

1. Until my first point is answered, I claim we have the query. State that point.

Now we will give the opinion of several of our great financial heads on this subject, and additional reasons why we should have an income tax. J. D. Sherman (Mar. 15 '87) speech in Senate:

Said: "A system of national taxes which rests the whole burden of taxation on consumption and not our cut on property + income is intrinsically unjust. While the expenses of the national government are largely caused by the protection of property, it is but right to call property to contribute to its payment."

The consumption of the rich does not bear the same ratio to the consumption of the poor that the income of the rich bears to the wages of the poor, therefore he continues:

"As wealth accumulates this injustice in the fundamental basis of our system will be felt and forced upon the attention of Congress"

It was felt by the people, and their pulse throbbled ~~the same~~ the sensation was

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passed to Congress, and an income tax was the result. The people demanded it, otherwise men said they did not know what they wanted, Your father and mine they say do not know what they want. No, No they have not patriotism enough to want to pay anything for the support of this government, so we will continue to pick the grass without their knowing it. Vain hypocrites.

No one will say we do not need a tax, the only thing is what kind of tax do we need.

Well what does Adam Smith say

"The expenses of Gov. to the individuals of a great nation are like the expenses of management to the joint tenants of a great estate, who are all obliged to contribute in proportion to their respective interests in the estate"

Rogers said;

"Taxation in proportion to benefits received is sufficiently near the truth for the practical operations of Gov."

Sismondi goes further and says

"Every tax should fall on revenue, not on capital," and "taxation should never touch what is necessary for the existence of the Contributor" That is Every man should pay for the support of the Gov.

in proportion to his ability to pay and the protection he receives, and his ability to pay"

I defy any man to answer that, and until it is answered we claim the query; for the income tax was an expression of that idea in law.

But we will continue, let us see what Dr. E. Thompson said "The most modern and fairest form of taxation, is the income tax... While falling equally on all, it occasions no change in the distribution of Capital or in the material direction of industry, and has no influence on prices." What stronger could be said, & what reply can be made? but listen, he continues "No other is so cheaply assessed or collected. No other brings home to the people so forcibly the fact that it is to their interest to insist upon a wise economy of the national revenues." How common are the expressions, it is State property, it's Uncle Sam's money it makes no difference, I don't care the Gov. is able to bear it.

Now this would make us realize that it is our own property, and that we should save and protect it. It would produce economy in public affairs.

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The people of this Government should bear what they ~~desire~~ demand, when it is just and for the good of the Gov. And an income tax is both. But say some the people do not demand an income tax. Now listen to what one of our great financial heads says. He starts back of this point and also uses it as a safeguard as well as a good measure for our Gov. Says he: "The greatest safeguard against anarchy in this country is the great agricultural class and they have in nearly every one of their rational writings asked for the passage of an income tax law, Not as a matter of spite or prejudice, nor sectionalism but as one of justice and right." And yet our learned men say the masses are not ready for an income tax law. Not ready and yet their voice cries out daily gives us such a law. Sirs it is the men of high estate who wish to slip their just part of the expenses of this Government off on the ~~shoulders~~ shoulders of the less able to pay.

Now note that Country when its law makers, and judges work for selfish ends at the expense of the Government. This is like a strong man trying to make an infant carry his burden. As a rich