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Income Tax and Tithing Measures Sponsored by Governor Patterson.

Tithing Bill Hits Game and Highway Funds—Require Schools to Teach 160 Days—Pneumatic Tires for All Trucks Proposed—Congress Memorialized to Protect Crops.

Salem.—As a result of Governor Patterson's message to the legislature last week outlining his plan for solving the state's financial difficulties practically all revenue bills have been sidetracked and attention centered on the revenue bills sponsored by the governor.

In his message the governor suggested an income tax with a graduated rate, the maximum not to exceed 3 per cent. To meet the present emergency until an income tax can operate he advised that 5 per cent be taken from the revenues of self-sustaining boards and commissions during 1927 and thereafter 2 1/2 per cent.

When the legislature assembled Monday bills to carry out the governor's ideas were ready for attention. The income tax bill provides exemptions of \$1,000 for single, and \$2,000 for married persons and corporations and \$400 for each dependent, with a graduated schedule from one to three per cent. The measure is to be referred to the people at a special election this year. The bill is expected to raise \$2,000,000.

Income Tax Reaction Favorable

Generally speaking, the reaction to the income tax recommendation is favorable among the members both of senate and house.

Under the tithing bill, which levies 5 per cent on the revenues of state boards and commissions during 1927 and 2 1/2 per cent thereafter, it is believed that the fish and game funds and the highway funds would contribute most of the income of \$1,000,000 fixed by Secretary of State Kruger as the probable charge during 1927 and 1928. There will undoubtedly be some objection among highway enthusiasts over the prospect of using highway money for general state purposes.

Some members fear the proposed tithing tax, as far as the highway department was concerned, might result disastrously, as the greater part of the highway funds already were obligated for new construction, and for that reason, virtually the entire 5 per cent tax, as it affected the highway department, would fall upon that portion of the receipts available for new construction.

Building Program Totals \$2,200,000

The building program of the state of Oregon for the current biennium, as far as approved by the joint ways and means committee, aggregates \$2,200,000. This figure does not include a number of other proposed improvements such as additions to existing state buildings and necessary repairs.

The number of holidays that may be celebrated by schools of the state would be limited by Representative Paulson's bill, which requires that all public schools throughout the state shall hold at least eight months of classes and must teach 160 days exclusive of holidays.

All lands registered under the Torrens land act are restored to the regular method of recording titles, under provisions of a house bill introduced by Representative Clark. The bill provides that all recorders of deeds are directed, without payment of any fees therefor, to proceed immediately to record in the regular deed and mortgage records all deeds, leases which do not appear to have expired, and assignments and partial releases thereof and other instruments in their files registered under the provisions of the Torrens act.

Portland State Building Proposed

A state office building for Portland, to cost \$600,000, and to be a substitute for the proposed structure of the same cost provided for at Salem in another bill, is the object of a house bill introduced by Lonergan, Rushlight and Olson. It is proposed that the building be financed by borrowed funds from the industrial accident commission's reserve.

Fearing there might be the result of harming the highway program wrapped up in Senator Eddy's bill to relieve counties of a share of the cost of constructing highway crossings over railway lines, the house recalled it from the senate, after having passed it.

As is done at practically every leg-

islative session a committee made up of house and senate members will confer with a like committee from the Washington legislature relative to fishing rights on the Columbia river between the two states.

The secretary of agriculture, under a memorial introduced by Senator Miller and adopted by the senate, would take steps to have the state of California complete unfinished federal highways. It was explained that the state has completed its main trunk lines, but that the connecting roads in northern California remain unfinished.

The house adopted a senate concurrent resolution by Senators Eddy, Corbett, Banks, Beals, Davis, G. W. Dunn, Hall, Upton, Joseph and J. E. Dunne, requesting congress immediately to repeal the federal tax on inheritances and leave that field entirely to the various states of the Union.

Auto Licenses Cut

The names of Senator Upton and Speaker Carlin of the house are on a senate bill providing that after an automobile has been licensed three consecutive years the regular license fee on the vehicle shall be cut in half.

The judiciary committee of the senate introduced a bill which would repeal the law requiring that men receive physical examination when securing marriage licenses.

New requirements for teachers before certificates to teach shall be issued to them, and higher standards for the profession, are sought to be established in a house bill.

A bill was introduced by Representative Howard removing trucks with solid tires, having a rated capacity of more than 3 1/2 tons, from highways of the state. This would permit operation of such trucks until after January 1, 1929, the interim giving opportunity to make the desired changes by owners of vehicles affected. Such trucks after the date set must be equipped with pneumatic tires by the terms of the bill.

Would Increase Members' Pay

An increase in the salary of members of the legislature is proposed in a house joint resolution calling for a change in the constitution to permit the payment of \$8 daily instead of \$3 as at present. The lawmakers at this session have voted \$5 daily to each member in addition to the legal \$3 per diem for "expenses."

The senate rejected a house resolution providing for appointment of a committee of the Oregon legislature to confer with similar committees from the Washington and California legislatures with regard to a uniform income tax.

A state motor vehicle department independent of the secretary of state's office was proposed in a bill introduced by the roads and highways committee of the senate. The bill authorizes the employment of a motor vehicle commissioner at a salary of \$3600 a year.

Motorists who invite their friends for a ride but who later face suits for damages if they have an accident and injure their guests may not be sued for personal liability if the bill introduced in the house by Representative Graham becomes a law.

Complete Roosevelt Highway

Forcing the state highway commission to sell sufficient bonds to finish the Roosevelt highway and expedite completion of that road along the coast, is the purpose of a senate joint resolution fathered by Norblad and Hall.

County judges from many sections of the state appeared before the house roads and highways committee and protested against the passage of house bill 150, providing that cities should receive 70 per cent of the taxes levied within their boundaries for road purposes.

The senate by a vote of 17 to 9 favored submitting to the electorate of Oregon a resolution introduced by Representative Collier providing that all persons who vote at an election in this state shall be registered. The resolution was previously adopted by the house.

Representative Cramer's proposal to authorize the county commissioners of the various counties to fix the salaries of all county officers and employees except their own failed to meet approval of the senate committee on judiciary which reported it out unfavorably. The senate accepted the report and killed the bill without debate.

Eggs may be sold by weight by the terms of a bill introduced in the house by the Marion county delegation. The present law requires grading of eggs.

Textbook Report Adopted

The textbook adoption made by the state textbook commission last November "were in all respects regular and free from any fraud or bad faith on the part of either the state commission or any member thereof or sub-representatives of any of the pub-

EVERYONE BENEFITED

The Rebekah show was well received Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week and two large houses greeted the home talent players who put on a skit "How the Story Grew" with local names substituted for the original characters in the play.

A curtain raiser, which in common parlance, was a "wow," was put on by Mrs. John Richards. She sang first, "Just a Cottage Small" in a very pleasing voice and manner and for an encore did a tough guy song that captured the house. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Esther Gardner.

The cast for the comedy was:

Mrs. Ames.....Edna Graybeel
Mrs. Ely.....Elsie Poole
Mrs. Gohring.....Susie Kitching
Mrs. Wade.....Catherine Jones
Mrs. Hayman.....Mabel Smith
Mrs. Reid.....Grace Richards
Mrs. Eshleman.....Louise Linn
Mrs. Currin.....Val Cary

The film, "Bobbed Hair" was also shown and well received.

WORLD'S LARGEST RADIO USERS

The world's largest user of radio for informational purposes is the United States Department of Agriculture, says the National Republic. Its daily educational programs of a half-hour or more broadcast from one hundred stations, together with the market news service and weather forecasts, makes up a grand total of hours on the air not approached by any other single user of radio for non-entertainment purposes. Already radio has definitely proved its effectiveness as a supplemental agency on national matter. That the programs are successfully holding their own in spreading the department's educational competition is evinced by the thousands of letters flowing daily into the radio service office. Stations express their own appreciation of the government services and that of their audiences as well. Farmers who ordinarily find little time or inclination for correspondence, write many letters of appreciation and commendation.

COOKED FOOD SALE

This is the chance many bachelors have been looking for. On Saturday Feb. 12 there will be a sale of cooked food by the W. C. T. U. at the Estacada Pharmacy. The committee asks that all donations be delivered there before 11 a.m.

ALL-WAVES TAKE DROP

Clyde Schock, dealer in the Halowat radio products, announces a drop in the price of the All-Wave set of \$35 effective today.

NEW SAWMILL AT VIOLA

Work on the new Elliott sawmill at Viola will start within a few days. Tools and some material are now on the ground. The Potter mill is in operation again and a busy season is expected.

I. O. O. F. INSTALLATION

Estacada encampment I. O. O. F. No. 91 installed officers last Saturday night, as follows:

C. P. Dr. Johnson; H. P., Harvey Gilgan; S. W., A. G. Ames; J. W. Perry Anderson; Scribe, J. K. Ely; Treasurer, Edwin Bates; I. S. Chas. Kitching; O. S. Wm. Gilgan; F. W., Barney Schoenberg; S. W. George Lawrence; P. C. J. E. LaCroy acted as installing officer.

A banquet was served in the dining hall after the meeting.

"Fishing companies," according to a report of the special senate committee named to investigate the text book situation. The senate adopted the report of the committee.

A memorial urging congress to enact legislation for the protection of agricultural products along the line of the McNary-Haugen bill has been adopted by both houses.

The early morning hours until 3 o'clock may be spent in dancing in the counties of smaller population will be the effect of a house bill introduced by Peirce. The present law prohibits this pastime after midnight.

The administration measure to raise salaries of the governor's secretary, chief clerks in the office of the secretary of state and state treasurer at the pay of the state tax commission passed the house.

LAST CALL FOR EXHIBITS

Monday and Tuesday, February 14 and 15 are set by the committee as the last days in which exhibits can be received for the Eastern Clackamas county showing at Corvallis the last of that week.

The girls' canning club of Springwater will furnish fruit which has taken prizes at the fairs. Other exhibits of ginseng, walnuts, corn and pictures of farms, etc., have been promised.

If any pictures are available which are real good illustrations of livestock, farm buildings or fields, or pictures of scenery of booster interest, may not the committee have them to use for next week? They will be returned if your address is written on the back. The title of the picture should be written on the back of the prints also with any explanation necessary. Mr. Boner is furnishing an excellent print of the town of Estacada.

CHECKS CRAVE SCALPS

Three weeks ago the doughty Coliseum Checkerboards played the local All-Stars and lost a hard-fought game by only two points. Next Monday they are coming back to well we hope they do the same. However, Wall Street favors the Checks to win by odds of 8 to 7 since the previous game found the Portland team shy one regular man and this time Estacada may not have a full line up. First string hoopers, Ray Loveland and VanSlyke being both on the sick list.

The local team has made an exceptional showing this season. Last Monday they broke a tie at the end of the last quarter and finished winners. They have been invited to participate in the state tournament which is being planned by the Portland Telegram, March 3-4-5 and will have good chance for the state title as the loving cup to be awarded. Only the best teams are invited to play at this meet.

The Estacada band will play at the Monday game. Fans will help it by attendance.

TEN WILL STAGE HUGE CARNIVAL

As the second money raiser for the young community house the men's committee has decided on a carnival which will be a "Pay Streak," "Days of 49" and "Wild Horse Canyon" all rolled into one. The high school gym will be the scene of the merry making and February 28 the date. More, much more, will be announced later, they say.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ATTEND O. A. C. EXPO

Representatives from Estacada High school who will attend the fourth annual educational exposition at O. A. C., February 18-19 and 20 are Edna Bates, Helen Perry, Grant Robley and Shirley Burnett. They will be accompanied by Principal O. T. Olsen.

The exposition is intended to give educational guidance to high school students planning to enter institutions of higher learning.

NEW PHONE BOOKS TO BE ISSUED

Manager Smith of the Estacada Telephone company will start work at once compiling a new telephone directory. He has decided that the general makeup of the book will be similar to the last one put out and that all the advertisers will be given their old spaces providing they call on the phone office or the News where the books will be printed. The spaces will be reserved for those who advertised before because they have been several applicants for preferred spaces and Mr. Smith feels that if any preference is shown it should be to those who have a prior right. The book will be printed at home as a matter of principle, he said. Collections for ad. space will not be sought for some time after the books are out, but advertisers will be expected to aid in an early publication by sending in their ad. copy as soon as is possible.

The annual report of the Children's Farm Home, near Corvallis, shows that institution to be in a flourishing condition, and indications are that it soon will be able to care for 200 inmates.

J. Russell Kall has arrived in La Grande from Kallispell, Mont., to begin his duties as Scout executive of the Eastern Oregon Tri-county Council, consisting of Baker, Wallowa and Union counties.

CLUB MEETING IS A MERRY ONE

A Jolly Get-together Spirit Prevades Oregon City Union Session

Three things stood out superlatively in the Greater Union of Clubs meeting held at Oregon City last Friday evening. They were the message served by the ladies of the Congregational church, the music furnished by the church orchestra and the speech made by Ed. Shearer of Springwater in behalf of Estacada.

Although the session was at Oregon City, they, like good hosts should, kept themselves modestly in the background and permitted Estacada to run away with the show. This was not intentional on the part of the Eastern delegation, however. Our resolution concerning the P. I. P. right of way matter was of importance to the whole county. The banker's association ran out on H. C. Stephens of Estacada who spoke for them in distributing scholarships to boys' and girls' club winners; but the speech of Mr. Shearer was worth a million dollars in publicity for this section.

Shearer poked fun at this town's greatest foible, the diversity of pronunciations we have for the name. But he called attention to two important things. One of them, the immense wealth of this locality and the other the lack of recognition accorded it by the rest of the county, especially the county seat. It was done so neatly that it is doubtful that even yet the laughter which greeted his sallies of humor has given way to the sober thought it will cause when the truth sinks in.

H. C. Seymore of O. A. C. presented scholarships to thirteen boys and girls who won a two-weeks trip to the college summer school having won in their divisions at the county and state fairs. In addition to these and the ten who won the bankers' scholarships, there were three given by the Jersey cattle club, the Guernsey cattle club and W. A. Huntley.

The constitutional amendment permitting the affiliation of groups with the greater union was defeated. A feature of the reception of visitors was the women's committee who waited upon the out-of-town ladies. Everything was done to make the evening pleasant. Percy Caulfield who headed the program committee is to be congratulated.

The resolution directed to the Federal power commission opposes the granting of a fifty year franchise to the Portland Electric Power Co. for a right-of-way up the Clackamas river but if it is found necessary that this be done to further development of the hydro-electric resources of the upper Clackamas river, it is suggested to the commission that the public equity in the road be charged to the company and applied on a highway on the opposite side of the river. The resolution was first passed by the special committee appointed to consider it on Friday afternoon after hearing with Vice-President O. E. Coldwell of the P. E. P. company and Forest Supervisor T. H. Sherrard.

BIG TIMBER TRACT AT MOLALLA SOLD

Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 8.—The Eastern & Western Lumber company has added 560 acres to its holdings in Clackamas county with the purchase of a tract of timber near Molalla. The price is understood to be \$83,500, the deal being transacted through the Portland office.

Birkenfeld and Gibbons Appeal

Frank Birkenfeld, logging superintendent, and J. C. Gibbons, also with the LaDee Lumber Co., convicted of game violation, have appealed their cases to the circuit court. Birkenfeld was fined \$325 and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, and Gibbons was fined \$75. They are accused of having used deer meat in the logging camp.

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts are doing some fine work. I have never worked with such willing, eager scouts as we have in Estacada. There are twenty-five "Tenderfoot" Scouts. Most of these are now doing second class work. Also we have five under-age Scouts. In all we have a band of thirty loyal scouts.

F. A. SIMMS
Scout Master

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will hold its 27th annual convention in Bend, June 20 to 23.

Stephen C. Curtis, who celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary in Woodburn on October 11, died there last week.

The general merchandise store at Woodson, near Westport, was burned last week. The loss was estimated around \$11,000.

Sam Egli, who operates a warehouse at Canby, shipped during January five carloads of potatoes and two of onions to Los Angeles.

The city of Portland prosecuted 1956 cases in municipal court in January. Fred Jensen, deputy city attorney, reported to City Attorney Grant recently.

The state land department remitted to the state treasurer \$140,161.08 in December, according to a report issued by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

A wool buyer was in Harrisburg last week and offered 30 cents for wool on a contract. None of the farmers made contracts, considering the price too low.

Receipts at the Salem postoffice last month established a new record for January. Receipts aggregated \$20,283.02 as against \$18,165.05 for the same month last year.

Schools of Eagle valley at Richland and at Newbridge, near Baker, which were closed for some time because of a widespread epidemic of scarlet fever, have been reopened.

Building permits aggregating \$217,000 were issued in Salem during the month of January. It was said that this figure exceeds that of any previous January in the history of the city.

China pheasants have become a nuisance to the farmers of Malheur county and permits for trapping are being issued. The game commission will pay 75 cents for each of the birds alive.

Citizens of the Phoenix school district in Jackson county have voted, 116 to 50, to pass a bond issue for \$33,500 for remodeling the school building and installing a gymnasium and auditorium.

Twenty-four and a half feet of snow has fallen at the lodge in Crater Lake national park this winter, according to John Mahen caretaker at the lodge. It is believed that this is the heaviest snowfall for 15 years.

It will cost \$65,000 to stage the Portland Rose Festival next June 18, according to a tentative budget submitted to the Festival board of directors by O. W. Mielke, chairman of the budget committee.

Rainier, Knappa and Warrington high schools are tied for district honors in the Lower Columbia Debutante league. The championship will be decided on February 11 in a debate between the three schools.

Under the leadership of Julius Roesch, La Grande capitalist, a company has been temporarily organized to construct a seven-story hotel building in La Grande this spring. A 100-room building is planned.

La Grande's second municipal affluence well "came in" last week and was flowing approximately 200 gallons of water a minute from a depth of 1260 feet. Drillers were still at work hoping to increase the flow.

Because she refused to follow him in his imagined incarnation of Jesus Christ, Alexander Hill, religious fanatic, strangled to death Minnie Washington, 17-year-old Indian girl, on the Siletz reservation, last week.

Baker county will ship 100,000 head of cattle to the Portland market this week. Coles & Doed are sending 50,000 cars from Haines and N. K. Green is shipping two cars from Robinette.

Oregon monthly pensions have been granted as follows: John L. Johnson, Portland, \$20; Leo G. Day, Portland, \$40; Margaret A. Michaelson, Portland, \$30; Voaze E. Hawkins, Portland, \$25; James B. Shea, Portland, \$25; Dell Morgan, Portland, \$30; Philip J. Schaumburg, Portland, \$30; Dan and Gay McPherson, Portland, \$20; John W. Moffatt, Oregon City, \$20; Lawson Conwell, Charleston, \$25; Jane Day, Salem, \$30; Charles F. Kennedy, The Dalles, \$30.