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WHY DO WE LIVE?—Why did I not from the womb? There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest. Job 3:11, 17.

With the legislature and congress both adjourned spring business should start off with a rush.

Judges, apparently, will not get a salary increase. Some of these days the legislature may convene to find that all of our now capable jurists have returned to private practice where they can earn an income in keeping with the profession.

The income tax bill has passed the legislature. The majority by which it was approved in the senate is evidence that the rates are moderate, that it will be as near an unobjectionable law as an income tax can be. When properly understood we are confident it will not seriously retard the investment of new capital. More important than that is the fact that it will help put the state on a cash basis again so that the numerous improvements, many of them too long delayed, can be inaugurated for Oregon's advancement. The tithing bill or some similar revenue legislation will complete the relief program—the legislature will go home—Oregon will heave a sigh of relief and get down to work.

DEAR SPACE GRAFTERS

In this day of telegraphic news service, of excellent newspaper articles, of abundant and highly interesting local and state news it would seem that the limited capacity of any newspaper, small or large, would be somewhat generally recognized by those tempted to indulge in "space grafting." But such is not the case. There still remains—and always will—a considerable percentage of people who sincerely believe that newspapers need something to "fill up the paper," and they rush happily to find that something.

Sometimes it is merely an article, original or otherwise, to satisfy a personal whim. Usually, however, it closely approaches free advertising disguised cleverly or poorly as news. To get stuff of that kind printed in newspapers free of charge is the work of publicity agents, a breed of writers now employed by big corporations and special interests at fancy salaries in proportion to their success at space grafting.

The Observer's mail is flooded with propaganda of this variety, in spite of the fact that information is available to anyone in the country to the effect that we have an Associated Press leased wire, the NEA feature service, and various other minor features in addition to local and county news staffs—all providing valuable and interesting matter for which we pay many thousands of dollars a year. The newspaper no longer seeks or wants or needs the free bunk with which its columns may be "filled up." Neither do its readers. Something for nothing in the newspaper business is as dangerous a practice as in any other work. There is always an ax seeking to be ground somewhere in all free "news matter" so ardently submitted; and newspaper people are quick to find it in most instances.

A fraternal organization recently offered cash prizes to members who could secure the most free publicity in their local paper, particular credit being given for items mentioning their insurance department. A plain case of space grafting. How much more effective would be the effort if the money spent for prizes, for publicity agent, for circularizing lodges and members, were invested in paid advertising of real dignity and force. This is one bald example.

Actual news is desired, is welcomed. But it is often jeopardized by those seeking to edge over the boundary. Local and state news is of particular value and is given particular emphasis in The Observer. Our readers are willing to look elsewhere for propaganda and we are in perfect accord with their desires.

GOVERNOR SIGNS 10 NEW STATUTES

Of 53 Successful Measures, 34 Amended and Nine Repealed Laws

SALEM, Feb. 17 (Special)—How many new laws have been enacted so far this session? Ten. We are told we are being flooded with new legislation, but in checking through the house and senate calendars only ten new laws could be found. Of the 23 house bills and 29 senate bills, 53 in all, which were approved by the governor, 34 amended present laws, and nine repealed old laws fallen into disuse. The 52 house bills introduced can be catalogued as follows: those already withdrawn, 192; those amending present laws, 185; enacting new legislation, including appropriations, 295; repealing old laws, 86. The 266 senate bills; already withdrawn, 19; those amending present laws, 149; enacting new legislation, 97; repealing old laws, 9.

Of the 29 house bills introduced by individuals, not committee nor county delegations, 11 were by men with no previous experience in the legislature, and three by men in their second session. Five of the total 29 senate bills signed by the governor were introduced by the judiciary committee. Of the remaining 15 four were introduced by Strayer, three by Reynolds, two by Davis, and one each by Hall, Upton, Marks, Norblad, Brown, and Eddy. Strayer is in his seventh session, being surpassed in time of service only by Moser, of Multnomah, now completing his eighth session. Eddy is in his sixth session. Four of the senators with successful bills are in their first session, two in their second, two in their third, and two in their fourth.

The legislature seems to favor the bill allowing students of the state colleges to help financially in the building of much needed dormitories.

This is the first session for many years which has held a night session in the fifth week, or a Saturday session in the fifth week. The amount of outstanding legislation to be handled, however, is small in comparison to similar legislation of past sessions.

BOHNER IS APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (AP)—Edward B. Bohner today was appointed prohibition administrator for Northern California and Nevada succeeding Colonel Ned M. Green. Green resigned after he had been acquitted of charges of embezzling government liquor which had been confiscated by his agents.

WOMEN SOLONS



These four women, all now serving in the Utah house of representatives, present the cause of feminism in that state. All are active and serving on important committees. Top to bottom, Mrs. A. J. Lowe Jr., Mrs. Julia Smart and Mrs. H. S. Tanner, all of Salt Lake City, Mrs. Acha Tanner of Provo.

Wed in Italy



Two of the best known families of Virginia and Illinois were united when Elizabeth Stevenson of Bloomington, Ill., became the bride of Ernest L. Ives of Norfolk, Va. The marriage took place in Italy. Ives is in the consular service and the couple will live in Constantinople. The bride is the great granddaughter of Jesse W. Fall, who, more than any other man, was responsible for Abraham Lincoln's nomination to the presidency.

PATTERSON'S INCOME TAX BILL PASSES

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encroaching on legislative powers. Representative Claude Buchanan Benton county, announced this morning that he would withdraw house bills 519 and 526 calling for appropriations of more than \$599,000 for new buildings at O. A. C. The two measures were stamped with "do not pass" by the ways and means committee. Buchanan this morning said he realized that there was not enough money to go

NEW MANHATTAN SHIRTS

SPRING PATTERNS
\$2.75 to \$5.00
N. K. West & Co.
The Man's Store

around, and for that reason was withdrawing his bills.
Among house bills passed by the senate was:
House bill 393—Douglas county delegation—increasing salaries of Douglas county officials.

Ways, Means Bills Up

The house this morning started consideration of the ways and means committee report on appropriations but adjourned before reaching any of the major items. The house voted to wait until tomorrow before deciding whether to run under forced draft in endeavor to complete its work late Saturday night or to adjourn late this week to Monday.
Speaker Carlin pointed out at the opening of today's session that in addition to 22 ways and means bills 5 miscellaneous house bills and 52 senate bills on the house calendar for today, that there was still some 140 senate bills to be disposed of before final adjournment.

Defends Boys

"I raised my boys to be good boys," the father said. "They weren't killers. They were square and they worked hard all their lives. Down there in Mexico I would chase them out of the field. I'd tell them the work was too hard for such little fellows. But they'd come back. They'd hoe all day, just to help their dad. Do you think fellows like that would turn bandits?"
Then turning to the subject of Hugh De Autremont, on his way to the United States following his arrest at Manila:
"How do I feel? Why, I haven't got a cent in the world to defend that boy. I fell out, that's how I feel."

Has Suffered

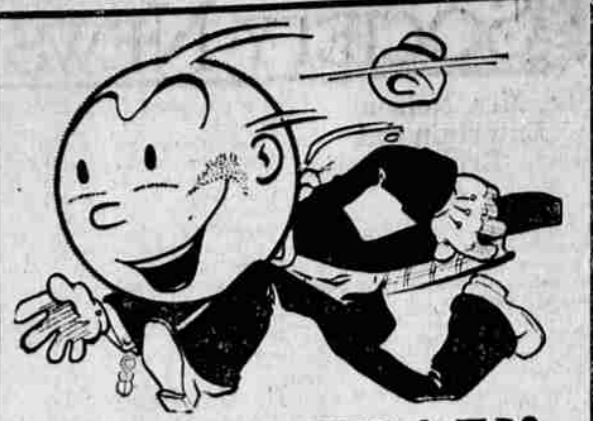
De Autremont sat at his supper table. Around him were three little children not his own, but to whom he is father and provider now. He has spent his earnings to keep a home together. This little family bread has softened the blows he has been dealt since the Siskiyou affair.
Paul De Autremont has suffered. No one can deny that.
Within 14 miles of London, the Kentish village of Downe has neither gas nor electricity, no main drainage, no doctor, no movie, and no omnibus or street car.
Coolidge requests machinery for dehumidizing the stagnant air in the senate chamber.

P. De Autremont, Father of Mail Bandits, Suffers

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 17. (AP)—Paul De Autremont, father of Ray, Roy and Hugh De Autremont, the three boys sought by authorities for robbery of a mail train and murder in the Siskiyou mountains in 1923, is convinced that the youth apprehended in Manila is Hugh. "I guess it's Hughie, all right," he said. "Maurice Cotturi came and told me. Maurice is sure."
Cotturi has been working on the Siskiyou case for the Southern Pacific railway company since the time of the robbery.
Three and a half years of waiting for word from or of his boys have left their marks on Paul De Autremont. One can see them. There are other marks, deep scars that cannot be seen.

Barber Bill Passed

Sponsors of the bill providing a new barber's code do not want shops of the state cluttered with young men who say "ain't" or who use "don't" for does not. At least, various representatives held this to be the trend of house bill 569, passed by the house Wednesday afternoon after considerable discussion, mostly along humorous lines.
Representative L. L. Swan attacked the bill. "Is that all we are here for to make laws for the barbers?" he asked heatedly. "In my opinion, that law ought to be dumb."



GANGWAY!

LET ME GET TO NORTON'S WHERE PRICES ARE THE LOWEST
Friday, Saturday and Monday
WE WILL SELL AND YOU SAVE

- One Lot Children's Shoes, All sizes.....\$1.00
- One Lot Children's Shoes, All sizes.....\$1.98
- One Lot Oxfords and Slippers for growing girls to size 5 in \$4.00 values for.....\$1.98
- Any Girl's Hat in store, Value to \$5.00, now.....\$1.00
- Your choice of any House Slipper.....75c
- Rubbers, size 5 to 2 storm style.....49c
- Ladies' Silk Dresses, 16 and 18 sizes at.....1-2 PRICE
- Children's Play Suits, size 1 to 6.....79c
- Infants' Coats, size 2 to 4.....\$2.49
- Boys' Coats, size 3 to 6 at 1/2 Price.....\$2.75
- One Girl's Coat, size 10, \$9.75 value for.....\$4.95
- Five Coats, size 15 to 18; regular values to \$26, your choice of any one of these.....\$9.98
- Girls' Coats for.....\$15.95
- One Coat, plaid check, size 16. Regular \$33 value for.....\$1.98
- Sweaters, age 2 to 14, coat or blazer style. Values to \$6, your choice for.....\$1.98
- Boys' Jersey Suits, age 2 to 8 at.....30% OFF
- Velvet Dresses, age 2 to 12, with silk trim, at.....30% OFF
- Gingham Dresses, age 2 to 14.....\$1.00
- Rayon Silk Dresses, age 7 to 14.....\$2.98
- Broadcloth Dresses, age 7 to 14.....\$2.98
- Ladies' Rayon Silk Dresses.....\$3.98
- Jersey Bloomer Dresses, age 2 to 6.....\$2.98
- Jersey Dresses, age 7 to 16, made of best quality wool jersey. Values to \$13.00. Your choice for.....\$4.98
- Ruben Infants' Shirts, \$1.25 value for.....49c
- Children's All-Wool Stockings, size 6 to 9 1/2, 75c grades for.....49c
- Ladies' Pure Silk Full-Fashion Hose in discontinued colors. \$1.95 grade for.....\$1.29
- Save 66c on every pair.
- Rayon Silk Princess Slips, size 34 to 44. Your choice of any in store.....\$1.98
- Boys' Best Grade Corduroy Pants.....\$1.98
- Infant Dolls with voice; has blanket and pillow—a real buy for.....69c
- 24-Inch Double Voice Mama Dolls.....\$1.49
- 36-inch Colored Dress Linen, per yard.....72c
- BED SPREADS**
- Full size, stamped and stenciled for easy embroidery.....\$1.89
- See model on display.
- Enough Thread to work spread for.....75c
- Enough Fringe to go around spread.....98c
- All Discontinued Embroidered Models Will Be Sold At 1/2 Price.
- PILLOW SLIPS**
- 42-Inch All Hand Embroidered Ready Made at, pair.....\$1.98
- LUNCH SETS**
- 36-Inch All Hand Embroidered with 4 napkins, on best grade pure thread linen for.....\$2.98
- Make a Memo of this Sale**
SO YOU DON'T FORGET THE DATES
COME EARLY
NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES AT THESE PRICES
NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP

Travel By Motor Stage

Safely Comfortably

TRAVEL BY MOTOR STAGE

Leave
La Grande for Joseph 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
" " Baker and Boise 9:25 A. M. - 1:25 P. M.
" " Baker only 5:50 P. M.
" " Pendleton 11:00 A. M. - 3:30 P. M. - 6:15 P. M.

Connection at Pendleton for Walla Walla, Pasco and Portland; at Portland all points South and North.

La Grande Depot Phone 789
All Modern Chair Car Stages.

Nowadays You Press A Button

Or perhaps a switch, or some little gadget, and a lot of things happen around a home that lighten labor and banish trouble.

A whirling fan brings a cooling breeze, and a little copper, disk-like affair throws out a sizzling blast that warms the room in no time.

Another button boils coffee, toasts bread and cooks waffles. Another does a better job than a broom. Another makes a happy laundress out of a dismal washwoman. Another one cools the ice-box. Another—but why go on?

Labor and time saving devices have come and are today within the reach of the humblest home.

And one of the chief reasons why they have come and why they are within the reach of the humblest home is the power of advertising.

Advertising has carried the news of these better ways of doing things to every home. It has created a desire to possess them, and countless thousands have purchased them, and live better because of them.

Reading advertising not only tells you about new, helpful mechanical devices for the home, but it is an unerring guide to reliable products.

Read advertising regularly. It points the way to better living.