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OREGON LEGISLATURE ENDS LONG SESSION

Taxation Program Cause of Holdover of Assembly for Additional Week

Senate Refuses to Reconsider Tithing Bill—People to Vote on Income Tax and 6 Per Cent Tax Limitation Amendment—Motor Legislation Mostly Remedial—New State Office Building Provided For.

Salem.—The thirty-fourth assembly of the state legislature adjourned after a session extending a week beyond the 40-day constitutional period. The extended session was occasioned by failure of the senate to pass the tithing bill, an important feature of the governor's taxation program.

Following the defeat of the tithing bill in the senate various taxation and revenue measures were proposed, but they were rejected by the administration and an effort made to have the senate reconsider and pass the bill without amendment. All efforts to reach an agreement between the senate and the governor failed and a motion to reconsider in the senate was defeated. The vote stood 17 for reconsideration and 13 against. The call showed:

Yes—Bailey, Banks, Butler, Carsner, Davis, Dunn, Eddy, Elliott, Hunter, Kiddie, Mann, Marks, Miller, Norblad Staples and President Corbett.

No—Beals, Brown, Butt, Dunne, Hall, Hare, Jones, Joseph, Klepper, Moser, Reynolds, Strayer and Upton.

Finances Left in Chaotic Condition.
The legislature adjourned without enacting the tithing bill, thus leaving the state's finances in a more or less chaotic condition.

When the legislature assembled it was faced with a deficit of approximately \$1,000,000, which was increased to \$3,882,206 by appropriations during the session. The governor planned to meet the deficit with a state income tax expected to yield \$2,000,000 and the tithing bill, which took a percentage from various state boards and commissions, thus providing an additional \$1,000,000.

The legislature passed the income tax, but this must be submitted to the people at a special election to be held June 28. For all practical purposes the legislature really left the state's financial condition just where it was at the beginning of the session.

Governor Must Use Veto.

The legislature having voted numerous appropriations without providing funds to meet them it is apparent that it will be necessary for the governor to make liberal use of his veto power if the deficit is to be reduced to a point where it does not exceed the anticipated revenues.

As a result of the session, so far as finance is concerned, in addition to the income tax, there will be submitted to the people at the special election a proposed amendment to the 6 percent tax limitation which would fix the tax levying "base," so far as the state is concerned at \$3,500,000, plus 6 percent, or \$3,710,000 for the tax levy of 1928 and thereafter.

Aside from the tithing bill, everything that Governor Patterson suggested that he wanted was promptly accorded him. Not one of his vetoes was overridden.

Will Add to Taxable Wealth.

One accomplishment of the whole session was the passage of an act that it is expected will add to the taxable wealth of the state and serve in the end to reduce property levies. This was a house bill designed to clothe the state tax commission with supervisory and directive powers over the county assessors and boards of equalization; and giving them authority to add to the tax rolls a great deal of property that hitherto has escaped.

The administration's budget bill which was passed, makes the governor the budget making officer of the state with special machinery operating under a budget master to be appointed by the chief executive.

It is claimed for the law that when the coming legislature meets, two years from now, the ways and means committees of the senate and house will find a close-parallel state budget of expense which will represent the bare bone requirements of the state government as a whole, beyond which the committee will not be allowed to go. It makes the board of control the central purchasing agency for all state boards and departments.

Numerous amendments were made to the water code, all tending to increase the duties and authority of the state engineer.

ESTACADA WOMAN DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mary E. Pearson, aged 63 years, died at St. Vincent's hospital on February 26, from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Pearson, a native of England, has been living with her sister, Mrs. Tom Watson, near Estacada. The funeral, which was largely attended, was conducted under the direction of the Gresham Funeral parlors at the Estacada M. E. church, the Rev. Mr. Simms officiating. Members of the Eastern Star lodge assisted in the burial rites. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Estacada and pallbearers were selected from the ranks of the Odd Fellows lodge members. The deceased is survived by her sister. She had been a citizen of the United States for the last ten years.

BERRY GROWERS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the berry growers of the county Wednesday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. Keep the date in mind, and the time open for the meeting.

WORK STARTING ON NEW PACKING PLANT

Excavation for the new fruit and vegetable packing plant of the Libby, McNeil & Libby company at East Twenty-second and Lafayette streets, Portland, is nearly completed, forms for the concrete are being placed and the pouring will start on Thursday according to F. J. Leonard, who has the contract for the structure. The plant will have a floor space of 220,000 square feet.

It is planned to have the building finished and equipment installed late in May, in time for the handling of this year's crop.

The new plant will furnish an outlet for the fruit crops of Eastern Clackamas county and its nearness will allow of shipment with little loss.

Motor vehicle legislation enacted was almost entirely of a remedial character, with the certificate of title law, light law and the so-called "peddler" tax amended. Changes in title and light laws were in the direction of uniformity, following closely the recommendations of the Hoover conference, and presented by the Oregon anti-motive conference.

Among the new rules of the road is an amendment which permits a speed of 35 miles an hour on the highways with a maximum of 20 miles in incorporated cities and towns.

Another will require all vehicles to come to a full stop when entering upon a primary state highway. Under the present law vehicles are required to slow down to a speed of five miles an hour before entering primary highways, but this rule has been found hard to enforce.

Other road and motor vehicle legislation is summarized as follows:

House bill No. 484 follows the Hoover code and provides a load limit of 8000 pounds on each axle of a motor truck when the axles are spaced less than eight feet apart and which will prevent carrying excessive loads on six wheel motor trucks.

House bill No. 493 provides that the "acceptance of a free ride as a guest in a motor vehicle shall be presumed a waiver of said guest of liability for accidental injury caused by owner or driver of such motor vehicle."

The public service commission has been given definite jurisdiction over anywhere-for-hire vehicles.

Changes in the rules of the road do not become effective for 90 days, for the reason that the amendments to the present laws did not carry an emergency clause.

Much Constructive Irrigation Work.
Irrigation experts in the house and senate contended that this session has done more of constructive work for irrigation than any previous session.

Briefly, the desert land board has been abolished, and irrigation administration put under the control of a new body, the state reclamation commission, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, with the state engineer as the secretary of the commission.

Owners of property have been given the right to pay off their liens and release their own property. No change was made in the certification law, and none in the interest guaranty law, except to provide that in the future irrigation bonds would not be a general obligation of the state.

Bond holders and settlers still will have to get together for the composition of their differences, but machinery has been provided by which facts

"CAPPY RICKS" SENIOR PLAY IS ROYALTY PRODUCTION

Because of the membership of Superintendent Olson in the dramatic society of California, the students here are able to produce plays which would cost a prohibitive royalty to non-members. The play, "Cappy Ricks" to be given by the senior class tomorrow night is such an offering. The students have rehearsed faithfully and deserve a large house. Reserved seats are on sale at the drug store.

REV. HUSBY TO SUPPLY

Sunday morning, March 6, Rev. Kenneth J. Husby of Portland will supply in the pulpit of the Christian church.

CLACKAMAS RAILROAD CROSSING CLAIMS VICTIM

Darrel D. Johnson, Corvallis motor-car dealer, met death Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock when the S. P. train struck his car at Clackamas station. The train was northbound and carried the car for a long distance. The man lost a leg and was badly crushed. He died in the hospital at Oregon City within a few minutes after arrival.

Johnson was a world war veteran. He was married and leaves two children. His father is a banker of Corvallis.

BLAISDELL THORNTON GO IS SET FOR MARCH 8

On March 8, Tuesday, at the Liberty theatre, Ben Blaisdell, the promising pupil of Moose Norbeck, will try for the second time to upset Bill Thornton, a Portland bone-crusher who has, as yet, had his own way in the local matches.

Blaisdell came out second best in a bout with Thornton on February 1 but got a fall by surprising the Portlander. W. E. Parker, engineer for the LaDee Logging company saw this match and thought he could turn the tricky Thornton, and he did for one fall of three, on Feb. 22. Parker had labored hard all day in the rain before the match and during the first fall suffered a broken rib, which is still bothering him although he promises to be at the ringside next Tuesday evening to challenge the winner and he would a little rather it would be Bill Thornton. Better training, he says, will put him in shape to handle a man who is really a tough customer.

As to Ben's chances, he has some. He gave Thornton a hard run for his money the last time. Now he is better trained and more experienced. He can gain powerful holds with his long legs and arms if he can clamp them on quick enough. We shall see what we shall see.

W. H. Moore, who had the misfortune to cut his foot while engaged in logging operations at Carlton, Oregon, several weeks ago, has been taken to Portland to the hospital for an operation which will unite the ligaments on the top of the foot.

High School Students Drawn to O.A.C. by Educational Exposition

(By Helen Perry)

"O. A. C. is the school for me!" "They are surely a fine bunch!" Such were the remarks made by the four delegates from Estacada high school on their return from the Educational Exposition at Oregon Agricultural college in Corvallis, February 18 to 20. They reported with enthusiasm on addresses, conventions, demonstrations and exhibits, which entertained them and 800 other high school delegates from all parts of the state.

Dr. James R. Jewell, dean of the school of education, University of Arkansas, addressed large audiences consisting of: college and high school faculty members, delegates, students, and visitors, on Friday and Saturday mornings. "Essentials of Success" and "Achievement a Matter of Control" were the themes of these addresses from which the delegates gained much in vocational guidance.

Conferences stressing vocational guidance were held for boys and girls. Dr. Jewell, principal speaker of the exposition, led in the boy's conferences. Dr. Kate W. Jameson, dean of women at O. A. C. supervised the conferences for girls, and ten well-known alumni members gave talks on their fields of work. Dr. Jewell also led in conference for high school faculty representatives. The Oregon chapter of the Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, sponsored a conference in

ATTENTION OF CLUB DRAWN TO FORESTS

Trees Furnish Theme for February Meeting and Members show Interest

With forestry again holding the center of the stage, the Eastern Clackamas community club held another profitable meeting last Friday evening. The speaker of the evening was George Griffith of the U. S. Forest service, who gave an illustrated lecture which covered the public use and interest in the national forests. He showed first the use of the great playground of the masses and the scenes brought vividly to the audience the irresistible lure of the mountains. The wild life in its friendly and colorful existence was shown. Then came the lesson of clean camps and fire warning. The penalty for carelessness was clearly shown.

Preceding Mr. Griffith, the Honorable W. V. Fuller of Dallas spoke for the state fire organization. He interspersed his remarks with delightful readings in the Swedish and French dialects. Walt Fuller and W. S. Moore, proprietor of the Estacada hotel, who was known as the Ragaroo, ate out of the same mush kettle many years ago in the Minnesota woods, so Mr. Moore donned a bright red shirt for the occasion.

Other much enjoyed numbers were readings by Mrs. H. A. LaBarre and solos by Mrs. H. W. Kitching. Election of A. G. Ames as captain and Sam Barr, lieutenant of the fire fighting organization was the most important item of the business session. Only sixteen members are needed to bring up the club's strength to 100. Mrs. Henry Beer and Mrs. W. J. Moore will receive memberships from anyone interested in promoting the welfare of the community. There should be no slackers and the dues are low enough for all to afford a card.

A community sing, led by Mr. Wade, closed the evening's program.

ST. PATRICK IS A FIRST CLASS DANCE PARTY HOST

The members of the Estacada band are looking forward to March 17 as the date of the best dance of the season. All plans are being laid to take care of a large crowd and to furnish them with good music and an enthusiastic reception. The occasion of St. Patrick's day is always an invitation to enjoy a dance, probably because the Irish make so much of these events.

Chas. Q. VanDuyn, assistant manager of the Imperial hotel and Gilbert Madison, manager of the Nortonia, both of Portland, broke bread with W. G. Moore, general manager of the Estacada hotel Sunday.

ESTACADA ALL-STARS WIN FIRST OF SERIES OF GAMES

Pitted against Milwaukie's fast team, the All-Stars last night, by a 30-19 victory, won the right to play Multnomah athletic club on the Multnomah floor tonight.

The games are in the Portland Telegram's tournament for the Pacific Northwest honors with a loving cup as a trophy for the winning team. Estacada will have a good chance to win if they can overcome the long odds against the team in tonight's game.

BRIDGE PARTY GIVEN

Mrs. Bob Cooke entertained at a bridge party last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Sam Dunlop received first prize, Mrs. H. C. Gohring second prize, and Mrs. Reed, consolation. A delightful luncheon was served. Among those present were Mesdames Gohring, Dunlop, Cary, Curran, Bartholomew, Harry Smith, W. W. Smith, Leihammer, Botkin, Lawrence, Stevens, Ahlberg, Reed, Esberman, Moerland and McCollon.

ROBBERS RETURN A THIRD OF THE LOOT

It is a generous highwayman who will give back one-third of the loot he takes from you. Somewhat in the class of Robin Hood. That was more of a gamble than was expected in the wide-open town last Monday night when the men put on a 'Days of '49' celebration. It was anticipated that there would be no gamble to it but that everything would be plain hold-up. But not so. About one-third of the proceeds were paid out for supplies which were carried home by the customers.

The night was dark and stormy and for that reason the affair netted only about \$60 for the community house, but those who did brave the weather were given a hilarious time. The amount raised, by the way, was in excess of that raised by the wagon at their affair given a few weeks ago.

PARENTS GET WORD FROM MISSING BOY



After several months of anxiety, the parents of Keith Upton, Estacada high school student, who left home October 1, to seek his fortune in the world, have received a letter from him written from Chicago.

An endeavor was made by the lad's father to find him through notices published in newspapers throughout the country. The search proved successful when, last week, a letter was received which refers to an Uncle Mark who lives in San Francisco and who has also been active in the efforts to locate the youth.

Mr. Upton sent a copy of the letter to the News.

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Editor Eastern Clackamas News,
Dear Sir:

Please announce that we have received the following letter from Keith himself:

Chicago, Illinois
February 18, 1927

Dear Mother

I am sorry you put Uncle Mark to so much trouble and please do not worry about me as I am getting along fine.

I may send you an address later so you can write to me if you wish. May come to visit you this summer as I have a car.

Keith.
Please kindly thank our friends and neighbors, in behalf of Mrs. Upton and myself for all their kind expressions of sympathy and assistance.

Respectfully yours,
Upton H. Upton

EVENTS IN OREGON CHRONICLED IN BRIEF

Beaver State News of Interest During the Past Week; Storms About Over

More than 1500 persons from 29 different states and foreign countries attended an annual get-together meeting held at Salem.

More than \$24,000,000 was spent in Oregon by the federal government during 1926. It has been revealed by figures made public.

Judge Eakin at Astoria dismissed 68 cases and threatened to throw out 65 others unless the persons interested appear within 30 days.

An increase of 40 per cent in the use of water meters in Baker between 1912 and 1926 is shown in a report by the city water department.

A mysterious explosion in the home of Oscar Maki at Astoria demolished the cook stove and wrecked everything in the kitchen at the time.

Mrs. Mae Wadley, 44 years of age and mother of six children, committed suicide at her home near Hazel Green in Marion county, by drinking poison.

Willard Galloway, wanted by Lane county authorities to serve out a sentence of 30 days and a fine of \$250 for a liquor law violation, was arrested in Los Angeles.

The steam lumber schooner Mary E. Moore struck on the breakwater at the mouth of the Coquille river and sank in 150 feet of water about two miles off shore.

During the past year a total of 1,300,000 pounds of pyrotol, converted government explosive, was purchased in Oregon through offices of the various county agents.

Work will begin at once on logging off a tract of timber land four miles southeast of Rainier, which is reported to contain approximately 4,000,000 feet of standing timber.

R. L. Framme, supervisor of the forest, reports that there are 527 miles of trails and "ways" in the Deschutes national forest that were constructed at a cost of \$24,007.

Six hundred and seventy cases of influenza were reported in the state last week, according to a bulletin issued by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer.

Louis E. Loudon, 24, who burned a home in Marshfield with the expectation of obtaining insurance money, was sentenced by Judge Kendall to three years in the penitentiary.

Governor Patterson named John L. May, Jacob Kanzier and Harold C. Jones, all of Portland, to represent the state on the national army and navy preparedness committee.

Methodist pastors from all eastern Oregon points from Pendleton west, were in Hood River Saturday and Sunday to attend the second annual mid-year institute of the Epworth League.

Dorothy Pult, 15, narrowly escaped death when the Robert A. Pult farm home near Bond was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. Flames were sweeping across her bed when she awoke.

Freight rates on fresh berries in sugar shipped from Oregon and Washington points to Los Angeles for canning were ordered materially reduced in a decision by the interstate commerce commission.

Harry N. Burnside of Corvallis, a private in the Oregon national guard, has been appointed to West Point military academy upon recommendation of his regimental commander, the war department announced.

Henry T. Barker of Payette, Idaho, has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate waste water from the Payette-Oregon slope irrigation district for the irrigation of 40 acres of land in Malheur county.

The state supreme court affirmed the decree of Judge Walter Evans of the Multnomah county circuit court in the case of John Buechke of Portland, who is under death sentence for slaying his wife on the night of January 14, 1926.

Stormy weather has prevented much activity in the halibut fishing industry off the Columbia river since the opening of the season February 15. One boat reached the banks and fished for a short period but returned without a fish.

Two million young silverside salmon were released into the north fork of the Klaskanine river from the state fish hatchery. The fish are about seven inches long and had been in the hatchery ponds for approximately 16 months.