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THE LORD HEARETH—The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:11.

Aviation feats pile one upon another. The first spanning of the Pacific to Hawaii has been accomplished by an American army plane. Byrd is on his way across the Atlantic for a round-trip hop. These things, as with Lindbergh's and Chamberlin's successes, bode well for American aviation. New interest in and enthusiasm for the possibilities of the air is being aroused. The impossible is no longer impossible and we have a new inspiration toward accomplishment in all lines of endeavor and in all ages of youth.

A "NO" ELECTION

The voter's standby, "when in doubt, vote No," seemed to rule the day yesterday as Oregon turned down every measure designed to bring financial relief to the state and every measure indicating a tax increase. The general tendency of opposition was not so apparent locally with the water main bonds carrying by a slight margin and the county road bonds losing by about the same ratio. For the first time in the history of income tax elections Union county opposed the history of income tax elections Union county came near to opposing the measure but finally showed approval with late returns by a majority of 118.

As had been expected, the road bond issue went over heavily in Union, Elgin and Summerville, where the plan was originally sponsored, but lost in other districts. The defeat of the road bonds, however, does not indicate a majority disapproval of an extended county road system. Indecision as to what is the best route into Medical Springs and the impression that much of the money would be spent in building a feeder highway into Walla Walla that would bring that community into direct competition with the Grande Ronde valley—these points, reasonable or otherwise, tell the story of many votes in opposition.

The five-commissioner plan lost, as had been anticipated, by a more than 2-to-1 majority, being favored in only one precinct in the city. The water main bonds carried all but two precincts. As time goes on people will appreciate the good judgment of this decision. There is no reasonable excuse why the safety of La Grande's water system should ever be in question. The new main will remove all doubt for some time to come and is a safeguard that citizens have done well to approve.

From all appearances the state income tax is rapidly becoming a dead issue in Oregon. It will still be advocated by many people who believe the plan fundamentally sound and fair, but it is doubtful if anyone will have the persistence to put another income tax measure on a ballot within the next few years. Last fall at the general election an income tax law was voted down by a heavy majority—and the grange bill was and still is considered as perfect an income tax instrument as the state has ever considered. It, if it had been approved, would have produced considerable revenue with moderately high rates. It was defeated. Yesterday an income tax measure, considered as nearly an ideal compromise bill as could be had, was beaten by a convincing margin. So it looks as if Oregon citizens were not in a receptive mood for this type of revenue measure whether it has high, medium, or low rates; and it would indicate that an income tax could not be approved here for a good many years to come.

The defeat of the new tax limitation base is the one election result that will raise greatest concern in the coming months. With it defeated Oregon is in a puzzling situation financially. No new revenue is forthcoming and the old tax base, reduced to a low point because of the old income tax receipts, prevents property taxes returning money that will be adequate for the state's affairs. We can, it is true, operate for a year or so with a large book deficit; but not indefinitely. Some legislative solution is imperative and it looks very much like Governor Patterson will have to call a special legislative session sometime within the next year. Even that prospect does not inspire hope. Much the same problem confronted representatives and senators in January of this year. The income tax was the only offer they made. With that killed, something more generally approved as a revenue getter must be found. The job is not to be envied.

WILL NOT FLY BACK

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger will not fly back to the island today.

INCOME TAX CARRIES IN THIS COUNTY

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—Returns from yesterday's state special election showed a substantial majority against the proposed state income tax. With 1234 precincts out of 1547 in the state including Multnomah county complete, tabulated at 800, the total for the income tax stood: yes 57,008; no 57,474 a majority against the tax of 23,466.

The voters decisively rejected a measure to fix the state base tax levy at \$2,500,000. The figures were: yes 14,487; no 62,540. The measure to give the state tax commission supervision over county assessments also was approved. 22,465 yes, 24,446 no.

A proposal to authorize financing a veterans memorial army at Portland lost, 13,721 yes, 62,421 no. Voters also penciled a proposal to increase legislators pay from \$3 to \$10 a day. The figures were: yes 21,331; no 61,552.

A measure that involved no salary increase, but which seemed to draw the opposition of the voters—that which would prohibit increasing salaries of public officers during their terms of office, also apparently failed of passage, the vote being yes 33,607; no 45,093.

Two measures affecting Multnomah county, one providing for increase in school taxes and one for consolidation of city and county governments were lost, the school tax vote being yes 30,752; no 44,304; and the vote on consolidation being yes 34,222; no 42,860.

Four measures apparently survived the onslaught of negative votes, those being the repeal of an obsolete provision of the state denying negroes right to vote; a law doing away with swearing in voters at the polls; a law to permit speedy pleas or guilty in criminal cases, and a measure closing Neacoma bay to commercial fishing. The figures on these measures were:

Negro suffrage: Yes 53,194, no 22,184. Registration: Yes 41,708, no 37,550. Criminal amendment: Yes 45,595, no 20,572. Neacoma closing: Yes 42,711, no 25,825.

This is how the counties voted on the income tax:

Table with columns: Precinct, Yes, No. Rows include Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

1937 Totals 1,349 37,224 47,629

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29 (AP)—Returns from 1,331 precincts out of 1547 in the state give: Negro suffrage yes 57,295; no 55,264. School tax yes 49,199; no 45,162. Criminal amendment yes 54,722; no 41,782. Legislators pay yes 22,325; no 63,244. Registration yes 47,642; no 42,123. Salary increase yes 23,222; no 57,814. Consolidation measure yes 26,829; no 47,304. Veterans memorial yes 20,759; no 65,538. Tax limitation yes 18,241; no 72,357. Income tax yes 23,437; no 45,648. Assessment (time blank) bill yes 24,273; no 60,281. Neacoma closing: yes 14,557; no 58,775.

SELLS FLOWERS, DIES RICH

NEW YORK—For years an old fellow with a long white beard sold flowers in Union Square and many customers so pined him they tipped him a nickel or a dime. He died at 97, worth \$45,000. The revelation came in litigation over the estate of John Armstrong.

IS SOBERING UP

LONDON—John Bull is sobering up. As chancellor Churchill expresses it the consumption of alcohol is decreasing at a rate which is causing anxiety to the taxpayer and joy to Lady Astor.

A New York man holds more than 1000 patents, but he'll be just as set in through his screen door as the axon.

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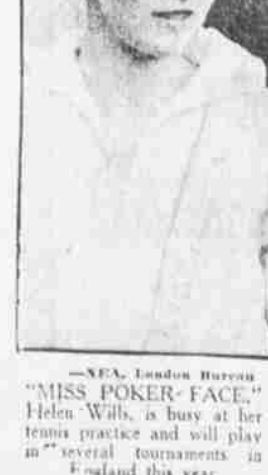
ARMY FLYERS REACH ISLAND THIS MORNING

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200 mile intervals the army flyers knew no such support and in a land plane that would have floated two to three hours. They had, however, a pneumatic life raft. In their flight of approximately 2400 miles Maitland and Hegenberger completed the longest trans-oceanic flight ever accomplished.

CONGRATULATE FLYERS

Colonel Howard, department air officer, rushed to the plane, grasped Maitland's hand and shouted, "you did it, and I congratulate you!" Major General Edward M. Lewis, commander of the Hawaiian department of the army, clasped hands with Maitland and Hegenberger, and the eyes of both aviators filled with tears as he said, "My boys, I congratulate you."



—SEA, London Bureau. "MISS POKER-FACE," Helen Wilb, a busy at her tennis practice and will play in several tournaments in England this year.

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deeds hurriedly returning to the field, went wild with joy and enthusiasm. Guns of fortresses thundered in salute as the plane stopped before the reviewing stand. Seen Only Once From the time they passed through the golden gate and began their traverse of the thousands of miles of landless Pacific the army's flyers had been definitely reported only once before they reached Hawaii. A report came that they had been seen 300 miles off the California coast, but the steamship sending the radio could not be identified.

PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR

The flyers were presented to Governor Walter B. Fannington, Rear Admiral John D. McDonald and other dignitaries, who headed them with beautiful Hawaiian flowers and leis, the native emblem of greeting.

THE EPICHAU FLIGHT STOOD LIKE A SPECTACULAR THING

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he demanded: "How about a cigarette?" Hegenberger said: "Sure we had a lot of mean weather on the trip. Indeed we had our troubles, but we feel great satisfaction in having made the dash." After a short reception at the reviewing stand, the flyers were taken to the home of Major Henry P. Miller, commander of Wheeler field to permit them to bathe and recover themselves.

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