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THE BOOK OF THE LAW—And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation. . . . And he read therein from the morning until midday, before the men and women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law." Neh. 8:2, 3.

If the Oregon Voter decides to approve Patterson's income tax, in view of the financial emergency, Bruce Dennis and his Klamath Falls Herald will be left to battle the devil all alone. Battle as he may, it look very much like wasted effort this time unless somebody can initiate two or three substitute income tax measures and befuddle the issue again.

It will be a most serious emergency if Governor Patterson vetoes both the Eastern Oregon normal school and tuberculosis hospital appropriations. Both were voted by the people with tremendous majorities. Both have strong administration approval. And it is entirely possible for the executive to cut appropriations to the necessary point without disturbing these institutions which are so seriously needed.

Oregon's financial muddle is blamed on Pierce by the Oregonian and on Patterson by the Oregon Voter. The latter would probably give our ex-governor a share of the blame, too, if he requested it, but The Observer can see no logical reason for leaving the present legislature out of the picture. It was dominated by Patterson, it's true, but it didn't have to be. Pierce policies resulted in the property tax base being lowered but the legislature wasn't bound to merely twiddle its thumbs because of that fact. It had a good tax program worked out but got very little of it actually introduced. If it had agreed on some conservative tax legislation, had passed it, and had suffered an executive veto, then there would have been reasonable cause to blame the governor for poor cooperation. But it wasn't done. After hearing the executive tax message and passing the income tax on to the voters the legislature suffered paralysis of the brain and the affliction seems to have lasted. Pierce did what he thought was best for Oregon. Patterson did what he thought was best for Oregon. The action of both may prove idiotic in the light of history, but at least they did something. And that's more than can be said for the legislative branch of our popular (?) government.

A DISGUSTING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The legislature has adjourned, leaving a financial muddle, unequalled in Oregon history, to be solved by the governor. With a reasonable relief measure within reach (and the tithing bill can be called "reasonable," we believe, since a majority of representatives voted for it and a majority of senators for its reconsideration) it refused to be even temporarily agreeable and the state is left with some two million dollars worth of badly needed appropriations headed straight for an executive veto.

Our legislators, in other words, seem perfectly able to pick out improvements that are needed but are total losses at agreeing on a way to pay for them. They prove to be experts at talking about what should be done but rank amateurs at actually doing it. The very thing Oregon sent the mto Salem to do is the thing that is left undone. They pass the buck to the governor and go happily home—a "lung-jury" that is oblivious to the cost and inconvenience to the state of a new trial.

What is to be done about it? Not much, at this late date. The governor will veto right and left until he gets the budget pruned to equal anticipated revenues. He can do little else. In the meanwhile, the voters might well take a try at legislating and initiate a tithing bill or other revenue measure to be voted on at the special income tax election in the spring. True, the tithing measure was defeated in November but that measure called for a true tithe while the late administration bill provided only 5 per cent from receipts of self-sustaining boards and commissions—and this only for the first year, with 2½ per cent the second year. Public opinion has changed, too. The bill last fall was little understood. The need for new revenue was less keenly appreciated. It is our opinion that both Governor Patterson's income tax measure and tithing bill would be approved at a special election—not because they are ideal tax measures but because the public is disgusted with this financial chaos.

Receipts from a tithing law would not, of course, help the state these two years. The vetoes would have been made and the appropriations would have been cut down. But a tithing law, voted by the people would be some assurance, at least, that the legislature would not get itself in a similar mess at the next session. It would leave no doubt in the legislative mind about what the voters want. Maybe it would be advisable to initiate some comprehensive appropriation measures at the time and dispense with the legislature entirely. The public disgust with present failure is almost equal to such an extreme.

RIGHT OF GOULD TO SEAT UPHELD

Senate Committee Rules That Maine Law-Maker Is Free of Taint

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The right of Senator Gould, republican Maine, to a place in the senate was upheld today in the report of the senate elections subcommittee that investigated charges against him. The subcommittee members recommended that the charges, which revolved about the payment of \$190,000 to a Canadian official be dropped. The investigation of Senator Gould's qualifications was made at the instance of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, who based his demands on charges that Senator Gould had turned over \$190,000 to former Premier Fleming of New Brunswick, in connection with a contract for a railroad. Gould on the witness stand denied that any fraud which involved.

Subcommittee Agrees

The report today declared the subcommittee is "in entire agreement in the case in the following particulars: "A—The undertaking by the Hon. Arthur H. Gould and his associates to build the railroad was, in the beginning, free from suspicion of dishonesty or fraud. "B—The transaction here inquired into had in fact no relation to the selection of the Hon. R. Gould as a candidate of his party in the primary of 1926 or to his election to the senate of the U. S. in the election held in the state of Maine in 1926. "C—The transaction occurred more than 14 years prior to said election. "D—It affirmatively appears that the Hon. Arthur H. Gould is a man of good character. Through a long life in which he has actively engaged in important enterprises, he has borne the reputation of a man of character and integrity. "The premises considered, your committee recommends that further action in the instant case be not taken and that the right of the Hon. Arthur H. Gould to a seat in the senate be confirmed."

Conducts Service In Spite of Death

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—Notified of the death of his father, Dr. Frank Sheldon Fossick, too late to secure a substitute at the Park avenue Baptist church, the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick preached yesterday to a congregation that was unaware of his bereavement. Dr. Fosdick's only reference to his feelings was a single sentence concerning death in his prayer. The congregation learned of the death after the services.

Hang Negro That Served Pershing

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28 (AP)—Robert Johnson, 29-year-old negro, was hanged at the county jail today for criminal assault on a white married woman. He had admitted he attempted to rob the woman but he denied the assault. The negro was sentenced to hang a month ago, but was granted a reprieve through the intervention of General John J. Pershing, whose private orderly Johnson had been during the war in France.

PERRY PERSONALS

PERRY (Special)—Mr. Coalwell is on the sick list. Bert Kall was a La Grande visitor one day last week. Mrs. Zareta Murray and two small children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Briggs in La Grande. G. H. Ballantyne was a Union visitor Friday. John Starr, night watchman for the Grande (Hodge) Lumber company, is confined to his home because of illness. Bert Kall is working in his place. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Robinson made a trip to La Grande last week. Mrs. Fred Robertson and Mrs. M. G. Murray were shopping in La Grande one day last week. The Perry school celebrated Washington's birthday anniversary Tuesday forenoon with appropriate exercises. There was no school in the afternoon. The next thing is the preparation for the annual school fair, which will be held in April. Miss Lucille Reher recently made a trip to La Grande. Mrs. Mary Murray was shopping in La Grande last week. Milton Smith is absent from school because of illness.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—Mrs. William Harris, who has been in Seattle with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Okazoff, since early in December, returned home early last week. She was accompanied by her two small grandchildren, Helen and Harry Okazoff. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lind, who have been spending the winter with their son, H. Lind and family, at Phoenix, Ariz., returned to their home here Thursday. The senior prom held at the hall Tuesday evening was well attended. Patronesses were Mrs. Harry Werner, Mrs. R. I. Barker, Mrs. R. H. Daniel and Mrs. L. M. Laird.

Today in Washington

Congress meets at noon. House tackles miscellaneous bills. Senate faces votes on two cloture petitions. Senator McNary attempts to override farm bill veto. Hearing of Judge Cooper impeachment charges continue in house committee.

500 Workers Aid Farmers Hit by Recent Floods

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 28 (AP)—An army of workers—men from every walk of life, merchants, professional men, legionnaires, Cave-men, church officials and even one minister—yesterday helped flood victims sweep farms of the Rogue and Applegate valleys again in condition to till. Barns, chicken houses and residences damaged by swollen streams were torn down and partially reconstructed on higher ground. Fences were replaced, one disabled veterans' possession moved 12 miles to his new farm, another veterans' household goods moved across the Applegate river by row boat and other work done that will place farmers in position to again live in their homes and work their fields. Lumber reclaimed from flood debris was returned to the site where buildings originally stood.

500 Men Work

Nearly 500 men turned out yesterday morning, shortly after daylight and were taken to the farms hit hardest by the flood. The Rev. Jackson L. Webster, of the Presbyterian church, dismissed the morning service and joined his board of trustees and his male quartet in their efforts to render service to their neighbors. Starting with the Covenant League booster organization, the move to aid the farmers spread rapidly. The national guardsmen, the legion post order of De Molay, chamber of commerce and other civic organizations joined with them, with the result that today the farmers are enabled to start on the spring work as if there had been no flood last week-end. The work done yesterday did much to reduce the individual loss of the storm.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—Mrs. John Vase who has been at Hot Lake for several months owing to ill health, died here last Monday at the age of 54 years. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. John Minnick. The funeral was held at the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the Union cemetery. Dr. C. L. Caldwell, now practicing in Union, has been ill for the past week of flu and the first of this week he was taken to a hospital at Baker. He is still seriously ill. This leaves Union with no medical aid nearer than La Grande. Rosemary, the little six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller, of South Union, was severely injured while playing with some other children Wednesday afternoon, receiving a cut on the head that necessitated a trip to Hot Lake to have the injury dressed. Dr. Monerief, who recently left Union to make his home at Hot

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Club Clothes

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Interwoven and Phoenix Sox

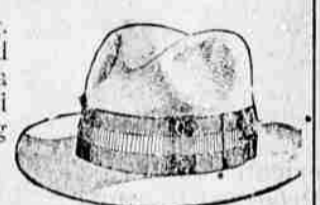
In spring patterns of broader stripes, in both the checks and striped numbers. The same high standard of quality is there and the prices are

35c to \$1.00

New Spring Stetson and Schoble Hats for Men

You'll like the hats for Spring. The colors are pigeon grays and hazel tans, and the brims have a tiff more curl, worn either snapped or up. The bands are in keeping with the colors.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Churchill who have been visiting at the home of their son, Floyd Churchill, for several days, left the first part of the week for their home in Duluth, Minn. Honoring the birthday anniversary of their son Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stevens entertained several guests at their home in South Union last Wednesday afternoon and evening. Following the usual birthday dinner the hosts and guests enjoyed a few hours at bridge. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, Mr. and Mrs. George Seibert, and Mrs. Sam Benson. BUTTERFAT SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 (AP) Butterfat to be sold in San Francisco 31 1/2c.

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