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HOUSE PASSES TAX LEGALIZATION BILL

COX FAVORS THE REPEAL OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX

WOULD SUBSTITUTE A FLAT TAX ON VOLUME OF BUSINESS---SUFFRAGE LEADERS MEET HIM---HARDING IS WORRIED OVER PROGRESSIVE VOTE.

Columbus, O., July 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Repeal of the present graduated excess profits taxes as a means of reducing the cost of living will be advocated by democratic nominees during their campaign, Governor James M. Cox stated today.

Cox would substitute a flat tax of from one to 1½ per cent on the volume of business done by all business concerns. Virtually the same change has been recommended by President Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury Houston and his former assistant, R. C. Leffingwell.

Cox believes that his proposed tax would raise from \$1,600,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 annually. The present graduated levies greatly pyramid the country of all necessities, he believes. He probably will deal at length on the question of taxation in his speech of acceptance.

Asked for his views on taxation, Cox referred to several recent speeches and authorized their quotation at his present position.

"Prices are high and will remain so until we seriously dedicate our efforts to the wiping away of things that came with the war," he said. "A considerable factor in the high cost of living is the continuance of the excess profits tax. In establishing a selling price, every business sets aside a reasonable profit and then adds to it the amount of the tax. This is done in turn by the manufacturer, the jobber and the retailer until the inevitable result is a staggering cost to the consumer."

"A flat tax of one or 1½ per cent on the volume of business done by any concern would be a simple matter to collect and it would be neither cause nor alibi for excessive prices. It would allow nearly half the amount of government revenue necessary and allow a speedy repeal of the excess profits taxes."

Today Cox will meet a large delegation of suffrage leaders led by Miss Alice Paul, leader of the National Woman Suffrage party. He will give the women assurances of energetic efforts to make Tennessee or North Carolina the 36th state to ratify the suffrage amendment.

Marion, O., July 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The strongest possible appeal to progressive voters consistent with his past record will feature the speech of Warren G. Harding, accepting the republican presidential nomination, it was stated today.

Harding is preparing to espouse progressive issues and will not stand as a reactionary or extreme conservative according to his close advisers here. Nomination of Governor Cox and the activity of the third party groups at Chicago have led to a decision to play up to the progressive vote.

Harding and his counsellors realize that the rank and file of the republican party will naturally support the ticket; but the tremendous growth of the independent vote augmented by the vast number of women voters who will go to the polls next November, without party ties, places the balance of power in the coming election in the hands of this large doubtful group. Harding, like Cox, will make a determined effort to get his share of it.

Democratic spokesmen have been active during the silence of Senator Harding, in seeking to create the impression that Harding is a reactionary. Governor Cox' informal statements has flatly referred to republican candidate as a "reactionary dominated by the senate oligarchy."

GIVEN POLICIES

Employees of General Electric Company at the Ft. Wayne Works Given

EXTRA PROTECTION Insurance Has Been in Force Since First of Year—Divided in Classes

The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette has the following to say concerning the gift of the General Electric company to its employees, of insurance policies:

"Probably the largest number of insurance policies ever delivered to any one institution in this city was delivered to the local General Electric works yesterday. The policies are gifts of the company to all employees who have been in the service of the company for more than one year and amount to 2,500,000 consisting of nearly 5,000 policies. This insurance is entirely separate and apart from the Mutual Benefit association of the plant."

"Policies are divided in classes as follows: Employees who have been in the service of the company for one year, \$500; two years, \$750; three years, \$1,000; four years, \$1,250; five years, \$1,500, which is the maximum amount."

"The insurance has been in effect since the first of the year and many benefits have already been paid. The policies have just been received however and will be distributed to the employees as soon as possible."

BONDS ARE SOLD

Old Adams County Bank Takes the Issue of \$50,000 for Smith Bridge

WILL PERMIT COUNTY To Make Needed Improvement—Road Has Been Closed Several Weeks

If the transcript in the bond issue for the Smith bridge meets the approval of the bank's attorney, the Old Adams County bank of this city will buy the \$50,000 bond issue from the county which will permit the immediate construction of the new steel bridge on the Fort Wayne-Decatur road, the contract for which was awarded some time ago to the Burk Construction company of New Castle.

The action of the bank officials in taking the bonds relieves the board of commissioners of a worry lest the bonds fail to sell, and as a consequence postpone the erection of the bridge on the most important highway of the county.

The north bridge, which is a wooden structure, and had been in use for many years, was condemned this spring by the commissioners and road superintendent following an examination showing that the big stringers had been broken, making the bridge unsafe for heavy hauling. The road was consequently closed to traffic, and travel was diverted to the Monroe street bridge and to Fort Wayne over the old Piqua road, making the distance to the Allen county metropolis slightly farther.

It has been suggested that if possible the new bridge be turned slightly, and avoid the sharp turns at either end which several times in the past have been the cause of accidents. However, as the new bridge will be of steel and the opposite end will be visible at all times to drivers, accidents would be avoided. However, the suggestion is a good one if it does not necessitate a big change in the construction of approaches, thus entailing a big expense.

The public will be glad to know that the Old Adams County bank has come to the rescue of the county, in view of the fact that so many obstacles have stood in the way of selling of bonds in the past few months, and they are to be congratulated in their effort to aid in the construction of the most important bridge in the county.

TODAY'S MARKET PAGE

The following grocery and meat market ads will be found on the Daily Democrat's Market Basket Page in today's issue.

Meat Markets—Fred Mutschler & Sons and Schmitt Brothers.

Groceries—Fisher & Harris.

Bert Hunsicker, George Miller, G. C. Steele's, M. E. Hower's and Engeler's.

Do your Saturday shopping from the Market Page. We will make an effort to continue this page every week and know from the bargains offered that you can save money by taking advantage of them.

Charles Mathias of Fort Wayne was a business visitor here today.

A FARMERS MEET

The Washington Township Farmers Organize Under State Federation Plan

OFFICERS ARE NAMED

Col. Fred Reppert Gave an Interesting Talk—Fred W. Busche, Chairman

The farmers of Washington township met last evening at the Reneker school near Monroe and organized under the plan of the state federation. The officers elected were: Fred Busche, chairman; Ray Harvey, vice chairman and Martin Hoffman, secretary-treasurer.

Men were selected to head the organization in each school district. They are as follows: Debolt school, Oswald Neffler; Reneker school, J. N. Burkhead; Brandyberry school, John Chilcott; Raudebush school, Thompson Noll; number nine, W. W. Hawkins; Heiner, Frank Heiman; Washington, Frank Breiner; Chapman, Philip Carper.

Col. Fred Reppert gave a talk on what organization has done in other parts of the country and also answered questions regarding the fair.

A. J. Smith talked on organization work and told the farmers of work being done in other counties.

W. P. Schrock, acting as chairman of the federation for Adams county, spoke along the same line and aided the farmers in forming their organization. The organization formed puts Adams county on the map as a federation county and soon the other townships will fall in line with Washington and form like organizations for mutual benefit.

The next meeting will be held at the Reneker school on Wednesday, July 28, and it is desired that every farmer in the township be present at this meeting.

A DAY'S OUTING

"Jim" Arnold Invites the Rotary Club to His Cottage at Rome City

OFFERS CHICKEN FRY

At the Spring Beach Hotel—Club Planning to go—Gave Good Program

At last evening's meeting of the Decatur Rotary club a committee was appointed to make a canvass of the members and find out definitely how many of them could take advantage of the Rotarian Jim Arnold's invitation to go to Rome City sometime next month for a day's outing at Mr. Arnold's cottage and to enjoy a chicken fry at the Spring Beach hotel. "Jim" agreeing to foot the entire bill. Such an offer will not be turned down by anyone who in some way can arrange to get away for the day and it is expected that at least thirty of the members will accept Jim's hospitality. Mr. Arnold personally invited the club to his cottage last evening.

Routine business was transacted and President Wal Wemhoff announced that the five new members appointed.

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PET STOCK EXHIBIT

At Great Northern Indiana Fair Will Bring Many Fanciers From

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Superintendent Shroyer Would Like to Have More Local People Enter

It is likely that the exhibit of poultry and pet stock at the Great Northern Indiana fair will be one of the finest displays of the kind ever given in northern Indiana, but the superintendent, Mr. Ben Shroyer, would like to see a greater interest among the many fanciers of this county.

He has received many entries from Bluffton, Fort Wayne, Portland, Van Wert, Huntington and other places, and some of the birds entered have won ribbons at national poultry and pet stock exhibits. Mr. Shroyer says there is in Adams county just as fine specimens for exhibition purposes as can be found anywhere, and it is his desire that the farmers, or any one who takes an interest in the raising of poultry enter their stock at the coming fair. Arrangements have been made for coops to take care of the exhibit. The department is also open for the entry of pigeons, rabbits, etc., or anything that comes under the head of pet stock.

Fred Reppert yesterday made arrangements for an additional number of tents to take care of exhibits that have desired space at the park during the fair.

ABOUT THE SICK

Several Decatur and Adams County People Operated Upon This Week

RECOVERING NICELY

Samuel Workinger, Northeast of City Had Growth in the Esophagus

Mrs. Albert Hanne of eastern Ohio was operated upon Monday at the Hendricks hospital at Monroe for appendicitis and other complications. The operation was performed by Drs. Rayl and Reusser. She is making rapid recovery.

Elmer Stuckey of Berne who was operated upon Monday afternoon is doing fine and will soon be able to sit up. Drs. Rayl and Reusser performed the operation.

Elmer Sprunger of Berne had his tonsils removed Monday at Hendricks hospital.

Mrs. Marker of Ninth street underwent an abdominal operation Tuesday at her home, the operation being performed by Drs. Rayl and Beavers. She is progressing rapidly.

Frank Lynch of Salem who took sick on his way home from Decatur Monday evening, was operated upon at Monroe hospital Tuesday evening, the operation revealing a gangrenous appendix. The condition was bad and a few more hours would have made it difficult to save his life. This operation was performed by Drs. Rayl and Somers.

Drs. Rayl and Beavers operated upon the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. Ward of Second street yesterday morning for hernia. She withstood the operation good.

Sam Workinger, northeast of Decatur, was operated upon yesterday by Drs. Rayl, D. D. Clark and Grandstaff. Mr. Workinger has for some time had a growth in his esophagus which was gradually closing it so he could get nothing in his stomach. Recently the obstruction became complete and in order to prevent starvation a tube was placed in his stomach through which he may take food and drink.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Part cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably local thunder showers south portion.

VOTE TWO TO ONE FOR ITS PASSAGE--GOES TO SENATE

JOSEPH WALKER STANDS BY THE TAX-PAYERS AND VOTES AGAINST IT---CAUCUS WAS HELD BEHIND LOCKED DOORS---BIG APPROPRIATION BILL.

WORKERS NAMED

Solicitors Will Start Early Next Week to Raise Funds for Decorating

FOR OLD HOME WEEK

Also for the Badges—Assessment Considered Low for Business Men

Messrs. D. M. Hensley and Joe Lose, who were appointed last week at the meeting of the Old Home Week committee to solicit funds for the decorating of the street intersections and to secure appropriate badges, have selected their workers and these men will start early next week to secure the amount needed, which is about \$700.

The men have figured that the restaurants, soft drink parlors, and the like should pay at least \$10 as their part of the burden and the other business houses who have not the chance to benefit financially as they will shall pay the sum of \$5. Of course, if any one considers he should give more, the committee will gladly accept a sum in any amount.

The amount asked is quite small when one considers the home pride every man ought to have in having the old town dressed up for the big week, when it is known that many thousand visitors will be here, many of whom have at some time or other been residents of Decatur, and it will please them to see a real old-fashioned welcome from the business men.

At the former home coming the sum of thirty-six dollars was raised for various purposes, and it would, indeed, be pleasing to the committee to have their plans carried out to the letter. Have your little mite ready for the committee when they call.

E. F. Gass and Harry Helm will call on the business houses on First street and Monroe street. Lawrence Kleinhenz and William Linn will call on the men on the west side of Second street, while D. M. Hensley and Joe Lose will solicit those on the east side of Second street.

DAILY CENSUS REPORT

A nine pound baby girl was born early this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kleinhenz. This is the second child in the family. Both mother and babe are doing fine.

LOS ANGELES ROCKED

(United Press Service)

(Bulletin)

Los Angeles, Cal., July 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A second and violent earthquake rocked this city at 1:27 p. m. today. It was followed immediately by another shock equally as violent. Both caused the buildings to sway wildly. Following the second shock people flocked from buildings into the streets. An alarm of fire believed to have been caused by the earthquake was turned in after the second shock.

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, July 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The administration bill legalizing horizontal increases in property valuations by the state tax board was approved by the house under suspension of rules today by a vote of 63 to 30. It now goes to the senate for action by that body.

The increases were declared invalid by the supreme court following a still legal battle recently.

While the house was passing the tax legislation the senate struck the enacting clause from Senator Hogston's bill abolishing the public service commission thus killing the measure.

Passage of the legalization bill by the house resulted from caucus action of majority members of that body. After a six hour session yesterday lasting until 10:30 last night the republican representatives recessed until today and a committee of thirteen, one representing each congressional district reported back to the caucus today recommending passage of the administration bill.

There was some opposition in the republican rank originally and this continued throughout the caucus yesterday but most of it faded away at today's meeting.

Those voting against the measure included Joseph Walker of Geneva, representative from Adams county.

The bill as passed was virtually as introduced. There were a few minor amendments none of which made any change to effect the intent of the bill.

Representative Aaby, of Lawrenceburg, denounced the administration in explaining his vote against the bill. Aaby declared that while the democrats were awaiting the arrival of the republican representatives for a last night's session they appointed Representative O'Neil of Terre Haute, to find where the majority members were.

Aaby declared that O'Neil returned in about an hour and reported that the republicans were capcussing in the supreme court chamber and that the keys to the room were in the hands of Governor Goodrich. He said that the republicans were instructed to reach an agreement before adjourning for the night.

The senate recalled the institutional appropriation bill and added an appropriation of \$4460 for repair and maintenance of the soldiers and sailors monument. The bill then was referred to a special session for final review before returning it to the house.

Indianapolis, July 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A deficit of nearly a quarter of a million dollars in the state treasury will result from passage of the institutional deficiency bill by the special session of the legislature, if the house concurs in the amendments made by the senate late yesterday.

The bills as passed by the senate appropriates \$1,722,434.02, including the legalization of expenditures totalling \$296,000 by state Auditor Klaus in behalf of the state institutions after their maintenance funds had been exhausted.

Increasing the appropriations of the house \$650,470.16, the senate approved the bill late yesterday and returned it.

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