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## "Collecting State Taxes"

(Bay City Tribune)

The Grand Rapids Herald has bitterly attacked the method of collecting state taxes in Michigan, and it appears to have struck a chord of public sentiment in western Michigan. A taxpayer, for instance, pats the Herald on the back and lauds its purposes. He wants to know if this is the age of home rule, what business a state tax board has to go into a locality and raise assessments after the local assessing board has satisfactorily fixed its own tax assessments. He wants to know, further, what business the state equalizers have to guess how much the local taxes should be increased or diminished. And thus he comments:

"It's all rot — and mighty expensive rot. And it's all occasioned by the fact that we levy a state tax by counties when such a tax isn't necessary. Just for the sentimental sake of maintaining a 'primary school fund,' we continue to let the state send its own funds (raised by specific taxation) to the counties for school purposes and then we make the counties raise a state tax (instead of an equivalent school tax) and send it to the state to pay state bills. If the county kept its own tax money and paid its school bills, and the state kept its own money and paid the state bills, we would save time and worry and expense and annoyance and we would do away with all necessity for this state machinery which seeks to 'equalize' assessments between counties. Then it wouldn't be any county's business how some other county made its own assessments. This present system is just about as sensible and economical as it would be for a man who is in a hurry and short of funds to go from Grand Rapids by way of Seattle. You can't make me think that it isn't possible to guarantee the schools of the state enough money to run with, without keeping this 'primary school fund' going, year after year at the expense of everybody in Michigan."

The criticism of the Herald on the manner of collecting our state taxes certainly is causing many people to sit up and take notice and out of it is likely to result an improved method. It is admitted that our state tax method is defective but when it comes to apply a remedy there is an inclination to duck.

The Herald is receiving lots of cordial support in its crusade.

## High School Notes

The F. H. S. opened Tuesday, Sept. 8th with a rush. Not a day was wasted in getting into the regular studies. Although the books were few, all seemed to have good lessons. Now that the books have arrived the pace is set for the remainder of the year.

The Seniors, four girls and three boys, started things by electing the following officers:

President, Cecil Cox.  
Vice President, Willard Travis.  
Secretary, Ernestine Pierce.  
Treasurer, Mona Gow.

Friday the following were elected officers in F. H. S. Literary society: President, Harold Daines.  
Vice President, Mona Gow.  
Secretary, Ernestine Pierce.  
Treasurer, Marion Harlick.

The boys have started work on the lawn with shovels, rakes and mowers. A decided improvement has been effected.

Friday October 2 is the day set for paying the remaining piano debt. A county fair, on a larger scale than the first one, will be given at the school grounds on the evening of that date for the fund. Hustling committees have been appointed and every detail will be carried out to the best of their ability. Teats will be raised and bills will be posted the following week. Watch for them. The F. H. S. wishes the hearty support of the citizens of Farmington and readers of this paper in the undertaking. We guarantee a good time to all visitors.

## Look Who's Here!

Farmington High School's second annual Fair, to be held on the evening of October 2, in tents on the school grounds.

Watch the store windows for posters and next week's Enterprise for full particulars.

Read it again.

## Miss Seeley Visits South Dakota

Charlie Seeley of Garden City, S. D., and Major Seeley of Springfield, Illinois, who have been visiting their brother, Will Seeley and other relatives, have returned to their homes. Miss Ethel Seeley accompanied her uncle to Garden City where she will spend the winter.

## Oakland County Tickets

The following are the county tickets of the several political parties to be voted on at the November election:

### REPUBLICAN TICKET

Sheriff, D. I. Oliver.  
Clerk, F. B. Babcock.  
Treasurer, Arthur M. Young.  
Register, Dan A. McGaffy.  
Prosecutor, F. L. Doty.  
Circuit Court Commissioners, Elmer E. Blakeslee, Elijah B. Howarth.  
Coroner, Ora C. Farmer, Clarence Brace.  
Drain Commissioner, James S. Butler.  
Surveyor, Franklin A. Slater.

### DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Sheriff, A. J. Tripp.  
Clerk, Lee L. West.  
Treasurer, John Baldwin.  
Register, Thos. J. Halfpenny.  
Prosecutor, Chas. P. Webster.  
Circuit Court Commissioners, Sylvester Phenev, Robert D. Heitsch.  
Coroner, Orrin P. Huntoon, Geo. E. Daines.  
Drain Commissioner, Chas. G. Dewey.  
Surveyor, John H. Buckberrough.

### PROGRESSIVE TICKET

Sheriff, W. H. Williamson.  
Clerk, G. H. Kimball, Jr.  
Treasurer, J. M. Donaldson.  
Register, A. L. Hill.  
Prosecutor, Ross C. Sprague.  
Circuit Court Commissioner, A. B. Millsapugh, T. E. Nichols.  
Coroner, Lyman A. Sayles, J. W. Sooy.  
Drain Commissioner, George Houghton.  
Surveyor, C. H. Sutherland.

## Enjoying His Travels

Carl Hogle, who recently joined one of the Government fish distributing cars, writes from Nashville, Tenn., to a Farmington friend that he is getting a great deal of pleasant travel.

## Farmington Exchange Bank

Report of the condition of the Farmington Exchange Bank at Farmington, Michigan, at the close of business Sept. 12, 1914, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department:

### RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, viz.,	
Commercial Department,	\$41,734 18
Savings Department,	31,149 30
Bonds, Mortgages, Securities, viz.,	
Savings Department,	68,090 70
Overdrafts,	432 42
Banking House,	2,935 58
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,659 50

### RESERVE.

Dues from banks in reserve cities:	
Commercial,	10,935 41
Savings,	15,027 84
U. S. and National bank currency:	
Commercial,	2,700 00
Savings,	7,732 00

Gold Coin:	
Commercial,	1,903 00
Savings,	355 00
Silver Coin:	
Commercial,	36 75
Savings,	603 55
Nickels and cents:	
Commercial,	57 57
Savings,	142 14
Total	185,565 34

### LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	25,000 00
Surplus fund,	2,700 00
Undivided profits, net	1,478 99
Commercial Deposits	
subject to check,	29,255 82
State monies on deposit,	5,000 00
Savings deposits (book accounts) 70,323 20	
Savings certificates of deposit	52,797 33
Total,	185,565 34

State of Michigan, County of Oakland—ss.  
I, O. W. WILBER, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

C. W. WILBER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of September, 1914.

THOS. H. MC GOWEN, Notary Public.  
My Commission expires Dec. 8, 1917.

Correct attest:

FRED M. WARNER  
H. N. MCCracken  
M. B. PIERCE } Directors.

## Highly Entertained

The entertainment given by Mrs. A. J. Doyle of Chicago at the Town Hall last Saturday night under the auspices of the Ladies Union, drew a large and appreciative audience.

The subject of her reading was the story of Herod, by Stephen Phillips, and her audience was highly entertained by her rendition thereof. Mrs. Doyle also favored her hearers with several humorous selections, which were also greatly enjoyed.

The vocal solo by Dr. Willis A. Moore of Detroit contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening, as did a piano duet by Misses Ernestine Pierce and Helen Warner. Mrs. Doyle formerly resided here, and many of her old friends availed themselves of the opportunity to hear her.

## Hogle Chosen Chairman

At a meeting of all the Republican candidates for Oakland county, held at Pontiac last Friday evening for the purpose of electing a county chairman, James L. Hogle of Farmington was chosen for the place. Glenn C. Gillespie was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Hogle is one of the most prominent Republicans of the county, and will no doubt perform the duties of the position in a capable and satisfactory manner.

## Apple Show

According to present plans of the Oakland County Horticulture Society Pontiac will have an apple show on November 20, 21 and 22, during the Thanksgiving season. These dates are subject to change, however.

At a meeting of directors of the society with members of the commercial association Saturday afternoon at the office in the Lawson block the project was discussed and the sentiment was that it could be made a successful exhibit and do much toward advertising locally and nationally the fact that Oakland county lays claim to being one of the best apple producing counties in the country.

Members of the county Grange are favorable to joining a corn and potato exhibit with the apple show to be held at the armory. Further plans are to have an industrial exhibit and other fair features which would go toward defraying the expense of the exhibition, which would not be large.

Another meeting will be held in a few weeks to discuss the proposition.

## Odd Fellows Party

Yourselves and company are, cordially invited to attend a party given by the entertainment Committee of the Odd Fellow Lodge, No. 560 of Farmington, at Odd Fellows Hall, Farmington, Friday evening, Oct. 2nd, 1914. Floor managers, Art Lamb and Carl Ely. Bill 75c, lunch included. Music by Pierson's Orchestra. Rights reserved.

## Rev. Lee's Farewell Sermon

Rev. Chas. Lee delivered his farewell sermon to an attentive congregation at the Methodist church last Sunday morning. He has been pastor of the local church for the past two years, and during that time he has made many friends who deeply regret that he will not return to Farmington after the annual conference, but wish him success in his work wherever he may be located in the future.

A number of Farmington young people anted to Walled Lake Friday night to attend a dance at that place. A fine time is reported.

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