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than the Patrick of fiction. We all could derive benefit from the study of his writings, which are the oldest documents of Christianity in Ireland. They have a ring of unmistakable sincerity, and show St. Patrick to have been a man of unusual reverence and spiritual insight. The Irish do well to honor him.

A good musician is one who can hear the new songs and recognize the old scores from which they were stolen.

Other Papers Say:

COMPETITION IN TAXATION A vigorous protest by the American Petroleum Institute against the proposed plan to levy a Federal tax on gasoline focuses attention once more not only on a much abused source of taxation, but also upon the more important issue of competition in taxation between the Federal and state governments. In some states the gasoline tax has come to be regarded not as a legitimate revenue producer within reasonable bounds, but rather as a cheap and convenient method of solving the commonwealth's financial problems. This explains why some of the states assess a tax of not more than two cents per gallon while some other states levy two and three times this amount. A reasonable tax is both morally defensible and economically justifiable. It rests upon a broad base, affecting as it does a very large percentage of the population. It entails no burden disproportionate to the ability to pay. But once it becomes exorbitant it loses both its moral basis and its economic merit. We see the proof in the fact that it has given birth to a new form of racketeering in those states where the tax is so high as to encourage—and even invite—evasion of payment. Bootlegging of gasoline is taking its place with bootlegging of liquor because the tax is so high. Yet gasoline taxes, which contribute a substantial share to the price paid by the ultimate consumer, are showing a tendency to increase. The effect naturally is to nullify the economies introduced by producing and refining companies in their intensive effort not only to meet the needs of an era of depression but also to enlarge their market. We have a situation today, for instance, wherein the tax on gasoline levied by some states exceeds the wholesale price of the commodity. Indeed the Petroleum Institute contends that the average tax on gasoline for the entire United States now equals the wholesale price.

It would seem, in the circumstances, that this concrete case of gasoline offers an exceptional opportunity to the Federal and state taxing authorities to come to grips with their mutual problem of competition in taxation. Overlapping taxes are the rule in a tax structure that seems to be equitable and fair in its treatment of taxpayers. We have seen the unquestionably harmful effects of inheritance levies by both Federal and state authorities. The income tax has come to be regarded by more than half the states as a field open to competition with the Federal Government. The tobacco taxes — for decades acknowledged to be the special province of the Federal Government — are no longer held by some states to be an exclusive Federal privilege. And now we have the Federal Government proposing to widen the competition through a gasoline tax. The time has arrived for the Federal and state governments to divide properly the various source of taxation and to confine themselves to their own sources once they are allotted. — Keokuk (Ia.) Gate City.

CHEERFUL SIGNS If one reads the newspapers closely and keeps his ear in touch with business leaders, he cannot help being impressed by the fact that the upward trend in business has arrived. Activity is slow, of course, as must be expected after so long a period of inactivity. But the patient, though weak, is still alive. He is breathing. If we listen closely, we discover that the breathing is growing more regular and gaining in strength every day. The end of the depression has come. The bottom has been reached. For several weeks now, there has been no mention of bank failure. Sporadic cases of manufacturing plants opening their doors to their workers are being reported. Trade is reviving. The movement is going to become more marked in a short time. As credit loosens up there are going to be more buyers. And stocks of merchandise of all kinds are so low that factories must be enlisted soon to supply new goods. We have stuck through the hard times and are about to taste the sweetness of the reward that comes to all who hold fast. — Albany Democrat-Herald.

SAINT PATRICK This is St. Patrick's Day. Everywhere on earth the scattered members of the Irish race are wearing the green to honor the patron saint of their native land. Fourteen hundred years ago the preaching and teaching of St. Patrick changed Ireland from a pagan land to a Christian nation. Unfortunately, our modern age seems to know more about the legends and folklore of St. Patrick than the actual life and work of that great character. According to tradition, the king of the serpents had collected all his progeny in the Irish isle, and St. Patrick determined to try his powers against them. He succeeded well enough on the lesser snakes but the one big serpent resisted all his efforts until the good man resorted to trickery. He made a box and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected, saying it was too small, but St. Patrick insisted it was quite large enough to be comfortable. After a long contention the serpent got in to prove its case, whereupon St. Patrick slammed down the lid and threw the box into the sea. Legend says the waves of the sea are caused by the writhing of the serpent, and the noise of the sea is the serpent imploring release. This is a wonderful tale, indeed, but truth is stranger than fiction, and the Patrick of history is more interesting

never have happened. But since the Republicans were in the saddle on the executive branch and the Democrats occupying the same position on the legislative side, there was nothing else to do but get together. Democrats in the house simply had to bring in a tax bill. The Republicans, with a president in the White House, had to come to the rescue of the treasury. So the bill is out with neither seeming particularly anxious to take credit for it or assume responsibility.

STORMS AHEAD But no one doubts that there's trouble ahead. The senate will get a whack at it before it becomes law and a battle royal may occur there. Some of the most outspoken opponents of the plan to wipe out the deficit by taxation are senate Democrats. They have been loud in their contention that the government can well afford to borrow money and spare the taxpayer. The so-called progressive group, in the senate will also be heard from when the bill gets there. There are several items that they object to. Reduction of personal exemptions from the income tax is one. The sales tax on manufacturers and some of the excise taxes, too, will draw fire from that group. Senators like Norris, of Nebraska, and Follmer, of Wisconsin, believe that tampering with the income tax should be restricted to the higher brackets, letting the burden fall on the wealthy.

IT'S A WISE FATHER Acting Chairman Charles Crisp of Georgia and his ways and means committee, fathers of the bill, might not recognize their 297-page child by the time it completes its journey around the hill. But then Crisp has said publicly that all his bridges have been burned behind him and that no matter what the personal political consequences may be to him, he is determined to balance the budget. His bill is calculated to do that very thing. And who can tell? In the end, the house ways and means committee and the Democrats who control it may get a lot of credit and benefit by taking the bull by the horns as they have.

ORDER RAIDS ON HITLER FORCES (Continued from Page One) longer would tolerate the mobilization of an army like Hitler's storm troops. To Extend Raids The raids throughout Prussia were under the direction of Karl Severing, minister of interior. A report was current that they would be extended also to other parts of the Reich. The Reichstag, Prussia from Koelnberg to Cologne police seized all the correspondence they found in the Nazi headquarters, packed it up and took it under heavy guard to police headquarters for examination. There were raids in Cologne, Berlin, Hamburg, Koelnberg, Aachen, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt-on-Main, and many smaller places. Nazi headquarters protested vigorously to Weimar Groener, federal minister of the interior, and to Albert Gressinaki, Berlin chief of police. Headquarters spokesmen said the wholesale seizure of documents, including membership cards and daily correspondence files, was entirely unwarranted.

VOTE AGAINST BOND ISSUES FOR RELIEF (Continued from Page One) commission and view the situation as a resident of Portland. Scott said he could not do that as his first duty is to protect the credit of the highway commission. To vote more bonds, he declared, would be to impair that credit. The commission announced it favored the practice of using six-hour shifts in contracts wherever practicable. The emergency delegations asked the commission if it had asked the attorney general for an opinion on the legality of the issuance of bonds. The commission said no such opinion had been received. Dan J. Maloney, of Portland, said that was a poor lawyer making a horseback opinion, he was satisfied the issuance of such bonds was legal. He as well as other members of the committee warned the commission not to worry about the legality of the act, and that if anyone wanted to go to court and enjoin the commission, the responsibility would not then be the commission's. "We'd like to see the color of that fellow's hair," said Aaron M. Frank, one of the committee members, "if he ever tried to stop the program." Reorganization matters as a result of the economic program recently launched by the new highway commission will be considered later. Some changes in departments at Salem, merging several under one head were in the offing, while the matter of changing the headquarters of division No. 3 from Grants Pass to Roseburg was also listed. Contracts Awarded Contracts totaling \$396,332 for highway and bridge projects were awarded by the commission late yesterday. Items from Portland, Eugene, Marshfield and Seattle, according to the awards. Several of the larger projects were referred to the state engineer for study, but will be formally awarded to low bidders within the next week or two. The million dollar bond issue, advertised for bids, fell short of the required amount by \$172,000, but the \$328,000 bonds bid were sold at par by the commission. The re-

mainder will be advertised for sale at the next meeting. The money is to be used to carry on the highway work as budgeted, the bond issue terminating Oct. 1, 1932. Lack of new requests by the score of delegations was noticeable. The same delegations as have appeared before former groups again presenting the same requests and program proposals, with few changes to the present commission which has been in office less than a month. Lindstrom and Feigenson of Portland will be awarded the largest contract, that of construction of the three-span steel arch bridge over the Clackamas river on the East Portland-Oregon City highway. Their bid was for \$164,475. The award was referred to the state engineer with power to act. The commission suggested the bid be delayed several weeks in the hope of securing funds through the proposed federal aid emergency measure now before congress. This was also done with several other contracts, awards to be made to the lowest bidders later. Two contracts, for which bids were opened at the Mar. 3 highway meeting were announced as going to the lowest bidder. These included the Paradise Creek-Elkton section of the Unquaga river highway, 8 miles of grading, which went to Earl L. McNutt of Eugene for \$62,006; and the Doyle Hill-Nimrod section of the McKenzie river highway, 14 miles of surfacing, to go to J. W. and J. R. Billstrom of Marshfield for \$73,170. The latter bid was referred to the highway engineer and the bureau of public roads with power to act. Gilbert and Goodwin of Portland were the successful bidders in the Vesper section of the Nehalem highway in Clatsop county, for 2.5 miles of grading and surfacing. They were awarded the contract on their alternate bid on concrete culverts for \$33,098. Knute Lien of Portland was awarded the 30 miles of light surfacing of the Valley Falls-Oregonian Ranch section of the Lakeview-Burns highway in Lake and Harney counties for \$16,850.

BULLDOGS DROP SECOND STRAIGHT GAME AT SALEM (Continued from Page One) basketball teams from Oregon City, Burns and Baker may either return home or watch the remainder of the state tournament here from the bench as the result of tournament contest during the morning. On the other hand Silverton high school players as well as those from Athena and University High of Eugene still have an opportunity to place fifth and eighth in the state finals. Marshfield and Klamath Falls, the other two losers from yesterday's contests start the afternoon's program and will be followed by the series between winners for championship honors. Either Marshfield or Klamath Falls will be out of the tournament later today. All other teams will play again tomorrow. The scores of the morning's games: University High 22, Baker 18. Athena 33, Burns 15. Silverton 27, Oregon City 25. The Silverton-Oregon City contest provided the closest game of the tournament to date, with the two teams tied consistently during the entire second half. Oregon City trailed but two points at the half, and from then on equaled Silverton's score, field goal for field goal until the final two minutes when two free throws gave the game to the Marion county aggregation. A long shot by Oregon City failed as the gun was fired. University High had difficulty in overcoming Baker as the heavier Eugene players found their equal in the light but fast Baker squad. However Baker could not overcome the four-point lead maintained and increased early in the fourth quarter after a tie score in the third and a lead at the half. Athena had little difficulty in sending Burns back home, taking the lead from the first and holding it throughout, although the Central Oregon quintet came within one point of tying it at the half.

CHINESE ARE MARCHING ON MUKDEN CITY (Continued From Page One) ed to Changchun. INSURGENTS ANNIHILATED HARBIN, Manchuria, Mar. 17 (AP)—Two hundred Chinese insurgents who attacked the Japanese garrison at Ninguta have been "annihilated," the Japanese commander reported today. NO FURTHER PROGRESS GENEVA, Mar. 17 (AP)—Dr. W. W. Yen, representing China on the League of Nations council, told the assembly's committee on the Far East that there had been no further progress in negotiations for an armistice at Shanghai. Naotake Sato, however, reported as the Japanese spokesman, that the negotiations were proceeding hopefully. Dr. Yen disclosed that a tentative agreement had been reached at Shanghai yesterday providing the Chinese troops would remain where they are and the Japanese would withdraw to the position they occupied at the end of January. One of the Japanese conditions, said Dr. Yen, is unacceptable. It is that the Chinese government undertake to end the boycott against Japanese goods. This amounts to a political condition, he contended, and therefore is contrary to the purpose of the league assembly. Moreover, he said, China cannot accept the demand that a commission composed of Chinese, Japanese and neutrals supervise the establishment of an evacuated zone between the two armies. He described the situation at Shanghai as still "uncertain and dangerous."

HARRY GIBSON PASSES AWAY (Continued From Page One) dieton. On June 25, 1898 he married Eleanor Nicely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nicely, deceased. To this union were born two daughters. Following their marriage they moved to Wallowa county near Joseph where Mr. Gibson, engaged in farming for several years. In 1915 he moved to Baker county living on a farm nine miles northwest of Baker for eight years. He later moved to La Grande where he resided until taken to Hot Lake a short time ago. While in La Grande he followed the carpenter and contracting trade. Mr. Gibson was a member of the W. O. W. lodge for 39 years, being affiliated with the Baker camp. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Frieda Johnson, of Pendleton, and Mrs. Lenore Anderson, of La Grande; and one sister, Mrs. Mammie Cooley, of Burns, and two grandchildren, Lois and Maurice Waltz, besides numerous other relatives and a host of friends in Baker, Wallowa, Umatilla and Union counties.

STEVENSON, DAVIS SEEK NOMINATION (Continued from Page One) tion. Neither has as yet made further statements to the Observer, and there have been no late reports of any others in the Republican party in the county aspiring to this position. The office of County Commissioner W. R. Ledbetter, of Alsea, does not expire until 1934 so that only one commission post is open. A. H. Perryman, La Grande Republican and a former school teacher, filed his declaration yesterday for county judge and is now circulating his nominating petitions. Mr. Perryman would oppose County Judge U. O. Couch in the primary election. Judge Couch, although he has not filed as yet, is expected to do so in the near future. Tennessee has 25 master farm homesteaders. There are no law enforcement officers in Chico, Tex., a town of 1000 population.

"Latin-America" Latin-America includes all countries of South America except the Guianas, all countries of Central America, Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo and Porto Rico. Latin-Americans are people mostly descended from a union of the so-called Latin races of the Old world with the native races of the New world. Caravans of a thousand camels, carrying loads of from 400 to 1,000 pounds per animal travel at a regular speed of about two and one-half miles an hour, for ten hours at a stretch in ankle-deep sand between water holes. Thought is Essential Reading only furnishes the mind with the material of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.—Exchange.

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Classified A New York editor and educator says there are three kinds of people who don't tell the truth; those who don't know it; those who know it but don't want to tell it, and those who don't know how. In this last class is many a dub bridge player who gams up a partner by a private and unconventional system of bidding.—Arkansas Gazette. Mocking Bird No Traveler The biological survey says that the mocking bird is practically non-migratory. Neither the males nor the females go south, but they are usually solitary in the winter. Beneficial Health Rays The ultra-violet rays and the infra-red rays are supposed to be the most beneficial to health.

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Notice of Meeting ALL who signed waivers on checking and savings accounts in the United States National Bank of La Grande, Ore. are requested to attend a meeting to be held at the Sacajawea Hotel, Monday evening March 21 at 8 o'clock THE object of the meeting will be to organize and select a general executive committee to look after our interests in these waivers.