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EXCISE BILL AND INTANGIBLES PASS

Senator Bailey Alone Votes Against Rate Raised to 8 per Cent.

Salem.—With Senator Bailey registering the lone negative vote, the senate Monday afternoon passed the new intangibles tax act. Twenty-nine senators cast their vote for the bill although several of this number had previously objected to specific provisions in the measure and attempted to get amendments to meet these objections.

Having disposed of the intangibles tax measure, the senate next turned its attention to the amended excise tax bill, which it passed with a unanimous vote with Senators Billingsley and Burke absent and not voting.

Bankers and representatives of building and loan companies, according to Senator Eddy, were satisfied with the provisions of the bill and no opposition developed to the measure.

The old act passed in 1929 had been amended in the new bill to provide for exemptions of \$500 to meet a popular demand, according to Senator Eddy. The new bill also attempted to avoid the weakness uncovered in the old act by the supreme court in an opinion holding the 1929 act to be unconstitutional. With the increased exemption and the deductions for interest paid and other items, Eddy explained, the new act with its 8 per cent tax would raise no more revenues than was obtained under the old act with its 5 per cent rate, regardless of claims put forth by opponents of the measure to the contrary.

By way of illustrating the operation of the intangibles tax act, Senator Eddy explained that the owner of \$20,000 5 per cent bonds would pay a tax of only \$40 a year, whereas the owner of a \$20,000 farm would pay an average tax of \$520 a year. Instead of the act being oppressive and confiscatory, as charged by its opponents, Eddy declared that the tax was very mild in its operations.

In spite of the fact that intangibles wealth in the state is fully equal to the tangible wealth, Eddy pointed out that under the terms of this bill the former would contribute only \$1,500,000 in taxes a year as compared to \$5,000,000 by the owners of real and personal property.

Opposition to the act, he declared, was based largely upon a failure to understand the operation of the tax. Admitting that the principle of the intangibles tax should be established in Oregon, Senator Bailey expressed regret at his inability to support this bill, which, he declared, sought to circumvent the constitutional 6 per cent limit by levying this additional tax for 1930 after the limit had already been levied under the constitutional limit.

Senator Moser expressed the hope that the time would soon come when there would be no property tax whatever for state purposes. He was in favor of an intangibles tax and an excise tax but he did not believe that the time had come to jump the rate from 5 per cent to 8 per cent. While some of the bigger taxpayers had been somewhat changed in their views toward this bill the general public of Portland, he declared, was not in favor of this measure. He was opposed to the higher rate and moved that the senate go into committee of the whole for the purpose of amending to provide for a 5 per cent rate instead of the 8 per cent rate, although he agreed to vote for the bill even though his suggestion was not accepted.

Gardening at 89
One of Athena's most interesting residents is Mrs. McKinney, mother of Mrs. Frank Little, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Little on Fifth street. Mrs. McKinney who is 89 years of age is in possession of all her faculties and is interested in and able to discuss topics of the day. She also takes a great interest in gardening and a favorite pastime at this season is raking the leaves from the lawn.

Rebekah St. Patrick's Party
The Rebekahs are planning a St. Patrick's day party to be given at their hall Tuesday evening March 10. The guests are to be the members and their families and an interesting evening is planned. St. Patrick's day games and refreshments being features. Lodge will convene at 7 o'clock and the party will be at 8 o'clock.

Carload of Valvoline
A carload of Valvoline lubricating oil was received at Athena this week. The shipment being equally divided between Rogers & Goodman and the Athena Garage. These two firms are dealers in Valvoline for the Athena district.

Revival Opens Tuesday With Much Interest

(Contributed)

The community-wide Evangelistic meetings which opened Tuesday night at the Baptist church, are drawing large and appreciative audiences nightly. Over one hundred people greeted the Meade party at their opening services and it is evident the



L. A. Meade, Evangelist

Baptist church will be crowded nightly.

A large chorus choir is being organized under the direction of Harold C. Meade and the special music is delighting the hearers. Negro spirituals, trios and duets are rendered nightly by the Meade party. A large chorus of children from the ages of five to fourteen are drilling for a big booster program to be given Saturday night. The young people of high school age are meeting nightly at 7:15 under the leadership of Mrs. L. A. Meade.

Rev. L. A. Meade, evangelist and leader, is a pleasant, yet fearless and dynamic speaker. His messages are gripping and logical, yet with all kind and winsome. He spoke last night on "Needless Poverty in Athena," tonight, his topic is "Choked to Death;" Saturday night, "Family Night;" big booster program, subject: "The Old Fashioned Home; Sunday morning and evening the Christian and Baptist people will worship together. Meetings will continue nightly to March 15th inclusive. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Children Will Sing
One of the most interesting features of the evangelistic meetings is the children's department. A sunshine choir is being organized by Harold C. Meade and is meeting daily at 4 o'clock. Unusual interest is being shown by the youngsters which was evidenced by the attendance at the first meeting, 53 being present. Songs and yells are being rehearsed and it is hoped a street parade will be possible Saturday afternoon. Children's night will be a feature Saturday when the big choir will be heard.

Quota Two for Citizen's Military Training Camp

Vancouver Barracks, Wash.—Umatilla county's quota of students for the citizen's military training camp at Vancouver Barracks this summer has been set at 2 youths between the ages of 17 and 31.

Camp Hurlburt, that forest bordered area above the historic old parade ground, will open June 18 and close July 17, after 90 days of vigorous outdoor life for the hundreds of young men who will come from all points of the state of Oregon, and from five southwestern counties of Washington.

Last year there were 4 boys from Umatilla county at Camp Hurlburt. While the camp quota had originally been set at 50, there were nearly 700 applicants, more than 100 of whom were too late to be admitted. Those attending from Umatilla county last year were as follows: Rex P. Baumgartner, Burke Hayes, Merrill Ploughoff and William E. Temple all of Pendleton.

Steelhammer Promoted
Friends of Louis R. Steelhammer will be interested to know that he has been named assistant manager of the new business department of the Prudential group of savings and loan associations. Mr. Steelhammer is well known here, having been associated with Bond Brothers of Pendleton for several years. Since going to Portland he has been with the Bishop Woolen mills, Bedells and Sears & Roebuck Co.

Will Improve Play Grounds
Lots belonging to the city of Helix have been released by the school district. The lots will be improved for play grounds, including space for baseball and football and farmers of the district will furnish teams and labor will be donated to put the plot in proper condition.

Automobiles in New York Receive a Blessing



Automobiles were blessed in front of the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family in New York city, known as the "Church of the Motorist." It was the first such public ceremony to be held in this city. Here is seen Rev. Daniel De Nanno, pastor of the church, blessing the cars.

Athena High School Basketball Team Won District Tournament, Helix

Playing stellar, consistent basketball, Athena high school took the championship at the district tournament held in Griswold gym at Helix, Friday and Saturday.

Athena opened her undefeated series of three games against Umatilla, defeating the players from the alfalfa-raising town in easy fashion by the score of 39 to 16. Athena led at the half, 16-9.

The locals got away from Stanfield in the second contest, 25-10. In this game Athena was extended in close checking and faster floor work than in her previous appearance on the floor. Helix went through undefeated in the preliminaries against her opponents, and one of the biggest crowds to witness a district tournament was on hand Saturday night to witness her championship game with Athena.

And it was some game, Athena winning by the score of 24 to 22. There is no doubt Athena played the best game of the entire season. From start to finish, the players keyed to the very highest pitch, some of the cleverest checking, passing and basket throwing was in evidence. In the first half the locals spotted a 6-point lead but were unable to hold it, at the half Helix had crawled up to a one-point lead, 9-8. Scoring was close in the second half. In the last few moments of the thrilling contest, when the crowd was yelling itself hoarse, Crowley, who had been the star of the tournament, looped two through the hoop. He was followed an instant later by a toss from a Helix player and the score of the game was crystallized, 24-22.

The playing of Crowley during the tournament was surprisingly spectacular and consistent throughout. He was high point man of the tournament, having a total of 42 points to his credit for the three games.

Athena plays Mac-Hi tonight at 7:30 in the district tournament at Milton-Freewater. Arlington and Umatilla open the tournament this afternoon at 3 o'clock, followed by Adams and Ione at 4, and Pendleton-Helix play at 8:30.

Improve Seed Potatoes
Organization of the Weston Mountain Seed Potato Improvement association was completed at a recent meeting in the uplands of interested growers reports the Weston Leader. Its name sets forth the object of the group, which is the constant improvement of the seed potatoes that have already brought a favorable reputation to the mountain region. Marketing is not among its aims. Ten leading growers are on the membership roll.

Umatilla Ferryman Here
William Switzer, Umatilla ferryman was in Athena Tuesday, en route home from Walla Walla. Mr. Switzer has recovered from a serious illness, having been a patient for some time at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland.

Moved to New Home
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson and daughters have moved into the Baptist parsonage residence property at corner of Third and Jefferson streets, from their former residence on Adams street.

S. A. Barnes, accompanied by his son-in-law, Bert Vaughan, were in Athena Wednesday from Weston. Mr. Vaughan is occupied in bridge construction work in the Sound district.

Silver Tea Wednesday Was Enjoyable Event

One of the most enjoyable events of the spring season was the silver tea sponsored by the Missionary society of the Christian church, Wednesday afternoon. The parlors of the church were seasonably decorated with pussy willows, ferns and song birds.

The wonderful display of hand-some quilts was a feature of the afternoon. Many antiques were in evidence, perhaps the oldest being 110 years old. Others fashioned of quaint calicoes and materials of by-gone days were most interesting. The entire exhibit accented the idea of artistry and patience to an unbelievable degree. About 75 quilts and woven bedspreads were shown several being over a century old. It is believed that Mrs. Cass Cannon and Mrs. Williams of Milton had the oldest quilts and Mrs. Anderson the oldest spread.

A most attractive program consisting of musical numbers and readings was presented. Tea was served from an attractively appointed table centered with a blue centerpiece. Those presiding at the samovoirs included Mrs. E. J. Burchill and Mrs. Charles Gerking of Pendleton, Mrs. J. M. Arant of Milton, Mrs. Laurence Meade, Mrs. M. L. Watts and Mrs. Will Read. Approximately one hundred guests called during the afternoon and the sum of \$28 was realized from the affair.

Out of town guests included Mrs. L. E. Coyle of Walla Walla, Mrs. Charles Gerking and Mrs. E. J. Burchill of Pendleton, Mrs. Marvin Price of Weston, and Mrs. Addie Talbert, Mrs. E. J. Davis Mrs. Effie Williams, Mrs. L. H. Moon, Mrs. Will Steen, Mrs. Edith Ireland, Mrs. Kate Hudson, Mrs. Dora Harden, Mrs. Cyrus Powell, Mrs. Maurice Frazier, Mrs. Mae Martin and Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Arant of Milton. The ladies of the society desire to thank all who so graciously contributed to the success of the occasion.

Henry Schroeder Returns
Henry Schroeder returned to Weston from Spokane this week. Mr. Schroeder has materially improved in health from treatment received in Spokane, and his wife is also enjoying better health. Henry will leave shortly for a visit to his old home near Flint, Michigan, where he will visit his relatives for some time, being at present unable to pursue his occupation of carpenter and builder.

Order Eastern Star
McKenzie Chapter, O. E. S. met at Masonic Hall Wednesday night. Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Chase Garfield was presented with an attractive gift and the regrets of the members were expressed at her prospective departure.

Wm. McCorkell at Hot Lake
Mrs. Joseph Sheard, accompanied by her sisters, Mrs. Rothrock of Pendleton and Mrs. Albert O'Hara of Weston, and her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Haney, motored Sunday to Hot Lake where they visited her brother, Will McCorkell, who is in the sanitarium. They found the patient improving.

State Trap Shoot
Following a meeting with members of the Washington Trap-shooters association in Yakima, Sunday, Dr. Guy York, president of the Walla Walla club, and Frank Jackson, secretary, announced that the state trap event will be held at Walla Walla on June 5, 6 and 7.

Commission Grants Another Delay to the Railroads on Grain Rates

Washington.—The interstate commerce commission has postponed from April 1 to June 1 the date when revised freight rates on grain and grain products are to become effective.

The revised rates were ordered by the commission several months ago but a number of extensions have been granted the railroads.

The revision was prescribed as a result of a lengthy investigation under the Hoch-Smith resolution directing the commission to establish lowest possible rates on agricultural products consistent with service.

In general the revision is downward and applies throughout the western territory and on shipments to the east and south.

The commission estimated the carriers would lose \$15,000,000 a year in revenue but some railroad estimates have increased the figure.

The extension, was requested on the ground the carriers could not prepare the revised schedules by April 1.

Pythian Benefit Dance

The Knights of Pythias lodge at Pendleton sponsored a benefit dance at the Eagle Woodman hall Monday night. A group of local people motored down for the event included Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Eager, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Michener, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Flint Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton.

Wheat Sales Reported Heavy Over Week-End

At some points in the county sales of wheat are reported heavy. At Pendleton many farmers unloaded what wheat they had on hand last week with the result that one Pendleton dealer took in approximately a quarter million bushels Saturday, says the East Oregonian.

The heavy selling is attributed by another Pendleton dealer to the apparent belief among farmers that it "won't do any good to hold wheat any longer."

There was no apparent spurge in wheat selling in Athena. In fact, Lee Wilson, manager for the Farmers Grain Elevator company here, states that most of the wheat which had been in storage in his plant was sold prior to the present movement, although he has been buying moderate lots from day to day.

Drouth Aid Dropped

A community movement which was thwarted at its inception was that intended to aid the drouth sufferers of Kansas. Committees had been appointed and were ready to start work soliciting food when word was received by Mrs. Ross Payne, chairman, that it would be impossible to procure a car for shipping. Consequently the committees have been dismissed and the work dropped.

Circulation Increase

All branch libraries in Umatilla county showed a circulation increase for 1930 over 1929, with the Athena branch says Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn, librarian, leading all branches in the county, with the exception of Stanfield, with an 11 per cent increase. Stanfield reports a 22 per cent increase. Weston has a 3 per cent increase; Milton, 7; Freewater, 4; Helix, 2; Echo, 8; Hermiston, 6; Pilot Rock, 2 and Umatilla 1.

Vodvil Will Be Presented by the Athena Hi School

Athena high school will present a vodvil show on March 19 and 20. One of the numbers is the one act drama, "The Valiant." This is a comparatively new play and one of the best short plays ever written. It took first place in the play acting contest at the University of Oregon last spring.

The cast will include Betty Jane Eager, Roland Wilson, Stafford Hansell, Solista Pickett and George Pittman. The members of the cast are well adapted to their parts and they are working hard and promise to give a very effective performance.

Another number will be a pirate skit given by the glee club. There are to be several choruses, among which will be a boys chorus, and another special chorus by the girls. Incidental dancing will be done by Marjorie Douglas. The following musical numbers are to be used:

Pirates Chorus.....
.....Gilbert and Sullivan-Huffer
Pirate Song.....Henry F. Gilbert
Caballero.....Kotte

The school band is putting on a short act, "In a Hawaiian Garden." The scene of this skit is laid in a garden on a Hawaiian island, and the following numbers are to be featured: Na Lei O Hawaii.....Charles E. King
Alalo Oe.....Queen Liliuokalani
There will also be several other skits offering a program of variety and entertainment.

Circuit Judge Candidate

There are seven or more aspirants for appointment to the vacancy on the bench of the Sixth Judicial district, caused by the recent appointment of Judge Fee to the federal bench at Portland. Homer I. Watts, well known Athena attorney, who has practiced law in state and federal courts for about 25 years is a candidate for the circuit judgeship and his friends are lending their endorsements to his candidacy. The vacancy is temporarily held up on account of a filibuster taking place in the last few hours of congress, when Judge Fee's appointment to the federal position was not made. His appointment will now be made in recess by the president.

Smelt Blocked at Sandy

Just a little more water, a little clearer passage from the Columbia into the Sandy river and the annual smelt run will be on. That was the word Friday from Troutdale, it being reported that the fish had reached the mouth of the Sandy and were waiting to cross the Sandy "bar." William H. Roach, deputy game warden, gave first notice of the approaching run after he had taken seven short sturgeon from some fishermen Thursday and had found their stomachs to be filled with smelt. Extent of the fish horde has not been determined.

Farmall Tractors

Rogers & Goodman, local dealers in International farm machinery, threshers and trucks, have added to their spring stock two Farmall tractors made by and marketed by the International Harvester company. The two tractors were assembled last week and one is on display in one of the Rogers & Goodman store rooms. The other one is in the warehouse. Both machines are ready for the field, and are the first Farmalls to be introduced to the local trade.

Wauna Camp Fire Group

Wauna campfire group met at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Bert Logsdon, Monday evening. A new project being taken up by the girls is the making of a quilt and a pattern has been selected. Each member will piece a block and later plans will be made for finishing. A number of the girls are working for honors and will take ranks at the ceremonial in Walla Walla March 28.

Tacoma Veteran First

Harry E. Woodward, Tacoma gassed World war veteran, and unemployed for nine months, will receive the first loan check from the regional office of the veterans' bureau on his adjusted compensation certificate. Woodward has a wife and two children and has received no compensation from the government since 1922 when he was listed as "rehabilitated."

Will go to British Columbia

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Rogers and their little three weeks old son, Robert Dudley, arrived this week from Walla Walla and are visiting at the E. C. Rogers home, before leaving next week for Washtucna and their home at Creston, B. C.

Sunny Days Bring Work

Sunny days have been the impetus for Athena people to investigate the growth of their bulbs and to prepare the ground for early gardens. Several are plowing and regular spring work is in progress.

BODY APPROVES NATIONAL SALES

North Pacific Grain Growers Will Sell Through the Farmers National.

Spokane.—Directors of the North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., meeting here last week unanimously adopted the proposal of C. E. Huff and G. S. Milnor, respectively president and general manager of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation of Chicago, that farmers' cooperative locals throughout the Inland Empire sell their wheat direct through the Farmers' National.

Since the organization of the North Pacific, the regional organization of the farmers' locals, wheat has been sold through the regional body. Huff and Milnor, who attended a meeting of the North Pacific directors at their previous session, tendered the suggestion at that time, expressing their belief by eliminating duplication and simplifying the sales machinery Inland Empire wheat growers could save 1/2 cent a bushel in handling charges.

The Farmers' National also offered as an inducement for the change the financing of warehouse and elevator facilities for all the locals requiring such.

Officers of the North Pacific would not venture to estimate the amount of funds required for the construction of facilities in this region. It was stated, however, that out of 59 locals in the Inland Empire 50 would require facilities and that no elevator and warehouse construction costs could be estimated far from \$25,000 to \$30,000 each. At the smallest calculation this would call for \$1,250,000.

Construction of elevators by the Farmers' National would be followed by the installation of the National's own manager, although, it was stated, the organization not necessarily would go out of the country for its man.

Elevator construction, also it was stated, would tend to the handling of wheat in bulk and the eliminating of all sacks, thus effecting a saving of from 3 to 5 cents a bushel.

Weston Boy Advances

Weston Leader: Claude Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Snider of Weston, has resigned his position in the government patent office at Washington in order to accept a responsible post with the Draper company, which manufactures looms and is the largest concern of its kind in the world, having a capital of \$25,000,000. Claude will be at the head of its patent department, and because of his qualifications was selected by the company management to fill a vacancy caused by resignation. He is now a mechanical and aeronautical engineer, a patent attorney and an attorney at law. Mr. and Mrs. Snider will move soon from Washington, D. C., to Hopedale, Mass., which will be the scene of his new duties.

Detective Work Wins

Persistent detective work on the part of the sheriff's office has resulted in the recovery of a welding apparatus stolen from the blacksmith shop of Jens Jensen in Athena, over a year ago, and the arrest of Lawrence E. Harris, charged with stealing the equipment. Harris was employed by Jensen, prior to the disappearance of the mechanism of the welding machine. Jensen is at present at his old home in Denmark, but is supposed to return to Athena this spring.

Police Car Turns Taxi

E. B. Jackson, chief of police at Baker, says the limit has been reached. The police prowl car has been used as a taxicab. At 3 a. m. a policeman was called to a hotel and made the trip in a growl car. He was greeted by a cheerful youth, who patiently was under the influence of liquor. The youth nonchalantly asked to be taken home. The officer took but warned him in no uncertain terms that if such a call was made again the ride would end at the city jail.

Armory for La Grande

The house Friday passed the Eckley bill appropriating \$40,000 for construction of a new Armory at La Grande. The vote was 38 to 21 with one absent. The bill drew the objections of the farm bloc, which rose up en masse to protest against any measure which would increase taxes. The bill had its defenders in the service men of the house.

Here From B. C.

Charles Kirk, accompanied by Mr. Garrett of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, is here from his ranch near Creston, B. C. Mr. Kirk reports a mild winter in the British Columbia district where he resides.