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February 4, 1927 Know ye now that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 1 Cor. 3:16-17.

A NEW ADVENTURE

With the titling of state boards and commissions and the enactment of an income tax— Proposed to meet an emergency now— But which it is proposed to keep in order to help readjust the tax burdens, taking some of the load from the shoulders of the owners of real property—

SENATE BILL 119

There is now being considered for passage in the Oregon legislature Senate bill 119, introduced by Senators Moser, Banks, Dunne and Staples and Representatives Lonergan, Bailey, Bronaugh, Meindl, Kuehn, Olson and McCourt, of the Multnomah county delegation—

A bill to place under civil service rules the appointed employees of counties with a population of 150,000 or more, which would for the present affect only Multnomah county, but would before many years include Marion county, and other Oregon counties.

It is proposed that the act shall take effect on the first day of July next.

There are two sides to the question of the civil service. In theory, it is all to the good. It is designed to give efficiency in the public service, by requiring examinations as to qualifications, and by assuring appointees tenure of office during good behavior and proper performance of their duties; relieving them of the danger of dismissal at the whim of appointing officials, or through political changes.

The other side of the shield is the danger of building up a sort of autocracy of job holders, under a sense of security of tenure; giving the narrow man or woman a kind of aloofness; as much as to say "the public be damned."

However, this danger does not exist as to the vast majority of the efficient men and women in this country under the protection of the civil service rules—

And the advantages of the system far outweigh the drawbacks, in improving the work performed, the consideration of the rights and feelings of the public served, and in the well being and general morale of the public servants.

MORE FOR GAS, LESS FOR LICENSES

There has been introduced in the house of the Oregon legislature a bill providing for a one cent a gallon increase in the state gasoline tax, and a proportionate reduction in license fees on automobiles, as computed from the additional funds realized from this one cent gas tax, without affecting the state's road bonding obligations or embarrassing the state highway commission's road building program—

And the plan would work out in that respect. This could be counted upon, in Oregon, which is a growing state, for the measure of the automobile license reduction would depend on the gas sales of the previous year. The reduction would not apply to motor trucks, buses, motorcycles, or electrically propelled vehicles.

There is a growing dissatisfaction concerning the license fees charged for automobiles in Oregon, and the passage of this bill would cure some of it—

Though the writer believes more general satisfaction would be assured by allowing leeway to rest in the hands of the man to administer our automotive laws—

Leeway that would permit some elasticity; that would have some resilient features, that might be adjusted upon occasion, not waiting for the lapse of time required between sessions of the legislature.

The time is coming, after the passing of the "peak load" in principal payments on retiring serial bonds and making bond interest payments—which is now passing—when frequent adjustments may well be made, without endangering the ability of the state to match federal funds—

Without interfering at all with the paved road building program in Oregon, or the keeping up of the repairs.

In fact, just a little way in the future there will be no more bonds left. They will all be retired.

The way is cleared for the income tax and titling bills. There is a rumor that the income tax bill will provide for 1 per cent on incomes of \$1000 up to \$2000; 2 per cent on those of \$2000 up to \$5000, and 3 per cent on incomes of \$5000 and over. Also, that a single person shall have an exemption of \$1000; a married person \$2000; and dependents \$400. It is said this would yield \$2,000,000 a year in Oregon now. More, of course, with the growth of the state.

Do not allow the fish bill to be overlooked. Amend and pass it, and give the fishing industry of Oregon a chance to grow to \$50,000,000 a year and more, against the present \$10,000,000 annually, throttled as it is by the fixed gear in the Columbia river, owned and operated by about 50 people. It is 50 people against a million. It is a small and crippled industry against a great and free industry.

SENATE BILLS

New bills introduced in the senate yesterday follow:

SB 179, by Elliott—Relating to suppression of diseases of bees.

SB 180, by Elliott—Relating to county bee inspector and disposition of fees.

SB 181, by Moser et al—Relating to legislative workmen's compensation act.

SB 182, by Moser et al—Relating to legislative workmen's compensation act.

SB 183, by Moser et al—Relating to workmen's compensation act.

SB 184, by Hall—To provide for the prosecution of criminal offenses.

SB 185, by Dunne—Relating to proceedings in district courts and providing for court reporter.

SB 186, by Joseph—Defining dependent under workmen's compensation act.

SB 187, by Judiciary Committee—Relating to medical certificates of applicants for marriage licenses.

SB 188, by Upton—Fixing license fees on motor vehicles.

SENATE BILLS PASSED

Bills passed in the senate yesterday follow:

SB 114, by Dunne—Making it misdemeanor to defraud owner of tourist camp ground.

SB 159, by Revision of Laws committee—Limiting ballot title on voting machines to 25 words instead of 108 words.

SB 149, by Hall—Relating to salaries of officers of Curry county.

SB 133, by Banking committee—Regulating banking and trust business of the state of Oregon.

SB 123, by Norblad—Allowing cities to call special elections to vote taxes for advertising and publicity purposes.

SB 78, by Eddy—Relating to inheritance taxes.

SB 105, by Banking committee—Relating to distribution of supreme court opinions.

COMPENSATION ACT CHANGE UP IN SENATE

(Continued from page 1.) zontal increase of 20 per cent in all benefits or compensation to be paid under the act and an absolute waiting period of three days, for which no compensation would be allowed.

It was said that the last amendment does not meet with the approval of the industrial accident commission in that it would increase materially the obligations and expenditures of the department.

A legal controversy which has been in progress for more than a year probably will reach a speedy conclusion as the result of a bill approved by the senate today. This bill was introduced by the committee on banking and authorizes the state superintendent of banks to maintain an office in the city of Portland. The courts held recently that under the existing law the principle office of the state banking department should be located in Salem.

The bill also gives the national banks the same privileges as are enjoyed by state banks, and abolishes a ruling of the courts that insured funds should be considered as preference claims.

The senate passed Senator Norblad's bill authorizing incorporated cities and towns to levy a tax for advertising and publicity purposes. The maximum amount of money that would be derived from such a tax was fixed at \$2,500. Senator Norblad said the proposed law was of special importance to beach towns which were compelled to carry on publicity campaigns.

Senator Eddy declared that the bill was dangerous in that it added another avenue through which a tax could be levied.

Three senate resolutions were adopted. One of these provided for the adoption of "Oregon, My Oregon," as the official state song, while another provided for acceptance by the state of the provisions of the "Parnell Act." Under the Parnell law experiment stations receive financial assistance from the federal government.

The third resolution authorized the appointment of a committee to study narcotic drug legislation, and investigate treatment for narcotic drug addicts. The committee would confer with like committees from the states of Washington and California.

An appropriation of \$600 with which to purchase a portrait of ex-Governor Pierce was sought in a resolution introduced by Senator Hunter.

The senate passed a bill introduced by Senator Hall providing that the salary of the treasurer of Curry county be increased from \$900 to \$1200 a year, and the salary of the sheriff from \$1700 to \$2400 per annum.

A bill introduced by Senator Davis relating to the issuance of high school diplomas was indefinitely postponed.

Persons of more than 70 years of age are exempt from jury service under a house bill considered by the senate. The bill also exempts from jury service licensed pharmacists when actually engaged

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ed in their profession.

This bill was referred to a committee to consider a proposal to exempt certain members of the Christian Science faith from jury service.

Bits For Breakfast

Keep it up— Growing things on the land— To furnish raw material for making things in Salem—

And there will be no limit to the growth of the city and the prosperity of the country.

We may be entering upon the time when all the state expenses in Oregon will be furnished from other taxes than on visible property.

The Prun Port boosters are enthusiastic. No telling how far this thing may go in doing good to Salem and helping market our Italian prunes.

Marion and Polk poultrymen organizing. Another help in making our poultry boom take on great proportions.

The only way to punish the kids for being out late is to make them go to bed without their breakfast.

It's still an "unused car" until the agent demonstrating it has to put on a new set of tires.

You can't tell much by visiting a married couple just two days. Anybody can postpone a quarrel that long.

When Percy and Mabel were engaged she said: "I just love to see you smoke that pipe!" When Percy and Mabel were married she said: "I'd just like to see you smoke that pipe!"—Ex.

Man's inhumanity to man makes thousands hesitate in crossing the street.

It is stated that nobody knows how many laws are in force. Nor how many are enforced.

Great epitaph — "Everybody called him Dad."

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

All correspondence for this department must be signed by the writer, must be written on one side of the paper only, and should not be longer than 150 words.

A Cheat and Fraud Editor Statesman: Property tax offset is a cheat and a fraud. The property tax offset is an income tax that is now being pushed by the "vested interests," power trusts and big corporations, is a most deceitful and fraudulent measure yet presented to the legislature.

It offers no relief to the home-owner or farmer, but is simply a loophole by which those who should pay an income tax may escape it entirely.

The state of Wisconsin has tried the property offset plan and found it a failure. The farmer could not hope to receive any benefit from it unless he had a net income of from \$20,000 to \$30,000. It is a means by which a joke can be made of the income tax plan.

Corporation lawyers are supporting it. Who is your delegation working for? —Peter Zimmerman.

Senate Passes Banks Bill on Supreme Court Opinions

The senate yesterday passed Senator Bank's bill authorizing the clerk of the state supreme court to retain \$1.50 out of every subscription for advance sheets containing supreme court opinions. The subscription price for these sheets was fixed in the bill at \$4.50. The receipts, other than those retained by the clerk of the court, would go into the general fund.

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Roberta Risks It

MARGARET CAMERON CHAPTER FIFTY-THREE

Scott hesitated a moment, then growled something inarticulate, and followed her, slamming the door behind him. She led the way to the far end of the terrace, aloof from the house and her waiting car, where she faced him, pale but steady.

"Celia's with me."

"Where?"

"Where she has been ever since I took her away from here, and where all your detectives can't find her."

"You seem to know they're after her."

"Sometimes I read the newspapers," she mentioned, and he winced.

"That's the damn fool Nixon's doings. He advertised it. But I'll get even with him."

"You have nothing to get even with him for, except his strenuous efforts to find me and make me bring Celia back."

"He knew where you were all the time. I haven't been fooled. He helped you and got caught himself. You're here now because he's scared."

A cynical little smile curved her lips. He's scared, certainly. But perhaps that's not surprising. It would scare almost any man to face ruin for something he hadn't done."

"You're well posted," he sneered, thinking he had her trapped.

"Yes, I met Cliff just now at the foot of the hill—for the first time in a year and a half—and he told me." The smile lingered. "He was to have met me in New York, but he didn't."

Scott nodded. "I saw to that."

"I'm really glad you did, because if he had met me everything would have been different."

"Different? How? What do you mean?"

"Cliff must have been scared even then, because when he couldn't meet me himself, he sent a man to tell me that I mustn't on any account try to see Celia. He said I wanted to, but he said the consequences would be very serious if I did. That's the reason he was so bent on finding me before I saw her, and the reason he came up here. He thought I might be here, and he wanted to stop me."

"Why didn't he, then?"

"He couldn't find me. He hasn't seen me since he was in Paris, a year ago last spring, until we met by accident just now on the road. He hadn't the remotest idea where I was, and he knew no more about Celia's disappearance than you did."

"H'm!" Scott scrutinized her keenly and she looked back at him, clear-eyed. "Are you telling me the truth?"

"I am. Whatever else you can say about me, I've never lied to you. Cliff's been on your side all through this—and is yet."

"He'd better be!"

"He is. I'd have been here a little earlier if he hadn't kept me trying to make me promise to bring Celia back."

"And you wouldn't eh? Well, you will."

"She's not coming back—ever."

"You haven't married her to that damn Frenchman?"

"Oh no. She's too young to marry. She wants to go to college first. But she's not coming back here."

"Isn't, eh?" His dark flush deepened. "We'll see about that. I've got you now, and you'll produce her, or—" He paused threateningly.

"Or what?" she asked, with unbroken composure.

"Or take the consequences!"

"Consequences of what? You aghest at the picture she evoked, he read determination in her face and knew himself beaten. His great shoulders sagged. Suddenly Roberta was sorry for him.

"I'd rather not do that," she said gently. "But I will, if you make it necessary."

He knew that she would, too. Her stability had been proved.

"My own flesh and blood," he mumbled incredulously. "You must be crazy!"

"If either of us is unbalanced, it's you," she returned, quietly using another suggestion supplied by her shrewd coach. "Perhaps that's the kindest thing for us to think—Celia and me."

"You're both unnatural."

"We're partly what you made us, I suppose. We'd have liked to be friends with you—we'd like to still, if you—if you'd let us. Will you?"

"Friends! I'm your father!"

"Yes, you're my father, but we'd both like you to be our friend, too. Will you?"

(To be continued.)

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Three Salary Increase Measures Meet Approval Three salary increase bills were passed in the house yesterday. In Lincoln county the county judge's salary was raised from \$1200 to \$1800; that of the commissioners from \$4 to \$5 per day, and the county treasurer's from \$800 to \$1200. In Harney county the salary increases were: County judge from \$1200 to \$2400; commissioners, \$5 to \$10 per day, with 10¢ per mile additional for traveling expenses; the treasurer from \$200 to \$1800, and school superintendent from \$1500 to \$1800, and \$300 additional traveling expense. In Union county the county judge was raised from \$1200 to \$2100, and the county clerk from \$1800 to \$2100.

LIFE MEMBERS TO MEET Life members of the Oregon state fair association will hold their annual banquet here next Monday night. Judge Peter D'Arcy of Salem is president of the association. There are 20 members of the organization.

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