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EDITORIAL
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Observer.

Let France gobble the Ruhr; let the Bolshevik scramble over Europe and the Turk scrap with the Greek if it pleases them. We see no reason for Uncle Sam to mix in. We have trouble of our own and charity begins at home.

So far the clamor of the people for reduced taxes works on the legislature at Salem like water on the back of a duck, but Gov. Pierce makes a strong plea for backing in his retrenchment measures and it is to be hoped that some good will be effected.

History repeats itself, and once more Mars, the God of War, reigns supreme in the fashionable quarters of Paris.

It is again reported that Charlie Chaplin is engaged and will soon marry Pola Negri. The rumor has long been current, but "Charlie" won't stay put.

It is said that Kaiser Bill is unhappily married. In this instance it is not a case of too much mother-in-law.

Take the news from Europe with a grain of salt. If your memory is good, you observe news "feelings" coming from abroad that strikingly resemble the propaganda of the World War. Europe's propaganda machines are being oiled up and geared into high, gamble on that; each side craves American and English sympathy and support. American newspapers are doing their best to sort the fake news from the legitimate. That's why, in relaying European "news" to you, they also inform you of the source of the rumor or official announcement. —Capper's Weekly.

Mr. William Allen White asks, "What's the matter with America?" in Colliers.

"We assume all men are equal, but, granted the presence of the moron in our country, what makes them worse than their fellow half-wits of Europe? What is our distinction? We fashioned this blooming land for men who are mental adults. The European statesmen took account of the weak-witted in making their institutions. We Americans assume all men are created equal. It was a good enough assumption in Jefferson's day, but our blood is changing.

"In another hundred years we shall have an America for which our fathers did not die, by a long shot. We may come back to the U. S. A. and find, not the land of the Pilgrims' Pride, but Italy, Greece, or the Balkans, or all three, gorgeously blended.

"The melting-pot is not melting; it's boiling—yes, slopping over! —Western American.

TOO MUCH OVERHEAD

Overorganization is described as a prevailing flaw in American industry by Dr. Milton C. Whitaker, chemist, inventor and organizer.

"We saw many cases during the war," he said, "where there was so much organization that there was no one left to do the work. We still frequently find organizations all dressed up and no place to go.

"Many research projects are doomed to failure before they start, because of the lack of interest or understanding on the part of the overhead. If research is to be a part of an organization at all, it is entitled to the full benefits of co-operative support of every man in that organization from overhead to office boy. Research men are liable to be sensitive and sometimes temperamental. They respond to en-

couragement and wholeheartedness, while on the other hand, a single knocker may wreck the works." —Industrial News Bureau.

Notice of Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Carl Louis Bernicke, deceased, has filed her final account, as such administratrix, in the County Court of Marion County, State of Oregon, and that the Court thereof has fixed Monday the 19th day of February 1923 at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court room of said Court, in the County Court house at Salem, Marion County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final report and the settlement thereof.

ALMA CAMPBELL,

Administratrix of the estate of Carl Louis Bernicke, deceased.

Napoleon Davis, Aurora, Oregon, Attorney for Administratrix.

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LIVES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Rebecca Gratz, American Jewess, One of the Most Notable of Early-Day Characters.

The most famous of American Jewesses was Rebecca Gratz, distinguished for her beauty and piety, and for her friendships with eminent Americans.

There is a tradition that Henry Clay was an unsuccessful suitor, and one of her most distinguished friends was Washington Irving. This later association had important literary consequences. Irving was likewise a close friend of Sir Walter Scott, whom he used frequently to visit at Abbotsford; it is said that his description of Miss Gratz, of her loveliness of person, the fineness of her character, her devotion to her religion and her race—a devotion that had prevented her from marrying, most of the men with whom she associated having been Christians—so fired the romantic imagination of Scott that he put her in the novel that he was then writing.

In this way it happened that Scott's most famous woman character, his Rebecca of "Ivanhoe," was drawn from Rebecca Gratz of Philadelphia, writes Burton J. Hendrick in World's Work.

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COMMITTEES SLOW IN REPORTING BILLS

With Half of Session Gone Only
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Have Passed Both Houses.

Salem.—When the legislature assembled Monday for the fourth week of the session there was very little to its credit in the way of bills passed and sent up to the governor. Only six unimportant bills had passed both houses. Most of the failure to accomplish results during the first three weeks is attributed to failure of the committees to report out bills referred to them for attention.

With one-half of the session gone by without any legislation of major importance, both houses must turn in and do some real work this week if they wish to keep the legislative wheels from being clogged late in the session. Doubtless both houses will quit cutting out Saturday's hereafter, and in the future work Saturday mornings and hold a short afternoon session, instead of suspending activities Friday afternoon.

At the close of the third week of the session the house had a total of 191 bills before it and the senate 104, a grand total far less than any session in recent years.

Not many of the bills before either house are of much controversial moment, and ought not to require much time for their disposition once they get out of committee and up for final action.

Insurance Bills Missing.

Some big pieces of legislation much talked of before the session have not made their appearance. Particularly, the measures bearing on the industrial accident commission, expect to come from both sides of the fence, have not been put in. One of these bills from the labor side would be to propose a constitutional amendment to make the act compulsory, and the other from the employers' side would open the act further to stock insurance companies and self-insurance. While measures covering both of these have been prepared, and have been at the capitol for some little time, appearances indicate that neither may materialize.

Practically all of the general appropriation bills have yet to come in, only one deficiency bill having been put through to save interest charges, and one of the measures to provide partially for legislative expenses.

The Hall consolidation bill will take its place upon the calendar of the senate for final passage this week.

Senator Johnson, whose bill was sidetracked by the committee in favor of the Hall measure, abandoned his plan of attempting to substitute his bill for that of Senator Hall. The Hall bill received the indorsement of Governor Pierce in a speech in Portland last week.

Five interlocking bills looking to the consolidation and elimination of state departments, boards and commissions, were introduced by Senator Hare.

Consider Income Tax Bills. Actual consideration of the three income tax bills introduced in the legislature began Monday night when the joint committee on assessment and taxation began a series of sessions with members of the state tax investigation commission, Frank M. Warren, chairman of the state audit commission, and Dr. James Gilbert, head of the economics department of the University of Oregon.

The apparent lack of authority under existing laws to check the expenditures of approximately 40 offices, boards and commissions now operative in Oregon, was criticised severely in a letter sent by Governor Pierce to C. J. Smith, chairman of the senate ways and means committee, and W. D. Fletcher, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house. Correcting the existing evil by placing these offices, boards and commissions under the jurisdiction of the ways and means committees was suggested by Governor Pierce in his communication.

One notable feature of the present session is the absence of "salary grab" bills. Instead of increasing salaries the present legislature seems inclined not only to cut them, but abolish jobs as well. Bills intended to abolish a number of offices and boards have appeared.

Representative Randall has introduced a bill which would make a flat cut of 20 per cent in the salaries of all public officials, and Representative Carsner has sponsored a bill which reduces the salaries of practically all state officers, including the governor. The Carsner bill also reduces the compensation of the heads of the state university and agricultural college and limits the pay of professors.

Literary Test Provided.

The senate by unanimous vote adopted the Clark resolution which would provide a literacy test as a qualification for suffrage. The measure in-

volves a constitutional amendment and if passed by the house will go before the voters for action at the general election in 1924. A companion bill which covers the proposed test in detail requires that before a voter can be qualified he or she must pass a test in reading and writing.

The senate refused to approve a bill introduced in the house which provides for the physical examination of teachers in the public schools. The bill was referred to a committee for drastic amendments.

Another one of Representative Woodward's educational bills went into the discard when the house defeated a proposal providing for transportation of pupils who reside more than three miles away from a school house.

Dairymen, milk dealers and distributors would be protected from the heavy loss now suffered through the purchase and resale by junk dealers of milk bottles, proponents of a bill by Representative Meindl, which passed the house, claim.

A bill introduced by Senator Eddy and amended by the committee on roads and highways, provides that farmers who obtain permission of the state highway commission to move heavy machinery over the roads on the state and comply strictly with the regulations as laid down by the commission, shall not be liable for any damage that may result.

Compensation for Sheriffs.

Compensation for sheriffs or deputies injured in the pursuit of their official duties or for their dependents in the event of death of one of these officials is provided for in a bill introduced by Senator Klepper, which sets aside an appropriation of \$25,000 for this purpose to be administered by the industrial accident commission.

The tax on gasoline would be raised from 2 cents a gallon to 4 cents and license fees would be reduced on all automobiles under the provisions of two bills introduced in the house by Senator Klepper and Representative Meindl.

Under the new license regulations, if this bill is adopted, licenses for automobiles weighing less than 1700 pounds would cost \$7.50 instead of \$15 as at present, and automobiles weighing more than this would be licensed for a flat rate of \$12.50 instead of on the sliding scale now provided which reaches a maximum of \$97.

The tire width basis of computing motor truck license fees is abandoned and a flat rate of \$60 for motor trucks and \$25 for trailers provided when solid tires are used and \$40 for motor trucks and \$25 for trailers when four pneumatic tires are used.

Would Post Lord's Prayer.

A bill introduced in the senate by Senator La Follette would make it compulsory for any person conducting a public office, place of religious worship, fraternal hall, school, court house, shop, store, mill or other place where men, women or children are employed, or who gather in bodies for labor or worship, to have one or more copies of the Lord's prayer posted where it may easily be seen and read.

The so-called non-sectarian garb bill, which has been under consideration by members of the senate educational committee for more than a week, was reported out favorably. This bill, as reported provides that any teacher who violates its provisions shall be subject to suspension from the schools. Originally the bill provided for a fine or imprisonment in the county jail for any teacher violating its provisions. It originally was introduced in the house by Representative Woodward and received favorable consideration by that body.

Legislative Brevities. A horizontal reduction of 10 per cent in taxes by all tax-levying bodies is directed by a measure introduced by Senator Dennis.

Senator Brown has introduced a bill providing that two of the five members of the state game commission shall be farmers.

Governor Pierce signed a bill introduced by Senator Strayer designating the east and west highway through the state as the old Oregon trail.

Absent voters hereafter will include railroad employees actually employed in maintaining train service and absent on election day if the bill which passed the house becomes a law.

Minors are prohibited from being employed in public dance halls, either in connection with dances or furnishing the music for them, under the terms of a bill passed by the house.

Enforcement of the prohibition and narcotic drug laws of the state will be put squarely up to Governor Pierce in case two bills introduced by Senator Eddy meet with favorable consideration by the legislature.

The house passed Kay's bill directing the tax commission to levy each year an amount which it thinks will be sufficient to administer the provisions of the veterans' educational aid act during the following year.

K. K. Kubli, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives was compelled to return to his home in Portland and take to his bed. Mr. Kubli contracted a severe cold at the capital and the illness developed a particularly annoying attack of bronchitis.

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