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Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.—Eph. 4:30. Several days ago we discussed the significance of the proposed personal income tax law amendment bill which appears on the ballot for the decision of the voters next month, and recommended its passage because it places the tax burden upon those who have actual incomes and benefits the owner of property which is not at present producing any income. As explained before, the new income tax schedule would broaden the base of taxation by reducing the exemptions, and would increase the rates on the incomes above \$5,000. Some people are opposing the bill, believing that the reduction of exemptions would cause too severe taxation of smaller incomes, and that the higher rates on larger incomes would amount to confiscation and would therefore discourage the investment of capital in this state. A few actual cases will serve to illustrate just how the new schedule would affect various incomes. Under the present schedule the first \$1500 of a single person's income is exempt from tax. Beyond that he pays a tax of 1 per cent on the first thousand, 2 per cent on the second thousand, 3 per cent on the third thousand, 4 per cent on the fourth thousand, and 5 per cent on all above that. So a single person with a net income of \$2,000 pays a tax of 1 per cent on the last \$500, which is only \$5. Under the proposed new schedule there is no \$1500 exemption, so the same man would pay 1 per cent on the first thousand and 2 per cent on the second thousand, which would amount to \$30. However, he is allowed a personal tax exemption (not income exemption) of \$10, which subtracted from the amount above, leaves \$20 to pay the state. So the single man with a net income of \$2,000 would really be paying a straight tax of 1 per cent, instead of the present one-quarter of 1 per cent. This, however, could not be considered burdensome. Now take the case of a single man with a net income of \$10,000. Under the present schedule he would be exempt from tax on the first \$1,500, leaving \$8,500 on which he would pay \$10 for the first thousand, \$20 for the second thousand, \$30 for the third thousand, \$40 for the fourth thousand, and \$225 (5 per cent) on the remaining \$4,500. This makes his total tax \$325. Under the proposed new schedule the same man would have no exemption on the first \$1,500, but would pay \$10 on the first thousand, \$20 on the second thousand, \$30 on the third thousand, and so on up to \$80 on the eighth thousand and each thousand above that. This would amount to a total tax of \$520. Subtracting his \$10 personal tax exemption leaves him a net tax of \$510 to pay the state. So the single man with a net income of \$10,000 would really be paying a straight tax of 5.1 per cent, instead of the present 3.25 per cent. In the case of a married man with one child and a net income of \$2,000, under the present schedule there would be no tax for the law allows a personal exemption of \$2,500 for a married man, and \$400 for each child. He therefore pays no tax until his income reaches the vicinity of \$3,000. Under the proposed new schedule, however, this man would pay \$10 on the first thousand and \$20 on the second thousand, making a total tax of \$30. However, the new law would allow a tax exemption of \$20 for a married man, and \$4 for each child. Therefore he would deduct \$24 and pay a net tax of \$6 on his \$2,000 income. This is certainly not an exorbitant tax. If his income were \$1,700 or less, he would pay no tax at all.

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bank will be able to pay all old obligations if given time to realize on these securities, hence a careful and safe conduct of the new bank since its inauguration, and we understand this has been done, would place no obligation on it that could not be met. Hence it is just the extraneous run on the bank, or the withdrawal of the cash on the old obligations that had not as yet been collected to pay the same that was in a large measure responsible for the decision of the board of directors to cease business and protect those who were loyal and awaiting payment through time for the collection of these assets. Banks are successfully conducted and operated through the moral and financial support of the community. Both are necessary for success. That the First National lacked the support of the entire community morally is well known. There were too many influences working for its downfall for it to overcome, especially under present conditions. Opposition of dairy interests for certain reasons; racial opposition; propaganda by men who had no financial interest in the bank (and little in the community); the spirit of hearing down rather than building up that seems to be an outgrowth of the present depression, all combined to cause the condition that influenced the bank officials to close its doors. We understand that with proper operation the First National is in ex-

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cellent condition to resume operation. Should this be the case it seems the easiest way to solve the problem would be for the depositors to work with the officers of the bank to this end. Could they be guaranteed that there would not be a continued run on the bank should it open its doors, and an agreement to put into effect that withdrawal, if necessary, would be made in installments so as to enable them to realize on deposits and are not working to at least draw this agreed amount toward living expenses and release that amount of cash for community business. A drastic curtailment of loans would keep the general checking accounts always adequate. This reduction in the revenues of the bank could be met by a tax on checks until conditions became normal. Should the bank remain closed or be placed in the hands of a receiver the depositors and others will no doubt sustain a heavier loss through salaries paid, additional expense of collection and remittance than would be entailed through a tax of this nature. To successfully reopen the First National it is obvious that a change in officials will be necessary to get the entire community behind it. To effect this change every depositor should be consulted through all the names on the ballot, then if they were chosen there would be no excuse for non-support. We do not believe the present board of directors could be improved upon, but the idea of allowing the depositors each year to name a president and vice president would carry with it the moral obligation of supporting their selection. Respectfully, C. N. PALMER.

Other Papers Say:

Upon the shoulders of the secretary of state of Oregon rests a decided responsibility to the people of this state. The opportunities afforded this officer to aid in the economical administration of state affairs are many and varied. Through his hands pass a tremendous amount of revenue and in his hands rests the opportunity to check the activities of innumerable boards and commissions that handle state funds. Hal E. Hoss, the present secretary of state has repeatedly shown in his one term of office that he is well able to represent the people in this important task. He is a candidate for reelection and, we believe, will be re-elected to retain the office. We believe his retention is of vital importance to the state and cite as one of the major reasons for this opinion his policy of careful auditing of all state operations. Nearly a million dollars has been recovered for the state through audits conducted by Hoss, since September, 1929, when the law authorizing his office to audit all state departments, institutions, boards and commissions became operative. The major portion of this sum has been turned into the state treasury as a result of the audits and the remainder is in the process of collection. The additional money has been accumulated for the state from funds found to be in the possession of the various departments, institutions, boards and commissions, from defalcations or shortages uncovered, and from motor fuels tax dealers and motor transport companies to complete their payments due the state. Of the total sum of \$924,227.00, approximately \$800,000 has been deposited with the state treasurer as a result of the audits of the various units of the state government, where funds had been held in the department or board or institution and not placed in the state funds as provided by law. Defalcations uncovered as a direct result of the department of state's audits totaled \$4,243.33 and this amount has been placed in the state coffers. In collections from motor vehicle fuel tax dealers both underpayments and overpayments were discovered in the audit of the gasoline companies' books. The additional amount resulting to the state from this phase of auditing activity is \$30,193.91. Investigations of the accounts of motor transportation companies have brought in additional mileage fees of \$22,922.78 and additional license fees of \$11,111.25, or a total gain to the state of \$34,034.03. Credits discovered amounted to \$250.57.

F. R. STUDIES AID PROBLEM IN NEW YORK

legislature and members of the unemployment relief commission to discuss the advisability of a special session of the legislature to effect changes in the laws governing state aid. November 8, New York voters will pass upon a proposed \$30,000,000 bond issue to finance relief work for the next year. Mr. Roosevelt at the end of his 3000-mile campaign trip expressed his confidence that he will be elected president. He said: "I am not only convinced, but this last trip confirms a definite opinion reached after the trip to the west, that the tide set in many weeks ago for a Democratic ticket. That continues to flow and will until the polls are counted." Addressing workers at the national Democratic headquarters, he declared "Jim Farley is right. We are not only after 30 or 40 states but all of the 48." Mr. Roosevelt will remain in Albany until Saturday when he will motor to Groton, Mass., to visit his young sons, John and Frank, in school there. Many of the party leaders of New England also are expected to call upon him at Groton. Next Monday he will speak in Boston. Returns Quietly Mr. Roosevelt's return to Albany last night, unlike his returns from school there, was unpublicized. He arrived in Albany on Saturday night, and he was met by the new papermen who have followed him on all his half dozen trips, advising them "to go to bed and get some rest, as I am going to do." He had stopped at Hyde Park on his way up from New York to dine with his mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt, at the old family home. During his stay in New York yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt was visited by Col. E. M. House, the quiet little Texan who was adviser to the late President Wilson, and Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City, who was Alfred E. Smith's campaign manager at the Chicago convention this year. Colonel House now lives at Beverly Farms, Mass. Hague told Mr. Roosevelt he was confident New Jersey will go Democratic.

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tic seaboard states, starting just 36 hours after his return from Indianapolis, where he speaks tomorrow night, the chief executive denied himself to visitors during the morning. White House aides said he will begin his address in Indianapolis at 7:30 p. m. (C. S. T.) Friday night, about an hour earlier than the start of Governor Hiram B. Hooper's address. The Governor's address will be speaking in the Hooper capital the same night in behalf of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Both addresses will be broadcast and rival parades are planned. Despite the chief executive's efforts, one of his secretaries reported there was no likelihood that the Indianapolis address would be finished until tomorrow between rear platform appearances en route. Shortly before lunch the president took time to present an American flag to the captain of the U. S. S. Constitution as a Navy day event. He planned to devote the afternoon to campaign work.

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(Continued from Page One) to just how certain they were of starting future games. Bradford, the fiery Oklahoman, got his first big break and capitalized on it by planting his cleat consistently in enemy territory while running with the pigskin. The little halfback, who has been threatening to break into a first-string berth all season, hit his stride and now is waging a fierce fight for the chance to open against Coach Quinn's Eastern Oregon outfit. Hobson tried McLean, the ex-Benson Tech Indian, in a new role when he moved him from interfering wing-back to ball carrier. McLean came through with a nice running exhibition and made a bid for a steady playing assignment by throwing an even dozen passes of which eight were completed. Two others were right into the hands of receivers when they were fumbled. The newly found strength in the backfield is likely to cause a shake-up in the line, also, before the squad leaves for La Grande. Bud Jones, former Grant High ace, who has been regular fullback, will try his hand at a wing position. Hobson is of the opinion that the increased efficiency among the backs will permit Jones' addition to the end force, where his 100 pounds and height of over six feet will bolster up that branch. He has been a standout all season as a pass receiver. MOUNTAINEERS AT WORK The Mountaineers, in the midst of a strenuous week of practice in preparation for the game—called for 2 p. m. Saturday—remain doggedly determined to turn back the Ashland threat, although the visitors will enter the game favored to win. With the best team developed here since 1929, Coach Bob Quinn was hopeful that his squad would be able to hold the strong Ashland attack. If this is possible, local dopsters feel that the E. O. N. squad will have a chance to upset the dope bucket.

GERMANY DEIGHTED

BERLIN, Oct. 27 (AP)—President Hoover's assertion last night that the United States government would build up her fleet to full strength if the present disarmament negotiations should fail has found warm approval in official circles here. "The president's strong words cannot be fully read those nations which are disinclined to renounce their promise given when the Versailles treaty was signed," said a spokesman for the foreign office. "Mr. Hoover's action is in direct line with Germany's present policy of aloofness from the Geneva conference. Our attitude is that the arms are disinterested doesn't mean quite the contrary. But it too is a tactical measure for reminding other nations of their duty. "We hope that the president's statement will result in a better understanding of our position."

MISSIONARY IS MURDERED BY CHINESE

(Continued from Page One) captives, Mr. Nelson was taken to the communist army headquarters at Hwangan, Hupeh, where he remained for about a year. In April, 1931, the communists released their original ransom demand of \$85,000 to \$250,000 each for Mr. Nelson and Mr. Treidt. The Norwegian Lutheran church in America paid the \$5000, but only Mr. Treidt was released, the kidnappers declaring a supply of gasoline they had asked for had not arrived. When gasoline later was sent, but letters from Mr. Nelson said the communists were holding him to ransom then English. Negotiations proceeded, but were not successful, despite repeated protests to Chinese authorities. Mr. Nelson's father, Daniel, was slain by a stray Chinese bullet in 1925 after serving as a missionary 36 years. "RUMORS" RECEIVED MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 27 (AP)—The Norwegian Lutheran church of America foreign mission office announced today it had received a cablegram from Peiping stating "rumors" had been heard the Rev. Bert Nelson, a missionary, had been killed by Chinese bandits. The cablegram said, however, there was no definite information on this effect. The proportion of working women in the United States who are married is said to have taken "a great leap." Preceded, no doubt, by a great leap for the working women.

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(Continued from Page One) to just how certain they were of starting future games. Bradford, the fiery Oklahoman, got his first big break and capitalized on it by planting his cleat consistently in enemy territory while running with the pigskin. The little halfback, who has been threatening to break into a first-string berth all season, hit his stride and now is waging a fierce fight for the chance to open against Coach Quinn's Eastern Oregon outfit. Hobson tried McLean, the ex-Benson Tech Indian, in a new role when he moved him from interfering wing-back to ball carrier. McLean came through with a nice running exhibition and made a bid for a steady playing assignment by throwing an even dozen passes of which eight were completed. Two others were right into the hands of receivers when they were fumbled. The newly found strength in the backfield is likely to cause a shake-up in the line, also, before the squad leaves for La Grande. Bud Jones, former Grant High ace, who has been regular fullback, will try his hand at a wing position. Hobson is of the opinion that the increased efficiency among the backs will permit Jones' addition to the end force, where his 100 pounds and height of over six feet will bolster up that branch. He has been a standout all season as a pass receiver. MOUNTAINEERS AT WORK The Mountaineers, in the midst of a strenuous week of practice in preparation for the game—called for 2 p. m. Saturday—remain doggedly determined to turn back the Ashland threat, although the visitors will enter the game favored to win. With the best team developed here since 1929, Coach Bob Quinn was hopeful that his squad would be able to hold the strong Ashland attack. If this is possible, local dopsters feel that the E. O. N. squad will have a chance to upset the dope bucket.

GERMANY DEIGHTED

BERLIN, Oct. 27 (AP)—President Hoover's assertion last night that the United States government would build up her fleet to full strength if the present disarmament negotiations should fail has found warm approval in official circles here. "The president's strong words cannot be fully read those nations which are disinclined to renounce their promise given when the Versailles treaty was signed," said a spokesman for the foreign office. "Mr. Hoover's action is in direct line with Germany's present policy of aloofness from the Geneva conference. Our attitude is that the arms are disinterested doesn't mean quite the contrary. But it too is a tactical measure for reminding other nations of their duty. "We hope that the president's statement will result in a better understanding of our position."

MISSIONARY IS MURDERED BY CHINESE

(Continued from Page One) captives, Mr. Nelson was taken to the communist army headquarters at Hwangan, Hupeh, where he remained for about a year. In April, 1931, the communists released their original ransom demand of \$85,000 to \$250,000 each for Mr. Nelson and Mr. Treidt. The Norwegian Lutheran church in America paid the \$5000, but only Mr. Treidt was released, the kidnappers declaring a supply of gasoline they had asked for had not arrived. When gasoline later was sent, but letters from Mr. Nelson said the communists were holding him to ransom then English. Negotiations proceeded, but were not successful, despite repeated protests to Chinese authorities. Mr. Nelson's father, Daniel, was slain by a stray Chinese bullet in 1925 after serving as a missionary 36 years. "RUMORS" RECEIVED MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 27 (AP)—The Norwegian Lutheran church of America foreign mission office announced today it had received a cablegram from Peiping stating "rumors" had been heard the Rev. Bert Nelson, a missionary, had been killed by Chinese bandits. The cablegram said, however, there was no definite information on this effect. The proportion of working women in the United States who are married is said to have taken "a great leap." Preceded, no doubt, by a great leap for the working women.

Butterfat Firm; Market For Eggs Shows Strength

PORTLAND, Oct. 27 (AP)—Continued decrease in the churning throughout the territory appears the chief factor in the local butter market. There was no change in general values for the day. This applies to both the cube market on the produce exchange and to the open market for cubes and prints. Receipts from out-state points during the last few days have shown a decrease, therefore total supplies available here have been somewhat curtailed. Even at that churners have been unable to force life into the 92 and better scores. Butterfat values continue firm at late quotations. Market for eggs continue to reflect more than passing strength which keeps values practically on a uniform basis. No late changes in selling prices are suggested here. There continues an increasing interest in dressed turkeys both for shipment and for local needs. Prices in general are practically without change for the last few days. Steadiness of the demand for live hens is keeping values here unchanged. The call includes all weights. Springer stuff is still showing more or less neglect here although favorable in dressings, turkeys both for

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