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Its Purpose Defeated.

The special session of the state legislature called for the purpose of levying a sales tax which would bring revenue to take care of the deficit in the state finances, has been held, and adjourned.

The legislators first appropriated \$10,000 as expense money for the special session. Then came the bombardment of protests from every corner of the state bringing disfavor on the sales tax proposal. For five days, at \$2,000 a day, the senators and representatives jostled the proposed sales tax with one argument and another, until it finally passed the house with a substantial majority of fourteen. The senate defeated the measure by a small majority of two votes.

The sole purpose of calling the special session had been defeated. There was no recommendation from the governor. The only accomplishment realized by the legislature was the repeal of the state property tax, which leaves the state with no substantial source of income to finance its government, since the constitution provides that the legislature must levy taxes to finance the government.

It has been pointed out that sales tax, with rigid retrenchment in government expenditures, would bring the new revenue into the treasury within 90 days after the special session of the legislature has been adjourned. This emergency measure failed to affect a saving for the state government or create new revenue.

If there is an alternative program that is to be proposed during the regular session of the legislature, well and good; if not, the special session accomplished merely the repeal of the state property tax, and an appropriation of \$10,000 for its own expenses.

Traffic Laws.

A car parked near the post office one morning this week with the engine left running, gained momentum, evidently from the vibration caused by the running engine. A young man who came out of the post office saw what was happening and jumped on the running board to steer the car to a safe parking near the Tum-A-Lum office.

The woman who had left the car parked with the engine running saw what was happening and supposed that some one was trying to get away with her car. She became excited and without waiting for an explanation gave the young man a tongue lashing for trying to steal her car. The young man dismissed her with a shrug.

In the first place the car should never have been parked along the highway without observing the Oregon motor vehicle laws which are included in the "Oregon Motorist's Manual." Regarding parking, the law says: "The driver must first effectively set the brakes thereon stop the motor, and if on a grade the front wheels must be turned to the curb or side of the highway."

The driver of this car had observed none of these traffic laws, and had also broken the rules of courtesy by not first ascertaining the reason for the young man's actions.

The driverless car was headed for another car parked farther down the street, and was endangering traffic on the highway. Possible serious accident was avoided, but many cases of such carelessness have not resulted as fortunately.

It is advisable for every motorist who drives a car to obtain "The

Oregon Motorist's Manual" and study questions and answers contained therein on motor vehicle laws.

Individual Ideas.

With all due respect for Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and her individual ideas regarding prohibition, her statement made while giving a nationwide address over the radio, that "the average girl of today faces the problem of learning, very young, how much she can drink of such things as whisky and gin and sticking to the proper quantity," is a broad statement. There were arguments upholding and opposing Mrs. Roosevelt's remark, almost immediately.

This remark made by Mrs. Roosevelt is nearly as one-sided as the one made by a man who said, "all American young people carry a lark on their hip." There are thousands of "average" girls who do not have the inclination nor the means to learn to drink, even to the extent of a "proper quantity."

The Literary Digest carries the following statement: "If it is true some young women are drinking," says Edith Newby in a letter to the New York Times, "I believe these come from homes where there has always been more money and leisure than is good for any young person." "If liquor is as expensive as it is said to be, asks Miss Newby, who now lives in Wood Ridge, New Jersey, "how much could a girl earning \$18 a week buy after room, board, and dentists' bills are paid, and the needed clothes bought?"

"I lived in New York City on just his income up until a few years ago. Many of the girls in the same W. were making less, and salaries are still lower today. There was a liquor problem among the three or four hundred girls in that building. Is it possible we were freaks? "Now, much loose talk regarding the dissipation of our young is being circulated by women leaders (socialized), who admit that in their youth they were not expected to do anything but a little 'genteel charity work'. They possess a good deal of self-righteousness to criticize a lass of young women with whom they do not associate."

"My advice to them is to continue the charity work, while our young girls face the problem, not, as Mrs. Roosevelt says, 'of learning, very young,' but of earning very young."

Taxes Asked On Idle Money.

The following article written by a local merchant, H. L. Propst, appeared on the editorial page of the Oregonian today:

To the Editor: Many people in this district express themselves as unfavorable to either a property or a sales tax, especially a sales tax, believing that, with the federal tax, it will tax small businesses entirely out of business.

The state could lawfully tax all tax-exempt bonds, and if idle money was taxed, as in some countries, and also the idle money hoarded to grab unfortunates' property, it would not be long until this vicious money would be out and at work in a more honorable and legitimate channel.

Personally, I believe there is a gross extravagance in the expenditure of state money.

Taxpayers are already delinquent and property being sold and advertised for sale, and in many instances they are denied the use of the highways they have helped build, because they no longer have the money to buy an automobile license and their car must stay in the garage. They are forced to hitch up to the old buggy or wagon and return to the more primitive way to do what business is left for them to do. It seems more humane and equitable to tax the people with money who are buying tax-delinquent property and mortgage foreclosures at a fraction of their value and who escape taxes on such money and who live as parasites on the unfortunates.

Many places in Oregon are without a highway where one is badly needed. Jordan Valley, Malheur county, for instance. Yet money is lavishly spent on an already good highway.

Finally, would it be more unfortunate, or cause more distress, for the state of Oregon to be in debt, than for 75 per cent of the people on whom the state must depend for fi-

ancial support, to be in a much worse condition comparatively, than the state itself.

H. L. PROPST, Hermiston, Or.

CHURCH NOTES

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

E. James Cain, Pastor The Baptist church has temporarily discontinued its evening services, but not discontinued its Sunday morning meetings. Its church school nor its young people's meetings. The church school meets at ten o'clock and the morning preaching service at eleven and the B. Y. P. U. meets at six-thirty P. M. Next Sunday your Baptist Pastor will preach on "The Man Who Rejoiced When the Whole World Went Wrong."

Does it seem to you that the whole world is wrong? Come to the Baptist church next Sunday morning and find out how to rejoice in the face of calamity.

Yes, it is true. You have heard that the Baptist Pastor resigned last Sunday. He closes his ministry here March eighth. He wants if possible to be of more service to you in the next two months than he has been in the last ten. Do you need Jesus? Your Baptist Pastor is anxious to introduce you to him. Do you need closer fellowship with God? Your Baptist Pastor is ready to help you. Don't forget we still "preach the whole Bible, not a Bible full of holes."

HERMISTON UNION CHURCH.

W. E. Jones, Pastor. 10:15 A. M.; Communion service. 10:30 A. M., Song service lead by J. A. Clarke. 10:55 A. M., Morning preaching service, sermon subject, "Robbin' God." 11:20 A. M., Teaching service. 6:30 P. M., Junior and senior Christian Endeavor. Chester Johnson will lead the discussion for the seniors. 7:30 P. M., Church service. Sermon subject "Against Christ."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"Sacrament" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 8.

The Golden Text was, "To do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Heb. 13:16).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:41, 42).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Are all who eat bread and drink wine in memory of Jesus willing truly to drink his cup, take his cross, and leave all for the Christ-principle? . . . If all who seek his commutation through material symbols will take up the cross, heal the sick, cast out evil, and preach Christ, or Truth, to the poor, — the receptive thought, — they will bring in the millennium" (pp. 33, 34).

FLEXIBLE CASH RENTALS NOW POSSIBLE IN OREGON

Use of the farm price index is suggested as a possible means of giving elasticity to cash rental contracts on farms by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist at Oregon State college, who points out that wide fluctuations in farm prices in recent years have impressed both renters and owners with the need of some less rigid arrangement.

The Oregon farm price index is published each month by the extension service and constitutes a reasonably correct average of the farm price of 16 commodities that accounted for more than 80 per cent of the farm cash income from crop and livestock production from 1926 to 1930.

This five-year period is taken as normal, or 100 per cent. Assuming that a given farm would have rented in normal times at \$500, then under prices such as prevailed in 1929 when the index was 109, the rent would automatically raise to \$545. But under prices such as a year later when the index was only 84, the figure would be automatically reduced to \$420. For October 1931 the index was down to 55, which would put the cash rent in the instance given down to \$275.

Such a plan is actually being followed already in some parts of Iowa where such contracts have been written. It has the advantage of removing the element of risk and therefore encourages good farming from a long-time viewpoint which is an advantage to owner, renter and the community generally, Breithaupt explains.

IRRIGON NEWS

Mrs. Amy Collins, who has been attending Mrs. Walter Caldwell of Umatilla during her illness, returned home Tuesday. Mrs. Collins has leased the Ted Carroll place one mile west of town and will move there this coming week.

Frank Doble of Olympia, Wn., is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. T. Fagerstrom. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Williams, Robert Walpole, Maurice Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Minnick, Stanley Atkin and Henry Wier, all attended the basketball game at Boardman Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom entertained a number of friends at their home Wednesday night. The evening was spent playing five hundred after which delicious refreshments were served. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brace, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Markham.

Mrs. Frank Leicht entertained the ladies of the Home Economics club Thursday. Those present were Mrs. A. C. Houghton, Mrs. Frank Brace, Mrs. W. C. Isom, Mrs. Roscoe Williams, and Mrs. Edith Puckett. Mrs. Grace took her place as president for the coming year, and the business on hand was attended to. The meeting served lunch at a late hour. Fred Markham was a business visitor in Echo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brace, Mrs. A. C. Houghton and C. F. Woods, attended the Pomona meeting at Cecil Saturday.

A. C. Houghton was in Hermiston on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Markham and family were visiting friends at the Willows Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Leicht and little son Frankie motored to Walla Walla Saturday.

Donald Rutledge was a Heppner business visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Atkin and Miss Heath spent the week end in Walla Walla, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Warner were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bate Sunday.

Mrs. Warner received word from her son Walter Warner of Salem, Or., that he has been quite ill and was to undergo an operation for appendicitis Wednesday of this week. Friends here unite in wishing him a speedy recovery.

George Rand has been ill with influenza for the past week.

The Irrigon high school boys and girls played the Arlington boys and girls at a basketball game on the home floor the score being 47 to 8 in favor of Irrigon. The game was attended by a good crowd and gate receipts totaled \$11.75.

PINE CITY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ayers and son, who in Echo and Hermiston Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Buckman of Heppner visited at the home of Mrs. Buckman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kenney.

I at Pearson's shoeing crew is now working at the Tom Boylen ranch.

A. E. Wattenburger drove the Little Butter Creek bus route last week for E. B. Wattenburger who has been sick abed with the flu. Earl Wattenburger did the janitor work.

Those from Pine City attending the dance given Saturday evening at Ft. Hughes were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bartholomew; O. F. Bartholomew; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Applegate and daughters Wanda and Mava; Mrs. Naomi Moore and John Moore; Mr. and Mrs. John Healy and family. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms and daughters visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foley Sunday.

Mrs. Roy O'Mohundro accompanied Mrs. Bert Mitchell to Hermiston Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and son Ray visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Applegate Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Neill; Mrs. Clarence Neill and daughters, Louis and Gwendeth; and Jasper Myers were business visitors in Hermiston and Echo Saturday.

John Moore, the only senior at the Pine City high school this year finished his school course this semester and will be awarded his diploma at some future date. John has finished his high school in three and one half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms and daughters were business visitors in Hermiston and Echo Saturday.

The Little Butter Creek bridge at Pine City was repaired Friday.

Miss Neva Neill has been working a few days at the Roy Neill home.

BUTTERMILKERS TO MEET AT O. S. C. FEBRUARY 20-23

Butter and ice cream makers of Oregon will gather February 20 to 23 at Corvallis for the annual convention of their state association and for a short course in dairy manufacturing methods which is conducted in connection with the business meeting by the dairy department of Oregon State college. Professor W. C. Cole of the University of California is being brought to the meeting as special lecturer in ice cream making methods. Committees are already at work preparing for the various contests and entertainment features of the annual gathering. Frank Hettwer of Mt. Angel is president of the association and G. H. Wilster, professor of dairy manufacturing at the college, is secretary.

RESEEDING IDEAS COME FROM O. S. C.

With much winter grain and considerable fall sown vetch frozen out by the December cold weather in western Oregon, E. R. Jackman and D. D. Hill of the farm crops department have just issued a series of suggestions in response to many inquiries regarding time, methods and varieties to be used in reseeding. Following are a few of the condensed recommendations made. More details may be obtained from any county agent.

Legume Hay: Success of February vetch plantings depends on aphid situation and possible May and June rains. If February seeding is done best bet is to use heavier rate such as 60 pounds of oats and 75 pounds vetch. Disc land before seeding if possible.

Winter Oats: If oat stands are badly thinned it is better to reseed unless remaining plants are vigorous and land is fairly free of weeds. If February seeding is possible, Gray Winter is best, if not, Victory will yield better. The usual rate of fall seeding, 10 to 12 packs, is followed in February seeding.

Wheat: Rink and Jenkin appear worst injured. Reseeding is best done with same variety if possible. Hodd and Jenkin are probably best for early seeding, and Marquis or Huston for late seeding.

Barley: For early plantings from February to early April, OAC No. 7 has consistently given highest yields except on bottom lands. After that, Hannechen. New Ben Beardless is good bottom land variety if seed is available. OAC No. 7 has given better yields than Hannechen on bottom lands from April plantings.

Smut Treatment: Formaldehyde is likely to be unsafe for use in February planting because of delayed germination. For wheat copper carbonate dust is best, and for oats and barley, ceresan.

Corn: On farms where grain is grown solely for home feed and reseeding is necessary, corn is the best bet. It can be grown more cheaply and will yield more pounds of grain to the acre.

Alfalfa: Present situation again emphasizes the value of alfalfa. It can be seeded on fields where grain has frozen out without replowing as a firm seed bed is essential.

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Head Waiter Romeo! Leslie Howard, who plays the lead in "Reserved For Ladies," an amusing screen farce showing at the Oasis theatre Sunday and Monday, has appeared in many of Broadway's major productions including "The Green Hat," "Her Cardboard Lover" and his most recent stage and screen success, "The Animal Kingdom." The latter will be on the Oasis screen in February. One of Howard's most attractive characterizations is that of the smooth, suave, sophisticated lover; and in the role of Max, the flattering head waiter at the Grande Palace Hotel in London, in "Reserved For Ladies," he is given plenty of opportunity to cater to the ladies. He gets himself into and out of some very amusing situations and before the final fadeout there is many a laugh. "Dream House," a comedy short, and the Fox Movietone News complete this program. Whirlwind Football! The Oasis feature for this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, "The All American," is reported to be one of the finest football pictures yet to reach the screen. It will hold special interest for football fans who will enjoy seeing the 1931 all-American team in action for the first time. Up until now, just how these stars of footballdom would function as a team has been a source of conjecture with fans. The picture also shows how football players are selected for the all-American team. There is one scene which shows the meeting of the all-American board which consists of, among others, Christy Walsh and Glenn (Pop) Warner. In all, there are no less than thirty great football players, each of whom has had his day of glory in the sport pages, and in addition to the 1931 all-American there are stars of previous seasons, including Ernie Nevers, Red Cagle, and Albie Booth. They appear in the picture for the express purpose of playing football, which they do with a vengeance. Against this thrilling background moves a love story filled with dramatic incidents and novel situations. Richard Arlen heads the cast of film stars and is supported by Andy Devine, Gloria Stuart, James Gleason and others. On this same bill there is an amusing comedy, "Now's the Time" and a Krazy Kat cartoon. HERALD WANT ADS PAY USE THEM!

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