

INCOME TAX.

THE New York Tribune is by no means in favor of the continuance of the income tax. The changes which are made by Congressional action in the law it considers in the light of valuable reforms. It can only adopt so far as the law is concerned, Hamlet's adjuration: "Oh, reform it altogether." It remarks:

"It has been steadily urged that the tax was already paid only by rich men. The exemption of an additional thousand dollars cannot, therefore, be considered as of serious consequence, save in the ten or twelve millions reduction in our revenue wrought by it. Certainly nothing of that inquisitorial character which has made the levy so obnoxious is removed. Its tendency to demoralize still exists. It is as much calculated as ever to make us a nation of liars and oath-breakers. It remains a standing premium on fraud and falsehood. It is not less, for this reduction, an inducement to deception. Honest men are still to pay it, while rogues avoid it. Men whose business credit requires them to conceal impending bankruptcy (a crime in the country from which we borrow the idea of the tax) are urged by it as strongly as before to fraud and deception. In the future as in the past, it will serve to lower the standard, at home and abroad, of American commercial morality.

There is no policy in continuing the tax. Neither is there any right to do so. As Mr. Davis said in his argument on Thursday, it cannot be continued without a breach of faith with the nation. When the tax was demanded by the imperious exigencies of the war, Congress in imposing it gave a solemn pledge to the country that it should not be continued or renewed. The language of the act is: 'The taxes on incomes herein imposed shall be levied' * * * * until and including the year 1870, and no longer. To renew it in any form will be to put to stain upon the honor of Congress. To renew it is to proclaim repudiation as clearly as to refuse the payment of a debt. And if faith is not to be kept with our own people with whom shall it be kept? It is an argument which every foreign bondholder will ask himself, and it is a view which public and private morality demands shall not be wholly forgotten by the Senate as it has been by the House. To the Senate we appeal."

In another article concerning the tax and the tinkering of the law which is proposed, it says:

"This bill forces an income tax from the clerk, whose \$2,500 salary is known, while it opens many doors of escape to his employer, whose \$200,000 income is not so easily reached. It punishes him who dares to own the roof over the heads of his family by not allowing him to deduct from his taxable income the interest annually paid on any mortgage which he may have thereon, while it allows a premium, in the shape of a deduction of \$500, to his neighbor, who, unlike himself, prefers paying an extravagant rent. It recognizes gambling hells and lottery swindles by imposing upon them a tax which can never be collected. Although pronounced by its advocates to be a measure that discriminates against the rich in favor of the poor, the principal taxes which it removes are the tax upon railroad companies, gas companies, upon rich legacies and successions to real estate, upon such luxuries as gold and silver plate, carriages, gold watches and private billiard tables. Under these circumstances, should the Senate decide to join with the House in the passage of the bill, its members must be prepared to give better reasons for so doing than those which have hitherto been advanced."

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

WE publish below a copy of a very interesting document, which was found upon the records of Salem, Essex Co., Massachusetts, by Elder N. H. Felt during his recent mission to that State. It is the letter of Administration on the "estate of Robert Smith, late of Boxford," Massachusetts, an ancestor of the Prophet Joseph Smith's, the said Robert being his third great-grandfather, or five generations back from him. This of itself will give it interest in the eyes of many of our readers; but, aside from this, it is interesting from a historical point of view, as by its assistance we can compare the value attached to the articles enumerated in the inventory, one hundred and seventy-two years ago, with the value at which they are estimated in these days. He was a well-to-do farmer, and a man of respectable position among his neighbors; and another matter of interest connected with this inventory is the number and extent of farming implements and household utensils which a family of that class possessed in those days. Confine a prosperous farmer's family in these days to such a household outfit and they would think they were retrenching with a vengeance.

Letter of Administration on the Estate of Robert Smith, late of Boxford, to Samuel Smith, his son, at Salem, Oct. 3rd, 1698. Attorney, Jona'n Corwin.

John Higginson, Reg.

Page 37, Essex County Probate Records, Book 6.

A true inventory of ye Estate of Robert Smith, of Boxford, who departed this life 30th August, 1693.

1 ye housing and land	£150 0 0
4 oxen, £12; 2 cows, £4,	16 0 0
2 heifers, £3; 8 sheep, 40s; 3 hogs @ 10s,	6 10 0
3 pigs @ 4s; cart and plow and chain and tackling for oxen, 30s,	2 2 0
1 mortising axe, 3 wedges, 1 bolt and ring	6 3
1 musket, 18s; 1 rapier, 10s,	1 8 0
1 bed and bedstead and furniture to bed	5 0 0
1 other bed, 10s; a blanket, one pr sheets and two pillows	1 16 0
1 blanket and pr sheets and a bolster	1 5 0
2 putter plates and a frying pan	8 0
Wooden ware, 3s; more wooden ware, 2s, 6d,	5 6
4 iron potts, £2 10s; pail yrait two chairs, 7s, 6d	2 17 6
1 table, one chest, one box, 1 meal trough	1 7 0
2 pr pott hooks	0 2 0
Total	£189 7 3

JOHN GOULD, SEN.

JOHN FRENCH, SEN.

Sam'l Smith, administrator, exhibited ye above inventory and made oath that ye same is a true and perfect inventory of ye estate of his father, Robert Smith, late of Boxford, dec'd, so far as hath come to his knowledge, and that if more comes to his knowledge he will give an acct of ye same into ye Reg'r's office.

Sworn attest,

JOHN HIGGINSON, Reg.

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By ye Hon'ble Jonathan Corwin, Esq., Judge of Probate of Wills, &c., Oct 2, 1699.

Sam'l Smith, administrator to ye estate of Robert Smith, late of Boxford, dec'd, praying for further time for rendering ye acct of his administration on s'd estate. Further time is granted him until ye First Munday in April next ensuing.

THE Typographical Union has elected a woman as Secretary. After the opposition which has been manifested by many Unions against the employment of women as compositors, eastern papers think the Typographical Union deserves honor.

Correspondence.

IRON CITY, June 6th, 1870.

PRESIDENT GEO. A. SMITH:

Dear Brother:—Gratitude is a rich boon to those alone who can and do express it. This privilege I avail myself of at present for myself and also in behalf of the Iron Company, for the courtesy shown us, in you, towards our Superintendent, Dr. Scheuner, while on a visit to your city. The Dr. expressed himself thus of you, when I enquired how he was received, &c.: Said he, "Had I money, Mr. Smith should never want. He reminds me," says he, "of a barrel of good wine, the longer it's kept the better it grows." We are only reassured by this that we may be confirmed in the fact that you remain a steadfast friend to the iron interests of Utah. I would to God there were more than there now appears to be. Without iron railroads will be of little benefit to us. Without iron we cannot compete with either the East or West in agricultural or mechanical pursuits. With it we are comparatively independent; without, miserably poor! We shall make the grey cast iron. Who, we again ask, will purchase it of us for the price of freight? My whole soul I have thrown with all my means into the works, and can live to produce iron when, if it fails of a market, I must again resort to my profession for bread for wives and little ones. I feel best when engaged in fostering the manufacturing interests of our Mountain Home, and cannot perceive how we can succeed as a people only through Home Manufacture. Grey cast iron is the foundation of all successful iron works, and I trust President Woodruff and the Board will encourage its production as well as other iron by liberal premiums.

Zinc and copper abound in our vicinity. Unsurpassed is the zinc in richness and quantity, assaying from 60 to 75 per cent.!! It is easily worked, and can be brought into use for wash tubs, wash boards, buckets, bowls, piping and the various uses that tin and brass are used for. It can be produced for 10 or 15 cents per pound. These items I think worthy of consideration and I desire to promote their production. I feel the want of a response in my feelings to our enterprise by the Editor of the NEWS. I may be wrong; but my feelings are that we will succeed, and we

would like to have the record of the present to read to future generations—that it may be seen that unitedly we labor for the cause of Zion. I am offered a press, type, &c., if I will advocate the mining interests of Southern Utah. I shall not accept, but the iron, copper, the zinc and tin business should be encouraged by our leaders and it will be a success.

For our people to control the iron business of Utah is of more importance, in my judgment, than to own the C. R. railroad, and will prove more lucrative, for without iron I can not see what we can, or hope to, produce for exportation.

With my own means I established the oil business in St. George, and expect to be a principal in placing on a solid basis, the iron works; but I hope to meet with more encouragement in iron than I have had in the oil business. You will excuse my iron mania. I am interested, or I should not live and work as I do. A railroad near us must shortly be built and a telegraph. Commercial relations will be extended to us so soon as iron can be put in market. Southern Utah must be provided for, commercially, or others will reap the harvest. Therefore I urge our capitalists to send their experts in iron and examine, and, if our deductions are true, lend a hand to fasten an interest that to-day is without moorings.

News with us becomes stale by the time it reaches us,—ten days from your city, a time to us like ox-train days of yore. General prosperity attends the labors of the people, with usual good health. The spring is dry and cool, "hoppers" none. No fears of the Cul-lom Bill,—I never had any. The "New Movement" has only one advocate on the Pinto, the most of us realizing that we have all in old "Mormonism" that we bargained for, and more than we live to and fully enjoy.

Kind regards to all in the office.

Truly your Friend,

SETH M. BLAIR.

M. Villeman, the recently deceased "perpetual" secretary of the French academy, had reached the ripe age of eighty. His brother "Immortals" used jokingly to prophesy that he would live as long as Fontenelle, who, when he asked how old he was, used to put one finger to his lips, and pointing with the other to Heaven, murmur, "Hush! don't put them in mind of it."

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Salt Lake City, April 1870.

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ESTRAY NOTICE!

CAME into my possession, May 21st, a Roan MAKE, branded D C on left shoulder, and on left thigh, white face.

Also one Bay MARE, branded S W on left shoulder, saddle marks, slit in left ear, front feet shod.

Also one Black Horse MULE, branded F. D on both shoulders; front feet shod.

The owners of the above animals are requested to come, prove property, pay charges and take them away, or they will be sold according to law.

DANIEL PETE,

American Fork,

June 18th, 1870

Poundkeeper.

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NOTICE!

IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, Samuel Smith, Probate Judge of Box Elder Co., U. T., did on the 27th day of April, A.D. 1870, enter in the Land Office at Salt Lake City, U. T., for the use and benefit of the citizens of Willard City, U. T., the following described land, to wit:

Lot four, [4], section twenty-two [22], south half of south-west quarter section twenty-three [23], north-west and north half of south-west quarter section twenty-six, [26], lots one [1], and two [2], north-east and south-east, and lot three [3] section twenty-seven [27], Township 8, north of range 2 west, containing 532, forty one hundredths acres.

Any person or persons having claims in the above survey of land, will file the same with the clerk of the County Court of Box Elder County as prescribed by law.

SAMUEL SMITH,

Probate Judge,

Box Elder Co., U. T.

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At the

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