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LEGISLATURE ONE FOURTH FAILURE

This session of the Oregon legis-
lature will, in a few hours, be a
thing of the past. People are now
beginning to weigh up the accom-
plishments of the session and many
think 75 per cent failure is about
the right estimate to place upon its
activities.

This is our first legislature to work
under a handicap. The voice of the
people as expressed at the polls on
November 7, has had a wholesome
restraining influence upon the ex-
penditures of the tax payers money.
Yet there have been appropriations
made which are of doubtful wisdom.
In fact our law makers have done a
number of things which the people
did not want done and have left un-
done many things which the people
wanted. For instance:

There was no call whatever for
increasing the salaries of our
supreme judges \$500 per year; for
there is no lack of candidates for
the place from the ranks of the
leading lawyers of the state. Nor
was there any reason why the
salaries of our circuit judges should
not have been reduced from \$4000
to \$3600. In either case it would
be no trouble to persuade our lead-
ing lawyers to become candidates.
But as a large percentage of the
legislative membership are lawyers,
the action is easily accounted for.
Probably every one of the lawyer
members hopes or expects to, some-
time in the future, be entitled to
wear the title of "Judge."

During the first days of the ses-
sion, from the tenor of the bills
introduced, the people began to hope
that our solons had heard and in-
tended to heed what they knew to
be the general wishes of the people.
Talk of commissions to be consoli-
dated made the people expect that
a real reform along lines of economy
was at hand. They expected that
relief from the exactions of numerous
needless and vexing laws was to be
given them. They expected that the
wastful extravagance of our bureau-
cracy was to get a hard calling
down. But when the session was
half gone, the people disappointedly
changed their minds. They saw that
the only legislative effort would be,
to keep within the bounds of the
tax limitation law, which was enacted
at the late election by the people.
When the strong lobby of tax eaters
began to get action in the committee
room and in the dark corners of the
rotunda, they then knew that real
retrenchment along some lines was
to be a myth and that all talk and
action in the first half of the session
was, simply, to fool the people.
Even the fine Italian hand of Gov-
ernor Withycombe was felt among
the lobbyists, for he intimated early
in the session that his pet commis-
sion (fish and game) was not to be
interfered with in any way. The

only step towards consolidating or
abolishing any of our commissions
will be to appoint a committee of
seven gentlemen to investigate the
some 35 to 40 commissions and to
report their findings to the next
legislature, two years hence.

The main trouble at Salem seems
to be a lack of or willingness to
agree upon measures the people
want and which would lop off a few
of the tax eaters. If one house,
after due consideration, passes a bill
the other house is sure to amend it
in a way that its purpose is practi-
cally defeated, or to so amend it
that the house originating the bill
will not accept the change.

Here the thought arises. Why
a dual legislature? Why is not a
one-branch legislature with the gov-
ernor to wield the veto ax and the
people the referendum, sufficient?

Be it said to the credit of the
Linn county members, their votes
were always, with one or two excep-
tions, in the interests of the people.
At least two of them have not intro-
duced a bill during the session, but
have assisted in defeating bills not
wanted nor needed and in the re-
pealing of several laws which were
but a cumberance on our statute
books. Some of the Multnomah
members have introduced twenty or
more bills during the session, many
of which they knew would not be
enacted into law and were simply
adding to the expense of the session.

The question of reforming the
legislature will be for the people to
solve. As now organized and con-
stituted, it is not at all responsive
to the wishes of the people. It has
entirely too many members, who
pay little if any taxes, and who
seem disposed to desire to exploit
the state's resources. Such members
are a detriment to the real pros-
perity of the state and should never
be elected to the legislature or to
any other office, for that matter.

GERMANY WOULD AVOID WAR WITH THE U. S.

Latest indications are that Ger-
many would avoid war with the
United States. There is just one
way to do it. Leave American ships
alone, else proceed to search them
and provide reasonable safety for
passengers and crew in accordance
with the established international
rules of war.

Germany is playing a desperate
game in the indiscriminate activity
of her U-boats. As the United
States is the most powerful of the
neutral states, of course she de-
sires to feed us palliatives until she
demonstrates her ability to effec-
tively blockade England and destroy
her merchant ships. Then she could
give her attention to the United
States and would, probably, talk in
a different strain.

But if press reports are to be
credited, these U-boats do not hunt
armed merchant ships very indus-
triously. The destruction of mer-
chantmen may be greatly dimin-
ished in the future for England now
purposes to arm all of her merchant-
men for defensive purposes and
future losses may include an occa-
sional U-boat.

At all events, Germany believes
the United States are fully aroused
and that a declaration of war will
follow the first destruction of an
American ship without due halt and
search. Germany is, evidently,
playing her last trump and, if pos-
sible, will prevent her enemy from
taking the lead. Just at the present
time she does not wish to embroil a
side issue that might deflect her
only sea arm from the evident pur-
pose of starving England.

It is somewhat strange that these
U-boats do not tackle the English
war fleet. If a majority of these
fleets could be destroyed, then the
German war ships would dare to go

to sea and contend for the mastery.

One of Germany's complaints
against the allies is that she is de-
nied the freedom of the sea. There
is no law to prevent the German
war fleet from sailing the high seas,
if she will, just as she now is sailing
her U-boats.

Of course we do not wish war
with Germany, nor with any other
nation. But she now knows what
will result if American ships are
sunk without due warning and
search. Yet the commanders of her
U-boats are mostly young men,
somewhat inclined to be foolhardy
and, consequently, an American ship
may be sunk any day. Then, of
course, the real thing will be on.

Another feature in conditions may
cause Germany to think seriously
before giving cause for active hos-
tilities with the United States and that
is the almost unanimous support the
people, the American Germans in-
cluded, are giving President Wilson.
If a divided sentiment existed here,
Germany might assume a different
tone. She knows that the United
States is not a nation to be despised
in the war game and, besides she
seems to have enemies a plenty
without adding thereto.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Abraham Lincoln, the first repub-
lican president of the United States,
was born in Hardin county, Ken-
tucky, February 12, 1809. Last
Monday was the 108th anniversary.

Every school boy and girl should
be familiar with his life history—of
his trials and struggles against great
adversity. It should be an inspira-
tion, an incentive to every boy to
strive the harder. Boys, any of
them, no matter how poor and
humble, enjoy better opportunities
today to secure an education and to
get on in life, than did our martyred
president. In his boyhood days,
there were few schools and few
books. Such schools as there was,
were of the rudest character and
the teachers unskilled in the methods
of education, as are the teachers of
today. Mr. Lincoln attended these
poor schools but a few months. He
was his own teacher in after life.
Yet with this handicap he climbed
to the topmost rung in the ladder
of fame and implanted his strong
ideas of the liberty of men in the
minds of the civilized world.

It should be a matter of pride to
be a citizen of a nation which has
produced such men as Washington,
Lincoln and their histories should be
familiar to every boy and girl in
the land, including those of our
adopted fellow citizens. To know
what it has cost in blood and treas-
ure to establish and maintain a
nation which gives to her citizens
the broadest liberty known in civil-
ized governments should, surely,
inspire a patriotism unbounded.

A bill has been introduced in the
legislature authorizing every high
school to organize a cadet company
and the state to furnish the neces-
sary equipment. The smallest num-
ber allowed in a company is 20.

Santiam Farm News

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G. A. Griffin visited with Frank
Summers and family Sunday.

Mrs. Hoffman was taken violently
ill Friday afternoon and had to call
in the doctor, but is some better.

Miss Phoebe Turner and Mrs.
Martha Smith and Miss Neva Smail
were callers at the Santiam farm
Sunday afternoon.

The Pie Eater is plowing out his
strawberry patch to insure a good
crop, as berries will be 10 cents per
gallon this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lock made a busi-
ness trip to Scio Monday.

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