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Questions
For Your Candidates

Taxes, More or Less
STATE CONVENTION—ALBANY
December 13th, 13th 16th, 1929

With confidence we offer a bargain trip to the convention this year. The Trunk Line Association will give us return fare at half price under the certificate plan if 200 buy round trip tickets. The number required heretofore has been 200. We have never reached that figure but we have always been way beyond 100 so there's no doubt this year of our being able to profit by the certificate plan.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES

The questions to candidates for the assembly have gone to every assembly district leader. We hope it will be possible for a delegation from each borough to call and talk over the questions with all candidates who have not answered the questions during other campaigns.

For the up-state assembly districts there are but three queries:

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF
1. Amending the law so as to enable women to serve on juries?
2. With a special exemption for those women having the care of small children or invalids at home?
3. Broadening the scope of the present occupational disease law to include all occupational disease?
4. Enactment of a state prohibition law? Of what kind?

In New York City a fourth is included:

The creation of a permanent expert city planning board to plan for the future needs of New York City.

as provided by the bill introduced into the 1929 legislature?

All members of the legislature will have to vote on this city planning measure, but it was not included in the list to be printed outside of New York City because up-state members could seldom be acquainted with the conditions pertaining only to New York City sufficiently to discuss the matter with their candidates.

In New York City questionnaires go to all candidates for city offices. The list shows that the Short Ballot Association has some work before it still. Besides assemblies, New York City elects a mayor, comptroller, president of the Board of Aldermen; a president for each borough, three district attorneys, three county clerks, four sheriffs, four registers, sixty-five aldermen, and about forty-four judges, supreme, county and municipal courts and surrogate courts. These divide among the districts so that each voter is presented with the names of some sixteen candidates.

TAXES, MORE OR LESS

Probably the National Taxation Association meeting at Saranac Lake last week did not realize that it was being addressed by an officer of the League of Women Voters, but we were proud to note that the one woman speaking before that body of specialists was Miss Beatrice Bailey, secretary of the Albany County L.W.V. Miss Bailey gave the report on the tax legislation passed in every state during the past year.

At the dinner of the conference Governor Roosevelt made a few practical suggestions for the improvement of taxation procedures in this state. Bills embodying those suggestions will probably be submitted to the legislature in January.

1. To permit counties to substitute a county highway department for the present town highway organizations. This would substitute fifty-seven county highway organizations for the 925 town highway departments now existing.

2. The creation of county health districts since disease germs are not respecters of township boundaries.

3. Collection of taxes for the entire county by the county treasurer instead of by local town col-

lectors who are paid by the fee system. It is estimated that the consolidation of tax collecting alone could save the taxpayers of the state more than $200,000 a year.

Those who wish to look into this question of taxation before the bills come before the legislature may get from "923" a questionnaire on New York's local taxes by Mrs. Henry K. Hayes, Inc.; "Taxation, an Introductory Study," by Helen M. Requa, Inc. Cornell University also publishes a study of taxation in New York.

THE EDITOR ON HER OWN

This is a hard week for the tabloids. All the news is too big for sheets like the Daily News, The Graphic, or the Daily News, etc. But the dailies can fill up their space with pictures, while the News has no such resource.

In domestic affairs for instance there's the tariff bill, with Mrs. Nortox of New Jersey jerking at its tail feathers, and Senator Smoot smoothing its topknot.

There's the discovery of an inviolate and unwelcome participant in the abortive naval conference of 1922. By the way isn't there a certain rumor in the fact that the request to institute in the examination of Mr. Shearer's activities inquiry into the connection of foreign governments with organizations working for international cooperation.

In New York Governor Roosevelt is holding a conference on our prison situation, and England is closing twenty-four of her prisons because it has no prisoners for them.

Contradictory reports on the navy discussions between the United States and Great Britain fill front page columns daily, while Premier MacDonald's tattling dates rival in interest Colonel Lindberg's itineraries.

The League of Nations has a daily excitement. One day M. Briand proposes a United States in Europe and the next China pointedly asks why the treaties that give foreign nations special rights in China aren't as good a topic as any other for discussion in Geneva.

While the World and the United States thus refuse to be compressed into our eight pages,
L.W.V.'s all over the state are in the process of "getting ready," so the mail brings us no help. You can see the situation at the editor's desk.

Just because there is space for her to do exactly what she pleases and there's nobody here to stop her, she is going to take refuge in her scissors and reprint a paragraph that may have nothing to do with any subject but which interests her deeply. It is from a pamphlet, "The War Debts" by J. F. B. Mitchell. It refers to the losses in the World War, of course.

"... Great Britain lost 900,000 killed and over 2,000,000 wounded, or about one in twenty of her population killed or wounded. France lost 1,360,000 killed and over 4,000,000 wounded... The widow of a French soldier receives a pension of $67.60 a year, all that France, devastated, impoverished, only just balancing her budget, can afford to give. The additional allowance for each dependent child is $33 a year. A man who is totally disabled gets $257.60 a year. One so maimed that he cannot live without the service of an attendant, receives $481.60 on which to support himself and pay his attendant. This is sometimes increased in cases of complete and multiple disability, as of a man both blinded and armless, to a maximum of $757.00 a year..." Sets one thinking, doesn't it, and not so pleasantly either.—Ed.

WOMEN IN WASHINGTON

President Hoover has made three re-appointments that are of special interest to the L.W.V.—Grace Abbott, director of the Children's Bureau, who has served through three administrations; Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau, who has served through four administrations; and Louise Stanley, head of the Bureau of Home Economics, who was appointed by President Harding.

TOWN AND COUNTY

Allegany.—A meeting was held at Wellsville at the home of Mrs. Ella MacPherson, Sept. 10th. Topic: Primaries and the Candidates.

Columbia.—The meeting of Sept. 12th was held at Lindenwald, Kinderhook, the historic home of Martin Van Buren. Members from Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Greene and Dutchess were invited. Miss Leila Stott was the speaker.
Among the guests were Mrs. E. N. Huyck, Mrs. H. W. Cummings, Mrs. F. S. Greene of Albany.

Franklin.—The Saranac Lake L.W.V. is holding a dance and card party. This is given on Monday evening, Sept. 16th, at the Hotel Saranac for the young men and women leaving for schools and colleges.

FIRST REGION—NEW YORK CITY

Speakers:—From the Women’s Educational Publications, Inc., comes word that Mrs. Bessie Q. Mott may be secured to speak on Income, Budget and Finance. Mrs. Mott is the author of the “The American Woman and Her Bank,” published by Doubleday, Doran.

The American League to Abolish Capital Punishment offers speakers on the subject of the death penalty, among them Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing, Dr. George W. Kirchwey, and Arthur Garfield Hayes.

For speakers on the regional plan for New York City, apply to the Regional Plan Association, Inc., 130 E. 22nd St. This is a topic which will interest every one who lives within a radius of 100 miles of City Hall.

Manhattan, 13th A.D.—Mrs. M. L. H. Brooks, leader. On Sept. 12th at Parnassus Club, Dr. W. Philip Shatts, field secretary, Regional Plan Association, gave a most convincing lecture illustrated with maps and diagrams on “The High Lights of the Regional Plan of New York City and Environs.”

Manhattan, 22nd A.D. — Mrs. Louis Goldman, leader. On Sept. 26th at the Public Library, 160th St. and St. Nicholas Ave., Miss Cornelia Dike will give a report on the work of the International Relations Committee to date.

Thrift Shop.—This is moving time! Remember the shop. Send it all your discards. Write, Sun-shine Thrift Shop, 748 Third Ave., or telephone Vanderbilt 5153. Be sure to mark package “League of Women Voters.”

THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

It will be remembered that in June the News published an article by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, jr., on money available to the small schools this summer. If any one knows of a school taking advantage of this opportunity, “821” would be very glad to have the story.