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To The Voters of Texas

On August 1st there will be submitted to the voters of Texas a Constitutional Tax Amendment which the Tax Committee of Texas Bankers Association looks upon with much concern, and deems it of such vital importance to the welfare of the citizens of Texas, their banks, their business and the future progress of our state that we most urgently request your earnest consideration of what follows:

The proposed Constitutional Amendment relative to taxation, known as Bill No. 25, is as follows:

"That article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by inserting therein Section 1A as follows: The Legislature may separate the objects of taxation for the support of the counties, districts and political sub-divisions of the state and counties may provide for the levy of an ad valorem tax or any other form of tax, on certain classes of taxable property, or other objects for state purposes only, including school purposes; or upon certain classes of property or other objects, for county or local purposes only, including school purposes. In no event shall the rate of such taxes exceed the sum of the limits of such taxes fixed by this Constitution for state, county and other local purposes. The Legislature may provide for the classification of objects of taxation. Taxation shall be equal and uniform."

Form of Ballot Will Be As Follows

"For the amendment to article 8, inserting Section 1A, providing for changing the taxation system so that the State may derive its income in whole or in part from other sources than ad valorem tax."

Your Committees Objecton

The proposed tax amendment to the Texas Constitution is a drastic change in tax methods in Texas. Just to what extent the various tax-paying elements will be affected cannot be guessed. The results may be very serious, indeed, and no one should vote for such a drastic change without a knowledge what the result may be. The wording of the amendment is ambiguous and gives little satisfaction to one who seeks the results.

All taxes imposed upon industries furnishing service or commodities to the public are borne by the public, because a tax is inevitably added to the charge for the commodity or service sold. This is an inescapable maxim of political economy which is too often disregarded by legislative bodies in analyzing tax provisions. The amount of taxes to sustain the state or county administrations should not be greater or less merely upon consideration of the basis of taxation, but should respond directly and solely to the need for the tax money, and no more should be collected than needed. The people always pay the taxes

in the end.

The removal of constitutional restrictions, thus removing a reasonable restraint on legislative authority in tax matters, is dangerous because this invariably encourages extravagance.

A tax Survey Commission composed of fifteen members was authorized by the Fortieth Legislature to make a tax survey in Texas. If this commission is to serve any good purpose, and if its work is not to be futile, certainly no drastic constitutional amendments should be adopted until the commission has made its investigation and report and the public has had an opportunity to judge same on its merits.

The classification of property for purposes of taxation not only causes inequalities and discriminations, but tends directly toward a prompt and substantial increase in the amount of taxes paid by taxpayers of every class. The people still pay the taxes. Each succeeding Legislature would seek fresh fields for taxation. The entire round of classification would be tested out for sources of revenue. As substantial tax burden is fixed upon one class, a search would begin for a new class capable of standing further burdens. It can be readily seen that this would cause chaos and disturbance in the industrial and business life of Texas.

"Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation. This expression occurred in the National Democratic Platform in 1884, and was inserted therein by Abram S. Hewitt and has reflected a cardinal principle of Government ever since. The proposed amendment will open the door for unnecessary and therefore unjust taxation.

California Law a Failure

Witness the experience of California, which state is now seeking relief from the harm done by such an amendment. California is the only state in which there is complete separation of objects of taxation for state and county purposes, which has been in effect sufficient time to ascertain results; and the last legislature in that state has authorized a Tax Survey Commission to determine a more satisfactory system of taxation.

No more authoritative warning can be given Texas and other states of excessive taxation as it has effected California than the frank statement of Comptroller Ray L. Riley of California. We quote extracts from an address recently delivered by Mr. Riley at San Bernardino, California:

"After taking into consideration the normal growth of the state, our tax system is responsible for most of the great increase in state taxation; and detached functions of government the rest of it. In urging a reorganization of the state government, I do so with the example of President Coolidge before me in the economies he has effected in the costs of the Federal government. Practically all of the acts that have

been made possible in Federal taxation have come through the consolidation of detached agencies and functions with co-related activities."

"When amendment one was adopted in 1910, changing our system of taxation, it was urged that county taxes would decrease to the extent of the state tax rate. The contrary has happened. Local taxes not only remained as high as before the adoption of the new system but kept pace with the increased state expenditures. The great mass of taxpayers, believing that the corporations would pay the tax, shifted many burdens upon the state and inaugurated others that would have received scant consideration if they had been aware that they would foot the bill. The California tax bill in 1910 was \$14,000,000 and in 1927 was \$95,000,000.

"In summarizing the tax problems, I am convinced that our present system encourages extravagance. It is inequitable in operation as to localities, and had no proper measure of value upon which to base a tax. We don't know whether we tax them enough or too much. Real estate must have relief by limiting the annual tax to a maximum sum beyond which taxation cannot go.

Farmers, merchants, industries--in fact, all classes of enterprises--are now taxed to the full limit of the taxpayer's ability. If we seek new objects to tax, eventually at the expense of the users of those objects, we are certain to induce a still higher cost of living, affecting directly and indirectly every citizen of Texas, as well as future generations.

As has already been stated, if we amend the Constitution and throw wide open the door, permitting the legislature to be the sole judge of the objects it seeks to tax, where will it end and what will the tax be? For years we have heard the promise of reduced tax and in government expenditures, but rarely have taxes ever been reduced and the cost of government has mounted to staggering figures. The amendment will mean the same government at an increased cost.

It seems to your committee that we need economy in government all down the line, and it would indeed be wise for our state and municipal governments to turn their attention efforts to a rigid policy of economy rather than to amend the constitution seeking new objects to tax. Therefore, after due consideration, it is the opinion of your committee that it would, indeed, be an unwise step to amend the Constitution as proposed, opening the door to an unknown entanglement of taxes with the experience of California so vividly before us. In the last analysis, this constitutional amendment should be labeled, "More taxes for the taxpayers to pay and more taxes for the taxators to eat."

If you agree with the conclusions of this committee, urge your friends and neighbors to go to the polls on August 1st and

Mrs. C. M. Furneaux and son returned Sunday from an extended visit in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Beville of Fort Worth arrived last Saturday evening to visit Mrs. Beville's sister Mrs. J. E. Dryden.

Mrs. Reed Lamson and baby daughter of Hearne Texas are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Hoover of Lubbock, spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Massey. They left Wednesday for Big Springs to visit with Mr. Hoovers relatives.

Miss Opal Carter returned Saturday from Snyder where she spent her vacation with relatives.

Judge and Mrs. J. E. Dryden and little daughter Mary Jo, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Beville and daughter Louise, and Mr. Dryden's niece Miss Audrey Sherman, left by motor last Sunday morning to visit Mesdames Dryden's and Beville's relatives in El Paso and Ysleta. On their return trip they expect to spend several days fishing at different points in Texas and New Mexico.

Mrs. C. E. Yoder and daughter Bonnie Faye returned last week from a visit in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe March and baby of Muleshoe visited in the L. T. Hunt home Sunday.

vote against this tax amendment.
R. L. Thornton, Chairman
W. M. Massie
B. A. McCinne/
Jno. E. Owens
A. M. Graues
J. A. Pondrom
George Miller
Ford Seale
Everett S. Owens
Special Taxation Committee
Texas Bankers Association

Sudan's Trades Day A Success

Probably the largest crowd that has visited Sudan for a number of months was here for Trades Day and every visitor seemed to enjoy themselves.

The well arranged program was carried out as listed and advertised and there was something doing most of the day.

Those receiving premiums on live stock are as follows:

Best Dairy Cow: Mr. Ballard, 1st; Earnest Willingham, 2nd and Mr. Ormand, 3rd.

Best team of Horses: L. M. Rector, 1st and B. A. Barley 2nd.

Best team of Mules: A. D. Newman, 1st; T. Fife, 2nd.

Best Mule Colt: E. W. Parmer, 1st.

Best Horse Colt: E. W. Parmer, 1st.

Best Brood Sow: E. W. Parmer 1st.

Best Pig: Earnest Willingham, 1st, Weldon Shaffer, 2nd and Elmer Garner, 3rd.

Best Chickens: Beverly Lumpkins, 1st and Cecil Yoder, 2nd.

The writer was agreeably surprised to see so many entries of dairy cows, and also to note that the folks were really taking an interest in improving their herds.

The exhibit of teams was also good, and resembled an old time fair, where the best of stock was displayed. We saw ten of as good teams, as any country can boast of, and the owners had them in good shape.

Watch for the next Trades Day announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grissom returned Sunday from Central Texas.

Mrs. L. C. Grissom and little daughter have returned from Grosbeck.

Mr. John N. Jones was a business visitor here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barnett were in Rolls Monday and Tuesday.

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Three Wrecks

One of the most pitiful derelects on life's ocean is a man or woman with a splendid strong body, well developed in every way but with a mind of a little child. The body has grown and developed until the individual is as strong as his fellows. His big strong muscles are a power to be reckoned with. He has the physical energy to carry on the ordinary activities of life. He has all the appetites and passions that an ordinary man possesses. He is going to exercise these inclinations—he is going to satisfy these appetites. But he has the mind of a child! He does not have the power of judgment that ought to go with that well equipped body. Loved ones have to look after him and supply the restraint that he does not possess. Sometimes he breaks from there oversight, and pitiable results often follow. Sometimes he gets beyond their control and the law takes him in hand. He is shut up to keep him from contact with others because he is too dangerous to go among his fellows. What is the matter? Not enough mind to direct the body—to control his physical forces!

Another being just as pitiable and much more dangerous is the one who has a well developed intellect without the moral sense to direct and restrain it. Sometimes such a person is a college graduate. He has been trained in mind and not in heart. He knows how to think keenly and to plan with ingenuity, but he has a very poor conception of right and wrong. He has no idea of his obligations to his fellows. He takes no thought of the well being of the present generation and others to follow. He is taking care of his own physical pleasures. He uses most any means that will bring the end. He is careful only to keep out of the toils of the law. This man is dangerous because

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his heart has not been trained. The more efficiently his mental powers have been trained, the more dangerous he is. The ferocious races of the heathens have been dangerous because they have no regard for other people's welfare. But when they have been trained to feel an obligation for the welfare of others they have ceased to be dangerous. To leave the heart untrained is a great and serious mistake.

A third being who is more dangerous than either of the others is one whose heart has been trained wrong—who has been taught the wrong conception of life. He is a positive danger. He is likely to wreck others while he is wrecking himself. Far better that he have had no training at all than to have his heart turned away from the ideals that Christianity has given us. Yet many fathers and mothers are sending their sons and daughters to places to be trained where the trend of both teaching and environment is against everything that they hold sacred. The Bible says "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Many otherwise good Christian fathers and mothers over our land have in this way sowed "to the wind" and in bitter anguish are reaping "the whirlwind." Many other Christian fathers and mothers will have to find out for themselves.

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Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Women's Missionary Society meets Monday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at various homes of members.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

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W. A. Kercheville, Minister.
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Afternoon Service at Circleback at 3:00 P. M.

The people of Sudan and vicinity are cordially invited to attend services at the Church of Christ.

Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every Fourth Sunday.

Woman's Missionary Union meets Monday afternoon at 2:30 at various homes of members.

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Tuscola-- Hundreds of people attended the second annual "get together" meeting of the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce held July, 11th. The principal speakers were Judge Wilburn S. Long of the 42nd. district court; Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene; Ed Shumway, and J. R. Masterson, county farm agent.

Anson-- A recent meeting of the Business Men's Luncheon Club here, the name of the organization was changed to the Anson Chamber of Commerce. Realizing the increased responsibility of the new body, immediate action was taken, and a canvass was made of the business section securing more than thirty-five new members.

Lubbock-- Over two hundred workers are busy in Lubbock getting the distribution system ready for natural gas in Lubbock, Slaton, Plainview, Abernathy, Hale Center, Monroe, Lockney, Floydada, Kress, Tulia, Happy and Canyon.

Valley Mills-- The Directors of the Bosque County Chamber of Commerce recently met here and outlined an extensive program for the coming year. The next meeting place of the directors will be Iredell.

Kerrville-- The Sheep and

Goat Raisers' Association of Texas will meet in Kerrville, July 19-21. Registrations indicate that there will be more than 1500 of the best sheep and goats in Texas, California, Utah and other states presented for sale.

Cloudfroft-- The West Texas Chamber of Commerce district convention recently held in Cloudfroft, decided upon Carlsbad, N. M., for the next meeting place for that district, same to be held in the large room of the Carlsbad cave.

Ballinger-- Work on the construction of a gas distribution system for Ballinger was started recently, and it is expected that the town will have gas by the first of September.

Cisco-- Plans have been perfected for the opening of five local projects in Cisco, July 22nd. Completion of state highway No 23, completion of the bridge over Wilson Dam at Lake Cisco, completion of the \$100,000 swimming pool and bathing beach, the new country club and the \$50,000 state fish hatchery will all be celebrated in one monster celebration. Among the speakers will be Governor Dan Moody and both United States Senators.

Citation

The State of Texas
To The Sheriff Or Any Constable Of Lamb County
--Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Jack Hyde by

making publication of this citation once each week for our consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county wherein a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the justice's courts Precinct No. 5, of Lamb County, Texas, to be holden at my office in Sudan, Texas, on Saturday after the second Monday in August, 1927, the same being the 13th day of August, then and there to answer a petition filled in said court on the 16th day of July, 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 55, wherein J. J. Blanchard is Plaintiff and Jack Hyde is defendant said petition alleging, that, plaintiff did in the month of July 1926, and prior thereto at the instance of defendant, sell to defendant gasoline, oils, tires and accessories and did store defendant's car in plaintiff's garage, that all of said charges for the merchandise and storage of said car is of the reasonable sum of \$68.00, that though often requested defendant has refused and still refuses to pay said indebtedness or any part thereof to plaintiff's damages in the sum of \$75.00.

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