

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE will be many opinions, varying with the individuals who express them, of the 1929 legislature, which adjourned night before last. Here is this writer's opinion, offered for what it is worth:

It was about an average session, made up in the main of good men who gave their best efforts to the solution of the legislative problems confronting them.

It did some good work. It made some mistakes. What better can be said of an average body of good citizens?

HEADING the list of the good work done by the legislature is the honest effort that was made to modernize Oregon's taxation system.

This state has been trying, not very successfully, to meet the economic demands of today with a system of taxation based upon the conditions of yesterday. It can't be done.

Ox teams can't compete with automobiles. The pony express can't compete with the air mail. Oregon can't provide for the needs of today with a system of taxation based upon the economic conditions of a half century ago.

THE legislature, realizing all this, went forward courageously with a program of tax reform. For that it is to be commended.

This writer hopes that the tax laws enacted at the session just closed will be given an honest trial. Let us consider them with an open mind. Let us discourage selfish efforts to upset them before their merits or their demerits have been proved in practice.

Let us consider, first of all, the welfare of the state of Oregon. Only this can we accomplish what we want to accomplish.

THE established program of highway finance, designed to pay for the fine roads for which we have gone into debt, was not seriously disturbed.

There is to be a reduction of automobile license fees, to be compensated for by the addition of one cent to the gasoline tax. This we take money out of one pocket to put it into another. That isn't much of an achievement.

But there is a demand, real or fancied, for some lightening of the load of automobile taxation. The new law, by extending the system of installment payments which is involved in the gasoline tax, will make it somewhat easier to pay the automobile taxation bill. If it keeps us all better satisfied, without endangering the retirement of bond debt, it will have accomplished something.

ONE of the minor mistakes of the legislature, along highway lines, was its refusal to raise the speed limit, at least to the figure set by Washington and California.

This failure, probably, will not affect actual conditions on the highways. Many people will drive just as fast as if the limit had been raised. The only difference is that they will do it illegally.

WITHIN reasonable limitations, with modern cars and modern roads, speed is not the determining factor in highway safety.

What we need to guard against is reckless driving. Many states, alive to modern conditions, make reckless driving, regardless of speed, the factor in traffic law violations. Oregon might well have followed this practice.

But it wasn't done, and nothing is to be gained by crying over omissions.

ANOTHER mistake was the evasion of the constitution by the voting of expense money to the legislature, in excess of the salary set by law.

This was a petty bit of sharp practice out of keeping with the high character of the men who were members of the 1929 legislature.

THE law fixes the compensation of legislators at a maximum of \$120 for the session, or \$3 a day for 40 days.

This, of course, is a ridiculous figure, not even sufficient to meet expenses at Salem. But every member of the legislature knew, when he became a candidate, the wage provided by law for his services. He elected. Knowing all this, he still said he wanted the job.

THOS. TAGGART, EX-SENATOR OF INDIANA, DEAD

Former Democratic Leader, Born in Ireland, Began Work as Waiter at Lunch Counter.

Years of Retirement Spent at Famous Resort That Became Mecca for Politicians.

(Associated Press Local Wire)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 6.—Thomas Taggart, veteran Indiana Democratic leader, died at his home here this morning following an illness of several months. He was 72 years old.

Thomas Taggart became a power in national and Indiana politics because of two characteristics—loyalty to friends and his ability to remember names, faces and the smallest incidents.

Proof of his reward and loyalty for friendship is shown by an incident in 1915, when with 47 others, he was indicted on charges of election frauds in Indianapolis. Having furnished bond for his release, he spared no efforts until he had raised \$200,000 bail, obtaining the release of the entire 47 persons indicted with him. The charges later were dropped for lack of evidence. During the 20 years of his leadership in Indiana politics and his 20 years connection with national affairs, Thomas Taggart was said never to have deserted a friend in need.

Started as Waiter
A native of Ireland, born November 17, 1856, he earned his first wages as a waiter behind a railway lunch counter, but it was not long before he was discarded his apron for the more pretentious clothes of a proprietor. Step by step he passed through the stages of hotel proprietor, a leader of state and national prominence in politics, owner of an Indiana health resort, and United States senator. He was at one time owner of the Grand hotel in Indiana, now historic because of the many political coups which originated within its walls. His

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GIRL'S MURDERER DIES ON GALLows IN MASSACHUSETTS
(Associated Press Local Wire)
BOSTON, Mar. 6.—George E. H. Taylor, 47-year-old itinerant barber, street dancer, coal miner and former convict, was executed today at Charlestown state prison for the murder in June, 1927, of Stella Pomikala, 21-year-old Lawrence girl.

Early last night he was baptized by Rev. William B. Whitney, protestant chaplain at the prison, and a few minutes before midnight he was given communion. He declined, however, to accept the suggestion of the chaplain that he leave a final statement of the crimes.

The killing was on Salisbury beach, a summer resort Taylor obtained a job in a barber shop a day before the girl was found strangled to death after an attempted assault and he disappeared the next day. Through a pair of sun glasses found near the body and his sale of the girl's watch to a man who had given him a lift between two New Hampshire towns, he was traced to Hyde Park, Vt., where he was arrested.

At his trial Taylor alleged he had been drinking heavily the day and night of the crime and could not recall what he had done. Miss Pomikala had been employed at the beach as a photographer's assistant.

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PENITENT FATHER DESTROYS HIMSELF WITH DYNAMITE

(Associated Press Local Wire)

COLFAX, Wash., Mar. 6.—Brooding over the death last summer of his young son, who died in his arms fearing a whipping, and his wife's divorce complaint, George Holzner, 48, blew himself into eternity by igniting a bundle of dynamite he held in his arms. Bits of the man's body were strewn more than a quarter of a mile and at the spot where he was standing when the charge exploded there was a hole three feet deep.

Handling his wife a letter and a roll of currency, Holzner ran into a field about 200 yards away where he set fire to the paper wrapped about the dynamite. In the letter Holzner stated his belief that Mrs. Holzner still believed him responsible for their child's death. Mrs. Holzner had withdrawn her divorce complaint.

The boy's sudden death last summer at Colfax, D'Alene attracted wide attention when a coroner's jury found the lad had died after his father, with a stick in his hand, had chided the youngster for chopping down a neighbor's trees. The boy dashed under a bed. When his father dragged him out, he went into convulsions and died immediately. The coroner's jury found the lad died of thymus gland trouble and absolved Holzner of blame.

AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER TO BE HERE ON APRIL 24

Paul V. McNutt to Address Public Mass Meeting at Armory—Other Posts to Be Invited.

American Legion members of Roseburg were greatly elated to day by the receipt of word from department headquarters that Paul V. McNutt, national commander of the American Legion, will be in Roseburg to address a mass meeting on the evening of Wednesday, April 24. The national commander is preparing to start a western tour within the next few weeks and will conduct two night meetings in Oregon, one in Roseburg and the other in Portland.

He will stop in Medford for noon luncheon Wednesday, and will come on to Roseburg in the afternoon. Plans are already being made for his reception here, and it is proposed to celebrate his arrival by a parade, which will include the Roseburg Municipal band, the Umpqua Post drum corps and a large group of Legionnaires. It is also proposed to hold an evening banquet, which will be attended by local and visiting Legion officers, after which the public mass meeting will be held, probably at the armory.

Invitations are to be sent out immediately to the neighboring Legion posts, inviting the officers and members to be present for the meeting.

UMPQUA POST TO SEND DRUM CORPS TO DEDICATION
A snappy and very interesting meeting was held by Umpqua Post of the American Legion last night. Following the business meeting an impromptu program was given by the post. Bert Bates, and other members of the post.

The post adopted a resolution thanking Representative Walter Fisher and other members of the Douglas county delegation to the legislature for their work in securing an appropriation for the repair of the Roseburg armory. The bill was introduced and carried through by Mr. Fisher, with the support of the other members of the delegation. The legislature ordered an appropriation in the sum of \$4857 for armory repair, and the money will be expended in building a new roof, installation of a new hardwood floor, repairing plaster, changes in plumbing and electric wiring, and interior and exterior painting and decorating.

The post also voted to send the drum corps to Portland to participate in the dedication of the new veterans' hospital.

The report from the show recently presented by the post showed a profit of \$450 from the entertainment, which was staged on two consecutive nights. The money will be used for local service work.

WOLVES PREY ON DEER

(Associated Press Local Wire)
SAULT-STE MARIE, Ont., Mar. 6.—The wholesale killing of deer by wolves was described here today by John Findlay, inspector for a district from Michipicoten to the Soo. He said that dozens of carcasses are to be found in the bush. Deer congregated around the construction camps at night and wolves can be heard howling in the bush.

NEW LAWS GIVE TIGHT GRIP ON OREGON WATERS

Powers of State Engineer and Reclamation Board Greatly Increased by Legislature.

All Diversion Projects to Be Closely Eyed; Rogue River and Diamond Lake Protected.

(Associated Press Local Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 6.—The Oregon state water code as it affects the control and development of Oregon water resources was greatly strengthened by six bills enacted into law by the recent legislature, says State Engineer Luper.

Most important of these is house bill 405 by Chinnick, which authorizes the state engineer to refer applications for permits to appropriate water that may prejudicially affect the public interest to the state reclamation commission for consideration, and makes it the duty of the commission to have due regard for considering the highest use of the water involved for any and all purposes in approving or denying the application. The state engineer is also authorized to prescribe such terms, limitations and conditions in the approval of any application as are necessary for the protection of the public interest. Heretofore it has been practically mandatory upon the state engineer to approve all applications that were filed in proper form regardless of the effect on future development. Under this act the authority and responsibility of the state engineer's office are greatly increased and the office is charged with the duty of conserving the water resources in a manner that will secure their highest development.

Authority Over Dams
Second in importance, Luper says, is house bill 554, by Andrews, giving the state engineer full authority over all dams and other hydraulic structures the failure of which would result in damage to life or property. The state engineer is authorized to inspect any dam, whether constructed by a city, public utility or for irrigation purposes, and to require such modifications as are necessary to insure the safety of the works. He is also required to approve in writing the plans of all dams hereafter built.

House bill 393 by Briggs (Continued on page 5)

SUPPOSEDLY CRAZY CONVICT LOOSE FOR THE SECOND TIME

CHICAGO, Mar. 6.—Benjamin Salkin, who escaped from Folsom prison in California a year ago, was missing from the psychopathic hospital today.

Salkin, described as "one of the most desperate criminals in the country," recently escaped in a series of "horseless carriages," none of which was a success. He was in a cell when he finally developed a car he was convinced was practical. By driving it from Detroit to Flint, 65 miles, he convinced J. H. Whitting, president of the Flint War Works, of the motor car's possibilities and Whitting became his financial backer and partner.

They made 25 cars the first year but none was extraordinarily successful. After making changes in design, they produced a car that would sell but by that time the Buick company, the Flint Wagon works and several Flint banks were so deeply involved they asked W. C. Durant of the Durant-Dort company of Flint, to take over the tottering Buick company. Durant did so. He sold \$500,000 worth of stock in the enterprise and later organized the General Motors corporation, which he in turn lent to the Durant-Dort and other capitalists.

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AUTO STRIPPERS MURDER ONE COP, WOUND ANOTHER

CLEVELAND, Mar. 6.—Patrolman Carl Sherman was killed and Sergeant Martin E. Hoffman was shot through the chest today when they attempted to stop two thieves from stripping a automobile.

The two officers received a call at a west side precinct station that two men were stripping an automobile at a lonely spot and left to apprehend the thieves. As they drove up and stepped out of their own car, the two robbers opened fire before the officers had a chance to draw their guns. Anthony Handy, a bus driver, found them later. Sherman dead and Hoffman lying on his side. The slayers escaped in their automobile, which they had stolen.

Society Maid Stowaway Has To Earn Keep

(Associated Press Local Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 6.—Far on the briny deep, bound for the tropical isles of Tahiti, an eighteen-year-old San Francisco society girl today was tasting of long sought adventure by hollystoning decks, lending a hand in the galley, or whatever it is that stowaways must do when discovered on big ocean going liners.

The girl is Miss Hazel Cook, debutante daughter of Mrs. William J. Kierendori, wife of a prominent San Francisco banker, who in reply to a radio message from the skipper of the Union liner Tahiti informing the father that the girl was a stowaway, on his ship, flashed back the simple words, "put her to work."

A love for the sea, and a thirst for adventure which she had found lacking in the drawing room, led the girl to board the liner at a pier here February 28, last, a few minutes before the vessel began its journey.

To her friends, the girl has often said that she would "stowaway aboard a ship bound for some outlandish port."

However, she has crossed the ocean more than a dozen times, visiting the South Seas, China, India, Japan, and is as much at home in Shanghai's bustling well as she is on Market street.

At ten o'clock on the night she boarded the Tahiti, with the steamers more than 200 miles from this port, the girl came out of her hiding place, and reported to the captain that she was a stowaway. The captain growled, hemmed and hawed, and finally wired her father, who until then had become alarmed at his daughter's absence from home.

A message from the captain of the Tahiti to the father of the girl yesterday said: "Following your instructions to the letter, Miss Cook is not much help in the galley, but by the end of the voyage she should be pretty good at bedmaking."

BUICK AUTOMOBILE COMPANY FOUNDER DIES IN POVERTY

(Associated Press Local Wire)

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 6.—David D. Buick, founder of the Buick Automobile company, now a unit of the General Motors corporation, died of cancer here last night. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Buick, who was known as one of the pioneers of the automobile industry, died in comparative poverty. For the last two years he had held an instructorship in the Detroit school of trades.

In 1901 Mr. Buick was a wealthy man, a manufacturer of plumbing fixtures who had just sold his plant for \$100,000 to indulge in his dream of a "horseless carriage." He had been experimenting with automobiles for several years.

During the next two years he used his entire fortune in a series of "horseless carriages," none of which was a success. He was in a cell when he finally developed a car he was convinced was practical. By driving it from Detroit to Flint, 65 miles, he convinced J. H. Whitting, president of the Flint War Works, of the motor car's possibilities and Whitting became his financial backer and partner.

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THIEF OVERLOOKS \$18,000 IN BANK

(Associated Press Local Wire)
ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Mar. 6.—A robber appearing at the Englewood State bank today, looted three employees and two customers in the vault and escaped with \$12,000. He overlooked \$18,000 in currency lying in plain view. Englewood is a suburb of Denver.

DE VALERA OUT OF JAIL

(Associated Press Local Wire)
DUBLIN, Northern Ireland, Mar. 6.—Eamon De Valera, Irish republican chief, was released this afternoon from jail four days before the completion of a 30-day sentence he had been serving for illegally entering Ulster territory.

THREE-COUNTY W. C. T. U. MEET ON IN ROSEBURG

Fifty Representatives of Douglas, Coos and Lane Present at Session in Forenoon.

Mrs. Ada Jolley, Head of State Organization, Praises Nation's New President.

With a representation of 50, including state officers and county officers and a few members of the Douglas union, the joint W. C. T. U. institute of Coos, Lane and Douglas counties opened this morning at 10 o'clock in the auditorium of the Presbyterian church and it is expected that the afternoon program will bring many members from these three counties together in the first joint meeting of the unions to be held in Roseburg. Quite a number, unable to be present for the morning program, will arrive later for the rest of the session.

Mrs. Ada Jolley, state president, and Dr. Clara Ingham, state director of health, both are here from Portland to participate in the program and are featured speakers.

The program this morning opened with the three county presidents presiding, Mrs. Minnie Hulet of Coos county union, Mrs. Ella Duvieux of Lane county union and Mrs. A. C. Masters of the Douglas union.

Devotions were led by Mrs. W. W. Courtney, who took her text from "A Model Local Devotional Service," Ec. 17:14, Isaiah. Music by the audience, followed, with Mrs. E. E. Woodcock leading.

At 10:20 o'clock the appointment of committees, official papers, membership, publicity and courtesies were made. On the Union Signal committee are Mrs. Lena Dunn and Mrs. Helen Ferguson of Roseburg; Mrs. H. C. McNeely of Glenclary; membership, Mrs. W. A. Cray and Mrs. C. E. Weber of Roseburg; publicity, Mrs. Helen Ferguson.

Mrs. Jolley Speaker
The featured speaker on the morning program was the state president, Mrs. Jolley, who in an interesting manner, on "Citizenship Need of the W. C. T. U.," giving the great program that is before the unions and stressed the importance of making a special effort for betterment of community in which members of the various unions live. She stated that this program must be educational and said that the women today are as great as at the time Franklin D. Roosevelt first organized the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Jolley remarked that the organization was started principally for children and the young people should stand by the motto, "The Union is the strength."

There was special music at the 11 o'clock hour, Mrs. W. W. Ashcraft singing "Thy Will Be Done," with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Homer Gros.

The subject, "The Local Union an Essential Factor" was discussed by the officers. Mrs. Hulet stated that the object of the institute is to bring the three counties together, binding their interests closer. (Continued from page 3.)

MRS. LILIAN FULTON, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY, PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Lilian Fulton, former News-Review employee, died at a Medford hospital yesterday, according to word received here today. Mrs. Fulton left Roseburg about a year ago, because of her health, and spent a short time at Glen Dale and at Riddle before going to Medford, where she entered the hospital.

She was born in Maine June 12, 1865, her parents passing away while she was quite small. At the age of 17 she was married to Thomas Fulton, from whom she was later divorced. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton edited the Jacksonville Post for several years, and after selling that paper moved to Portland where they published the Portland Tribune. After their separation, Mrs. Fulton came to Roseburg and was employed with the Roseburg News-Review for about two years.

She had been in failing health for several years, and for more than a year, prior to her death, was bedfast. She leaves two daughters, Barbara and Phyllis, who have been making their home in Ashland. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Anna Buck, in the east. No announcement has yet been made regarding funeral arrangements.

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Steel Foundry Head Takes Job As Hoover Aide



Here is Robert Patterson LaMont, president of the American Steel Foundries company of Chicago, named by President Hoover as secretary of commerce, the cabinet position held by Hoover during the administrations of Harding and Coolidge. Like Hoover, Mr. LaMont is a civil engineer. His appointment came as a surprise, as his name had not been mentioned in this connection before the announcement was made by the new president.

AVIATION BOND ORDINANCE SIGNED BY MAYOR HOOVER

Mayor Hoover today signed the ordinance providing for the issuance of city bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase and improvement of a municipal airport.

The ordinance was passed at the council meeting held Monday evening and the mayor announced that he was investigating a local matter before placing his signature to the document. He signed the ordinance this morning and Governor Gooden today is advertising the bids.

The bonds were authorized at a special election last June and were subsequently sold to a Marine field bank, but the question of the city's authority was raised and the case was taken to the supreme court for final determination, resulting in a victory for the city. It is now necessary, however, to advertise and sell the bonds, which will probably take six weeks, after which the property will be purchased and improvement work started.

The city is acquiring 149 acres, just one mile north of the city limits, for the sum of \$11,500, leaving \$14,000 to be used for drainage, lights, runways, hangars and other such improvements.

BAILLIE SUCCEEDS GILBERT AS HEAD OF STATE SCHOOL

(Associated Press Local Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 6.—The resignation of L. M. Gilbert, superintendent of the state training school for boys, was today received by the state board of control. He will be succeeded by W. H. Baillie of Graham. The change is effective March 15, after which Gilbert will be given a 30-day vacation on pay.

Mr. Baillie, the new superintendent of the school, is a graduate of Oregon State college and has been active in boys' and girls' club work. At present he is club leader in Multnomah county. Formerly he has taught school and at one time was principal of the schools at Woodburn. He served overseas during the war.

Baillie recently made a tour of eastern states acquainting himself with the conduct of schools similar to the Oregon school.

Gilbert has been connected with the training school for many years. He had been superintendent for a number of years before the administration of Governor Olson. During the Olson administration he was superintended by W. L. Kruer of Iowa. When Walter M. Fisher became governor, Kruer was removed and Gilbert again placed at the head of the school where he has been since.

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REBELS CLAIM SUCCESSSES IN MEXICO'S WAR

Prepared to Launch Drive Against Capital From Three Directions, Is Statement.

Government Asserts 50,000 Troops Have Remained Loyal; Monterey to Be Assaulted.

(Associated Press Local Wire)
Military action on an extended scale marked the progress of the Mexican revolution today, both the government and rebels beginning troop movements in the north and south with heavy fighting in prospect.

Disturbed by the capture of Monterey, important strategic center, federal forces were marching from five directions on the capital of Nuevo Leon to drive out General Escobar, powerful rebel leader in control there.

For the moment the government appeared to be concentrating on Monterey, not being content merely to bottle up the city of Vera Cruz, which has been cut off from the rest of the country.

In the north the rebels appeared to have scored signal successes, but battle lines were being drawn at two points almost within gun range of the American border.

The rebels were reported to be enroute to Juarez, across the border from El Paso, while loyal federal forces were marching on Nogales, near the Arizona border.

Rebel Successes
Reports of fighting favorable to the rebels at Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Torreon, Coahuila and Cananea have been received while the rebels also claimed Chihuahua City.

Of the 60,000 men in the Mexican army it was estimated at Mexico City that 10,000 have gone over to the rebels while 50,000 have remained loyal to the government.

General Borquez, revolutionary commander of northern Sonora, claiming nine states, declared that the revolutionary leaders were in a position to sweep down upon the capital from the north, east and west.

Catholic Activity
He also asserted that the government would make no progress in Jalisco because that state was full of Catholics who have been persecuted by former President Calles.

Bishop Navarrete of the Catholic diocese of Sonora was in the interior arranging for the first general observance of mass since 1921. Governor Toneto having proclaimed suspension of the religious law.

The government has been using airplanes to drop propaganda leaflets. (Continued on page 3.)

NEW SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ASKS FOR FRESH START

(Associated Press Local Wire)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Arthur M. Hyde, former governor of Missouri, and the new secretary of agriculture, was the first of the Hoover cabinet to make public an outline of his policies.

Soon after he was sworn in today he issued a formal statement in which he said:

"I undertake this task with full realization of its difficulties, but determined to do my 'level best' to effectuate the agricultural policies of President Hoover. I believe in those policies. They are sound and constructive. They will achieve a larger measure of prosperity for the farmers of America."

I shall strive to cooperate with all those whose public duty or private interests are elements in the problems of the farm. I hope also to have their assistance. We are starting from today. Past differences of opinion have no place in the present situation and should not be permitted to hinder or delay the accomplishment of all that may constructively be done in aid of American agriculture."

MRS. HOOVER WANTS NO SLEUTH GUARD

(Associated Press Local Wire)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—The new first lady is to dispense with the services of the secret service when she goes in public alone.

The use of secret service men was inaugurated by Mrs. Warren G. Harding when she became mistress of the White House in 1921 and the practice was continued by Mrs. Coolidge during her nearly six years as the first lady, but it was said today at the White House that Mrs. Hoover would not avail herself of such an escort.