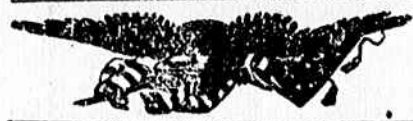


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### The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE  
XLV.—OKLAHOMA



**OKLAHOMA** holds the record for rapid growth. It was in the first term of President

Benjamin Harrison that Oklahoma was opened up. Good farm land available under the Homestead Act was difficult to find so the United States bought from the Indians, who had been segregated in Indian territory, a large tract of some 40,000 square miles that had been used largely by the Indians as pasture for their cattle and horses. This was called Oklahoma, a word meaning "fine country," and was arranged to be ready for sale to homesteaders at 12 o'clock noon of April 22, 1889. Troops were placed on guard to prevent any settlers entering before that time for more than 100,000 "boomers" as they were called, came from all over the country to obtain farms or places for business. On the stroke of the hour, bugles sounded and the mad rush by men, women and children to locate claims began. The government had arranged land officers at many places at which claims could be filed for the farms or city lots, and all that day these were besieged by fighting mobs to register their selections. Before midnight hundreds of farms were staked out and Oklahoma City and Guthrie were well on their way to become cities.

This State developed this region which came into the possession of the United States as a part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and which was set aside for so many years as Indian country. Previous to the formation of Oklahoma territory, congress had forbidden white settlers in this part of the country, and this edict was enforced by federal troops. As the demand for more land was felt and as the Indians decreased in numbers, Indian territory was added to Oklahoma territory, and in 1907 it was admitted to the Union as the State of Oklahoma, adding another star to our flag, which for eleven years had contained forty-five. The state has flourished to such an extent that it has ten presidential electors, which is more than double that of many of the older states of larger size.

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### EPIDEMIC OF FLU IN N. Y. CITY.

**Drastic Action Against Landlords Furnishing Insufficient Heat.**

New York, Feb. 2.—Seventy-five policemen were assigned yesterday to special duty with the city health department, enforcing house heating and sanitary rules laid down by City Health Commissioner Copeland in an effort to check the further spread of the influenza epidemic. Dr. Copeland announced that he would take immediate legal steps against house owners who failed to provide sufficient heat.

Particularly drastic action would, he said, be taken against landlords who provide insufficient heat in the houses where either influenza or pneumonia patients are being cared for. "Fortunately," he said, "the epidemic is very mild. All indications of the present epidemic indicate that the disease this year is proving far less fatal than it did in the 1918-19 and 1920 epidemics."

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### TAX-PAYER SUGGESTS A PLAN

**For Cutting Taxes—County Should be the Tax Unit.**

(Pee-Dee Advocate.)

Mr. Editor: It has about reached the point where—  
When a man has built a barn,  
Go and tax him;  
When he has cleared another farm,  
Go and tax him!  
When he lays another roof,  
When he grows another hoof,  
Hustle round and get the proof—  
Then go and tax him!

Has a man a pot of money?  
Don't tax him!  
Though it is sweet like honey,  
Don't tax him!  
Let him reap what others sow—  
People are rather fools, you know—  
If they were not, they would go—  
AND TAX HIM!

In 1905 the assessed value of property in South Carolina was \$220,000,000. The revenue, at a rate of 5 1/4 mills, was \$1,560,000. Ten years later the assessed value was \$310,907,101. The levy was 7 mills. So that in ten years the increase in taxable values was less than 5 per cent, and the increase in expenditures was 100 per cent. In 1921 the assessed taxation was \$6,767,135 on a 12-mill levy. The assessed values were \$452,490,600, so that the mills increase, instead of growing less, continue to increase, thus doubling the burden of taxation. Can this continue?

During this period there has been an increase of about 15 per cent in population. Now, all experts in taxation agree that when taxes increase faster than wealth and population, an unbearable burden is placed on the people. Who is responsible? No State, county or town official will admit that this condition is the result of his administration. It is not. It is the system which piles up the expense account, which the taxpayer is compelled to settle. We have built up a spoils system from the little town to the Congressional pork barrel—a government by bureau instead of a democracy. The tax-payers of this State have been bullied and brow-beaten by a bunch of pretentious tin-horn politicians until they have got into the habit of standing in line to have their pockets picked.

Useless boards and commissions are created each year, because of the growing horde of spoolmen, seeking a reward for services performed for the machine, and this demands a constant extension of the system.

There has been little effort in this State for a real business administration. Taxes in South Carolina have trebled in twenty years, yet who dares say, in the maintenance of law or efficiency, that we have been bettered? This State and every other State in the nation is flooded with political leeches performing no essential work, but bending their energies to keep up a machine which will perpetuate their jobs—food inspectors, oil inspectors, internal revenue agents, special tax collectors, whiskey constables, charity inspectors, pellagra experts, horse doctors, hog doctors, bureau agents and hundreds of trustees—all moving up and down the land at heavy expense, everlasting drawing salaries and piling up expense accounts to the profit of the political machine and the impoverishment of the ordinary citizen, who "pays the freight."

If venture the assertion that, leaving out the lately enfranchised women, that one voter out of twenty in the primary is on either State or Federal pay-roll in some capacity. Only voters are useful to the politician, and this means the balance of power is held by the machine.

Where is it to end? Any man knows that such a course would bankrupt any private business within six months, and this government, State and national, is only able to survive the increasing drain at the expense of the tax-payers.

Efficiency is the only basis for progress, and the economic struggle demands it.

The entire nation is in the dead season of its fortunes. The reaction from the exertion and fears of the war are at their height. We were moved beyond endurance, and never in the world has the universal element in the soul of man burned so feebly.

For who does not see that we do not end war when we put a stop to actual conflict between nations? This is only a superficial view. Any wide social and industrial struggle that is attended in its natural course with great suffering is war.

The essence of war is a needless competition between states, corporations and individuals that results in widespread suffering—and surely we are in the midst of that.

**The Remedy.**

The rapid concentration of powers taken away from the States in

Washington is alarming, but this will never be remedied except through action at home. Send good government and economy to Washington and it will come back home to bless. Send extravagance and it is returned ten-fold to curse.

**The Power to Tax is the Power to Destroy.**  
Let us as a people guard this right. We need—

1st. To get the assessment of all property out of politics. So long as the officials assessing property are aspiring politicians there will be favoritism.

2d. A Governor who will throw the responsibility for excessive taxation on the Legislature by a firm use of the veto power.

3. Do away with so many boards, commissions, etc., by having one administrative board of control all State institutions, thereby ceasing to duplicate State machinery.

4th. The "recall" to apply to every elective officer, from Governor to coroner, so that we can fire the men we hire.

Our free institutions can only be preserved by getting back to first principles, and the matter of taxation will either force reform or revolution will overtake our republic, as it has those in the past. No saving in mere money will compensate for lowering our standard of life, but popular government is on trial the world over. Amendments to the Constitution can give four year terms and biennial sessions of the Legislature, saving election expenses and other items, amounting to at least a fifth of our necessary expenses.

The greatest problem is to equalize taxation, and the county should be the unit instead of, as now, having a rivalry between the counties in the matter of low valuation. The General Assembly should first determine just what amount is necessary to conduct the State government, and this should be apportioned among the counties in proportion to wealth and population. Then the county commissioners in each county—elected by the people—should assess the property in the county and levy a tax to pay its proportionate share of the State government, and whatever they may determine to spend for the county in addition. The money would be kept in the county, and it would be to the interest of each citizen to see that all of the property in the county was returned for taxation, because every dollar that escaped would make his taxes higher. The burden of taxation would be more widely distributed by bringing the invisible property out of hiding.

Instead of so many trustees, one board, consisting of the Governor and other State officers and five to be elected by the General Assembly, could look after every charitable and penal institution in the State. We now virtually have three agricultural departments. The State warehouse, Clemson College and the regular department of agriculture should be combined under one head, so that when an inspector went to a town he could inspect warehouses, attend to pure food enforcement and other kindred duties. If he is qualified for one he can be for all. Why pay three men when one can do the work?

The Railroad Commission and insurance department should be placed in charge of the Secretary of State, and the Highway Commission in the charge of the Comptroller General, because with this new mode of assessment he would have ample time.

In the Judicial Department the trial justice at the county seat should be given jurisdiction in civil cases where the amount involved does not exceed one thousand dollars and in criminal cases where the punishment is not over one year. This alone would save many thousands of dollars in court expenses and not do injustice to litigants.

The idea that money for roads or other improvements costs the county nothing when it comes from Columbia or Washington is false. In the long run we pay it, and for much red tape and bureau expenses in addition. It is not charity, and is one of the means of encouraging extravagance, graft and incompetency.

Respectfully,  
Tax-Payer.

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**Victim of Snowball.**  
San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 1.—For what is said to be the first time in the history of San Francisco hospitals, a man, A. L. McKinley, of Los Angeles, was treated yesterday for injuries resulting from being snow-balled. McKinley came to the Central Emergency Hospital suffering from cuts on his hands and face which were received, he said, when a snowball crashed the windshield of his automobile.

### APPOINTMENTS TO ACADEMIES.

**Congressman Dominick Presents the Names of His Appointees.**

Washington, Feb. 1.—Representative Fred H. Dominick, of South Carolina, to-day appointed Benjamin Francis Tompkins, of Newberry, a Citadel student, and Jerome O. Devlin, Jr., of Verdery, as midshipmen to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. As alternates to Tompkins he named Harold Simmons Tate, of Abbeville, and Marzie B. Garrison, of Anderson. James Henry Alexander, of Walhalla, a student of Clemson, was named as alternate to Devlin.

Mr. Dominick also appointed to West Point Thomas G. Roche, of Abbeville, a Clemson student. Robert C. McCully Maxwell, of Anderson, was named as his alternate.

### CALOMEL SALIVATES AND LOOSENS TEETH

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### TAX-PAYING TIME EXTENDED

**Will June 1st—Bill to that Effect is Passed, 72 to 39.**

Columbia, Feb. 1.—The House of Representatives today voted, 72 to 39, in favor of the Senate resolution to postpone tax-paying time to June 1. The record vote came on motion to kill the resolution, made by Representative Ellerbe, who held that a postponement in the matter of paying taxes would injure the schools and would leave them in worse condition than ever.

### Distributing McGlothlin's Address.

Greenville, Feb. 4.—The Baptist Young People's Union of America has chosen for distribution throughout the United States and Canada an address entitled "Baptist Young People and World Fellowships," the address delivered by President J. W. McGlothlin, of Furman University, at the national conference of the B. Y. P. U. in Des Moines, Iowa, last summer. A letter from national headquarters of the B. Y. P. U. states that the pamphlet containing the address is being called for by thousands by organizations in many of the States of the Union and in Canada.

### Another Cure for "Flu."

New York, Feb. 3.—Here is another cure for the "flu." Health Commissioner Copeland says:

"Remain for half an hour in water as hot as you can stand it. The water should be kept running so that the heat can be maintained. While in the tub drink about a quart of lemonade, so hot that you will have to sip it slowly. Dry off well and get to bed between blankets. Remain there for an hour. The perspiration will then have ceased. Get up and sponge off with cold water to close the pores, and get back in bed, this time between sheets."

### Counterfeiting Postage Stamps.

New York, Feb. 2.—Counterfeits of the two-cent postage stamp have appeared for the first time since 1895. One of the new counterfeits came into the hands of a local collector to-day. It is an engraving—the first on record. Two spurious issues of 27 years ago were typographed.

To the casual glance the new counterfeit seems familiar enough, but comparative examination quickly exposes poor workmanship and reveals many points of variance from the original. Washington's head is a little shorter, the nose has a hook, the eyes seem to glance furtively to the side instead of straight ahead.

The paper of the counterfeit is cheaper and thinner and the perforations number 12 every two centimeters instead of 11.

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### HONOR ROLLS.

Following is the honor roll of the Damascus school for the month ending Jan. 27th:

- First Grade—Mae Watkins, Custus Smith.
- Second Grade—Loma Carter, Clarence Carter, Buna Patten, Lottie Patten.
- Third Grade—Henry Carter, John Watkins.
- Fifth Grade—Grady Whitworth, Mae Whitworth, Mattie Rholetter.
- Sixth Grade—Emma Lee, Sophia Hunt, Teacher.

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Roosevelt's modesty as a young man is shown in his early letters presented to the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

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### MAKE YOUR TAX RETURNS.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Walhalla, S. C., Dec. 19, 1921.

The Auditor's Office will be open to receive Returns of Real and Personal Property for taxation from the 1st day of January, 1922, to the 20th day of February, 1922, inclusive.

The real estate, lots and buildings are to be returned this year. Tax-payers will be careful to list exactly the number of acres, number of lots and number of buildings on their returns, as the assessment made now will stand for the next four years. The Township Assessors are required by law to list all those who fail to make their returns within the time required by law. Hence the difficulty of delinquents escaping the 50 per cent penalty, as well as the frequency of errors resulting from this practice. By all means make your own returns, and thereby save expense and confusion.

All able-bodied men from 21 to 60 years of age are taxable polls.  
RALPH M. PIKE, Auditor, Oconee County, S. C. Dec. 21, 1921. 51-tx

### NOTICE.

#### WARNING TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons are hereby notified not to hunt or trespass in any way on any of the land that is owned or controlled by any of the undersigned parties. All persons, or any person, caught on any of the premises of the parties named below will be subjected to the full penalties of the law.  
MISS NETTIE JONES,  
J. E. KELLEY,  
T. R. CHATHAM,  
HAYNE G. JONES.  
Jan. 25, 1922. 4-7\*

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Dr. John J. Thode, Decedent, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law, or be barred.  
MRS. EULALIA THODE, Executrix of the Estate of Dr. John J. Thode, Decedent.  
Jan. 18, 1922. 3-6

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