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So far, the Hoover cabinet looks capable and efficient. Mitchell is not a political appointee as attorney general, has proved by actual service his ability in the legal affairs of government. Good, of Iowa, wins a political reward as secretary of war, but no one will question his competence and organizing ability.

The Eastern Oregon Livestock show appropriation bill has passed the legislature—will live or die at the hands of the governor. It is a measure of utmost importance to the counties of this area engaged in livestock development, and will have, we are sure, the most careful consideration of Mr. Patterson.

Colonel Lindbergh's "mishap" yesterday at Mexico City brings to every mind the necessity for curtailing that famed gentleman's exploits in the air. With someone less adept at the controls, the job of landing with only one wheel might have proved fatal. And whether the colonel likes it or not, his air accomplishments—combined with his personality—have made him a public possession. No greater individual tragedy can be imagined by the majority of the American people than the death of "Lindy" in a plane crash. Both his knowledge of flying and his ability to inspire world-wide interest in aviation developments make his life of the utmost value. And he owes cautious and infrequent flying not only to his charming bride-to-be but also to the millions of fellow citizens throughout the world.

NEW AND OLD TAX MEASURES

The house passed the income tax measure yesterday with its proponents describing it as one unit of the three-way plan of tax relief. The excise tax and tax on intangibles have already been approved by the same body and these two, at least, seem likely to get by the senate and win the approval of the governor.

If the income tax is approved by the legislature, will it get by the people when a measure to have it submitted to popular vote is initiated? Will the widely divergent opinions on the income tax subject tend to make the people of the state turn down the whole new plan of taxation and leave the state to worry along another two years with a deficit?

The legislature, in its earnest endeavor to solve our financial problems and provide a certain measure of relief for property, is influenced to pass what it may consider is ideal tax legislation, but it has given too little attention to what is practical tax legislation. The state is sadly in need of more revenue for significant purposes; it is also in need of more revenue to wipe the deficit off the books. But there is real danger in trying to effect a perfect cure in one grand gesture.

The income tax idea has been killed in Oregon on some nine different occasions. At the last election the people of the state turned it down in a convincing manner. Although a probable majority agrees with the idea in principle, it has been impossible in the past to get a majority to agree to any specific, detailed plan that has been submitted. The future, therefore, does not promise a material change in attitude.

With the excise tax and the new tax on intangibles made law, it is the belief of their supporters that much of our difficulties will disappear. No one can say with conviction that they will be successful until they have been in operation, but there is a disposition on the part of people generally to these two new measures a trial if passed by the legislature. Those who oppose such a trial have little on which to make a case if the income tax does not become a part of the scheme. With it tacked on, there will be possible a strong campaign to kill all new tax measures at the polls—and the state will get nowhere.

It has been the hope of many citizens that the legislature would go slow with its tax reform, making gradual improvement this session and sponsoring only those new tax laws about which no real controversy has developed. It is a logical policy. Both relief and reform are needed, but a little of each will be better than the loss of both through trying to effect a cure—all too hurriedly.

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ABE MARTIN



In the memory contest at Apple Grove School yesterday, it was almost dark before little Lizzie Lark, who won the prize, got through namin' all o' the tooth pastes. "My wife had just turned the radio on, and I was startin' down cellar to read what I heard what I took to be a fire alarm," testified Lizzie Means, in the Tharp-Kite shootin' case today.

Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—If the referendum is invoked on the personal income tax bill passed by the house Wednesday afternoon its fate will be decided at a special election the first Tuesday after the first Monday in next November. A special election to be held Tuesday, Feb. 28, introduced last Wednesday afternoon by Carlin, only 13 votes were cast against the income tax measure when it came up for vote at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Norton and Hazlett supported the measure on the floor. Opposition was considered useless as the votes were so well "swamped up." The only vote raised against the income tax before the vote was taken, was Goldstein of Multnomah.

Those who voted against the personal income tax bill were: Andrews, Irons, Burdick, Bynon, Carlin, Collier, Goldstein, Henderson, Kubi, Mrs. Lee, Malarsky, McCaour, McCready, Metsker, Rusbright, Settlemier, and Wells. A special election to be held June 25, 1929, when all measures enacted by the legislature with the referendum clause, may be voted on, is authorized under house bill 227 introduced late Wednesday afternoon.

Arguments for or against the measure to be voted on must be filed with the secretary of state before June 5, the bill provides. The sum of \$15,000 is appropriated to carry on the state's expense of the special election. The remainder of the cost will be born by the respective counties.

Because of a prospective debate that is expected to take up much time, the senate Wednesday removed from a crowded calendar the intangibles tax bill, one of the major revenue measures, and deferred it to this morning. Then the senate threw off its coat and so vigorously assailed the super-road district bill, another of the property tax relief commission's measures, that it was killed.

Some Oregon counties have as many as 70 road districts. This bill proposed to limit them to five. Senator Bell led off in its favor and criticized county courts for opposing it.

Three salary increase bills for state office holders, two of which had passed the house and buoyed up the hopes of the intangible beneficiaries, were given short shift and killed by indefinite postponement in the senate Wednesday afternoon. All had adverse reports from the ways and means committee. One of the measures was a house bill, introduced by Burdick, to increase the salary of the labor commissioner from \$2,000 to \$2,400, another was a house bill, introduced by McCready, to increase the salary of the state school superintendent from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and the other a senate bill by Dunne to increase the salary of the insurance commissioner from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The senate was in a mood for slaughter and killed the following by indefinite postponement by adoption of adverse reports:

SB 244, by Kiddle—To appropriate \$25,000 for an armory at La Grande.

HB 258, by Henderson—Providing a method for setting aside the homestead act.

HB 312, by Robinson—Providing that a woman notary public who marries may not have to take out a new commission, but may file a statement under oath with the secretary of state and county clerk as to change of name.

HB 167, by Goldstein and Henderson—Extending to apartment house keepers non privilege upon property of tenants.

Senator Butt made an attack on the ways and means bill consolidating a requested appropriation of \$140,000 by Oregon State college for experiment stations with appropriation bills for research work at the University of Oregon, making a lump appropriation of \$250,000. He said it set a bad precedent and that each institution should stand on its merits. The bill was among a long list of appropriation bills that passed the senate.

Senator E. F. Bailey of Lane county accomplished something on the floor of the senate Wednesday that isn't often done in the legislature. He made a lone-handed attack on an adverse report of the ways and means committee and

defeated it. As a result the Cottage Grove armory bill, calling for a \$30,000 appropriation, goes on the calendar with a chance for passage for the reason that Cottage Grove is first in the adjutant general's list of cities that merit armories. Had Bailey not arisen and made a dramatic speech when the report was read the measure would have been killed by indefinite postponement.

Senator Kiddle, whose La Grande armory bill had just been killed, was sympathetic with Bailey and gallantly backed him up on the floor.

On motion of Upton the senate made the Burdick "home rule" bill, giving the city of Portland authority to regulate telephone rates, a special order for Friday at 11 o'clock.

HB 363, by Representatives J. H. E. Scott, Norvell and J. N. Scott and Senators Kiddle and Mann—Increasing Umatilla county salaries as follows: Judge \$1,800 to \$2,400, commissioners from \$5 a day for each day on county duty to \$150 a year, treasurer \$1,500 to \$1,800, clerk \$2,000 to \$2,400, sheriff \$2,500 to \$3,000, assessor \$1,500 to \$2,400, school superintendent \$1,800 to \$2,200 and traveling expenses, was signed by the governor yesterday.

With only 16 opposing votes, the lower house Wednesday afternoon passed the free textbook bill. The bill, introduced by Anderson, Robinson and Bynon, provides for the purchase of textbooks by school boards for the use of pupils. A few minutes after the house passed the district textbook act, Speaker Ralph Hamilton took the floor and withdrew his textbook bill.

Three property tax relief commission measures were passed by the lower house without contest Wednesday afternoon.

The first, H. B. 229, will, in its workings strengthen the state budget act by providing for the revision of budgets after adoption, for the revision of affairs, books and accounts relative to receipts and expenditures and requiring a system of account to be kept as prescribed by the governor.

House bill 581, the second passed limits bond issues of any city or town to not more than 10 per cent of its assessed valuation.

House bill 638, also passed, requires cities and towns to provide sinking funds for payment of interest and principal on bond issues.

The following were among senate bills approved by the lower house Wednesday afternoon:

SB 20, providing that the state of Oregon shall take over the lease covering the national guard camp on Clatsop Plains and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 80, providing for the enumeration instruction and cost of instruction of crippled children.

SB 82, authorizing the board of state institutions to provide dormitory buildings etc.

In amended form, so that it was pretty thoroughly emasculated, the party platform bill was passed by the senate Wednesday. As amended it is purely an optional measure. It provides that a party central committee may draw up a platform between the primary and the general election and that the party candidates may endorse it if they wish.

He's 81 And A Sprinter
YATES CENTER, Kas. (AP)—"Dad" Hampton claims to be the 81-year-old sprint champion. He has challenged any man his age to beat his record of 32 seconds in the 100-yard dash.

Edison says he never has known anyone who was really happy. Is it possible he hasn't been reading the cigaret ads?

BEFORE MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY PROGRAMS
The American Broadcasting company program for Friday night follows: 6, dinner music, Carillo program; 8, Neapolitan nights; 9, artistic trio, woodwind ensemble; 10 to 12, dancing strings and popular music.

The National Broadcasting company program for Friday night follows: 6, Wrigley review, Philco program; 7, Challengers; 8, RCA hour; 10 to 12, dance music.

KLN—Oakland (880kc) 6, concert, news; 8, musical program; 10 to 11, orchestra.

KGO—Oakland (790kc) 6, NBC; 9, Skipper Brown; 11, dance music.

KEX—Portland (1180kc) 6 to 12, ABC; 12, weather news.

KPO—San Francisco (680kc) 6, NBC; 9, studio, dance orchestra; 11, NBC.

KFI—Los Angeles (640kc) 6, NBC; 9, concert; 10, NBC.

KJR—Seattle (970kc) 6 to 12, ABC program.

KOA—Denver (830kc) 6, NBC; 7:35, Solitaire cowboys; 8:05, dance music; 9, musical album, string trio; 10 to 11, NBC.

KFRC—San Francisco (610kc) 6, pep band, sports; 8, varied program; 10, Amos and Andy; 10:10 to 12:10, dance music.

KNX—Los Angeles (1050kc) 6, quartet, organ; 8, Do-Nuts; 9, Lion Tamers; 9:45, light broadcast; 10 to 10:30, dance music.

KGW—Portland (620kc) 6, NBC; 7:30, melody boys; 8, NBC; 9, studio; 10:30 to 12, Hoot Owl.

KOMO—Seattle (920kc) 6, NBC; 9, varied program; 10, news quartet; 10:30, orchestra, organ.

KHQ—Spokane (590kc) 6, NBC; 10, varied program.

KSL—Salt Lake City (1130kc) 6, NBC; 8, musical program.

**McCloskey Victor
In First Trial**

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 28 (AP)—A jury in the district criminal court here early today acquitted Augustus J. McCloskey, democratic congressman-elect from the fourteenth district, of charges of fraud at the November election. McCloskey still faces four indictments charging fraud at the election, which his attorneys announced they would ask the court to set for immediate trial.

**New Army Plane
Hops to Oakland**

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 28 (AP)—The newest fighting plane of the army, piloted by Captain Ira Eaker, landed at Oakland airport today. The plane was brought here from Seattle where it was manufactured by the Boeing company. Known as the P-12, the new plane is the one in which the army "dawn to dusk" flight from Brownsville, Tex., to the Panama Canal will be attempted March 10.

**Several Arrests
On Morals Charge**

PORTLAND, Feb. 28 (AP)—Arrest of Jack Wilson, 25, on a morals charge involving a minor act, today brought the number of such

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cases in Portland this week to three.

Dr. Charles Rogers, Portland physician, was arrested late yesterday, and Ralph Hammond was returned from Eureka on a warrant alleging a similar offense. Hammond pleaded not guilty. Dr. Rogers is in jail under \$5,000 bond.

Wilson waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury with bail set at \$1,000.

COLLECTING DATA
KAMPALA, British East Africa, Feb. 28 (AP)—Mrs. Oscar S. Straus, widow of the former American ambassador to Turkey, is spending six days here collecting data on native and animal life, and securing motion and still pictures for the American museum of natural history at New York.

AMENDMENT BEATEN
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Opponents of the Jones bill lost in the initial voting skirmish in the house today through the defeat of an amendment to discriminate between the penalties for first offenders and habitual violators of the prohibition law. The vote was 149 to 128.



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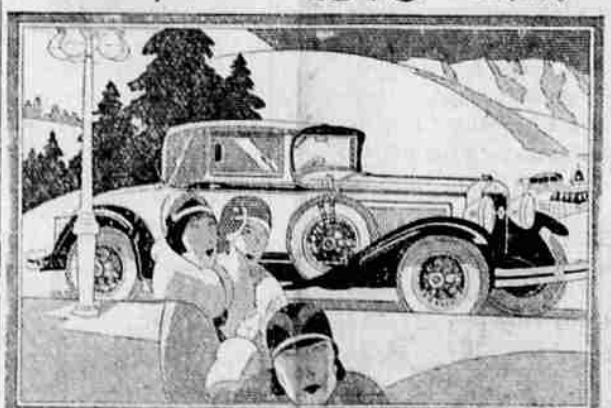
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