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EDITORIAL
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Observer.

Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, recently addressed a meeting of several hundred millionaires in New York City, and very plainly stated to them the evils complained of by the farm bloc, the labor bloc and the soldier organization. He submitted the purpose for which they all worked as a remedy for these ills. If all our national legislators had the vision and the courage of the senator from Iowa the dream of a government by and through co-operation might be realized.

Some of our national legislators, in trying to relieve the farmers, are experimenting with dangerous weapons. The attempt of Senator Goring to pass an embargo on the importation of wheat, if successful, would be like making paper money, a hazardous enterprise. If we fix the price of wheat, why not that of groceries and every other commodity? Why leave anything open to competition? Why not legislate so as to please every business man and make his industry of a certain remunerative?

The truth of the Bible finds new confirmation in the recent revivification of a man who had died from the effects of a knife wound. In the case referred to all heart action had ceased. And yet artificial respiration restored life and not that only, but with the return of life came mind, memory and soul, to the extent that the murderer was convicted upon his testimony.

If this were death and death were the end, whence went the mind, the memory and the soul? Those who heard the lectures of Rev. Wm. Schoeler on the subject of "Evolution" must be convinced of the correctness of his conclusion that the spirit is that intangible form which pervades all life, not a part of the material substance, but a something which conveys to us all the personality of the individual, the characteristics of that particular life, whether human, animal or plant life.

If this were death, and human intelligence can draw no other line between life and death than that in which all the normal functions of the body and the mind are stilled, then how did the return of bodily activity restore the working of mental processes to such an extent that they could convince beyond a reasonable doubt a jury of his peers, of the commission of a capital crime and of the author of it?

The only logical alternative is that man has misconceived the definition of death and that no man will know till one shall come back with the sure report that he has stood in the presence of his maker.

Child Run Down by Car

Six-Year-Old Girl Is Thought to Have Fractured Skull.

Six-year-old Edith Davis, daughter of J. O. Davis of Vermont St., was struck down late yesterday afternoon at Macadam and Nebraska streets by an automobile driven by Mrs. C. A. Barley, 698 East Fifty-first street. The child was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where it was feared last night she might have a fractured skull.

Motorecycle Officer Ripley, who investigated the case, found that the girl, at play on the walk, had dashed in front of Mrs. Barley's car, which was stopped in a distance of ten feet. The girl was first taken to the emergency hospital by Henry Kreis of Aurora.

—The Oregonian.

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Notice of Final Settlement

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Account of Paul Blaschke, administrator with the Will annexed of the Estate of Michael Blaschke, deceased, has been filed in the County Court for Marion County, Oregon, and that Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1923, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., thereof, has been duly fixed by such Court as the time for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. All persons interested in said estate are hereby required to appear in said Court at said time, and show cause, if any, why said final account should not be allowed and approved by said court.

PAUL BLASCHKE,
Administrator with the Will annexed of the Estate of Michael Blaschke, deceased.

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OREGON LEGISLATURE COMPLETES LABORS

Income Tax Measure Is Outstanding Legislation of the Thirty-Second Session.

Salem.—The thirty-second assembly of the state legislature completed its labors after a session which extended six days over the 40-day constitutional period. By holding over a few days the session closed without the customary confusion and turmoil which marked the closing hours of some of the previous sessions.

During the session 643 bills were introduced. Of this number 412 had their origin in the house, while 231 were offered in the senate.

Of the 412 bills introduced in the house 245 received favorable consideration. The others were beaten on the floor, indefinitely postponed or died in the hands of the various committees.

Of the 231 bills introduced in the senate 138 were approved. The remaining 93 were killed on third reading or smothered in the committees.

The outstanding legislation to the state at large was the passage of an income tax, a new method of raising revenue in Oregon.

Rate 1 to 6 Per Cent

The income tax law which was approved by the legislature provides for a tax of from 1 to 6 per cent. The exemptions are: \$1000 for single persons and \$2000 for married persons and a \$400 exemption for each dependent. The tax on the first \$1000 of net income is 1 per cent with an increase of one-fourth of 1 per cent on each additional \$1000 up to 6 per cent, which is applied on an income of \$12,000 and over.

Corporations, resident or non-resident, are entitled to an exemption of \$2000, and dividends of resident corporations, if not distributed, are subject to the tax to be paid by the corporation. If dividends are distributed the tax is collected from individuals.

In computing the net income deductions may be made along the lines provided for in the federal income tax, excepting inheritance and local improvement taxes.

It is estimated that the income tax will raise between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

Unless the law is killed by the referendum it will become effective next year and apply on incomes received during 1923. In the event that the referendum is invoked, the governor is empowered to call a special election next November, so that it will not be necessary to wait until the next general election for the people to decide the issue.

Consolidation Falls

Next to the income tax, the big issue before the session was the matter of consolidating state offices. Owing to divergent views between the house and senate consolidation failed.

Most of the tax bills proposed by the tax investigating committee failed to pass. The legislature did, however, pass the finance commission bill which gives the state supervision over the issue of bonds by the various tax units of the state and the tax conservator commission act, which extends throughout the state the general provisions of the tax supervision commission which has operated in Multnomah county for the past two years.

Highway legislation, which in past sessions was one of the big issues, played a minor role in the session just closed. While there were a number of measures introduced affecting the road program very few of them were translated into laws.

Gasoline Tax Increased.

The tax on gasoline was increased from 2 to 3 cents per gallon but all attempts to revise the motor vehicle fees were defeated.

One of the bills which was passed provides that fines for violations of the traffic laws, when made by the state traffic officers, shall go into the state treasury and be credited to the highway fund.

Formerly the engineering office of the highway department has designed and looked after the construction of important county bridges. Senator Eddy secured the enactment of a law which enables county courts to do their own bridge work or have it done, where the structure does not cost more than \$35,000.

Attempts definitely to locate the Roosevelt highway were defeated.

A bill was passed which extends indefinitely the time in which the state highway commission can match any government appropriations for the Roosevelt highway.

Efforts to have a salaried highway commissioner were defeated, notwithstanding the recommendations of the governor.

The ambition of the American Legion of Oregon was realized when Governor Pierce attached his signature to the anti-alien land bill.

To the irrigation and drainage securities commission, which for several years has been composed of the state engineer, the attorney general and the state superintendent of banks, the legislature added the governor and the state treasurer.

Malheur Controversy Settled
The Malheur lake controversy was probably settled by the Ellis bill, allowing squatters on the lake bed lands, the gratis acquisition of 160 acres each and riparian owners the right to fill out their fractional "forties" from the land along the meander lines.

Two bills of interest to the farmers were passed. One defining the standards of ice cream and a bill to prohibit the use of milk or milk products in milk or butter substitutes containing vegetable oils.

The fish commission, by the imposition of a 1-cent poundage tax on fish caught and used by canners, and the establishment of a sinking fund out of part of the proceeds from this fund, has taken the step toward making that body self-sustaining.

Under the provisions of the narcotic law approved by the governor, the penalties for the use, possession or sale of narcotics are greatly increased. A state prohibition enforcement organization headed by the governor was created and a division of fines imposed in the counties authorized to maintain the state organization.

Confiscation of automobiles used in illicit liquor transportation was provided for and additional restrictions placed on the use of stills and mash products.

Sterilization Law Enacted.

Considered among important enactments is the sterilization bill, intended to curb the propagation of feeble minded and criminally inclined persons.

Another important bill requires a literacy test for voters.

The old wild animal bounty system was repealed and in its place was enacted the so-called hunter system whereby counties have the option of using government hunters to chase down predatory animals. They are paid jointly by the counties and the government.

Measures flavored with religious prejudice received scant consideration. The only bill of a religious character which passed was the Woodward bill prohibiting school teachers from wearing sectarian garb. There was little opposition to the measure.

Bills to eliminate Columbus day from the list of legal holidays and to repeal the law providing for both Protestant and Catholic chaplains at the penitentiary failed.

No attempt was made to advance the effective date of the compulsory school bill that was passed by the people in November.

Bills attempting to place a tax on church property and on hospitals also failed.

A bill providing for free text books, another proposing that all electors in school districts be allowed to vote on questions affecting school finances, and another calling for dental inspection in public schools all failed.

The \$40,000 appropriation for the Pacific Northwest Tourist association was killed.

Initiative Changes Fail.

Several attempts were made to amend the initiative, referendum and recall acts to curb the activity of petition circulators, but these failed.

A house joint resolution proposing to submit to the people the question of amending the state constitution to provide for a lieutenant governor was indefinitely postponed.

The Bennett bill, which would have done away with the listing of agricultural and horticultural lands by county assessors was vetoed by the governor.

The governor failed in his effort for a severance tax, but was given the authority asked by him as an alternative, to call a conference of the governors of Washington, California and Idaho to sit with him for the formulation of some harmonious plan for the protection of the natural resources of the Northwest.

Astoria Gets Relief.

In the closing hours the Mott bill granting relief to Astoria through the remission of state taxes for a period of seven years was passed.

The legislature defeated the bill to compel women to serve on juries and also killed the measure to require a physical examination of women before marriage.

From a financial viewpoint, the legislature is \$201,519 more economical, so far as direct appropriations voted are concerned, than was the session of 1921.

That session voted appropriations to the amount of \$6,359,537. The session just ended voted money bills totaling \$6,068,018.

Among the minor bills passed of general interest was an appropriation which will bring the battleship Oregon into Portland harbor, there to remain as a floating monument for the future, and bills reopening loans to those who took the soldiers' bonus, when they prove that they did so under mistake; prohibiting changing of party affiliation within 30 days of primaries and placing safeguards around the signing of initiative petitions.

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