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has resulted in the poor distribution. Some eastern Oregon representatives were compromised on the measure and this weekend the opposition that might have resulted in a fairer distribution.

HB80 of the 1945 session came out of the senate this week in fairly good shape and will probably be enacted into law much as written. This means that directors will be elected in this June's elections and they will direct budgets next spring and start putting a county wide school district system into effect. Most forward looking education people around the state house, which are not exactly in the majority, this time, are inclined to think that a much better school system will result from this law when it has had a few years of try-out.

The bill to raise teachers' salaries is still in the senate education committee where there is an attempt being made to make a two year probation period in which no minimum salaries rule. After a teacher had two years experience she would get \$2,000, and if she, or he, had a bachelor's degree she might get \$2,400 but the teachers do not really like this for any measurement of value appeals to them but little so anxious are they to get a good salary regardless.

If the senate passes the bill, it is likely to get by the house which passed the teachers' minimum salary bill with great reluctance the first time. The measure of ability or constancy is a senate notion and did not evolve from the ratiocinations of the house committee which is concerned mostly with the demands of the teacher group instead of the wishes of the state at large.

This particular one is very bad, giving exemption to food sold in grocery stores, which must make every grocer an enemy of the measure from the very start.

It gives one sixth to counties, one sixth to cities and one sixth to school districts and most of these are on a basis of population which makes it impossible for much of eastern Oregon to vote for the bill if they liked it. This provision alone would rob most eastern Oregon counties of half what they would otherwise receive from the sales tax.

It is hoped that the senate will revise the bill so that it will be more fair than the one that passed the house. It is not actually necessary that there be a sales tax. The house committee on taxation has refused to report out the revision measures it has and has chosen to report out the sales tax bill in what appears to be an effort to crowd the sales tax down the people's throat. Bills raising more money from income tax, from liquor, from excise tax are still sleeping in the safety box of the committee.

Balancing the budget has been a means of adjusting funds, not of getting enough money. The vote on the sales tax may be presented as a means of putting the state on a balance, but it is not necessary to do so, in fact, it may not even be desirable.

A sales tax bill that would remove the bonus of the basic school law by raising the money for it from sales tax funds would be desirable. It would make distribution easy for the funds would come from parents—buyers—who had children in most instances. Under the present method real property is the base for the raising of funds and numbers of children are the basis of distribution of them which leads to inequities, especially inasmuch as tax ratios are so poorly balanced in Oregon.

HB444

It now appears that HB444 will pass the house although it is loaded with some excess weight. Instead of a simple bill that amended the measure giving the money from racing to the Pacific International, the State Fair (\$35,000 each) and the Pendleton Round-Up, the Eastern Oregon Livestock show and the Roseburg Turkey show a part of the funds ahead of the county fairs, now the bill includes an additional turkey show in Marion county (result of Representative Francis' membership on the house judiciary committee) and a sum of \$2,500 for a corn show in Clackamas county, (result of Representative Childgren's opposition) in addition to the \$5,000 for the Mid-Columbia show. Such is the way things go and it is probably entirely improper that the bill to obtain racing funds for the 4-H show at The Dalles could have not been allowed to stand on its own feet. It has enough merit, but yet is dragging along two other things of lesser merit.

What will happen to it in the final analysis cannot be foretold as it had quite a ways to go and the session may soon become interested in those things that bring about speedy adjournment.

SCHOOL BILLS

It now seems likely that the school bills will come out of the legislature in much the same manner as they went in. That means gross injustice to eastern Oregon in the basic school measure which cannot be helped so positive has been the desire to grab funds from the measure. Insistence on basing the distribution on a millage basis

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 portal-to-portal suits will never get anywhere, but do take solace that claims for overtime are not impaired in the measure which passed the house and is now under consideration in the senate. The portal decision by the supreme court opened the way for racketeering lawyers and unscrupulous and greedy local leaders and this became so notorious that congress simply had to take steps to quash it. The house found only 56 votes against the bill to out-law the portal swindle.

Rufus Spring Prom Big Success

The Rufus high school spring prom was very well attended last Saturday night with an attendance between 250 and 300. The gymnasium was decorated in the St. Patrick's motif with green and white streamers. Virgil Oltmann and his orchestra from Goldendale furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor and children, Dale and Janet from The Dalles were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris. They also attended the spring prom at Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. William Myers have gone to Umatilla for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Deyo of Salem were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson during the week-end. Mr. Deyo's mother, Mrs. Helen Deyo, returned with them to Salem for a visit.

Mrs. Ray Brown was a visitor in The Dalles on Monday. Mrs. Joe Morris, Mrs. Bill Myers, and Mrs. Robert Morris were in The Dalles on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Macnab and Tom, Bob, Pat, Rose, and Joan Macnab of The Dalles. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Guilford were visitors at the Bill Andrews home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McClain attended a meeting of state employees Saturday night at the Civic Auditorium in The Dalles. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruckert made a business trip Wednesday to Athena and Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Tate of The Dalles were guests Sunday at the

CHURCHES

Moro Community Church
 Palm Sunday, Sunday school 10 a.m., classes for all ages; morning worship 11 a.m., Baptism of infants, observance of Holy Communion, sermon theme, "The Living Bread," Good Friday service, 7:45 p.m., "The Glory of the Cross."
 J. MacFarlane, pastor.

Wasco Church of Christ
 10 a.m. Church Bible school, W. D. Watkins, Supt.; 11 a.m. Divine morning worship. The communion message — "God's Mystery Revealed." Good Friday service. Joint service of First Methodist and First Church of Christ at 8 p.m. Friday evening.

C. E. Sterlie and F. Claude Stephens co-operating.

Grass Valley Baptist Church
 Sunday school 10 a.m.; morning worship service 11 a.m.; Sermon, "It Is Finished;" Sunday evening service 7:45 p.m. Russel Belshee will be speaking. Choir practice, Thursday evening at 8 p.m.
 Howard A. Schilling, pastor.

Wasco Methodist Church
 10:00 Church school, classes for all ages; 11 a.m. Worship service, Palm Sunday, Communion Service.
 7 p.m. Youth Fellowship followed by period of recreation and refreshments.

Grass Valley Methodist Church meets at 3 p.m.
 Carl E. Sterlie, minister.

Christian Science Society
 Lesson for Christian Science Sunday 11 a.m. "Reality." Services Wednesday at 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome.
 Irma Johnson, NG
 Clara Houston, Sec.

Lureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.
 Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.
 E. E. Barzee, W. M.
 H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

home of their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. James Tate.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Macnab are proud parents of a baby boy, William Ronald, who was born Thursday, March 20.

Mrs. LeRoy Belshee and Mrs. Allen Tom were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mrs. James Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Herin and daughter Shirley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williams and family were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Guilford.

Mrs. Grant Bolce has enrolled and is finishing the spring term at college in southeastern Idaho. Mrs. Pearl Jones has returned to her home from Goldendale, Wash., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. D. D. Williams attended the Regional Conference of the elementary school principals in Hood River Saturday, where he spoke on "Public Relations and the Elementary School."

Mrs. Leah Jensen and son, Jimmy spent Friday night and Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yocum.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox visited friends in Rock Creek, Oregon on Sunday.

Miss Eleanor Fox, a student at Oregon State college in Corvallis came home Wednesday where she will spend her spring vacation until April 1st.

Mrs. Harland McDonald spent last week with friends and relatives in Portland.

Miss Arleta Wristen was a week-end guest of Miss Gerita Riggs.

Mrs. George Blackburne was dismissed from The Dalles hospital where she underwent a major operation.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Apple Tree Versus Wheat Field

If you ever visit Jeb Crowell's farm, he'll take you right out on that back porch of his and show you his apple tree.
 "There," says Jeb, "is nature's noblest creation—fifty years, and bearin' still the finest cider apples in the county!"
 But last fall, when a group of us was there, Lud Denny points across the river to his grain fields and says: "There's an even finer sight! Acres and acres of golden grain you can make dozens of appetizing things with—including wholesome, sparkling beer."
 Both of them got so eloquent on the subject, that the rest of us worked up quite a thirst; so Jeb goes to the icebox for beer and cider. And when the refreshments come, Lud chooses cider, and Jeb takes the beer!
 From where I sit, that's the answer to most disputes. You can talk all you want, but when it comes to tastes and preferences, there's just no argument.

Joe Marsh

Shaniko News

Mrs. Irene Sandman of Brea, Calif. surprised her niece Glade Carrigan Thursday, March 20. Mrs. Carrigan and Mrs. Sandman went to Sherman county to visit Mrs. Sandman's brother and family, Leslie Ball.

Jean Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown was home for the week-end from her studies at La Grande.

Mrs. Rosa Harris has been quite ill for the past week. Her daughter Mrs. Arlie Fine of Goldendale, Wn. and Mrs. Carrie Sticken of Bengin, Wn. are both visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rees and family were week-end guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rees Sr., also at Mrs. Glade Carrigan. The former's are from Fairview, Oregon and formerly lived here.

James Phifer was a Dalles visitor two days last week receiving medical attention.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN

In the matter of the estate of Eliza J. Dingle, deceased)

To Alfred Smith, John K. Brown, Raymond F. Brown, Archie Brown, Ernest Brown, Raymond Crawford, Leona F. Crawford, Frelin Kimberlin, Herman Cross, Flossie Cross Stewart, Hazel Cross Brown, Della Smith Lachour, Silas Smith, Walter Wakefield, Ona Wakefield Peyton, Lillie Bell Elzey, Sarah Jane Ogle Lines, Zelma Cornwell, Icelene Haddie, Willard Ogle, Lewis Ogle, H. R. Barksdale, Clyde Ogle, Earl Noble, William W. Noble, Earl Thomas Noble, James Smith, Jr., Charles Maurice Smith and Shirley Ann Smith and to any and all devisees, heirs at law and other persons, known or unknown, claiming any interest in the real property herein-after described.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby required to appear before the above entitled Court within Twenty-eight (28) days from the date of the first publication of this citation as hereinafter stated, to show cause, if any exists, why the prayer of the petitioner, George A. Potter, Administrator, with the will an-

nexed, of the Estate of Eliza J. Dingle, deceased, for authority to sell all of the real property of said estate situated in the State of Oregon, should not be granted, said real property, being situated in the County of Sherman, State of Oregon, and being more particularly described as follows:

(1) Beginning at the Northwest corner of Block 5 of Bigg's 2nd Addition to the town, now city, of Wasco, Oregon; running thence East 135 feet to a point on the North line of said Block 5; thence South 115 feet; thence West 135 feet to a point on the west line of said Block 5; thence North to place of beginning;

(2) Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-one and Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two, Township One North, Range Seventeen East

of the Willamette Meridian. Service of this citation is made upon you by publication in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Sherman County, Oregon, once a week for four consecutive and successive weeks by virtue of an order made and entered in said Court and proceeding on the 26th day of February, 1947, said period of publication being for the time prescribed by said order.

The date of the first publication of this citation is the 28th day of February, 1947.

WITNESS, the Honorable J. M. Wilson, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, with the seal of said Court affixed this 26th day of February, 1947.

J. M. Wilson
 County Judge
 (County Court Seal)

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the year ended December 31, 1946
 Of the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Savannah Georgia, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

INCOME	
Net premiums received	\$1,217,142.95
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	49,869.57
Income from other sources	146,150.08
Total income	\$1,413,162.60
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net amount paid for losses	\$ 339,654.50
Loss adjustment expenses	18,881.02
Underwriting expenses	390,525.92
Dividends paid to stockholders (Cash, \$ —; Stock, \$ —)	20,400.00
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	213,490.86
All other expenditures (including investment expenses \$ —)	29,394.16
Total disbursements	\$1,012,346.46
ADMITTED ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 9,500.00
Loans on mortgage and collateral, etc.	131,453.73
Value of bonds owned (market)	920,954.11
Value of stocks owned (market value)	254,610.13
Cash in banks and on hand	712,348.96
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 19	226,398.61
Interest and rents due and accrued	6,189.75
Other assets (net)	14,200.29
Total admitted assets	\$2,275,655.58
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Total unpaid claims	\$ 52,452.18
Total unearned premiums	1,035,644.12
All other liabilities (includes Voluntary Contingency Reserve 100,000)	178,672.78
Total liabilities, except capital	\$1,266,769.08
Guaranty Fund	\$ 350,225.00
Unassigned funds (surplus)	658,661.50
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$1,008,886.50
Total	\$2,275,655.58
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Reinsurance only	
Net premiums received	\$ 30,242.96
Net losses paid	7,875.26
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	none

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