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OREGON LEGISLATURE MEETS AGAIN MONDAY

Unfinished Calendar Cause of Holdover; Tax Legislation, Big Job, Completed.

Two Outstanding Features Noted—Tax Board Created—Educational Board Provided—Ignore Wishes of People—Expense Money Voted by Legislature Held up by Injunction—Tax Program of Importance Completed.

Salem, Or.—When, in order that it might die calmly and in peace rather than in strife and turmoil, the legislature recessed late Saturday until 10 o'clock Monday morning, it had chalked to its credit some major achievements which promise beneficial results to the people of the state generally.

Although there still are some odds and ends to clean up, the record of the Oregon legislative session now can be embalmed in type subject to slight changes. On the whole, the record has been made and will stand as here in set forth, after 48 legislative days, but actually 42 inclusive of Sundays.

The 34th legislative assembly will be written in history as distinguished for two outstanding features:

First, it devised and enacted the most comprehensive taxation program that any session ever evolved.

Second, it disregarded the sentiment of the people as expressed by the ballot as no previous legislature has dared do.

Its taxation measures are believed to be constructive, progressive and in line with the modern tendencies in the realm of equalization of assessments by a centralized control. It has attempted to go to the heart of the taxation problem and replace the archaic tax system of the state with something more workable and calculated to spread the burden.

Complete Tax Program Now Law

For the first time in Oregon's legislative history a complete "tax program" has been laid on the doorstep of the governor, by him to be allowed to become law. If those things claimed for this program come true, and if the program be permitted to stand without referendum attack, then the real property taxpayers of the state should reap material benefit, the deficit of the state now existing be wiped out and, ultimately, the direct levy on property for state purposes be abandoned entirely, replaced by revenue from indirect sources.

Two tax measures stand out in bold relief as directly affecting property taxation, the first the bill giving the state tax commission power to correct and readjust local assessed values whenever it finds them out of line, the second and companion measure providing a full time state tax commission of three members and adequate machinery for the proper administration of the tax laws generally.

It is claimed for the first statute that its proper administration will result in increased valuations of not less than \$500,000,000 over the state generally, which if true should result in the levy rate being lowered by at least one-third.

Excise and Intangibles Tax

Then, in addition, is the excise tax, calculated to produce annual revenue ranging between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000, and the intangibles tax which is expected to bring in as much more, while the personal income tax is expected to produce approximately \$1,400,000 a year.

The bills are so drawn that the excise and intangibles are held to be outside the six per cent limitation, and therefore, possible to be used in reduction of the deficit first, and then to reduce the state burden on property. The income tax revenue will go to reduce the property tax from the first.

The legislature has undertaken to bury the hatchet of rivalry and political maneuvering involving the University of Oregon, the Oregon State college and the three state normal schools by creating a board of higher education composed of nine directors who will handle the institutions. This is essentially a far-reaching movement which goes to the core of the education situation in the state.

Nothing so important to the educational requirements of Oregon has ever been attempted in the past.

There has been put up to the people the question of whether there should be a cabinet form of state government, or the present policy of innumerable boards and commissions, each a little government within itself.

The cabinet idea is a crystallization

of years of demand for consolidation. People ignored in income tax.

The legislature turned a deaf ear to the voice of the people when deafness suited the purposes of the law makers. It enacted a personal income tax, stubbornly refusing to submit the question to the electorate, in defiance of the fact that the voters have rejected such proposals repeatedly—even as recently as four months ago, when the legislators were themselves elected.

Eleven senators and representatives whose counties repeatedly have gone on record as opposing a state income tax calmly ignored the election returns. If the referendum is invoked on this tax it must be done within 90 days when the law will become operative, and if the referendum is applied the income tax will not go on the ballot for the people to act on before the general election in November, 1930. Proposals for a special election next November in the event of such referendum was defeated.

Revenue from the Income Tax is for the relief of real property.

This legislature also sought to create the office of lieutenant-governor when the people had voted it down in 1914, 1919 and 1920.

In the face of five refusals by the people to increase the compensation of members of the legislature, the lawmakers voted themselves \$5 a day in addition to the \$3 provided by law.

Legislative Expenses Enjoined

The 60 members of the house and 30 members of the senate were blocked in getting payment of additional expenses when Secretary of State Hoas and State Treasurer Kay were enjoined from delivering warrants to the legislators. The injunction was brought by W. A. Jones of Salem, master of Pomona Grange.

The warrants had been drawn and were ready for distribution when the injunction on the two state officers was served.

Authorization of the extra pay of \$5 a day for each member of the legislature was made in house concurrent resolution No. 8, which was adopted by the house February 23, and adopted by the senate an hour before the injunction was served.

The house had no intimation that the injunction was to be served, but when Representative Burdick learned of it he moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait on the secretary of state and state treasurer and ask them to keep their offices open so that the members could receive the warrants and have them cashed. Kubli, Briggs and Bynon were named members of the committee, which, it developed, failed to function successfully.

Sixteen members of the senate supported the resolution by Representative Rushlight authorizing the payment of \$5 a day expense money to the legislators. The resolution previously passed the house with only 11 dissenting votes.

Senator Bennett opposed the resolution on the grounds that the proposal to increase the salaries of the legislators had been submitted to the voters of Oregon on three occasions and had been defeated.

"This is a move to go out and take the money away from the people," said Bennett. "I do not believe the senate can afford to pass this resolution. There will be an injunction, and the integrity of the legislators will be attacked. I am one senator who will vote against the resolution and refuse to accept the money if it is passed."

Powers of Public Service Commission

The legislature came within four votes of depriving the public service commission of powers vested in that body by the people, when it sought to delegate to the city council of Portland the right to fix telephone rates for the metropolitan.

It resisted an organized effort to operate the state highway department by legislative dictum, which would have made the state road map and the policies of the commission a political football. It refused to issue a mandate to the commission to sell \$5,000,000 of bonds to build unfinished and paper roads and led to the wrecking of the highway program.

Proposals to make the members of the state highway commission rubber stamp men for the legislature were defeated after skillful scouting on both sides. After long sparring, the legislators have left the hands of the highway commissioners unhackled and permit them to exercise their own best judgment in the future as in the past.

It has reduced the motor license fees substantially and thereby granted relief to every automobile owner in Oregon. It has compensated for this loss of revenue to the highway department by levying an additional tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline—making the total tax on gas in this state 4 cents. It has changed the license

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Assemblies

Despite the absence of our basketball boys the regular assembly was held. They are becoming more and more like a radio program and we enjoy "listening in." The Seventh and Eighth grades filled in the vacant seats left by the boys who were gone. Helen Weberg played a piano solo, "Spin Spin." Arlene Linn dramatized a portion of the play "She Stoops to Conquer." Mr. Wilson sang "Somewhere a Voice is Calling." The concluding number was a talk given by Mr. F. D. Stuart on banking. He chose as his subject a "Bank Statement," and explained the items of the last Maupin State Bank balance.

The Odell Game

Our team played the return game with the apple-pickers last Thursday night. This is a game to be proud of by both of the teams, for the sportsmanship exhibited by the teams was the best we have noticed this year. The score board showed that we won 26-7. The Odell boys treated us to light refreshments and wished us good luck in the games at the tournament.

Report on the Tournament

The drawing for opponents, by the school representatives, began Thursday morning. Friday morning the schedule was announced. Maupin drew Odell and was to play the second period Friday afternoon. The team journeyed on to Mosier, and to its disappointment found that it was disqualified, because Maupin High did not belong to the Oregon Athletic association. Some time elapsed in debate as to whether we could join before the game, and the verdict was that we could. But another obstacle loomed in sight—an eligibility list—which, according to the association rules, must be entered fifteen days prior to the date set for the tournament. It looked gloomy because we had incurred expense and had not secured games. However, Grass Valley was found to be in the same plight. The tournament officials decided that since both teams were there they might as well play a preliminary game which would entitle them to share in the gate receipts. We were defeated 28-34. The two teams each received mileage allowance to cover their expenses.

A new schedule was arranged. The first game was between Odell and Cascade Locks, the latter losing by a small margin. The second game was between Parkdale and The Dalles. The Dalles winning by a large score. Wasco won from Hood River. This game closed the day and we returned to our rooms at Hood River. The next morning we motored home. Everyone had a good time and returned ambitious for another opportunity.

Odd Tasks

With the beginning of spring comes thoughts of baseball and track. The members of the Grade school and High school are going at it with a will.

The Seniors have commenced practice on their play, "Billy." New editors have not been installed for the next six weeks' work. Clarence Hunt, Robert Shepflin and Glenn Alexander have been having light attacks of flu.

Mr. Weberg has been planting new trees in the place of those that

from January to July, beginning in 1920.

Old Autos May Get Differential

In order that the old car may not have to pay as much as the new weight for weight, a proposed amendment to the state constitution has been referred to the people by means of which the 1921 legislative assembly will be enabled to use the value of a car in calculating the license fee.

Two years ago the legislature junked its plans of finance and accepted the program of the governor, which failed to be approved by the people when submitted at a special election. This session the governor declined to offer suggestions, and informed the legislature that it was its duty to provide revenues. The legislature assumed the responsibility, and by the enactment of the excise tax and intangibles tax will wipe out the deficit without resorting to levies on tobacco, luxuries or a general sales tax. It seeks revenues from sources which have hitherto failed to contribute sufficiently to the cost of government.

failed to wake to the calls of spring.

Several members of the Bookkeeping class have finished their work and are anxious to begin on the next set.

Orville changed the battery box for the class bell and concealed the wires from sight, thus making the school room look neater and more attractive. This could have not been accomplished without the manual training equipment.

Club Work

The 4-H Club members held a cooked food sale at the R. E. Wilson store Saturday, acquiring \$18.25.

The members wish to thank Miss Harris, Mrs. Joynt and Mrs. Slusher for their kindness and superintendence of the sale.

The school enjoyed the club picture that Mr. Daigh presented in the auditorium last Friday. The three-reel story of the boy, who was so much interested in club work and his effort to attain honors in a state fair of Oregon was interesting, because it showed us what the boys and girls see when they attend summer school and the fair.

Letters to be Awarded

Letters will be awarded to the students who participated in basketball and foot ball. Special letters will be given to any one who makes five points in track work this year.

Invitation to Fashion Tea

The girls of the Sewing class will entertain the ladies of the community Friday afternoon, March 15, from 2:00 to 3:30. The girls will wear the dresses recently completed in class and also will demonstrate some of their class work. Since it is impossible for them to extend individual invitations, the girls hope each lady will regard this as her invitation and will accept it if she can.

What Say?

(By "Ann Onymous")
Bang!! A blowout! Immediately a volley of oaths that would put those of Captain Kidd's men to shame is broadcast through the air. Such an incident as this is not uncommon as all know. But what is the motive which leads to such outbursts? Can this giving vent to one's emotions in such a manner be of any practical value? If so, then this writer wishes to retract what follows. If not, then he trusts that the reader will give this some serious consideration.

Referring to the standard dictionary we find that the word CLEAN means "free from what ever sutties, contaminate, or defiles," and the word, DEPFILE, according to the same authority as, "to corrupt the chastity of." Clean speech then, is that which does not bring reproach upon anyone.

Common law has decreed that the name of the Deity is not to be taken lightly, and this proverb is so well respected that its very essence is found in the creed of that very worthy organization for boys, the Boy Scouts of America, these words, "A scout keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits and travels with a clean crowd." If we would live up to the e words there would be no necessity for this editorial, but it is because some of us are inclined to "Explode" at times that this is written.

"Habit is a cable. We weave a thread each day until it becomes so strong we cannot break it." This weakness of abusing clean speech is as the thread. It grows and grows thru time until we some day find that it has become part of us. Some may say that it is a mark of distinction to know and employ every oath known to a human being, yet one who continually makes a practice of such manner of expression will eventually lose the respect and admiration of his fellow men.

Let each and everyone of us check up on ourselves in this regard and think before we give way to hasty and questionable remarks. By so doing our speech will ever be above reproach whether we be in the school-room, participating in athletics or in public gatherings of any kind. What say?

Read 'Em And Grin

The coach contracted a severe cold while at Odell. Friday morning he awoke in time to see the cover.

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TELEPHONE MEETING CALLED OUT MANY RANCH PHONERS

Proposition of Bays Discussed—Various Directorates Will Pass on Matter

The meeting called by Manager Bays of the local telephone exchange was attended by a large number of phone users from the surrounding country. Mr. Bays told his audience of his idea for improvement of the various lines. His idea is to consolidate the lines under one head. He said that if that were done and the upkeep of phones and service in general was left in his hands he would keep up the lines and phone, placing each in good shape and would guarantee better service everywhere.

The matter of a raise in switching rates was discussed pro and con. Some of those present seemed to be in favor of Mr. Bays' proposition, while others thought it best to call a meeting of the directors of the different lines and at that time discuss all phases of the proposition. That matter seemed to meet with the approval of a majority, and the whole question will be held in abeyance until the various boards are ready to make a report.

Among those present, noticed by The Times man were: John, Lester and Rufus McCorkle, Raymond, Roy Lester, Newton and Job Crabtree, John Powell, I. R. and Jake Davidson, O. S. and Melvin Walters, Dor Miller, N. G. Hedin, Roy Ward, J. S. Brown, Howard Nye, Ernest Confer, H. L. Morris, Otis Chastain, Ray Kaylor, A. B. Smith, A. Lincoln Hartman, J. G. Kramer, Dave and Claude Wilson, E. A. Hartman, Dor Stogsdill.

MRS. BECKWITH HAS STROKE

Right Side Affected and Her Condition Very Serious

Mrs. Wm. Beckwith, who is at The Dalles undergoing treatment for an illness which has extended over a long period, was stricken with paralysis which affected her right side. The stroke occurred last Thursday, and since that time Mrs. Beckwith's speech seems to have been somewhat affected, although other parts appear not to have suffered to any great extent.

She is at the home of Milt Morris in The Dalles and is being attended by her sister, Mrs. L. D. Kelly. Her daughter, Mrs. Morris came up from Myrtle Point and is also assisting in the care of her mother. Mrs. Beckwith has been ailing for many months. At times she appeared to be on the gain, there would have a relapse and again be taken to the Dalles for treatment. She was ambitious and when in better health insisted on working at the local telephone switchboard. That work affected her nerves and caused a recurrence of her malady. Her many friends hope she may overcome the paralytic stroke and eventually regain her health.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Scout Executive Belcher Arranges for Coming Function

Plans for a Boy Scout court of honor, to be held here on Monday evening, April 1st, were made when Scout Executive W. W. Belcher called on Scoutmaster Stovall and the members of the Troop Committee on Monday.

This troop also plans on entering a team of five scouts in the coming "First Aid" rally, to be held in The Dalles auditorium, March 25th. Practice on this subject will be stressed at the coming meetings.

S. P. BOOSTS ALL TERRITORY

Calls Attention to Attributes of Traversed States

The Southern Pacific is doing much to advertise the communities it serves. Each year it spends approximately \$1,300,000 in advertising the regions served by its lines, and the modern transportation service which carries tourists to these regions.

The community which back up this advertising with its own well-planned advertising of local scenic and recreational attractions is bound to profit as a result.

Let us figure on your paint job. We sell W. P. Fuller & Co.'s paints and varnishes. Maupin Drug Store.

BIG TIME PROMISED AT AM. LEGION'S BOXING FEST

Thirty Rounds of Fast Work on Card—Holloman and Wasco Man in Main Event

Things are shaping theirelves up for one of the best and liveliest times of the season when the smoker of the Legion will be staged at Legion hall this week Saturday night. Manager George Morris has worked hard to line up a good card and that he has succeeded is shown by the following:

Main Event—Floyd Holloman vs. Lay McQuillan at 148 pounds, six rounds. McQuillan is known as 'the Fighting Irishman' and hails from Wasco.

Four rounds—Young Jackson of Wasco vs. Nick Holloman at 130 pounds.

Four rounds—Wallace Conley of Tygh Valley vs. Jim Kincer. These boys will weigh in at about 145 pounds. Kincer is the man whom Floyd Holloman knocked out at the first smoker held here this season. He is a fast and clever boxer and that fur will fly when he meets the Tygh man goes without saying.

Four rounds—Albert Haehler of Wapinitia vs. Andrew Crabtree of Maupin. These boys are fast and always give the fans their money's worth when they meet in the square circle. They will weigh in at 60 pounds.

Four Round—In this bout two light heavyweights will mix and will mix in good shape. They are Larry Knighton of Tygh Valley and Cyril 'raley of Maupin. Both are fine boxers, willing and promise to make him fan sit up and take notice.

Four rounds—Alva Hammer of Wapinitia and Dug Holloman, another of the fighting Holloman boys, are slated to come together in his bout. Each will weigh 140 pounds and are boxers of local renown.

Four rounds—A couple of mid-weight, Elton Snodgrass of Maupin and Ray Stacey of Tygh Valley will gain cross lances. They have met before and gave an exhibition of boxing that caused heart-flutters in the breasts of those who saw them fight. Their weight is 125 pounds.

The above line up will give the fans 30 rounds of pleasure. Each contestant is a willing worker and will do his best to satisfy those who attend the smoker. Prices of admission will be \$1.00 for ring side seats, 75 cents for reserved seats, while general admission will be 50 cents.

UNUSUAL SAFETY RECORD MADE BY UNION PACIFIC

Not One Passenger Injured Among Millions Carried—Won Five Safety Prizes

Among the 3,091,964 passengers carried by the Union Pacific in 1928 (an average distance of nearly 300 miles) not one was injured in an accident to a train, according to information made public by William M. Jeffers, vice-president. Only ten were injured alighting from trains or in any other way.

This is notable in view of the fact that the road's 1927 safety work won for it the five principal first awards for safety on railroads in the United States that year, including the Harrison Gold Medal for general safety and four first prizes of the National Safe Council for the lowest injury rates among employes.

Fewer injuries to employes also were reported in 1928. With approximately 52,000 men and women working, there were 701 injuries to employes in 1927 that caused as much as a day's time to be lost and in 1928 there were 550, a reduction of more than 21 per cent. This record means that the average employe could have worked 99 1-3 years before losing a day's time from an injury.

Wants Grading Equipment

Jim Woodcock is promoting a move to get a county road grading outfit for Maupin, to be used in throwing up city grades, provided the property owners will donate some labor to throw out rocks. The move is a good one and deserves to be taken up by all our citizens.