. Class "A" Concrete.
 25 Cu. Yds. Class "B" retaining walls.
 8600 lbs. Steel.
 40 Cu. Yds. solid rock excavation.
 40 Cu. Yds. earth excavation.
 70 Lin. Ft. pipe handrail.
 Lump sum, remove old structure.
 Bids must be submitted on the form furnished by the Commission and must be for each and every item shown thereon.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Yavapai County Highway Commission, Prescott, Arizona, and may be obtained upon the deposit of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

All bids must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check for five (5) per cent of the gross amount of the bid, payable to the Yavapai County Highway Commission.

Satisfactory bonds will be required of the contractor to whom the award is made.

All bids shall be addressed to the Yavapai County Highway Commission, Prescott, Arizona, and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope the nature of the bid.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

YAVAPAI COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION. Charles F. Johnson, Secretary. (2t W. First pub. August 16.)

FLYER LANDS HERE SUNDAY

Aviator R. V. Thomas, from Kansas, the man who actually "lighted" in the Grand Canyon of Arizona (not California) and again "relighted" in the great gorge of the Fox Film Motion Picture company, flew over the Mile High city of Arizona yesterday afternoon, failed to sight the "T" and flags at the Target Range, which had been put in place by Messrs. Robinson, Connell and Jett of the chamber of commerce committee, and just for the fun of the thing "lighted" in Lonesome valley following the outline of the Jerome-Prescott highway. Hovering above the city, Aviator Thomas dropped a bomb to let the natives know that he had arrived and then started evidently for the direction of the Target Range, where officials had gone to greet him.

Not finding him, they sent a special car to the range, piloted by Charley Weidler, but again no progress was reported. In the meanwhile all was serene on the horizon and Thomas was brought to town by a courteous motorist, whose name he did not learn.

Thomas left Williams about 10 o'clock Sunday morning and, according to his own story "in crossing the highest mountain I caught sight of the railroad and followed it on down 15 miles, I should judge, and then took off in the direction of the Black canyon country. I landed on the mesa above Bumblebee and took on gas, later coming to Prescott."

Thomas expressed surprise that so much interest was taken by a chamber of commerce in having a "live" aviation committee. "But that is the interest which will ultimately develop a field close to the city and will put Prescott on the aerial map of the country, which recognition is not far distant."

Prior to the war, Mr. Thomas studied aviation at Harvard, where he was doing post-graduate work; later serving with the colors, and then trying to get down to earth by studying law, "But I had the bug and couldn't get away from it," smilingly added the flier when interviewed by a representative of the Journal-Miner yesterday.

Thomas is flying a Lincoln Standard plane, although most of the machine is equipped with his own ideas. The machine is particularly equipped for high-altitude flying. It has great reserve power, is one of the original French hand-made motors, being an Hispano-Suiza 180 horsepower.

Since the war, Thomas has been doing commercial flying, taking up passengers regularly for three years, and doing exhibition flying throughout the central states.

Negotiations were completed yesterday by the aviator to use the field in Miller Valley. This is the same field which was used by Rex Smith about a year ago.

Among prominent passengers who have viewed the world from the craft piloted by Thomas are the president of the Mexican republic, Thomas holds the Rocky mountain championship silver cup awarded at Denver last summer, for accuracy in landing. The test was a 25-foot circle and Thomas in landing, hit in the center. With 15 aviators competing, the next closest in this competition was an aviator from Cheyenne, who came within 36 feet of the circle.

Thomas recently has been doing exhibition flying at county and state fairs in the central west. Further laurels have been won by Thomas in a recent flight from Aramilo, Texas, to Lincoln, Neb., covering the 700-mile distance in five hours and 10 minutes.

TROUBLES OVER, HE WILL ATTEND FAIR

A. M. MacDuffie, the genial fair commissioner from Mohave county, who took a great interest in seeing that the mining department of the Northern Arizona State fair was made a success, has written to friends in Prescott, advising that he is in Holbrook at present.

MacDuffie is president of the Adama Oil & Land company and says in part: "Again, after having worked a year to overcome difficulties from collapsed casing and other drawbacks which kept coming up, the outlook seems favorable for an oil well within a short time, if no more unexpected difficulties arise—then you'll see us at the Northern Arizona State fair."

FOOTBALL COMES BACK

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Aug. 17.—Football is coming back at the University of Santa Clara here with all the power it held before last year when no varsity team was put on the field until late in the season.

QUIETEST OF THIEVES ROBS VET'S MOTHER

If not the meanest, at least the quietest thief on record has been found in Prescott.

He, she or it—as the case may be—stole into a room at 141 West Willis, where Mrs. Mary C. Hyer of Clarksburg, W. Va., was taking an afternoon nap, after finishing an eight-day strike-delayed journey to the bedside of her sick son, and stole out again with a watch, a skirt and a sum of money.

A much larger sum, which Mrs. Hyer had carried in her stocking, and had not removed when she slipped them off before lying down, was undiscovered, as it lay near the bedside.

Mrs. Hyer is most regretful over the loss of the watch, which was a gift to her daughter and highly prized for that reason. A railroad ticket, good for a trip from here to the coast and back to Clarksburg, was left with the money in the first "national bank." An embroidered jacket, on which Mrs. Hyer had pinned a jeweled emblem, was in a nearby room.

It was to be with her son, a former patient at Whipple Barracks, who for the past ten days has been critically ill, that Mrs. Hyer came to Prescott. She endured delays on the road due to the strike and finally arrived at the bedside. She had gone into the room near that of her boy to rest. A hallway leads past the door of her sleeping apartment, and she told officers yesterday she thought someone had sneaked in, seen her sound asleep and had entered the room. The skirt and a handbag containing the watch and money were on a chair near the bed. When Mrs. Hyer awoke, she saw the handbag on the floor, opened and empty.

Why the skirt was taken, she says she simply cannot understand.

SPECIAL INDIAN "ACT" AT FAIR

Camp Verde Agent Wants Chance for His Wards to Show What They Can Do; Chairmen Meet at 3 o'clock Tomorrow.

Chairmen and workers of the Northern Arizona State Fair association have been requested by President H. D. Aitken to attend a meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon, in the chamber of commerce assembly room at 3 o'clock. Business of importance is to be transacted and all workers should be on hand. The final proof for the prize list has been read and within a very short time copies will be available for general distribution to all interested exhibitors.

It is the plan of 1922 fair officials to make this year fair excellent from every standpoint. The program will be good from start to finish and the displays will be made attractive.

"We want the Northern Arizona State fair to assist us," remarked J. O. Bard, the Camp Verde Indian agent, "in showing not so much what the Indians hereabout cannot do as what they are capable of doing and to this end we are going to ask the association to encourage these Indians by having a special class for basket weaving, rug weaving and other work at which they are expert."

SANTA FE LET RAIN INJURE MACHINERY BINGHAMPTON SUES

That the Santa Fe carelessly left a pump and electric motor exposed on the station platform at Mayer and got it damaged to the extent of \$500 by reason of the rain, is the basis of a suit filed for the Arizona Binghampton Copper company yesterday.

The complaint alleges that for a good consideration, the Santa Fe was hired to deliver the machinery, but in doing so, let it be injured by rust. This is said to have occurred in September, 1920.

Ellis & Lovridge represent the mining company.

Charleston—Work on 35,900-acre dam project to start about January 1, 1923.

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WOULD OPEN UP OAK CREEK ROAD

A movement to induce the national forest service to aid in constructing the Oak Creek road to connect Sedona with Flagstaff was supported by the Yavapai County Chamber of Commerce and three other organizations of this county at a meeting of the Prescott chapter, American Association of Engineers, in the chamber of commerce rooms last night. The other three organizations pledging support of this movement to establish a good road linking Yavapai and Coconino counties were the Verde Valley Commercial club and the Clarkdale and Prescott chapters of the A. A. E.

The importance of the Oak Creek road as a means of opening up national forest territory as well as providing a travelable highway for the two counties was emphasized by several speakers, among whom were H. De Witt Smith, member of the road committee of the chamber of commerce, and Homer Wood of the Prescott engineers. The meeting was led by Mr. Smith, with Grace M. Sparkes of the chamber of commerce acting a secretary, and was attended by County Engineer Joe McCarthy and members of the county highway commission.

Routine business of the Prescott A. A. E. chapter took up a part of the evening.

HUMBOLDT NOTES

HUMBOLDT, Aug. 18.—Ceburn D. Rhodes of Prescott visited in Humboldt Friday.

Mrs. R. C. Walters and Mrs. J. E. O'Brien visited friends in Humboldt Friday.

C. N. Green, formerly of Humboldt, motored to Humboldt with the Skull Valley-Kirkland ball team. Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Gilbert and daughter, Wiley, motored from Prescott to visit friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green and children, Janet and Howard, motored from Phoenix to visit Mr. and Mrs. Nelson R. Johnson.

Mrs. John A. Peel and daughter visited in Humboldt Friday.

Mrs. C. P. Wingfield and Mrs. Thomas McDermott motored to Mayer Thursday.

Chester Knight, Sr., returned to Humboldt to live, coming from the Swansea mine.

C. P. Wingfield went to the White Mountains on a hunting and fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott entertained at five hundred Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Brien. Those who were invited were Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulloy, Mr. and Mrs. Don McElroy, Mrs. R. C. Walters, Misses Evelyn Mulloy, Katherine Walters, William O'Brien, and the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Brien. The high score for ladies was won by Mrs. Sim Ellis; low score, Mrs. Mulloy. Owing to rain some of the men were delayed, thus giving the high and low gents' prizes to Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Wingfield.

Mrs. Nelson R. Johnson entertained the 16th of August in honor of Nelson R. Johnson, Junior's, first birthday. The cake was served to the mothers and each baby received a little rag cat as a favor. Those who enjoyed the afternoon were: Mrs. John A. Peel and daughter, Julia Bishop, Mrs. Chester Knight and son Chester, Jr., Mrs. Robert Howell and son Robert, Jr., and Mrs. Howard and children Howard and Janet.

Walter Geoglin and Frank Corwin left Thursday for an outing at Mormon lake.

Vernon L. Clark of Phoenix visited in Humboldt on his way home from Flagstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Edwards moved to a house on Main street. One of the most charming affairs of the summer was the five hundred party given Thursday by Mrs. Chas. H. Anderson at her home on Hillside Terrace. After the cards delicious refreshments were served. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Anderson's hospitality were: Mrs. D. M. Reck, Mrs. C. P. Wingfield, Mrs. John Neil, Mrs. L. W. Booten, Mrs. Joseph Thomas, Mrs. E. T. Miner, Mrs. L. L. Gilbert, Mrs. Ott Dunlap, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. James McNabb and Mrs. Dan McElroy. Mrs. Booten won high score, Mrs. Miner low score, and Mrs. Neil cut prize.

Mrs. Charles McLane, Jr., was the house guest of Mrs. James McNabb during the week.