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"LEANING WITH GOD—Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6.

Now that we've all survived that "terrible winter" the gasoline prophets promised us, let 'em bring on the frigid summer that was to follow.

Just one catastrophe after another. No sooner is the river flood abated in the South than the government must turn to fight a flood of Canadian liquor in the North.

Mussolini wants a big army. More than that, he says "we must at a certain time be able to mobilize 5,000,000 men." That he is looking definitely towards conflict with the Germans and the Slavs seems quite plain from his utterances. He expects this within 10 years. Many things may happen in 10 years, even to leaders who seem to bear charmed lives. And many things may happen to the atmosphere of Europe and the world. Yet the world before 1914 thought the last big war was over, and laughed at songs and toasts to "The Day."

People of Oregon will be given a chance to say what they think a legislator should receive in compensation for his "40 days and 40 nights" of turmoil every two years. One of the measures to be voted on at the special election calls for a $10 a day wage for senators and representatives. And I expect $3. We feel sure the people will approve the increase. The present pay is shameful. We say much about wanting capable and experienced men in public service, yet we have, up to the present time, failed to offer them even moderate expense money in return. Perhaps some legislators aren't worth anything, but the way to pick and choose is with elections and not salary checks. They deserve the $10 rate and should be given it.

THE PUBLIC LEGISLATES

The voters' pamphlet for this month's special election is in the hands of voters of the state. In it can be found the text of and the arguments for and against the twelve amendments and measures to be decided by the people on the 28th. Nothing in the pamphlet is particularly long and tedious to read except the income tax measure. The provisions of that bill are fairly well known; the others, although most of them are less important, should be the subject of some study and thought before citizens go to the polls.

Eighth reason for the income tax—Patterson Island—doesn't exist outside of the governor's office, apparently. Perhaps that can hardly be helped but other measures are likely to suffer—and the state, proportionately—by this indifference and disinterested attitude. The state tax limitation amendment, for example, which provides a new six per cent tax base, is receiving little attention at the hands of voters and is considered vitally important to the state's welfare.

Whether or not the state income tax passes, the new six per cent base is a wise financial measure. Primarily it would provide about a million dollars more for state purposes than is possible at present. The measure also provides that the income tax, if passed, will be refunded on the new base. In other words, at the present time the levy that is $2,427,804, which is at least a million less than the state requires for its activities. If the new base measure is approved the levy limit will be $3,710,000. This will be raised either by property tax, sales, if the income tax fails to carry, or by property tax and income tax combined.

That sum of approximately three and a half million dollars is the important thing. It will, I have quoted as proof, that there would be no less burden on the state, yet there would be an extravagant spending of public money. The tax level would be back on the actual level previously levied before the six-mill income tax measure was established. The state would be assured adequate revenue without embarrassing manipulation of funds. State institutions suffering from lack of support, could be taken care of, a needed, humane-like program of advancement would be possible. For the good of Oregon's finances the new base should be approved at the coming election.

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OREGON ASSURED OF NEW RAILROAD

Trans-Continental Line to Open Klamath Basin, Lower Rates

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 14. (AP)—Oregon's hope of another transcontinental railroad is virtually assured with the breaking of ground near Merrill yesterday for the construction of the Modoc Northern railroad and the imminent announcement of the combined merging of the Nevada, California and Oregon railroad.

Actual work in throwing up a grade was started on the Bowman ranch, four miles north of Merrill, and with a larger force at hand today will be prosecuted with greater vigor.

Klamath Falls' Southern Pacific representative today exploded that "this does not mean that we are going to construct the road in this zone. It is more of a gesture of good faith on the part of the Southern Pacific in its announced desire to build this line."

The Modoc Northern survey leads from Klamath Falls southeast through the Klamath basin timber of Merrill and Tulelake, and southward with the Nevada, California and Oregon railroad—a Southern Pacific subsidiary—at Alturas, Cal.

The line provides a main line east for Oregon connecting with the Cascade line at Klamath Falls.

It will shorten the necessity of eastbound freight from Klamath crossing and permeate the Shasta ridge region. It will open the entire Klamath basin agricultural and timber resources to will provide lower freight rates for Oregon eastbound freight. It will open an outlet necessary to northern California.

ELGIN PERSONALS

ELGIN (Special)—Senator Albert Hunter was at Elgin last Tuesday.

Fred Hoffman returned to his home at Elgin Tuesday after spending a few days confined because of illness in La Grande.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church won a large delegation to the Epworth League rally in La Grande Sunday. Those who went were Lizzie and Elizabeth Pelham, Margaret Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Lora Hall, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pelham, Fred Hall, Eugene and Leonard Cates, Leonard Barker, Lamar White, Lonzo Parker and Stanley Maxwell. Lizzie Pelham, who is district president, gave an interesting talk at the afternoon.

Miss Fay Foster returned to her home at Elgin Friday. Miss Foster has been attending college at Chenoweth, Ore., that past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion White, of Powderville, spent Sunday at Elgin visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller were La Grande visitors Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cruikshank and son, Elliott, of Cove, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cruikshank, at Rhu Del, Sunday.

Miss Lucile Pelham, who has been attending Normal at Weiser, Idaho, the past year, arrived home Saturday. Miss Pelham has been on a trip with H. E. Wolfe and son, Wilson, of Baker City, and Miss Willa Stoddard, also of Baker City. They have been visiting Yellowstone Park, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Albuquerque, Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland. They have been gone two weeks. Miss Pelham will be home at Elgin for the summer vacation.

Miss Lucy A. Cate, who completed the third of her series of evangelistic meetings at Cove Saturday, closed over the week-end with home folks at Elgin. Miss Cate will be assisted in the district evangelistic work by Rev. Bennett, who will be in charge of the Elgin church.

Miss Cate, a Chautauqua worker of C. L. C., will be in Elgin June 21 to conduct a conference and school class demonstration in the Kingdom of Epworth hall. A great time is planned and everyone is urged to attend. Miss Cate comes highly endorsed as a good school-worker.

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A surprise party was given in honor of Miss Glea Shas Monday night at the home of Sarah Wickens. Miss Shas is soon leaving to attend a summer school. The evening was spent in playing games after which light refreshments were served.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Coates that their son, Ernest, of Astoria, has been killed in a logging camp. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Miss Fay Foster was honor guest at a surprise party Thursday evening. Miss Foster just returned from college. The evening was spent in playing various games. Refreshments were served.

The children's day program was held at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—Carmen and Jane Daniel, Allen Mills and Darrel Weimer left Sunday evening for the boys and girls summer school in Corvallis.

Miss Vina Conley and her brother, Grant, went to Walla Walla Friday for the commencement program at Whitman college.

L. E. Anderson and Mrs. Lola Gayotte, Masonic and Eastern Star delegates, left Sunday evening for the convention in Portland. J. F. Dean is also attending the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunt, delegates to the Grange convention in Corvallis, left Sunday. They went by motor and took with them their family, planning a real outing.

J. E. Mills left Sunday for Walla Walla to bring home his daughter, Lucretia, who has been attending high school there.

Mrs. Lou Parker left for Walla Walla Sunday to make a short visit with her son, E. Pagin.

The Rev. R. J. Green left Monday for Idaho where he will spend the week in evangelistic work.

Cove carried off a fair share of the prizes at the 18th annual live stock show in Union last week. Prizes were given in the Durham herd of twelve beautiful heifers, all reared from the eight-year-old sire, Bell's Optimus. Dandie, Mistress, Southwicks, Cinderella, Curtice, Bonnie and all the stock displayed from Cove had a goodly share of blue, red and white ribbons. Four scholarships were won by the club boys and girls which means a trip weeks trip to the O. A. C. Boys and girls club summer school in Corvallis with all expenses paid.

Carmen Daniel won the Marvin Daniel memorial scholarship donated by Dr. W. T. Fly.

Jane Daniel won the Cairo stock show scholarship, Darrel Weimer won the Union Hereford scholarship and Allen Mills won a special garden club scholarship.

Morris Conley, a student at Whitman, is home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. J. E. Mills and Mrs. Bonnie M. Fletcher will entertain the ladies' guild at the home of Mrs. Mills Thursday.

Mrs. T. B. Conklin will be hostess to the Young Matron's Bridge club Wednesday.

Mrs. Lydia M. Lacis was hostess at a small dinner Wednesday and again on Sunday. She served to a few friends.

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