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WHY TAXES ARE HIGHER.

Interesting Paper By Treasurer Bartles Prepared For The Times.

Some time ago on account of the many complaints heard by The Times editors, concerning the seemingly high rate of taxes, we requested Treasurer Bartles to give us a statement for the benefit of the taxpayers. In compliance with this request the following paper was prepared for The Times and with pleasure we give it to our readers:

"I want it understood in the beginning, that I am not writing for publicity, but to give you some facts, so far as I am informed, in reference to high taxes. As you all should know, I have nothing to do with making taxes high or making taxes low. My duty is to collect what the auditor directs me to collect, according to the tax duplicate which is made up by him and turned over to me to collect by. So I neither make tax returns or take tax returns, consequently I am not entitled to any praise for taxes being low nor am I to blame when taxes are high.

The question is asked me many times every day, "Why are taxes so high?" This question is a hard one to answer correctly. Taxes are high, it is true, but just exactly what makes them so high is the question. Now I am going to give you some facts and let you consider for yourselves why taxes are as high as they are.

To consider the matter intelligently, we will take up one tax department at the time. We will first take up State tax. In 1897, the first year after North Paolet was taken off of Union, the State tax collected by Union county and turned over to the State was \$17,000. In 1895 the amount collected and turned over to the State was \$27,500. In 1896, this year, the tax duplicate calls for \$29,200 for State. Now listen: Union county is paying this year, 1906, \$12,200 more to the State than it did in 1897, which was the first year after North Paolet was taken off. Now just why this is the case I do not know. You should know the reason why just as much so as myself. I, and so do you, know that Clemson has been built of late years and so has Winthrop. Whether they ought to have been established or not is not for me to say; but they have been established, and it took money to establish them. It also takes annually a right good appropriation from the State to keep them going. The State house, penitentiary and asylum all have been improved, and it took more money to do this. So much for State tax.

Now we will take up school tax and renovate that. In 1897 we collected for constitutional school \$10,000; for polls, \$2,600; for special school, \$2,300; making a total of \$14,900 for school purposes. This was the amount of school tax paid in by the tax payers for 1897. Now in 1905, the amount of school tax paid in by the tax payers is as follows: Constitutional school, \$15,000; polls, \$3,600; special school, \$2,800; making a total paid in by the tax payers for 1905, \$26,600.

School tax on the tax duplicate to be collected for 1906, this year, is as follows: Constitutional, \$17,500; polls, \$4,000; special school, \$3,800; making a total of \$31,300. Now you see that the school taxes have increased from \$14,900 in 1897, to \$31,300 in 1906, making an increase in school tax since 1897 of \$16,400. We are paying out this year for the education of the children in Union county, \$16,400 more than we did in 1897. As a matter of fact, this money has to come out of the tax payers' pockets; consequently, taxes are made higher. Just why it takes \$16,400 more now than it did in 1897 for school, I am not able to say, unless there are more children to educate, more school houses to build, and more teachers to pay, and longer terms.

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housekeeper has experienced the old-fashioned oil can are done with, if you will spare enough of so kind to his neighbors.

The school trustees or the superintendent of education might answer the question.

Now as to ordinary county: In 1897, \$13,500 was paid in for ordinary county purposes. In 1905, \$17,500 was paid in for ordinary county purposes. In 1906, \$23,300 was paid in for ordinary county purposes. This makes an increase for 1906 over that of 1897, \$9,800. But, mind you, in 1905, when \$17,500 was paid in by the taxpayers of Union county for ordinary county purposes, also was \$10,000 collected from the county dispensary, all of which was placed to the credit of ordinary county, making a total of \$27,500 for ordinary county purposes for 1905. Now, in 1906, while the taxpayers are paying \$5,800 more for ordinary county purposes, than they did in 1905, at the same time the county is doing on \$4,200 less than it did in 1905, from the fact that the full deficiency from the county dispensary has not been made up by the tax levy. This information, or explanation, may be a little complicating to some, but if you will observe closely you will see the point.

In 1897, \$3,400 was paid in for road. This does not include commutation road. In 1905, \$5,000 was paid in for road. In 1906, \$17,500 is the amount to be paid in for road. This makes the road tax for 1906 exceed that of 1897 to the amount of \$14,100. This difference of money expended certainly demands more taxes. This money is paid out on orders from the supervisor and the commissioners, as well as that of ordinary county. Interest collected for railroad bonds in 1897, \$9,600; collected in 1905 for interest on railroad bonds, \$6,200. In 1906 the tax duplicate calls for \$7,200 for interest on railroad bonds. Sinking fund collected for the year 1897, \$7,000. Sinking fund collected for 1905, nothing. Sinking fund collected for 1906, nothing. So you see there is \$7,000 less collected for 1905 and 1906 than there was in 1897, for sinking fund. Now you will have to read this carefully in order to understand it. During the year 1897 you paid taxes as follows: School, \$14,900; State, \$17,000; ordinary county, \$13,500; road, \$3,400; interest on railroad bonds, \$9,600; sinking fund, \$7,000; for the aid of Confederate soldiers, nothing. During this year, 1906, you paid taxes as follows: School, \$31,300; State, \$29,200; ordinary county, \$23,300; road, \$17,500; interest on railroad bonds, \$7,200; sinking fund, nothing; for the aid of Confederate soldiers, \$2,900. Now the above statement explains itself if you will read and study it. I forgot to mention that in 1897, or a year or so before that time, there was no aid given the Confederate soldiers. But now, 1906, the State aids them to the amount of \$200,000. This, of course, requires more taxes. You will also notice, from the above statement, that in 1897 there was no aid given the Confederate soldiers by Union county; but this year, as has been the case for several years, there is 1-2 mill levied for the aid of Confederate soldiers.

Now, this is a long and tedious statement, but I have given you facts. You will see from the above statement that taxes since 1897 have increased considerably. Whether they have been judiciously paid out or not I am not able to say, since I have nothing to do with that part of the business. It is the general impression among the people of the county, that those who work for the county charge more for their work than they ought to. If this is true, of course it will require more taxes than it would if the work was done for a reasonable amount.

To get this old county out of debt, and reduce the taxes, everybody must work together for the good of the county. After reading and studying the above statement, if you can suggest any reform I am satisfied that the authorities would be glad to hear from you. So long as you charge the county more than the work you do is worth, and vote a special school or any other specific tax upon yourselves, so long will the taxes be high. There are only two things that make your taxes higher this year than they were last year: namely: Your property has been assessed for more than it was last year and a levy of 2 mills for macadamizing roads. Now, as to the macadamizing of the roads, for which \$11,500 is collected this year, I must say that I am not in favor of it. I have been, am now, and will always be, opposed to undertaking to macadamize the roads of Union county. Simply from the fact that the county is not financially able to do it. It is too slow a process. It concentrates too much money on a short distance of road. It accommodates too few people for the amount of money spent. \$11,500 judiciously spent to improve roads all over the county, instead of putting it on a few miles of roads, certainly will be of more general good to the public at large. It is certainly very pleasant to ride over the roads where they have been macadamized; the principal reason, however, is that it is not practical for Union county to do so. According to my belief.

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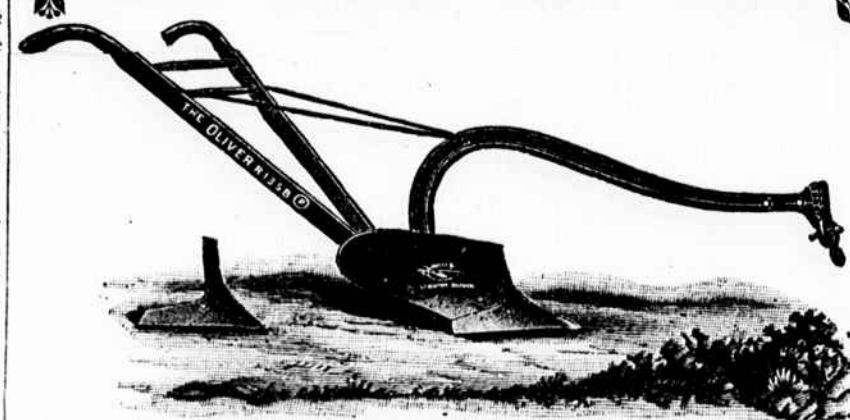
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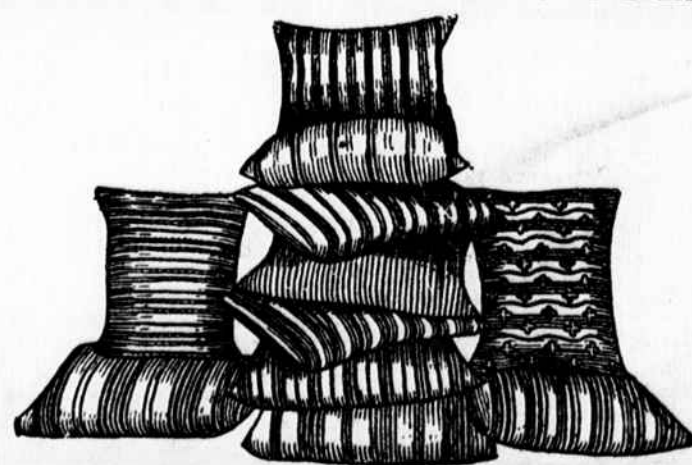
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